

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 12, 2015

Saturday, July 11

4:30PM Carl Schultz

Sunday, July 12

7:30AM Angelina D'Orazio

9:30AM Carmella & Woodrow Hufford

11:30AM Patrick Egan

Monday, July 13

8:15AM Harry & Carrie Smith
Mary Angelucci

Tuesday, July 14

8:15AM Robert & Mary Farmer MacMahon

Wednesday, July 15

8:15AM Veronica Riegler

Thursday, July 16

8:15AM Charles & Elizabeth Kelley
(60th Wedding Anniversary)

Friday, July 17

8:15AM Martha Jane Major
Bill Minnick

Saturday, July 18

4:30PM James M. Bowe Sr.

Sunday, July 19

7:30AM Charles & Elizabeth Kelley
(60th Wedding Anniversary)

9:30AM Martin Brady

11:30AM Bill Minnick



Tom Tone, David Talone, JoAnn LaSorsa,
Marie Carney, Greg Atkinson, Sophie
Grabowski, Anthony Bonanno, Joanne Toth,
Theresa Lenczewski, Rev. Msgr. Robert

Grudowski, Florence Zapien, Luke Birkhead, Rose Kiger,
Erik Kozlowski, Edmund Opielski, Bozena Orzechowski,
Marlene Salkowski, Roselie Partenheimer, John Walski,
Carl Reiff, Joseph Blaszcak, Patrick Kelly, Sean
McGonagle, Mary Pierce, Brian Dunlevy, Sr. Jean Streibig,
Stephanie Hathaway, Ken Waszena, Charles Streibig,
Theresa McGrath, Kylie Reiff, John McCann, Nikki Dolan,
Joseph Rozecki, Betty DiCola, Brother James Riley, Shawn
Gallen, Eduardo Gloria, Molly Glick, Deb Smith, Ann
Campbell, Francina Capolingua, Cathy Pierlott, Lynn
Bowman, Anne Gallagher, James Sousa, James Gauger,
Emilia Bello Jones, Carol Tinneney, Rita Van Buskirk, Joan
Nasielski, Stephen Greene, Caroline Smerecki, Joan
Pierce, Kevin Miller, Mike Ancin, Alfred Zisk, Cynthia Allen,
Matthew Waters, Vince Ruggiero, Rylan Borys, Susan
Minnick, Ann Greco, Matt McNamee, June Zummo



Pray for the Deceased: John Hylinski



Staff Sgt Daniel Furtak, Lt. Michelle R. McNally, SSKC
Terence J. McNally Jr., Sgt. Robert
Bonneau, Andrew Midgett, Jonathan
Staats, Col. Shawn McGinley, 108th Wing
McGuire AFB, Matthew Horning, 1st Lt.
Stanley J. Reimer III, SR Brett Pellicciotti,
PFC Thomas Mazzochetti, Staff Sgt. Michael Alfonse,
Robert Catapano U.S. Army 101st Airborne, Paul Brown,
Marines, Corporal Andrew Teitjen, Tech Sgt Eric Zweiback

CELEBRANTS MASS SCHEDULE

7/11 4:30 Fr. Ryan

7/12 7:30 Fr. Heron 9:30 Msgr. Owens 11:30 Fr. Heron

7/18 4:30 Fr. Heron

7/19 7:30 Msgr. Owens 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Msgr. Owens

7/25 4:30 Msgr. Owens

7/26 7:30 Msgr. Owens 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Fr. Heron

**THE 6PM YOUNG ADULT EVENING MASS IS
CANCELLED UNTIL AFTER THE POPE'S VISIT.**

Pre-Jordan Instructions (Sacrament of Baptism)



The Sacrament of Baptism is administered in church on the first three Sundays of each month following the 11:30 A.M. Mass. In preparation for having a child Baptized, parents are required to attend "Pre-Jordan Instructions." Classes are the first Tuesday of each month. The next class will be **Tuesday, August 4 at 7PM**. You will be required to attend a class if this is the Baptism of your first child. Please call the rectory at 610-828-0424 press 4 for the office to register for the class.

BAPTISM: You may now schedule a Baptism on line-go to the web site www.stmatthewparish.com click on Baptism form. Once the form is submitted we will contact you within 3 days to let you know if the date you requested is available.

MARRIAGE: There is also a form to request a wedding for registered parishioners on the web site. www.stmatthewparish.com. We will contact you within 3 days to confirm your request.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS and LECTOR

SCHEDULES are now on line for your convenience. The schedules will still be e-mailed and U.S. mailed for now. Maybe in the future the web site can take the place of mailing. Log on to www.stmatthewparish.com

Summer Tutor: Any students going into grades 1st to 4th who would like to refresh their math and reading skills please contact Sabrina Smerecki. bebesmerecki@verizon.net (484)-802-3974. Rate: \$20 per hour.

Religious Education News


Children's Liturgy will be suspended for the summer months of July and August. Leisure time is important. Part of leisure is to pray! Bring the children to Mass every Sunday for some leisurely grace! Children's liturgy will resume in September.

ATTENTION PARENTS: REGISTER OR RENEW NOW FOR PREP/CCD CLASSES FOR THIS FALL. IT WILL SOON BE TIME TO ORDER TEXTBOOKS AND MATERIALS AND WE NEED A COUNT. If your child enters First Grade in 2015, go online to St. Matthew website and click on the link to register and mail in your payment or electronically submit it as you would your contribution. Classes are 6:30 – 7:45pm Monday evenings September thru March. Tuition fee: one child \$110.00, two children \$165.00, three or more \$195.00. Classes will be held again at Early Childhood School and SS Cosmas and Damian Hall. Any questions please call the rectory at 610-828-0424 ext6.

We Celebrate the Sacraments

St. Matthews will celebrate the sacraments of First Penance on March 14, 2016, and First Eucharist on April 30, 2016.

SUMMER BOOK CLUB:

 Do you enjoy reading novels? Does Summer give you a bit more free time? Allow yourself some leisure! **July 14** - The Power and the Glory, at 7 PM parish meeting room off the rectory parking area. **August 11** - North of Hope. For more detail consult the posters by the doors of the church. To register contact Msgr. Owens voice mail: 610-828-0424 ext 112 or stmatt2014@gmail.com"

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL food bank is in need of: tuna fish, boxes of mashed potatoes, stew, canned fruits, peanut butter and jelly.

St. Matthew Prayer Shawl Ministry:

We most 'warmly' invite you to be a part of this Ministry by meeting with us in the St. Vincent DePaul room **Tuesday, August 11th at 7PM**. Sharing our time and our company, we knit/crochet shawls which are distributed to parishioners and community members as an expression of remembrance and support; a visible sign of God's comforting embrace. Come learn a new skill (the stitches are very simple), the basic pattern, and select from a wide variety of donated yarn. Work at home or join us for meetings. If you know of someone who might like to receive a shawl, please let us know-or make one yourself for someone special to you. For Information contact Alice O'Connor acaoc@verizon.net "God has no hands but ours to do His work and show His Love."- St. Teresa of Avila

PROPERTY UPDATE AND PLANNING AVERAGE MONTHLY BILLS

ST. MATTHEW:

Comcast.....	\$236.00
Verizon.....	\$400.00
Aqua.....	\$85.00
Terminix.....	\$40.00
Grass/Snow.....	\$518.00
Heat/Electric.....	\$2,909.00
Dumpster.....	\$150.00
Copier.....	\$229.00
Collection Envelopes.....	\$1,050.00
Monthly Assessment.....	\$10,591.00
Property Liability.....	\$1,824.00

TOTAL..... \$18,032.00

ST. MARY:

Comcast.....	\$141.00
Verizon.....	\$261.00
Aqua.....	\$142.00
Terminix.....	\$52.00
Grass/Snow.....	\$710.00
Heat/Electric.....	\$2,154.00
Dumpster.....	\$0
Copier.....	\$0
Collection Envelopes.....	\$0
Monthly Assessment.....	\$0
Property Liability.....	\$1,000.00

TOTAL..... \$4,460.00

CONVENT:

Comcast.....	\$0
Verizon.....	\$35.00
Aqua.....	\$407.00
Terminix.....	\$0
Grass/Snow.....	\$0
Heat/Electric.....	\$839.00
Dumpster.....	\$0
Copier.....	\$0
Collection Envelopes.....	\$0
Monthly Assessment.....	\$0
Property Liability.....	\$0

TOTAL..... \$1,281.00

ST. GERTRUDE:

Comcast.....	\$0
Verizon.....	\$0
Aqua.....	\$65.00
Terminix.....	\$0
Grass/Snow.....	\$675.00
Heat/Electric.....	\$1,121.00
Dumpster.....	\$0
Copier.....	\$0
Collection Envelopes.....	\$0
Monthly Assessment.....	\$0
Property Liability.....	\$1,000.00

TOTAL..... \$2,861.00

SCHOOL – FAYETTE ST:

Comcast	\$0
Verizon	\$0
Aqua	\$139.00
Terminix.....	\$0
Grass/Snow.....	\$0
Heat/Electric.....	\$1,546.00
Dumpster.....	\$0
Copier.....	\$0
Collection Envelopes.....	\$0
Monthly Assessment.....	\$0
Property Liability.....	\$0

TOTAL\$1,685.00

SS COSMAS & DAMIAN:

Comcast	\$0
Verizon	\$0
Aqua	\$65.00
Terminix.....	\$0
Grass/Snow.....	\$779.00
Heat/Electric.....	\$653.00
Dumpster.....	\$0
Copier.....	\$0
Collection Envelopes.....	\$0
Monthly Assessment.....	\$0
Property Liability.....	\$1,000.00

TOTAL\$2,497.00

***This does not include Archdiocesan bills, Quarterly maintenance contracts (elevator, alarm, HVAC, Tustin Boiler, computer) or REPAIRS.

June 26, 2015

STATEMENT OF ARCHBISHOP CHARLES J.

CHAPUT, O.F.M. CAP.

REGARDING SUPREME COURT RULING ON SAME SEX MARRIAGE

"The Supreme Court's 5-4 decision on marriage is not a surprise. The surprise will come as ordinary people begin to experience, firsthand and painfully, the impact of today's action on everything they thought they knew about marriage, family life, our laws and our social institutions. The mistakes of the court change nothing about the nature of men and women, and the truth of God's Word. The task now for believers is to form our own families even more deeply in the love of God, and to rebuild a healthy marriage culture, one marriage at a time, from the debris of today's decision."

+Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.
Archbishop of Philadelphia

WALKING WITH PURPOSE PRAYER WALK:

Walking with Purpose Walks to Pray Together. EVERYONE is welcome! The next walk is scheduled for July 16th -- 10am Meet at Broad Street and Cherry and will pray and walk approx 3 miles.... it is a slow pace and follows the route Pope Francis will be taking when he visits in September. It takes about 2 hours ... If you don't want to walk, come to the Cathedral by 10:45 and join us in prayer and song. Kathy Hack will be in a pink WWP Prayer Team shirt with prayer booklets and extra rosaries if you forget to bring one. There is a 12:05 mass in the adjoining chapel. If you are walking you should be back in time or some people left the group and walked back so they were sure to make it. Bring your rosary and wear a hat, sunscreen and bring a water bottle.

ST. MARY'S GOLDEN AGE CLUB:

Meets every Thursday of the month at St. Mary's Church Hall. Three dollar fee. Play Cards 9:00 AM Snacks 10 AM Lunch 11 AM Play Bingo 12 – 2:30 PM Dues for members due 2015 is \$10.00 for the year.

GOLDEN AGE CLUB of St Mary's News:

Casino Trips are scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month: July 14 and August 11. Bus leaves 9:00 AM from 11th & Fayette, 9:15 AM from 3rd & Fayette, and at 9:30 AM from St. Mary's. Please call Joe (610-825-4596).

SHORT TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHING POSITION:



Merion Mercy Academy, an independent, all girls Catholic High School sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, has an opening for a short term substitute position in English for a few weeks at the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year.

Qualified applicants with an English degree and teaching experience are asked to submit a cover letter and resume by Tuesday, July 28, 2015 Send to: Miss Mary Ann Danovich at madanovich@merion-mercy.com.

God's Plan for Giving

July 5, 2015

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR OFFERTORY GIFTS LAST WEEKEND:

\$14,568.00

Electronic giving \$850.00+ \$13,718.00 = \$14,568.00

Second Collection: Human Development



ELECTRONIC GIVING:

We invite you to consider our new **electronic giving program** as a way to automate your regular weekly or monthly offerings.

Parish Giving is convenient for you and there is **NO COST** for you to participate. Contact Deacon Mike Kubiak at deacon.mike.kubiak@comcast.net to register www.parishgiving.org or www.stmatthewparish.com

PARISHIONER IN NEED: of a portable wheelchair. If you have one to donate or have one reasonably priced, please call Rita at 610-834-8691.

Fr. Tom Heron's Weekly Reflection

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord Jesus,
Welcome!*

I rejoice in your presence with the Saint Matthew faith worshipping community as we participate in the Liturgy for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time. We are blessed by your desire to give thanks to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, both parishioners and guests. May you be renewed in mind, heart and spirit through the Word and Eucharist we share. Thanks for joining us!

Amos 7:12-15 Psalm 85 Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:7-13

The first reading tells us about a man named Amos. There he was, minding his own business, taking care of his flocks and groves of sycamores, when out of the blue God tells him to leave his home and business in southern Palestine and go to the north to preach a tough message to Israel. The message was simple and straightforward: "You people up here in the north are too rich. You are all lazy and overweight, and you got this way at the expense of the poor." It should come as no surprise that Amos' message did not sit well with those who heard it. The priest, Amaziah, ordered Amos to go back where he came from. Amaziah calls Amos a visionary in a sarcastic way and suggests that though people in the south will put up with the likes of him, the northern kingdom will not. Amos remained in the north because God sent him to do a task and he would obey God, not Amaziah. Amos had a clear and strong sense of purpose and everything about him proclaimed exactly what he was about. "I might be from the south," he would say, "but I am God's instrument in all of this."



So, too, are the Apostles in today's Gospel. Jesus sends them out to preach the Gospel. He tells them to take nothing with them – no food, no money. Why does Jesus do this? He does it because He knows that comfort is often the enemy of zeal.

If the Apostles were weighed down by possessions they could be distracted from their task. If they knew they were assured of three meals a day, they could become complacent. Jesus did not want them to attract disciples to the Gospel through a power other than that of the Word Itself. Everything about them must proclaim exactly what they were about.

We, the baptized, are in the footsteps of Amos and the Twelve. Jesus asks us to preach a sometimes difficult message but also a message of repentance and forgiveness. We are to face all the demons that haunt the human soul. We are to bring wholeness to the sick, comfort to the dying, a word of forgiveness to the repentant

sinner.

Now some will say 'not me, that's for someone else to do.' Such people have no confidence in themselves. They have no self-respect. They are like a prisoner who bore this huge tattoo on his chest: "born to lose." Now who taught him that? Who convinced that man to have that dreadful message tattooed on his chest?

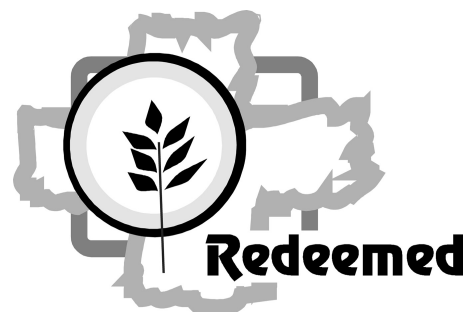
This prisoner had over the years become a very hardened person – beaten by the battles of life, moved from home to home, raised in the most abusive situations. He got into a life of crime because he craved attention, even if it was negative attention.

"Born to lose"! I wonder how many men, women and children have that statement tattooed on their souls. One thing is certain – the statement "born to lose" is not from God. Listen to God's Word from Ephesians today. Who does God say we are:

- X blessed in Christ with every spiritual blessing
- X chosen to be holy
- X adopted children of God
- X redeemed by Christ's Blood
- X our sins forgiven
- X lavished with grace
- X entitled to know the secret plan of God
- X sealed and stamped with the Holy Spirit
- X promised a share in Christ's riches

In a word, God is clearly stating that He has a purpose for each of us. God has created each of us to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to each of us that only we can do. God did not create us for nothing. He created us to do good. He asks us to continue the work of His Son; that is, we are all called to be messengers of peace and preachers of truth. Even if we are sick, our sickness can serve Him. If we are in grief, our grief can serve Him. God does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. God did not stamp "born loser" on anyone. God stamps another message on our souls: "born to be a child of God."

Some people, like the prisoner, are hardened by the circumstances of life. Some still shake their fists at the sky when tragedy hits. But the message from Ephesians tells us that no matter how it looks to us, God does have things well in hand and under control. What is clear is that we are loved. We have been redeemed. We are stamped as one of God's children. God asks us to live life fully in His Name.



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