



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time January 17, 2016

Saturday, January 16

4:30PM Carol Tinneney

Sunday, January 17

7:30AM Bernard J. Murray III

Audrey DeFrancesco (1st Anniversary)

9:30AM Dec'd Members of Matthew & Mary O'Connor

11:30AM Michael Tobin

Monday, January 18

8:15AM Michael D'Ettore

Tuesday, January 19

8:15AM Todd Prestia & Gina Miller

Wednesday, January 20

8:15AM Joseph Schank

Thursday, January 21

8:15AM Joseph S. Baranowski

Friday, January 22

8:15AM Ana Cecilia Correa

Saturday, January 23

4:30PM Joseph W. Bry Jr.

Sunday, January 24

7:30AM John Streeper

9:30AM John R. Kopecky

11:30AM Margaret & Paul Walters

Pray for the Sick

Tom Tone, David Talone, JoAnn LaSorsa, Marie Carney, Greg Atkinson, Sophie Grabowski, Msgr. Robert Grudowski, Anthony Bonanno, Joanne Toth, Theresa Lenczewski, Luke Birkhead, Erik Kozlowski, Marlene Salkowski, Roselie Partenheimer, John Walski, Carl Reiff, Joseph Blaszcak, Patrick Kelly, Sean McGonagle, Mary Pierce, Brian Dunlevy, Sr. Jean Streibig, Stephanie Hathaway, Charles Streibig, Theresa McGrath, Kylie Reiff, 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, James Sousa, James Gauger, Emilia Bello Jones, Rita Van Buskirk, Joan Nasielski, Stephen Greene, Caroline Smerecki, Joan Pierce, Kevin Miller, Mike Ancin, Cynthia Allen, Rylan Borys, Susan Minnick, Ann Greco, Ralph Manappello, Jessica Jara, Leanne Purcell, Joe Lotito, Matt McNamee, Kendall Soltys, Concezio Lelii, William McGrath, Madge Swift, Theresa Swetkowski, Carl Pierce, Ursula Kozlowski, Benedetto McDaniels, Carolyn Hogan, Rick Ales, Kevin Kelly, Barbara Leonardi.

Deceased: Mary Marcozzi and Joseph Leddy



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, LCPL Thomas Mazzochetti, Staff Sgt. Michael Alfonse, Robert Catapano U.S. Army 101st Airborne, Paul Brown, Marines, Corporal Andrew Teitjen, Michael Bondra.

CELEBRANTS MASS SCHEDULE

1/16 4:30 Fr. Genovese

1/17 7:30 Msgr. Owens 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Fr. Ryan

1/23 4:30 Fr. Genovese

1/24 7:30 Fr. Ryan 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Msgr. Owens

1/30 4:30 Fr. Ryan

1/31 7:30 Fr. Ryan 9:30 Msgr. Owens 11:30 Fr. Heron



Pre-Jordan Instructions: 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 1st Tuesday of each month.

The next class will be Tuesday, February 2 at 7PM in church. You will be required to attend a class if this is the Baptism of your first child. To schedule your Baptism go to www.stmatthewparish.com or call the rectory 610-828-0424 press 4 for the office to register.

PRE-CANA: St. Matthew Parish is offering a one day pre-Cana program on **Saturday, January 23, 2016** (snow date January 30) from 8:30am – 4 pm followed by Mass at 4:30PM. Cost \$200 per couple. Couples from all parishes are welcomed. Contact Deacon Mike Kubiak: 610-828- 0424 X 5 or deacon.mike.kubiak@comcast.net



St. Matthew Book Club: Our book selections are works of fiction with a "Christian twist". On February 24 we will discuss the novel *This House of Brede* by Rumer Godden; and on March 23 the discussion will center on *The Heart of the Matter* by Graham Greene. New members are welcome as we begin the year 2016. To register contact Msgr. Owens (stmat2014@gmail.com). If you need assistance in purchasing books, Monsignor will do that for you through amazon.com.

Parish Retreat:
save the date All are invited to participate in a Parish Lenten Retreat with Father Dennis O'Donnell, February 20 -23, 2016. Details to follow.

Religious Education

PREP

NO PREP/CCD January 18.

Should inclement weather approach we will notify KYW and send out an email blast. Closing number is 1395, also posted on website.

Parents of children receiving First Penance and First Holy Communion:

CHANGE IN PARENT SACRAMENT MEETING. THE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FEB 22ND IS CHANGED TO FEB 29TH AT 6:45PM IN SS COSMAS & DAMIAN CHURCH.

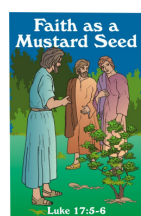
Mother Teresa Regional Catholic School in King of Prussia invites you to learn more about our school! Our mission at MTC, rooted by a deep and active Catholic Faith, is to shape our students' hands, hearts and minds. Please come for a visit and learn more about our Early Childhood Program, featuring PreK 3, PreK 4, and Kindergarten, as well as our Elementary Program for grades 1st through 8th.



MTC's Open House dates are: January 31st 10:30AM to 1PM and February 1st 9AM to 11AM. If these dates are not convenient, please contact Patsy Swope (patsy.swope@mtcschool.org), Director of Enrollment Management, to schedule a tour or visit us online at: www.mtcschool.org

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, February 9 at 7PM**. 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. Contact Alice O'Connor acaoc@verizon.net

St. Matthew's Young Adult Group, The Mustard Seeds:



Please join the new young adult group of St. Matthews --*The Mustard Seeds*-- On **January 26, 2016** we will have a Holy Hour with Deacon Joe Carr at 7PM in Church. Join our Facebook group The Mustard Seeds for updates!

A group of volunteers keep our church in good order. If anyone has some free time on Tuesday mornings, after the 8:15AM Mass for about two hours once a month to help clean the church please call the rectory at 610-828-0424 press 4 for the office. Thank you.



Art Show 2016 at Malvern Retreat House

More than 100 of the region's best artists are preparing their works for Art Show 2016 at Malvern Retreat House. This year the juried fine art show will be held from Wednesday, February 3 to Sunday, February 7 and will include a special focus on glass art, along with art forms ranging from painting and photography to jewelry and sculpture. Overall, more than 2000 fine art pieces will be for sale. The event will include a complimentary wine and cheese social on Thursday, February 4 from 5pm-8pm when attendees can meet the artists. Regular show hours are 10am-7pm on Wednesday through Saturday and 10am-4pm on Sunday. There is no admission fee. The event will be held in the beautiful McShain-Horstmann Family Life Center that can be accessed through Malvern Retreat House's Entrance B at 315 S. Warren Avenue in Malvern, PA. For more information, visit malvernretreat.com/artshow or call 610-644-0400. All proceeds from the show benefit Malvern Retreat House.

About Malvern Retreat House

Owned and operated by Catholic lay leadership since 1912, Malvern is the oldest and largest Catholic retreat house in the country - hosting 20,000 people annually at 250 retreats on 125 acres in beautiful Chester County, Pennsylvania. We invite you to come to Malvern to reflect, refresh and rejoice in your faith. To find an evening, weekday or weekend spiritual retreat that's right for you, call 610-644-0400 or visit us online at MalvernRetreat.com.

SHARED TREASURES Thrift Shop will be open on Wednesdays from 10AM - 3PM and the first and third Saturday of each month from 9AM - 12Noon during the school year. Come browse our large selection of men's, women's & children's clothing, furniture, decorative items, ladies accessories & jewelry. Your tax deductible donations are gratefully accepted during shop hours.

The shop is located at Dunleavy Center, 8799 Cheltenham Ave. Wyndmoor, PA (intersects Delphine Rd) Sponsored by the La Salle Mothers' Club Alumnae Committee. All proceeds benefit La Salle students in financial need. Fabulous Finds, Fantastic Values!

The Academy of Notre Dame 43rd Annual Fine Art Show & Sale:

The Academy of Notre Dame de Namur in Villanova, PA, is holding its 43rd Annual Fine Art show and Sale from Friday, January 29 – Saturday, February 6, 2016, from 6-9PM in the Academy mansion, located at 560 Sproul Rd, in Villanova, PA. The public is cordially invited to attend both the catered reception and the weeklong exhibit. Tickets to the preview reception are \$45 in advance and \$50 at the door. The fine art show will be on display from noon to 4 pm daily beginning Saturday, January 30 through Saturday, February 6, 2016. Free Admission. For more information, visit www.ndapa.org/artshow.



God's Plan for Giving

January 10, 2015

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR
YOUR OFFERTORY

GIFTS LAST WEEKEND:

\$13,331.00

Electronic giving \$2,101.00 + \$11,230.00 = \$13,331.00

Second Collection: Jan 23 & 24 Catholic Relief Service

Special Collection: Jan 30 & 31 Storm Relief Collection

Storm Relief:

In response to the major storms and severe flooding that have hit the South and Midwest regions of our country, and hearing that similar storm patterns might well continue in these and other parts of the count, the USCCB has asked that we take up a collection to help address humanitarian and Church needs caused by the severe weather. The Storm Relief collection will be taken up on January 30 and 31st. Thank you.



ELECTRONIC GIVING: 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



Walking with Purpose™

Please join us for coffee and dessert on **Wednesday,**

January 20th at St. Matthews

Convent (51 E 3rd Ave, Conshohocken, PA 19428). 6:30 – 8:15 PM. Feel free to come alone or bring a friend.

We're a very welcoming group. No RSVP necessary, but please contact Judy at JAKukowski@verizon.net if you have any questions.

Part-Time Job Opportunity - Housekeeping Position

A part-time (19 hours a week) position is available at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary. Responsibilities include washing, ironing and general cleaning of residence rooms. Interested parties should contact Randy Rushton, 610-785-6239, or e-mail rrushton@scs.edu. Pastor's reference requested.

22nd Annual MOM-Heart of the Home Day of Renewal



Registration is OPEN! Calling moms of all ages and types: new moms, seasoned moms, grandmothers, step-mothers. Even if you're not a mom, you are still welcome! Start your Lenten

season by replenishing your spirit. Come listen to two amazing, inspirational morning and afternoon speakers Renee Eells and Kathi Clapham. **February 13, 2016 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.** Sts. Simon and Jude Meehan Center, West Chester. See our registration form for all details at www.mom-heartofthehome.org/events.html or call 484-798-7368.

MOM registration form: <http://www.phillyevang.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Feb-13-MOM-Heart-of-Home.pdf>

Mount Saint Joseph Academy

The Mount, a catholic college preparatory school for girls, invites all interested 7th grade girls to register for The **Pre-HSPT** to be given on **Saturday, March 19, 2016 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

The Pre-HSPT is a 7th grade edition of the actual Scholarship/Entrance Exam given to eighth grade applicants. Registration is available **online only**. You will receive registration confirmation via email.

Register at: www.msjacad.org/practicetest

ST MATTHEW'S SENIORS will meet every third Wednesday of the month.

January meeting will take place on **January 20th**, in the convent at 12:30pm. We will have a short business meeting, lunch (\$5), a speaker from BJ's offering us a senior discount membership. Also, Membership dues (\$10) will be collected for 2016.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

ST. MARY'S GOLDEN AGE CLUB: Meets every Thursday 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.

Casino Trips: are scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month: **February 9 & March 8**. Bus leaves 9:00 AM from 11th & Fayette, 9:15 AM from 3rd & Fayette, and at 9:30 AM from St. Mary's. Call Joe (610-825-4596).

ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE: The annual March For Life in Washington, D.C. is scheduled for Friday, **Jan. 22**. Epiphany of Our Lord Parish will be providing a bus for transportation. Cost per adult is \$20. Cost per student (elementary, high school, or college) is \$5. To sign up or questions, contact Bernie Toth at 610-279-2788

2016 NEW YEARS RESOLUTION

FAST FROM COMPLAINING AND FEAST ON PRAISE AND GRATITUDE.

FAST FROM HARSH JUDGMENTS AND FEAST ON KINDNESS.

FAST FROM WORRY AND FEAST ON WONDER.

FAST FROM DISCOURAGEMENT AND FEAST ON HOPE.

FAST FROM BITTERNESS AND FEAST ON FORGIVENESS.

FAST FROM PETTINESS AND FEAST ON PATIENCE.

FAST FROM GLOOM AND FEAST ON BEAUTY.

FAST FROM JEALOUSY AND FEAST ON TRUST.

FAST FROM GOSSIP AND FEAST ON SILENCE.

FAST FROM SIN AND FEAST ON GRACE.

FOOD CUPBOARD WILL BE OPEN EVERY WEEK STARTING IN JANUARY ON FRIDAYS AT 1PM.



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 2nd 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!

Isaiah 62: 1-5 Psalm 96 I Corinthians 12:4-11 John 2:1-12

As for any wedding, the preparations for the wedding feast at Cana must have been extensive. The happy newlyweds must have done all they could to ensure that their guests were properly invited and welcomed; they must have tried to arrange a festive banquet that would delight the eyes and the taste buds. But apparently the bride and groom had overestimated the amount of wine they had on hand and underestimated the number of thirsty guests. And, unfortunately, the wine ran out - not a very happy beginning of a marriage!

Certainly, the empty wine barrels and goblets seemed like a social catastrophe, or at least a painful embarrassment. But only from a human viewpoint, not from God's. For God, too, had been making preparations for this wedding. God's own Son, Jesus, was there for a reason, just as Mary, His mother, intuited. She knew that only God could remedy what was lacking, just as God had done so often in the past.

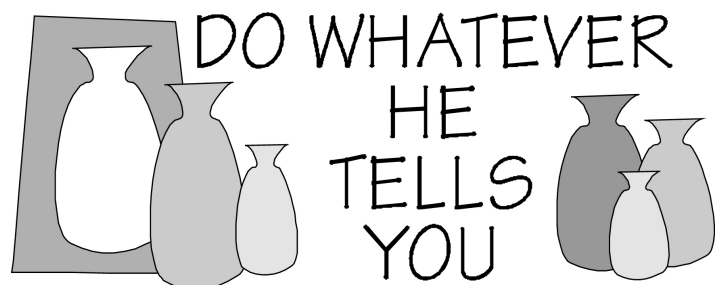
But note that God did not replenish the wine supply without a modest human contribution: six stone jars full of water hastily drawn by the servants. Jesus could have created wine out of thin air, but He didn't. Jesus worked this great miracle by starting with ordinary water. He knew that His Heavenly Father starts with the human to lead us beyond human possibilities.

Often we are like those newlyweds at Cana, for we face the lack of something in our lives: a good job, good looks, good health. Maybe we have a disability of some kind. Maybe we lack the social graces that seem to make others popular, or the income that seems to make others comfortable. We feel ourselves to be unequipped or ill-equipped to face the demands of daily living, and we know that our human resources are simply insufficient.

For the newlyweds at Cana and for us, too, God starts with the human, the ordinary circumstances of our human lives, and brings out the 'beyond-the-human' in them. In a sense, the miracle of water changed into wine testifies to a basic reality of Christian life: the human circumstances of life, and the human resources for living, are insufficient by themselves. They need divine grace to be transformed and perfected. But, with God, all things are possible. God loves to change us because God delights in us and rejoices in us.

Certainly Jesus worked a great miracle at Cana, the first major sign of God's love for us in the beloved Son: Jesus changed ordinary water into an exquisite wine. And yet, Jesus promises to work even greater *spiritual* miracles for us. No life is without its difficulties due to human shortcomings and weaknesses, some of which we can't control. But the Lord Jesus promises to help us overcome our difficulties, whether they be great or small. We have only to invite Him daily into our lives through prayer. Then He will transform the water of our human shortcomings and weaknesses into a wine of divine abundance: an abundance of needed strength, tender compassion, and mutual love. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit, St. Paul reminds us, gifts to transform our lives. And our parish is rich in many gifts of generous people, for which I am very grateful.

He who transformed ordinary water into finest wine at Cana will not leave our lives untransformed, if we open ourselves to His power. But this transformation doesn't happen all at once; it takes place gradually, over the course of a lifetime. In this way, the Lord Jesus reveals His glory in us and through us, if we have the eyes of faith to see it. There really is nothing magical about this, but certainly something miraculous. The miracle of beyond-the-human possibilities in our lives results from our human cooperation and the Lord's divine assistance. Jesus rejoices to work this miracle in us. And since it is the Lord who gives us this wine of God's transforming love, be assured that it is the very best, and that it will never run out.



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