



4th SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 17, 2016

Saturday, April 16

4:30PM Joseph Pliszka (5th Anniversary)

Sunday, April 17

7:30AM John J. Kelly & Debbie Wills

9:30AM Joseph Fritz

11:30AM Dessie Laska

Monday, April 18

8:15AM James & Elizabeth Ledger & Family
St. Regina Joseph

Tuesday, April 19

8:15AM Michael & Michelle Haber

Wednesday, April 20

8:15AM Joseph Albanese &
Charles "Uncle Kaz" Jaworowski

Thursday, April 21

8:15AM Richard Torretta

Friday, April 22

8:15AM Yolanda Esposto Novi

Saturday, April 23

4:30PM Louis & Edward Hanger

Sunday, April 24

7:30AM Michael & Anna Brown

9:30AM Rev. James Donlon

11:30AM Nancy Clemens (13th Anniversary)



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 Blaszczak, 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 VanBuskirk, Joan Nasielski, Caroline Smerecki, Joan Pierce, Kevin Miller, Mike Ancin, Rylan Borys, Susan Minnick, Ann Greco, Jessica Jara, Leanne Purcell, Joe Lotito, Matt McNamee, Kendall Soltys, Concezio Lelii, William McGrath, Carl Pierce, Ursula Kozlowski, Benedetto McDaniels, Kevin Kelly, Emily Armstrong, Charles Lare, Rita Marie Borkowski, Joanne Kalacinski, Mary DiMedio, Margaret Palmer, Sue Stephan, Anna Marie Ferrier, Mary Stoffel, Jeri McClennen, Marie Bowman, Marie Paris.



Marie Hess, Ruthann Carr, Chris Giordano



Staff Sgt Daniel Furtak, Lt. Michelle R. McNally, SSKC Terence J. McNally Jr., Sgt. Robert Bonneau, Andrew Midgett, Jonathan Staats, Col. Shawn McGinley, Lt. Col Evah McGinley, The 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

4/16 4:30 Fr. Ryan
4/17 7:30 Msgr. Owens 9:30 Fr. Genovese 11:30 Fr. Heron
4/23 4:30 Fr. Genovese
4/24 7:30 Fr. Heron 9:30 Msgr. Owens 11:30 Fr. Ryan
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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 except in May the class will be the 3rd Monday. **The next class will be Monday, May 16 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.

MASS BOOK 2017: The 2017 Mass Book is open. To make it convenient for you we suggest coming to the rectory or you may call the rectory with your request (610-828-0424) #4 for the office or email stmatthewrectory@verizon.net



PRE-CANA: St. Matthew Parish is offering a one day pre-Cana program on Saturday, July 16, 2016 from 8:30am – 4 pm followed by Mass. 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 Cemetery: A recent survey of the cemetery property revealed enough unused land to accommodate 133 burial lots.

This land was originally a tract identified as St. Patrick's Road. It will remain titled as the "St. Patrick Section". For any information on securing one of these lots please contact: Deacon Mike Kubiak at 610-828-0424 or email deacon.mike.kubiak@comcast.net.

Religious Education

PREP

Holy Communion sessions Apr 18, 25 at St. Matthew Church. 6:30-7:30pm **April 30** First Holy Communion Ceremony 11am

The Presentation Mass of our First Communicants is today April 17, 2016 at the 9:30 Mass.

Please keep in your prayers our 47 children who will be receiving the risen Lord for the First time in First Holy Communion April 30, 2016. Pray for them, their Families, their Friends and their teachers.

The Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) (also known as CCD) will change from Monday evening to Sunday morning. The parents and staff voted this change into being. Beginning Sept. 11, 2016 Classes from Grades 1 – 7 will be held in the Parish Center from 10:25 am – 11:25 am.

Registrations are being accepted now. The online form has been streamlined so you need only fill out a family form and list the names of each child. **The weekend of April 16th and 17th we will hold Registration Sunday** in the back of church after all the Masses. The fee has NOT changed from last year. One child \$110. Two \$165. Three or more \$195. This provides for all supplies and textbooks. Any concerns or questions contact Miss Mary Kay 610 828-0424 ext. 6 or mckennamaryk@gmail.com.

Calling for believers to volunteer.

Come “echo” your faith with the growing number of children in this growing community. With the move to the new parish center we will have more room, which means smaller and more personalized classroom settings and the need for more staff. To be a catechist requires only one thing...a willingness to be a witness and share your faith with the littlest among us. We are also moving to Sunday morning between the Masses, which should be more accommodating for all.

Think about it! Please help this program which is the future of our church. Any questions please call Mary Kay 610-828-0424.

Let's us recognize and thank catechists **Jay Kunaszek**, 20 years of service, **Amey Hogan** for 15 years of service, **Marie McMonagle** for 10 years of service. Each received diocesan awards for their dedication and years of service to the Religious Education of our children.

St. Matthews YOUTH GROUP

The first Youth Group of the merged parish, making a commitment to serve the Religious Education Program, living out their Confirmation grace. They are trailblazers and trendsetters of St. Matthews.

Their energy, enthusiasm, endurance and commitment have uplifted this community. We are truly blessed! (If interested register at www.stmatthewparish.com)

Madison Bakula
John Baranowski
Leah Ingram
Claudia Kunf
Emalita Marcucci
Colin Mash

Bobby McGuire
Ainsley Morasco
Allison Ruck
Mia Ruggiero
Kerri Thomas
Nikki Tier

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

The next meeting will take place on **April 20th**, in the convent at 12:30pm. The Also, Membership dues (\$10) will be collected for 2016. ALL ARE WELCOME!

ST. MATTHEW SENIORS TRIP INFORMATION:

The Seniors trip to Doolan's is on Wednesday, May 4th. The cost for members is \$64 and is due on April 20. If you have any questions please contact Anne Helenski at 610-279-3617.

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 2016 is \$10.00 for the year.

Casino Trips: are scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month: **May 10 & June 14**. 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).



We most 'warmly' invite you to be a part of this Ministry by meeting with us in the St. Vincent DePaul room **Tuesday, May 10 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 BOOK CLUB: Fiction with a Christian Twist Do you enjoy a good story and some fine literature? The Christian “twist” is that some element of the tale involves faith or morals, belief or unbelief, God or no god. This is a good time to join the group. We had just selected three more titles for Wednesdays in April, May and June. On May 11, *The Painter of Silence* by Georgina Harding; and *Stones from the River* by Ursula Hagi will be the subject of discussion on June 8. To join contact Monsignor Tom Owens at smatt2014@gmail.com or 610-828-0424 X. 112

Enjoy Golf? Play for a great cause: The **12th Annual South Jersey Golf Tournament** sponsored by the Sisters of Saint Joseph will take place **Monday, May 9, 2016 at the Mays Landing Country Club!** Support the Sisters of Saint Joseph with a fun day of golf down the shore. The price is \$125 per golfer/\$500 per foursome, with sponsorship opportunities starting at \$200. Call or email the SSJ Development Office at [1-800-482-6510](tel:1-800-482-6510) or development@ssjphila.org

God's Plan for Giving

April 10, 2016

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR
YOUR OFFERTORY

GIFTS LAST WEEKEND:

\$14,515.00

Electronic giving \$1719.00 + \$12,796.00 = \$14,515.00



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

Dear friends,
Clinton, Cruz, Kasich, Sanders, Trump. Do I have your attention? Every 4 years the American Bishops publish a reflection "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship". Msgr. Owens will present the core ideas of the essay followed by discussion. We will meet on **Wednesday, April 20 from 7PM till 8:15**. We will meet in St Matt's Convent. The purpose is not to endorse a candidate but to bring to bear our Christian conviction to social issues. You don't leave your conscience outside the poll.
Join me. Blessings, Msgr. Owens

JOB OPPORTUNITY

FULL TIME LEAD TEACHER: Conshohocken Catholic Early Childhood Center is seeking a full time lead teacher for the Toddler Room in our newly formed Daycare center. A Bachelor's or Associate's Degree in Education is required. Previous daycare experience is preferred. Candidate must be loving, nurturing, and possess good leadership skills. For more information call Carol Kearney at 610-828-0755 or email cceccdaycare@gmail.com

PART TIME CARES TEACHER: Conshohocken Catholic Early Childhood Center is seeking a part time teacher to assist with supervising preschoolers in our After School CARES program from 2:30pm-6:00pm daily. Candidate must have previous experience caring for and managing young children. Please call Carol Kearney at 610-828-0755 or email cceccdaycare@gmail.com for more information.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD CUPBOARD: We are in need of cereal, cans of fruit – peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, chunky soups, peanut butter & jelly. Donations can be left in the vestibules of the church. The food cupboard is open every Friday at 1PM it is located between the church and the convent the second door in the driveway.

Mothers of Children with Disabilities Retreat: Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at Malvern Retreat House, Fr. Dennis O'Donnell will direct a retreat for mothers and grandmothers who are raising children with disabilities and also those who have adult children with disabilities. There will be time to pray, reflect, and chat with other mothers. To register online go to www.opdarchphilly.org. For more information please contact Malvern Retreat House at 610-644-0400 or the Office for Persons with Disabilities, Archdiocese of Philadelphia at 215-587-3530.

STATEMENT OF ARCHBISHOP CHARLES J. CHAPUT, O.F.M. CAP.

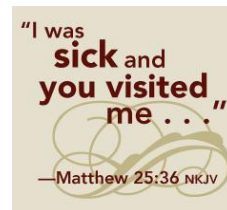
REGARDING POPE FRANCIS' APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION, AMORIS LAETITIA

Amoris Laetitia is a serious and extensive reflection on Christian marriage. While it changes no Church teaching or discipline, it does stress the importance of pastoral sensitivity in dealing with the difficult situations many married couples today face. Pope Francis is skilled at analyzing the cultural forces that make Christian marriage a unique witness, and often a special challenge. His recognition of the importance of children and the value of adoption are great expressions of support for family life.

Happily, the kind of pastoral discernment called for in Amoris Laetitia is already happening in many of our parish communities, and the Holy Father's encouragement, coming just months after the World Meeting of Families, is a great gift.

Amoris Laetitia is unusual for its size - more than 250 pages - and the Holy Father himself cautions us to read it with patience and attention. This is sound guidance, especially in the scramble that always takes place to stamp a particular interpretation on important papal interventions. My own more developed thoughts will be forthcoming. In the meantime, we can be thankful for the Holy Father's thoughts on an issue of real gravity. Nothing is more essential to any society than the health of marriage and the family. N.B. The text in full can be read at www.usccb.org/amoris-laetitia the English translation of the Latin title is The Joy Of Love.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society: visits Towne Manor East & West, Brandywine Senior Suites, Regina Nursing Home, Powerback Rehabilitation and Suburban Woods every week -- if someone in your family or a friend is in one of these facilities and you would like the St. Vincent Group to stop in and say "hello" please contact Alice O'Connor at 610-828-5992 or acaoc@verizon.net. If you would like to volunteer to help us visit the sick please contact Alice.



Available: eight (8) burial lots—St. Matthew Cemetery—Lot #40 located at the center of the cemetery. Plots are all together and being sold by the owner. For more information call Jim DiDonato 941-416-3309.

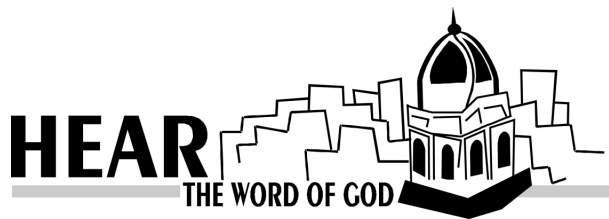
Chosen Fathers: A Retreat for Fathers of Children with Disabilities: Saturday, April 30, 2016 at St. Charles Seminary, the Office for Life and Family and the Office for Persons with Disabilities, Archdiocese of Philadelphia will host a retreat for fathers and grandfathers of children with disabilities. The retreat will be led by Doug Keck, a Chosen Father, who is the president of EWTN and an award winning sports news and TV/Radio host. To register online go to www.opdarchphilly.org. For more information call 215-587-3530 or email mcullinan@archphila.org.

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 Divine Liturgy for the 4th Sunday of Easter.*

*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!*



*Acts 13: 14,43-52 Psalm 100 Revelation 7:14b-17
John 10: 27-30*

Today's gospel begins with a claim when Jesus, Himself, announces to us, "My sheep hear My voice."

Our Alternative Opening Prayer confirms this simple but compelling statement when we ask the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ to "Attune our minds to the sound of His voice..."

One of the most important reasons why we come together like this Sunday after Sunday, even day after day, is to hear the voice of Jesus. To put it as plainly as possible, WE ARE HERE TO HEAR! We are here today because we believe and put into practice what the Second Vatican Council teaches us about the presence of Jesus Christ, namely, "Christ is present in His Word, since it is He Himself who speaks when the Holy Scriptures are read in the Church" (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy #7).

For us to hear the voice of Jesus as He speaks to us here and now is by no means an easy task. It has been said that we hear only half of what is said; we understand only half of what is heard; we believe only half of what is understood; and we remember only half of what we believe. How about that for diminishing returns?!

The author of an article entitled "Are You Listening?" further describes this problem: "Americans are not good listeners. In general they talk more than they listen. Competition in our culture puts a premium on self-expression, even if the individual has nothing to express" (Stuart Chase).

And yet Americans have no monopoly on poor

listening. Today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles tells us that our hearing problem has been with us for a long, long time. This reading is a study in contrast between those who listened to the preaching of Saint Paul and Saint Barnabas and those who did not. The Sabbath sermon of Saint Paul was first met with the "violent abuse" of those who contradicted what Saint Paul was preaching. Rather than stay and argue with the audience, Saint Paul turned to a new group who "were delighted when they heard this and glorified the Word of the Lord."

How do we react to the voice of Jesus which we hear in Church? Does the voice of Jesus really delight us?

What exactly have we heard Jesus tell us today that should definitely delight us from the top of our head to the tips of our toes? This is what we have heard Jesus tell us:

"I GIVE THEM ETERNAL LIFE, AND THEY SHALL NEVER PERISH."

What an unimaginably generous and gracious promise Jesus has made to us today! Our Good Shepherd has already given us eternal life. At our baptism the seed of eternal life has been planted firmly and deeply in our hearts. As the newborn children of God, as the brothers and sisters of Jesus, and as the temples of the Holy Spirit we have a solid and sure claim on eternal life. We have been given a share of God's very own life, for we have been wonderfully made in the image and likeness of God.

And precisely because Jesus has given us eternal life we have the guarantee that we shall never perish. Jesus does not give only to take away. Jesus' gift of eternal life is the gift that keeps on giving. Jesus has placed us firmly and forever in the hand of His and our loving Father. Try to imagine that creative, all-powerful, yet ever so gentle Hand of God that never crushes us but always cradles us, calms us, corrects us, and caresses us with God's immense and intense love.



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