



PENTECOST SUNDAY May 15, 2016

Saturday, May 14

4:30PM Edward P. Lawler (30th Anniv) Margaret Lawler & Mary Lynn Cary

Sunday, May 15

7:30AM Charles & Margaret Williams

9:30AM Rev. James Donlon

11:30AM Stanley Hylinski Sr.

Monday, May 16

8:15AM Vincent Wolfrom

Tuesday, May 17

8:15AM Nicola & Anna Mastrocola

Wednesday, May 18

8:15AM Assunta & Antonio Cappanelli
Paul Donovan

Thursday, May 19

8:15AM John F. Schank

Friday, May 20

8:15AM John Lare

Saturday, May 21

4:30PM Joseph Leddy
Sr. Regina Joseph

Sunday, May 22

7:30AM John Baloga

9:30AM Joseph Albanese

11:30AM Anthony Timbario



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 Blaszczyk,

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, Joanne Kalacinski, Mary DiMedio, Margaret Palmer, Sue Stephan, Anna Marie Ferrier, Mary Stoffel, Jeri McClennen, Marie Bowman, John Boccella, Felicia Rzeznik, Pat Rowe, Jim Bokoski, Hans Pawling, Margie Burghart.



Richard Hauk, Mary Ann Long, John Bosack, Mary Marwood Vasas



PRAY FOR THE MILITARY: 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

5/14 4:30 Msgr. Owens

5/15 7:30 Fr. Ryan 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Fr. Genovese

5/21 4:30 Fr. Genovese

5/22 7:30 Msgr. Owens 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Fr. Ryan

5/28 4:30 Fr. Ryan

5/29 7:30 Fr. Ryan 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Msgr. Owens

MEMORIAL DAY MASSES: We will hold our annual Memorial Day Masses on **Monday, May 30** at **St. Benedict cemetery on Colwell Ln at 9AM** and **St. Matthew cemetery on North Lane, at 11AM.** You are invited to attend as we remember those who died in any war as well as those who are buried in both parish cemeteries.
No 8:15AM Mass on Memorial Day.

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

Prepare for Next Sunday

Holy Trinity Sunday May 22, 2016

Proverbs 8:22 – 31 Romans 5:1 – 5 John 16:12 – 15

The Catechism teaches that "by sending his only Son and the Spirit of Love in the fullness of time, God has revealed his innermost secret: God himself is an eternal exchange of love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and he has destined us to share in that exchange" (221). "The complete Trinity dwells in us". By worshiping the Trinity we realize the full truth of ourselves. "In the communion of grace with the Trinity, man's 'living area' is broadened and raised up to the supernatural level of divine life. Man lives in God and by God" (Pope St. John Paul II).

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Society meeting will be on Tuesday, **May 17th** at 7PM in the St. Vincent de Paul Room.

The Celebration of Pentecost



We are a Church rich with symbols that represent truth and mystery...grasped and known yet not entirely understood.

Dove –the dove, often depicts the Holy Spirit, yet is also a symbol of Peace! In history these birds were

bred from pigeons by the Sumerians of Mesopotamia and often used as a form of communication across enemy lines...The soldiers would watch for the bird in order to shoot it down, thereby disrupting communication and learning the enemy's moves...a symbol of peace became a target for violence.

Fire – like conflict, has both the potential to give warmth and light, but also has the potential to consume and destroy

Water –provides the environment for life to grow and thrive, to cleanse and refresh, but it too has the potential to destroy, one small trickle unchecked can erode a rock, create a crevice in a sidewalk, weaken a retaining wall to crumble.

This is the tension of opposites...what loves us most, can hurt us most..., yet what loves and hurts becomes redemptive, a saving grace. What is the balance? Love, Love reconciles the tension of opposites. Jesus came to BE LOVE, the love of the Father sent to us as the Holy Spirit...This is what we celebrate today...Love of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit that unified us into ONE CHURCH One Parish.

This Sunday we celebrate Pentecost with the "traditional" procession of the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit and a dove release. This year our procession will honor families who have three generations who have made their sacraments within our parish. How blessed we are to have these agree to represent so many! So many fruits and gifts!

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 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.

REFLECTIONS FROM MY ROCKING CHAIR:

Dear Friends,
On this feast of Pentecost Sunday a wonderful prayer
Come, Holy Spirit, come!
And from your celestial home
Shed a ray of light divine!

Come, Father of the poor!
Come, source of all our store!
Come within our bosoms shine.

You, O comforter the best;
You, the soul's most welcome guest;
Sweet refreshment here below;

In our labor, rest most sweet;
Grateful coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.

O most blessed light divine,
Shine within these hearts of yours,
And our inmost being fill!

Where you are not, we have naught,
Nothing good in deed or thought,
Nothing free from taint of ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour your dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.

On the faithful, who adore
And confess you, ever more
In your sevenfold gift descend;

Give them virtues sure reward;
Give them your salvation, Lord;
Give them joys that never end.
Amen. Alleluia!

Blessings, Monsignor Owens (stmatt2014@gmail.com)

JOB OPPORTUNITY

FULL TIME INFANT ASSISTANT:

Conshohocken Catholic Early Childhood Center is seeking a full time caregiver for infants in our newly formed Daycare center. Experience caring for infants 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 cceccdaycare@gmail.com

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.

God's Plan for Giving

May 8, 2016

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR
YOUR OFFERTORY
GIFTS LAST WEEKEND:
\$13,583.00

Electronic giving \$2,195.00 + \$11,388.00 = \$13,583.00



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

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, June 14 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 SENIORS will meet every third Wednesday of the month.

The next meeting will take place on **May 18th**, in the convent at 12:30pm. Also, Membership dues (\$10) will be collected for 2016. ALL ARE WELCOME!

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: **June 14 & July 12.** 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).



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. *Stones from the River* by Ursula Hagi will be the subject of discussion on **June 8.** To join - Monsignor Tom Owens at stmatt2014@gmail.com or 610 – 828 – 0424 ext. 112

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.



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

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, June 7 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.

Gratitude from the Pro-Life Committee

"As the Lord of Creation authored the existence of everything in the Universe, the most precious gift that He bestowed was the gift of Life."; The Respect Life Collection was held at St. Matthew's parish over Mother's Day weekend and your generosity has allowed us to donate **\$1,584** to support the initiatives of the Pro-Life Office. Thank you for your support against those things that compromise the dignity of human life and thank you very much for your financial sacrifice for this most important work.



FULL TIME TEACHING POSITION: Merion Mercy Academy, an independent, all girls Catholic High School sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, has an opening for a full

time teaching position in the English department for the 2016-2017 school year. Qualified applicants with an English degree and secondary certification are asked to submit a cover letter and resume by Monday, May 16th. Experienced preferred. Send to: Mary Ann Danovich - Vice Principal for Academic Affairs - Merion Mercy Academy - 511 Montgomery Avenue - Merion Station, PA 19066 - email: madanovich@merion-mercy.com



THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA INVITES YOU ON A PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

for the Jubilee Year of Mercy and Blessed Mother Teresa's Canonization
September 1 – September 10, 2016

Ten Day Pilgrimage Includes:

- round trip airfare
- ground transportation in Italy
- hotel accommodations
- selected meals
- canonization of Blessed Mother Teresa
- private tour of Saint Peter's Basilica
- a visit to the tomb of Saint Padre Pio
- walking tour of major Roman attractions, historic landmarks and much more!
- Spiritual director for the pilgrimage: Fr. Dennis Gill ***Registration is due May 27th***

For More Information visit <http://archphila.org/#events>

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 Pentecost Sunday. 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 2:1-11 Psalm 104 Romans 8:8-17 John 14:15-16, 23-26

Today is one of the Church's great feasts. When Jesus was taking leave of His disciples on Ascension Thursday, He bequeathed a legacy to them—the Holy Spirit, One who would comfort, guide and empower them to be all that God had called them to be.

It was on that first Pentecost that we received what one of our hymns calls “the best gift of God above”—the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is the burning love that flows between the Father and the Son, so to receive the Holy Spirit is to have God's own love poured into our hearts, drawing us closer to God and to each other. Think about that. Yes, today we celebrate because we have all received a free gift, costing us nothing. Often we put such gifts away in some safe storage place, or we place them on a shelf so that others can admire them.

But Saint Paul explained that this “free gift” is not one to be taken for granted. Why? Because this “gift” produces a whole variety of other gifts, many of them so unspectacular that we hardly notice them: like the gift of being a good listener, the gift of being cheerful even when things are difficult, the gift of being a good and patient parent, the gift of being able to say “Jesus is Lord” when troubled by sickness or temptation.

A story is told of a young man in search of God. He visits a renowned holy man to ask how he can find God. The holy man takes him to a nearby river and leads him into the water and then suddenly plunges him under the water. The young man comes up struggling and fighting to get his breath. As they walk home the holy man said: “When you know you need God as much as you need the air you breathe, only then will you find Him.” Do we ever realize how much we need the Holy Spirit? Do we ever realize that the Holy Spirit is as basic as breathing to our Christian

lives?

In our responsorial psalm today we prayed “send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.” Do we believe that? Do we believe that the Holy Spirit can renew even our world with all its wars, hatred and divisions? Do we believe that the Holy Spirit can renew us and our ‘sometimes broken’ lives?

Jesus left the Holy Spirit to us as His legacy. On that first Pentecost the Church was a spirit-filled community. This is what we are called to be today—a spirit-filled, grace-driven community of faith making a difference in the world.

God never intended us to be timid in our witness to our faith; anemic in our discipleship. Rather He intends us to be bold, forthright and courageous.

This is where we find ourselves on this Pentecost Sunday. We look at the Church, at her birth, and we wonder, can we have that kind of joy? That kind of love? That kind of enthusiasm in the world today? The simple answer is “yes.” Yes, we can. But this will happen only when we open ourselves to the same Holy Spirit that created the Church in the first place.

“Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.” The Holy Spirit needs our help if we are to let Him into our lives, let Him empower us so that our world will see and experience Christ's peace.

God's grace can flip a situation, a circumstance, a person's heart, in an instant.

Be vigilant against the wolves of opposition, resistance, indifference, exhaustion, failure and sinfulness.

When we fail to love, we cease to live in truth. When we lose sight of the truth, we cease to love. Jesus knew that for us to live in love and truth, we would need the Holy Spirit, someone to guide us in knowing which path to take.



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