

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME

June 12, 2016

Saturday, June 11

4:30PM John S. Kosek (16th Anniversary)

Sunday, June 12

7:30AM Lorraine Charlesworth

9:30AM Francis Getzfread

11:30AM Sunny Maria Flocco

Monday, June 13

8:15AM Dec'd Members of Forenz Family

Tuesday, June 14

8:15AM J. Alan Moore (19th Anniversary)

Wednesday, June 15

8:15AM Ida & Michael Puche
Mary & Julius Renner

Thursday, June 16

8:15AM Joseph Albanese

Friday, June 17

8:15AM Phyllis & Gene Mastrangelo
(55th Wedding Anniversary)

Saturday, June 18

4:30PM Charles & Margaret Fredrick

Sunday, June 19

7:30AM Stephen Opiela

9:30AM Lena D'Annunzio (4th Anniversary)

11:30AM John J. Williams Sr.
Harvey Borzelleca



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, 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, Jack Susskind, Kristen Lafferty



Deacon Armand Maresca



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

6/11 4:30 Fr. Genovese

6/12 7:30 Fr. Ryan 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Msgr. Owens

6/18 4:30 Fr. Ryan

6/19 7:30 Fr. Heron 9:30 Fr. Ryan 11:30 Fr. Genovese

6/25 4:30 Fr. Genovese

6/26 7:30 Msgr. Owens 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Fr. Ryan

Prepare for Next Sunday

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time June 19, 2016

Zachariah 12:10 – 11; 13:1 Galatians 3:26 – 29 Luke 9:18 – 24

Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter replies: "the Christ of God." Peter knows this to be so, not because he discovered the answer in a book, but because he looked at the facts of his own life. Since his 1st meeting Jesus Christ, he had changed. Since the time Peter began to belong to Christ, he became more fully himself. God had poured out on him "a spirit of grace and petition." Once Peter looks "on him whom they have pierced," he will be able to make his profession with even more conviction ... up to the day of his own martyrdom. ...



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 is Tuesday, July 5 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.

Religious Education

PREP

PLEASE REGISTER FOR FALL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES NOW!

THIS YEAR WE WILL CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION. TBA
(Pending Bishops calendar schedules coming soon)

The Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)
(known as CCD) Beginning Sept. 11, 2016 Classes from Grades 1 – 7 will be held in the Parish Center from 10:25 am – 11:25 am on Sunday mornings.

Before the "busy" summer season begins, please take a moment to renew your registration for PREP/CCD for next year. Tuition remains the same. \$110.00 for one, \$165.00 for two, \$195.00 for three or more.

As the "refurbished" building is being completed we are planning class size and determining needs. The sooner you complete the renewal, the more accurate an idea we have to begin in September. Supplies and textbooks need to be ordered soon.

You can register online at the website, click on Religious Education/CCD registration on the left. The form has been streamlined. Payment can follow either in the mail, drop in collection basket, or mailbox on the rectory door. Checks made out to St. Matthews

If you wish to pay online,

- Click up on the right Parish giving.
- It will take you to a page with the choice to create an account or make a donation or payment
- If you select the one time payment.
- It will take you to a page where you select contribution type (drop down, choose St. Matthew CCD), amount, and email and payment information.
- Click pay now.

A report gets sent directly to my email

Please register soon. Thank you!

Any questions or concerns contact Miss Mary Kay at mckennamaryk@gmail.com or call the rectory 610-828-0424 ext. 6.

ST. MATTHEW STUDENTS EXCEL:

Our parish recently received notification of the performance of our high school students. We are particularly proud of those who demonstrated academic excellence.

LaSalle College High School: Mark Bernstiel

Mark received honors for being Class President and won the following awards: Drew Panettieri Award for selflessness, love and friendship – William A. Meehan Award for Community Svc – LaSalle College HS award for school spirit. Mark was also the Salutorian.
Congratulations Mark!



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

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 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



ST MATTHEW'S SENIORS WILL BE MEETING AT THE GREAT AMERICAN PUB

All members are invited to attend a luncheon to be held **June 15** at 12:30PM. This will be our last regular meeting before our summer break. The luncheon will be provided from the proceeds of the dues and 50/50 throughout the year. Please let us know if you will be able to attend. Contact Pat Hanna at [610-272-3610](tel:610-272-3610) or Kitty McNally at [610-825-9291](tel:610-825-9291).

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. MARY'S GOLDEN AGE CLUB PICNIC:

The Picnic is on **June 21, 2016** at the Barn at Mermaid Lake from 11 AM to 7 PM. \$10 for members. \$17.00 for non-members. Lunch and Dinner included. You must have a ticket to attend the picnic.

Spiritual Reading – Food for the Soul

There is a saying in the spiritual life that goes like this, "To know Him is to love Him". Reading a book about the spiritual life is to know something more about God, so to love Him all the more and to grow in your understanding of how the Lord works in the lives of people who have gone before you in faith. There is a small spiritual library in the lobby of the church ("back left lobby") that opens toward the Rectory. There are books about the Bible, about prayer, about the church, and spiritual memoirs, such as The Story of the Soul by the Little Flower, St. Therese of Lisieux. You are welcome to borrow from the library. Take a look!

God's Plan for Giving

June 5, 2016

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR
YOUR OFFERTORY
GIFTS LAST WEEKEND:
\$14,906.00

Electronic giving \$1,594 + \$13,312.00 = \$14,906.00



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



Summer vacation time will be here soon and many of us will be away with our families to enjoy fun and relaxation. Unfortunately, the bills at St. Matthews never take a vacation. There are several ways you can continue to support your Parish even though you might be away: Mail your Sunday offering to the Rectory;

Use Parish Giving at www.stmatthewparish.com to contribute via debit or credit card; Use your bank's online payment system to send your offering, or double-up on your offering before you go away or when you return. Thanks to everyone, in advance, for your support. We hope everyone has a happy and healthy summer.

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

COMPANIONS NEEDED: A non-medical homecare agency, Caring Hearts is looking to hire companions for our seniors. No experience needed except a caring heart. Companionship, driving to doctors appointments, shopping. A perfect job for empty nesters looking for something to do and some extra money. Call 484-580-8157 ask for Jeff.

HOLY SAVIOUR HOLY NAME SOCIETY -

On Saturday August 27th, The Holy Saviour Holy Name Society will host a trip to see the Phillies play the New York Mets at Citi Field in New York.

The cost is \$100 and includes a reserved ticket and a seat on the Perkiomen Tours motor coach. The bus leaves Holy Saviour parking lot at 2pm. Refreshments are allowed on the bus. There will be time to explore Citi Field. For tickets contact Mike Angelucci. (610) 213-1196 michaelangelucci@verizon.net



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

to aid Ryan Naulty, a local boy with brain cancer, June 20th, 3-8pm, St. Rose of Lima Church, 428 S. Main St., North Wales, PA 19454. Sign up online at redcross.org using SPONSOR CODE: **TEAM RYAN**. Thanks for your support!



On **Saturday September 17th**, The Holy Saviour Holy Name Society will host a trip to see the production of **SAMSON** at the Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster. The show starts at 11am and will be followed by an all you eat lunch buffet at Shady Maple Smorgasbord. Tickets are located in center orchestra. The Hagey motor coach leaves Holy Saviour parking lot at 9AM. Tickets are \$130. For tickets contact Mike Angelucci. (610) 213-1196 michaelangelucci@verizon.net



Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary Announces Modified Plan for Future Viability and Sustainability

Background

In March of 2013, Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary announced a plan focused on continued sustainability and future viability. Part of that plan called for the Seminary to consolidate existing facilities, seek to lease or sell underutilized buildings and property, and implement new spiritual and academic programming for seminarians and lay students. One component of that plan called for the Seminary to move the College Division program from the lower portion of the campus into vacant space within the Theology Division buildings on the upper side of the campus after a period of study and renovation over a number of years.

Announcement

Recently, an independent feasibility study was conducted, which evaluated several potential alternate operating models. The results of that study were shared with the Seminary's Board of Trustees in May. After much careful discussion and deliberation, they recommended a modified path as the best one moving forward to allow for the Seminary's continued growth and transformation.

Specifically, the Board recommended the seminary cease actions aimed at consolidation on the upper campus. Additionally, the Board recommended that the Seminary begin to explore and develop a feasible plan to affiliate with a local Catholic college or university and relocate the entire Seminary operation in newly constructed buildings on or near the campus of the partner higher education institution. The exact timing for any specific decisions regarding this new direction is still to be determined. Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap. has accepted these recommendations and authorized the Seminary's Rector, Bishop Timothy C. Senior, to begin the process.

Bishop Senior said, "It is my strong belief that this new direction will allow us to build on the already solid foundation of our present program by significantly strengthening and enhancing our seminary. This new path forward allows us to pursue new facilities that will further enrich and better serve the contemporary academic, spiritual, and human needs of our seminarians and lay students. We embark on this new journey at a time of particular strength and grace, emanating from the recent visit of our Holy Father, and testified to by another year of projected enrollment increases, a record increase in the 2016 Seminary Appeal and the addition of several new, well-credentialed faculty members."

With this announcement, Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary affirms its commitment to support seminarians discerning a vocation to the Priesthood for service in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and in dioceses throughout the country as well as all candidates discerning vocations to the permanent diaconate and the hundreds of full and part-time students enrolled in the Graduate School of Theology, which offers graduate degrees and catechetical certificate programs for clergy and the laity.

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 11th 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!*

II Samuel 12:7-10, 13 Psalm 32 Galatians 2:16, 19-21
Luke 7:36-8:3 or 7:36-50

Today's readings deal with people who made a mess of their lives, received mercy and love from God and their personal response to that mercy and love. King David misused his powers as king, committed adultery, and had the husband of the woman he slept with murdered on the battlefield. Faced with his crime and sin, David confessed his guilt only to be told, 'the Lord has forgiven your sin.' By God's grace David turned his life around.

We all know Paul's history. He had a deep hatred for those who followed Christ. He wanted to put them in prison. Then Paul had his encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus and his life was turned around. From that graced moment Paul would say of himself, "I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me; insofar as I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God who has loved me and given himself up for me." For the rest of his life Paul endured shipwrecks, flogging, stoning, prison and death to share with everyone the merciful love he personally experienced in his encounter with Jesus.

We have the Gospel story of the Pharisee inviting Jesus into his home. He felt he was doing such a favor for Jesus that he never bothered to show Him the common courtesies of the time, such as the kiss of peace and washing His dusty feet. Then we have this woman, with not too good of a reputation, brazenly coming into the house and doing for Jesus what the host neglected to do—washing His feet and kissing Him. Simon is shocked that Jesus would let this woman touch Him. Jesus tells Simon a short story to prove a point. Two debtors are both forgiven their debt. The one who owed the most is the most grateful to his creditor. The host, Simon, really saw himself in

no need of Jesus' forgiveness; in fact, he acts as if he's doing Jesus a favor by inviting Him into his home. Simon had no concept of what was going on in the heart of this woman so Jesus lets him in on the secret; it's not that the woman loved Jesus and, therefore, He forgave her sins. It's just the opposite: He forgave her sins and so she loved Him—overwhelmed by the graciousness of Jesus, she loved Him with all her heart. As Jesus tries to explain to Simon, 'her many sins have been forgiven her—that is the reason she shows me such love, that is the reason her love is so great.' Jesus tells Simon, 'If she had been forgiven only a little, her love would be small, as your love is small.'

Have you ever had the experience of hurting a family member or a friend with a hurt so great that it causes a deep rift in your relationship? You know you've done wrong, you feel ashamed of what you've done, but you get the courage to go to that person and ask for a forgiveness that you feel you don't deserve. Your friend embraces you and tells you 'everything is ok, let's put it behind us and get on with living.' You're stunned by such generosity, such acceptance, such love and you grow in a deeper appreciation of that friend and what he or she means to you. Like the woman in the Gospel, because you have been forgiven so much, you love so much more in return.

The same thing can happen in the sacrament of reconciliation when you have the courage to unburden yourself to a priest and externalize the sin that burdens you, and hear the wonderful words of absolution, "I absolve you of your sins." Sensing that forgiveness gives you a determination to try harder to be the kind of person you want to be and Jesus calls you to be.

The message of today's scripture is that because we've been forgiven so much, because God has blessed our lives so much, our response should be that of the woman in the Gospel—this is reason enough to thank and love Jesus in return. We can pray for ourselves and for each other that we be blessed with the insight to know how much we are loved by God, forgiven by God, and, in response to such goodness, try to live more faithful and loving lives.



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