



13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 26, 2016

Saturday, June 25

4:30PM June E. Zummo

Sunday, June 26

7:30AM Sunny Maria Flocco

9:30AM Bernard J. Murray, III

Elaine Dippolito

Msgr. Dan Murray (2nd Anniversary)

11:30AM Antonio Stivaletti

Monday, June 27

8:15AM Rita O'Donnell

Tuesday, June 28

8:15AM Mary Marcozzi

Wednesday, June 29

8:15AM Janet Terrell

Thursday, June 30

8:15AM Deceased Members of Galasso, Hooker,
Piergrossi Families

Friday, July 1

8:15AM Carol Tinneney

Saturday, July 2

4:30PM James Bowe Sr.

Sunday, July 3

7:30AM Charles & Charlotte Kelly

9:30AM James Peter Love

John J. Williams Sr.

11:30AM Maryflor Horn



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, Sue

Stephan, Anna Marie Ferrier, Mary Stoffel, Jeri McClennen, John Boccella, Felicia Rzeznik, Pat Rowe, Jim Bokoski, Hans Pawling, Margie Burghart, Jack Susskind, Kristen Lafferty, Claudia Geppert.



Rev. John Denny O.S.A.



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

6/25 4:30 Fr. Genovese
6/26 7:30 Msgr. Owens 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Fr. Ryan
7/2 4:30 Msgr. Owens
7/3 7:30 Fr. Capizzi 9:30 Fr. Ryan 11:30 Fr. Heron
7/9 4:30 Fr. Capizzi
7/10 7:30 Fr. Ryan 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Msgr. Owens
7/16 4:30 Msgr. Owens
7/17 7:30 Fr. Heron 9:30 Fr. Capizzi 11:30 Fr. Genovese
7/23 4:30 Fr. Genovese
7/24 7:30 Fr. Genovese 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Fr. Capizzi
7/30 4:30 Fr. Capizzi
7/31 7:30 Fr. Heron 9:30 Fr. Genovese 11:30 Msgr. Owens

Prepare for Next Sunday

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 3, 2016

Isaiah 66:10 – 14 Galatians 6:14 – 18 Luke 10:1 – 12, 17 – 20

It seems that the seventy-two are somewhat skeptical about the ability Christ gives them to bestow peace, to cure the sick, and to survive among “wolves” like “lambs.” The jubilant report of the seventy-two upon returning to Jesus betrays just how surprised they are at their own actions: “Even the demons are subject to us because of your name.” The grace of Jesus Christ is that force beyond ourselves by which God in his mercy makes the impossible come to be in our life.

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

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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.

Summer is here! Don't forget! 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.

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, & 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.



WILL "GO ON VACATION" FOR JULY & AUGUST. It will return to the 9:30 Mass in September. Enjoy the leisure of summer.



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 STUDENT EXCEL:

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

County Day School of the Sacred Heart:

First Honors: **Juliette Joseph**

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 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 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. 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: **July 12 & August 9**. 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).

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!

FULL TIME TEACHING POSITION: Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School, an independent, all girls Catholic High School sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, has an opening for a full time teaching position in the math and science departments for the 2016-2017 school year. Qualified applicants with a math or science degree and secondary certification are asked to submit a cover letter and resume by **June 30th**. Experienced preferred. Send to department chairs: Susan Mitchell at smitchell@gmahs.org and Heather Norman at hnorman@gmahs.org.

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

God's Plan for Giving

June 19, 2016

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR
YOUR OFFERTORY GIFTS LAST WEEKEND:

\$10,845.00

Electronic giving \$1,359.00 + \$9,486.00 = \$10,845.00



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.

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



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

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.

Pilgrimage to Rome: Join Betty Butera on a Pilgrimage to the Canonization of Mother Teresa in Rome! September 1 – 6, 2016 the cost is \$3,639 from Philadelphia, PA for more information call [Betty Butera 610-828-4474](tel:610-828-4474) or Betty@buteratravel.com

Pilgrimage to Argentina: Join a Pilgrimage to Argentina "In the Footsteps of Pope Francis" on December 6 – 16, 2016 cost is \$4,499 per person from New York. Buenos Aires, Flores, Santa Susana (or Rosario), Tigre Delta, Colonia (Uruguay), Lujan. Contact Betty Butera 610-828-4474.



A JOURNEY IN FAITH

Are you a baptized Protestant and worshipping with us here at St. Matthew's on a regular basis? Have you not been baptized at all? The Holy Spirit may be prompting you to join the Catholic Church. She offers a rich tradition of prayer, Scripture and Sacrament – and a community marked by charity. ("A church without charity does not exist", Pope Francis). The parish is now forming a gathering of people who would like to consider membership in the Catholic Church. The formal process is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). It will begin meeting toward the end of September. Most gatherings will occur on Monday evenings and some selected Sundays. We begin without any final commitment made. It is a time for asking oneself, "Is this for me". To indicate your interest, please leave your name at the Rectory (610 – 828 – 0424 ext. 112) in the voicemail of Monsignor Owens or on line at stmatt2014@gmail.com.

Parishioner Support

The difficult experiences one has in life can serve as the very reason one can be extraordinary. These challenges can make one feel alone in a confusing and sometimes overwhelming journey. I would be honored to have the opportunity to assist you in moving through challenge without judgment and with a sensitivity to your individuality.

- Trained in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT)
- Focused training in grief, trauma, and crisis intervention.
- DMAVA certified to work with veterans of all ages and their family members.
- Over fifteen years of experience working with anxiety, depression, couples, parenting, pre- and post- natal concerns, and chronic and terminal diagnoses.
- Facilitate bereavement support / education groups specialized to specific types of loss with a focus on peer support as well as facilitator provided education about common grief reactions, coping, and expectations that can sometimes be placed on the grieving individual.
- Saint Matthew's parishioner.

For further information please contact me, **Carolyn Fortenberry LCSW, at 610-915-8524.**

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 13th 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!*

I Kings 19:16-21 Psalm 16 Galatians 5:1, 13-18 Luke 9: 51-62

The Irish poet, William Butler Yeats, in *The Second Coming* wrote a line often quoted by pessimists, people who have lost hope, people who lack knowledge of history: **"Things fall apart, the center cannot hold."** This is untrue. The center always holds, if it is the right center. What is falling apart in the Church and in the world are false centers. If Christ is the center of the Church, it will always hold. That is why it is necessary for everyone in this Church to be Christ-Centered, in order to face the future with hope despite whatever changes will occur.

We are living in a pre-Pentecost-like time. Like the first disciples, we are keeping watch in the upper room, a place full of faith and fear, a place full of hope and hopelessness. We now face the challenge, the opportunity, of representing the Church and the Catholic faith to our community. In today's Gospel, Jesus clearly tells us discipleship is not merely another commitment which we add to the long list of our commitments. He urges us to see discipleship as the commitment, demanding a reordering of our lives from the bottom up. Discipleship is a life-long process of listening to His word, learning His way and living according to His Father's will.

We all share in the abundant love of God and we are all called to be saints. Jesus founded the Church, the Mystical body of Christ to help us grow in holiness. Jesus **became flesh** to show us how to act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly. The Holy Spirit continues to invite us to a life of holiness. With Mary, our heavenly mother, let us listen carefully to God's Word and open our hearts to the mystery of divine life in her Son. We are engaged in an immense challenge to bring people back to Christ, especially in the sacraments of Eucharist and reconciliation. Please pray for me and for all priests that we will always be good shepherds after the model Shepherd, Jesus.

In the Gospel this weekend, we meet with three would-be followers of Jesus. In each of these scenes the would-be disciples propose a course of action; but Jesus challenges their proposal and tests them to see if their intention is as solid as they think it is. Let us look more closely at the three men.

The first man says "I will follow You wherever You go."

This approach is entirely positive — no conditions — "I will follow." This man is eager. But are we not surprised that Jesus neither praises nor refutes his proposal? Instead, Jesus forces the eager disciple to stop and think. More may be demanded than you are prepared to give. Eagerness is no more a virtue than hesitation. What is required is personal commitment made with full understanding. Even the animals and birds have what Jesus does not. The disciple is told that Jesus is a homeless wanderer, but that anyone who follows Him must share this lifestyle. Stop and think and in your eagerness, don't pass over this reality of true discipleship.

The second and third men were willing to follow but quickly qualified their commitment with a request. I think we can identify with these two men, would-be followers. I mean, their proposals seem laudable or at least reasonable. Most people would see this as an acceptable proposal.

The one man requests time to fulfill a duty of great importance in Jewish society. He wants to bury his father, a laudable and reasonable request. But Jesus challenges the laudable and sensible intentions of man, "Let the dead bury the dead", i.e., those who reject or make no response to my message — the dead, will bury your father. You have the Kingdom to preach and I don't want you using your father's death as an excuse for delaying your commitment to that task.

The other man simply wants to say good-bye to his family. Who could argue with such a proposal? Jesus does when He warns against putting your hand to the plow and then looking back. This "looking back" refers to any situation in which previous attachments assert themselves in the life of the disciple. Such attachments can be obstacles or delaying tactics on the part of the would-be disciple.

Through all three men, Jesus is deliberately trying to make things harder for us. Why? He wants to block out our natural tendency to simply add discipleship to the configuration of duties and values by which we live. He tells us discipleship is not merely another commitment which we may add to the long list of our commitments. He urges us to see discipleship as the commitment, demanding a reordering of our lives from the bottom up.

One way of resolving the conflicts is coming here to the Eucharist. Because it is here that we will receive our strength to give ourselves totally and completely. Here we listen to the example of TOTAL RESPONSE. We cannot be overly eager. We cannot take refuge in excuses or past attachments or securities. The demand is TOTAL — Conflicts will arise. We have years of preparation to reflect on the total demand of following Jesus and to resolve the conflicts. We gather at this Liturgy for the orientation and the center so needed in all our lives. Here Jesus issues the invitation to eat His Body which is given up for you. And to drink His Blood which will be shed for you. The demands of discipleship are indeed total.



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