



# MASS INTENTIONS

## 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 7, 2016

### Saturday, August 6

4:30PM Carol Tinneny

### Sunday, August 7

7:30AM John Moss

9:30AM Dec'd Members of the Kearney Family

11:30AM Carl Peter Nase Jr.

### Monday, August 8

8:15AM Sr. Mary Ledger

Thomas J. Peacock

### Tuesday, August 9

8:15AM William James MacDonald

### Wednesday, August 10

8:15AM Joseph Gilbert (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

### Thursday, August 11

8:15AM Dec'd Members of Speranza & McAvoy Families

### Friday, August 12

8:15AM John F. Schank

### Saturday, August 13

4:30PM Carol Tinneny

### Sunday, August 14

7:30AM Margaret McKeon

9:30AM James Peter Love

11:30AM Catherine Simonetti



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, 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, Thomas Waszena, Debbie Miller Hannon.

**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 108<sup>th</sup> Wing McGuire AFB, Matthew Horning, 1st Lt. Stanley J. Reimer III, SR Brett Pellicciotti, LCPL Thomas Mazzochetti, Robert Catapano U.S. Army 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne, Paul Brown, Marines, Corporal Andrew Teitjen, Michael Bondra.



### CELEBRANTS MASS SCHEDULE

(Subject to change at anytime)

8/13 4:30 Fr. Cooke

8/14 7:30 Fr. Ryan 9:30 Fr. Ryan 11:30 Fr. Heron

8/20 4:30 Fr. Heron

8/21 7:30 Fr. Ryan 9:30 Msgr. Owens 11:30 Fr. Cooke

8/27 4:30 Fr. Ryan

8/28 7:30 Fr. Ryan 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Fr. Heron

### Prepare for Next Sunday

#### 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time August 14, 2016

Jeremiah 38:4 – 6, 8 – 10 Hebrews 12:1 – 4 Luke 12:49 – 53

“I have come to set the earth on fire.” Pope Benedict XVI writes that the fire is Christ’s own Passion of love, “a fire that is to be handed on. Whoever comes close to him must be prepared to be burned. This is a fire that makes things bright and pure and free and grand. Being a Christian, then, is daring to entrust oneself to this burning fire.” The fire is set ablaze when we speak the truth, like the prophet Jeremiah, who is punished for it. “The message of the Church is there precisely in order to conflict with our behavior, to tear man out of his life of lies and to bring clarity and truth. Truth makes demands, and it also burns.” Christ comes to divide us from whatever divides us from him. We keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month. **The next class is Tuesday, September 6 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](http://www.stmatthewparish.com) or call the rectory 610-828-0424 press 4 for the office to register.

**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.

# Religious Education

## PREP

PLEASE REGISTER FOR FALL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES NOW!

**First Holy Communion will be on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at 11AM**

Still waiting for Bishop Martino to respond to us for a date for Confirmation. This will determine the retreat and timing of First Reconciliation. More to follow.

IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO, PLEASE RENEW YOUR REGISTRATION FOR CCD/PREP FOR NEXT YEAR. THANK YOU!

**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](mailto: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.**

**John Miles** has been a parishioner of St. Matthews since 1960. As an active, faithful, and dedicated parishioner for 56 years, he has served this parish in many ways. John is the consummate gentleman and brings a unique style and grace to his role as Usher. Known for his kind and respectful manner, John ushered not only weekend liturgies, he also volunteered his service at First Communion and Confirmation.

He is truly a holy man. John is also a Master Electrician and Lamp-fixer extraordinaire. The rectory (especially Fr. Ames and his family), convent, Sisters and clergy staff were the benefactors of that talent.

When not serving at the altar as a Eucharistic Minister for daily Mass, John could be found sitting in the last pew, in front of the Confessional on the Sacred Heart side of Church.

He is moving to Illinois to live with his daughter this month. Be assured of our prayers, and many, many thanks. You will be greatly missed. May Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you abundantly. Remember, *you are always welcome at St. Matthews!*

**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](mailto:acaoc@verizon.net)



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD CUPBOARD:** We are in need of cans of baked beans, peas, tomatoes, tomato sauce, applesauce and chunky soups. Donations can be left in the vestibules of the church.

The food cupboard is open every other Friday at 1PM. It is located between the church and the convent, the second door in the driveway.

# God's Plan for Giving

July 30, 2016

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR  
YOUR OFFERTORY GIFTS LAST WEEKEND:

**Due to an early bulletin deadline numbers are not  
available this week**



**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](mailto:deacon.mike.kubiak@comcast.net) to register [www.parishgiving.org](http://www.parishgiving.org) or [www.stmatthewparish.com](http://www.stmatthewparish.com)



Summer vacation time is here and many of us will be away with our families to enjoy fun and relaxation. 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](http://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.



**Walking with Purpose** is a Catholic women's bible study that meets once a week to discuss Scripture as it relates to our everyday lives. The goal of WWP is to enable women to know

Christ through Scripture. We are hoping to offer both a morning and evening schedule. If you are at all curious or just interested in meeting an amazing diverse group of women with one thing in common, the love of Christ, please join us for lite bites and coffee on **Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.** Feel free to come alone or bring a friend, we're a very welcoming group! Contact Judy Kukowski at 610-331-2147 or [JAKukowski@verizon.net](mailto:JAKukowski@verizon.net) with questions and meeting details.

## 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.

### Devon Preparatory School:

Distinguished Honors: **Anthony L. Lambert**

**St. Matthew Cemetery:** The new lots in the "St. Patrick Section" of the cemetery are selling fast. Not many remain. 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](mailto:deacon.mike.kubiak@comcast.net).



### Catholic Family Fun Club (CFFC)

Want to find Catholic activities for the whole family to do together? Want to meet other families that share your values? Look no further! The Catholic Family Fun Club (CFFC) and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia invite you to **join the Catholic Family Fun**

**Club** to network with other families and to attend—and create—local Catholic catechetical and social activities.

Go to <http://www.meetup.com/Catholic-Family-Fun-Club/> to join.

Please direct questions to Mary Beth at [catholicfamilyfun@gmail.com](mailto:catholicfamilyfun@gmail.com)



Are you a baptized Protestant and worshiping 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](mailto: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.

Please contact me, **Carolyn Fortenberry LCSW, at 610-915-8524.**

**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.

**Casino Trips:** scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month: **August 9 & September 13.** Bus leaves 9:00 AM from 11<sup>th</sup> & Fayette, 9:15 AM from 3<sup>rd</sup> & Fayette, 9:30 AM from St. Mary's. Call Joe (610-825-4596).

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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!*

*Wisdom 18:6-9 Psalm 33 Hebrews 11:1-2.8-19 or 11:1-2.8-12 Luke 12:32-48 or 12:35-40*

We live in a goal-oriented society. Many opportunities for success are available for those who have a driving spirit. In science, medicine, and sports high standards are set. Those who are willing to meet these standards have to sacrifice a great deal in order to reach a standard of achievement.

But...there's always a "but." There is a weakness in our human nature that leaves us vulnerable to growing weary of our long undertaking in life.

That original enthusiasm for achieving a goal in life begins to stagnate. This happens even in marriage, priesthood, religious life, relationships with friends. As the enthusiasm starts to diminish, routine sets in and we are no longer excited about our goals.

Twenty years ago a parishioner asked a priest who had been ordained for many years, when he had decided to become a priest. The priest paused, then said that he had decided this morning to be a priest and he does so every morning. Daily openness to God helped to keep his priesthood new and vibrant. This is the kind of enthusiasm for which all must strive. Weariness of striving to achieve our goal can be replaced with the enthusiasm we get through God's grace.

We all know the sad stories of the many "dropouts"—people without the vision to stay with the struggle until the goal is realized. They could not keep their eyes on the prize.

Psychologists tell us that a vital sign of maturity is the ability to delay gratification. Children in their natural immaturity will insist on having what they want immediately or else they go ballistic. As adults, we should have developed enough maturity to value something other than the immediate gratification of our goals, to take the longer look and live according to the commitments we have made and the goals we have set.

But let's be honest. A veritable ocean of immaturity surrounds us. Our culture promotes instant and effortless consumption. It is so pervasive that we believe we should not have to wait for anything.

This is especially true even in the realm of our spiritual needs. Spiritual maturity does not forfeit a worthy goal by selling out to what appears to be instant and effortless gratification. It is not easy being a Christian follower of Christ in today's society.

Whether our goal in life is to succeed in business, in sports, in marriage, in priesthood, or religious life, we need to cultivate a rich and considered perspective on human life—on our strengths and vulnerabilities.

Simple dogged effort, faithfulness, and persistence are the virtues we need in our bustling, impatient society—virtues that are not often sought or valued.

Yes, we can slacken off in our duties and obligations in life just as the people in today's Gospel did. The master is away—he gave them a charge—they have a choice to make. Keep their eye on the goal he set for them in his absence so that all would be ready when he returned, or, since he delays his return, get drunk, be high on drugs, have sexual orgies as if there were no tomorrow.

They made the wrong choice and indulged themselves. They paid a huge price.

We often hear that Christianity is all about suffering. But consider this: there is suffering in the effort to succeed at business, sports, priesthood, religious life, spiritual life. It is only through expending blood, sweat, and tears that we can achieve our goal—especially when our goal is to be the person we have been designed by God to be and do what God wants us to do with our lives.

Time is one of God's greatest gifts to us. How many of us, if we could, would like to buy back time we spent carelessly.

Unless we are willing to expend the effort, persistence, faithfulness—yes, and the suffering involved—we will find ourselves cutting corners, slackening off, compromising with our darker instincts.

Listen to Jesus—let your belts be fastened, keep your lamps burning. Be ready for the Lord's return so that when He comes He will find that all our lives we kept our eye on the goal of life—**our eternal salvation.**

Like the priest who decides every morning to be a priest, renew your commitment to your goals.



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