

Prosper the Work of our Hands, Lord!

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 4, 2016

Saturday, September 3

4:30PM Joseph Leddy

Sunday, September 4

7:30AM Robert Gruchacz

9:30AM John & Betty McCarthy

11:30AM Margaret Beswick (20th Anniversary)

Monday, September 5 Labor Day

8:15AM Dec'd Members of Alan Wood Steel

Tuesday, September 6

8:15AM John Quinn

Wednesday, September 7

8:15AM Nick Mastrocola

Thursday, September 8

8:15AM Helen & Joseph Schank

Friday, September 9

8:15AM Dec'd Members of the Galasso, Hooker & Piergrossi Families

Saturday, September 10

4:30PM The Holy Souls

Sunday, September 11

7:30AM Joseph Schaefer

9:30AM Sunny Maria Flocco

11:30AM William Smith



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 Blaszcak, 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, 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, Barbara Laranko, Robert Berk, Joseph Pierce, Irene Barnes, Anna Marie Berry.

Pray for the Deceased: Marie Leonard, Rita McCarran



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, Robert Catapano U.S. Army 101st Airborne, Paul Brown, Marines, Corporal Andrew Teitjen, Michael Bondra.

CELEBRANTS MASS SCHEDULE	
9/3	4:30 Fr. Cooke
9/4	7:30 Fr. Ryan 9:30 Msgr. Owens 11:30 Fr. Heron
9/10	4:30 Fr. Ryan
9/11	7:30 Fr. Ryan 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Msgr. Owens
9/17	4:30 Fr. Heron
9/18	7:30 Msgr. Owens 9:30 Fr. Ryan 11:30 Fr. Heron
9/24	4:30 Fr. Ryan
9/25	7:30 Fr. Heron 9:30 Msgr. Owens 11:30 Fr. Heron

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
PATRICIA & JOSEPH CARRACAPPA AS THEY
CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE!**



Blessing and Dedication
St. Matthew Parish Center
Sunday, September 25, 2016
11:30 AM Mass
Bishop Michael J. Fitzgerald, Celebrant
Father Tom Heron, Pastor
Blessing and Reception to follow.
All are invited to this wonderful celebration.

**WE WILL BE
CLOSED ON
LABOR DAY**

The rectory office will be closed on Monday September 5, 2016.

Religious Education

PREP



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



Confirmation will be on Sunday, April 2, 2017 AT 3PM

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.

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.



takes place every Sunday at the 9:30AM Mass. All children are invited from the altar to the sacristy to share in a child-like presentation of the Readings of the Day. They return after the Prayer of the Faithful. Parents and older siblings are encouraged to accompany younger children.

RCIA: Do you or does someone you know wish to become Catholic? Are you a baptized Catholic but never have been confirmed or received First Eucharist? Classes start the end of September call the rectory to register at 610-828-0424 #4.

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, 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



St. Matthew Senior Group:



We will resume our monthly meeting on **September 21st** at noon. We will meet in our new location at the St Matthew Parish Center. Please use the entrance near Tony and Joe's Pizza on Fayette St. This month we will have our business meeting and lunch, no speaker, so we can get familiar with new surroundings. Any questions or concerns, or any new member who would like to join, please call Pat Hanna@ 484-612-5434 or Kitty McNally @ 610-306-5575

The 2016 Pro-Life Summer Raffle: The Pro-Life Summer Raffle is in progress! A maximum of 2,500 tickets at \$25 each is offered for ten prizes totaling \$7,500. 1st prize \$5,000, 2nd prize \$1,000, 3rd prize \$500, 4th prizes \$250, 5th prizes \$100. The drawing for this Raffle will occur on Saturday, September 24, 2016 and the proceeds will benefit the Pro-Life Legal Fund for Southeast Pennsylvania. This Fund has served since 1986 by effectively advancing the interests of the pro-life movement in court cases and advocating for pro-life public policies at the local, state, and national levels. Please contact Diane at 610-828-8041 to purchase tickets. Please make checks payable to the "Pro-Life Legal Fund". Thank you very much.

COOK NEEDED: Located in Conshohocken, the Spiritual Year program of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary is seeking a part-time/seasonal cook (approx. 30 hours per week when in session) to prepare lunch and dinner, generally for 12 people. High School Diploma/GED is required. Formal training in the food service field is preferred. Must have a minimum of 3 years of experience in food service. Major job duties include ordering and managing food inventory, some amount of shopping, preparation of lunches and dinners, maintaining a safe and clean kitchen environment, ability to offer gluten-free meals, flexibility with respect to working in a community of young adult seminarians. Interested applicants should send their resume and cover letter to: Rev. Christopher Cooke, Spiritual Year at St. Matthew Church, 51 E. 3rd Ave, Conshohocken, PA 19428 Email: fathercooke@gmail.com



Needed: Parish family members to be door greeters at our weekend Masses. This would be a wonderful opportunity to welcome our faithful brothers, sisters, and little children to our beautiful Mass celebration and to meet other members of our St. Matthew's community. Only a few minutes of your time before and after Mass is all that is needed. We hope you will consider volunteering. A few short minutes can form lifelong relationships! Please contact Mike Toth at 610-828-3777 for details.

God's Plan for Giving

August 28, 2016

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR OFFERTORY
GIFTS LAST WEEKEND:

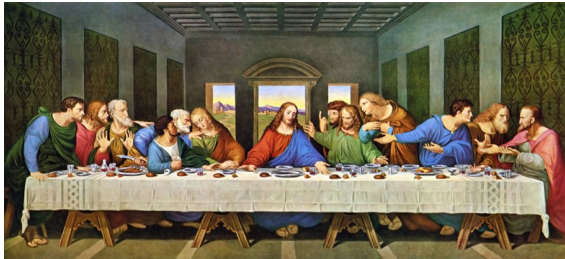
\$14,516.00

Electronic giving \$2,275.00 + \$12,241.00 = \$14,516.00

2nd Collection: Sept 10 & 11 Black and Indian Missions.



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



Please help Welcome our Seminarians to St. Matthews

Parish: As our new neighbors arrive and are settling in we are looking for some parishioners to cook a meal for them. There will be Father Cooke and 12 young men to feed. They will appreciate whatever meals you can make, let's make them feel at home in Conshohocken. Please call Joanne Crawford 610-828-5538 to schedule your day to feed the hungry. Matthew 10:42 *"I tell all of you with certainty, whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple will never lose his reward."*

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, September 13 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. 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 2nd Tuesday of each month: **September 13 & October 11.** Bus leaves 9:00 AM from 11th & Fayette, 9:15 AM from 3rd & Fayette, 9:30 AM from St. Mary's. Call Joe (610-825-4596).



All are invited to the **Polish Harvest Festival** at the TK Club at 500 East Hector Street in Conshohocken on Sunday September 25th from Noon to 6 pm, to support St. Mary Polish American Society, a non-profit organization working to promote Polish heritage and culture in and around Montgomery County, PA. The Polish Harvest

Festival will feature live Polka music from the Naturalistix Polka Band, Polish food, a full cash bar, a 50/50 drawing, a basket raffle, and baked goods for sale. Tickets are \$10 advance sales, \$15 day of event. Tickets include the price of admission, with food not included. Advance tickets are on sale until Wednesday September 14th. For tickets, please email stmaryconshy@gmail.com or call Dorothy Swedkowski at 610-630-0861.

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.

St. Matthew Parish
Conshohocken, PA

Invites all to the celebration of the moving of the
Statues

of SS. Cosmas and Damian to their new Home
Procession beginning in front of SS. Cosmas and
Damian Church

Continuing to St. Matthew Church

Sunday September 18th, 2016 – 1:30 PM

When Arriving at St. Matthew there will be the
traditional Healing Service.

Following the Service there will be a social event in
the Parish Social Hall

Raffle baskets and 50/50

Spread the word join the crowd!

RSVP – By – Sunday September 4th, 2016 at the
attached link.

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090F4DA8A72FA4FB6-procession

Volunteers and Donations Appreciated!

Sunday September 18th, we will be celebrating the moving of the Statues of SS. Cosmas and Damian to their new home. We are looking for volunteers to make desserts, donate beverages (wine, beer, water and coffee) to use for our social event after the Healing Service in our Parish Social Hall. We will also be having raffle baskets and 50/50 to raise money to keep our expenses at a minimum. If interested in donating any of the items listed please email Helene at hclegg100@aol.com. Also volunteers are needed to help set up, serve and clean up if at all possible. You can also register for donation of desserts at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090F4DA8A72FA4FB6-procession We are looking forward to this being one of our annual events every year at St. Matthew Parish. Spread the word of the new and exciting things that will be happening at St. Matthew Parish.

Raffle item donations:

Romance package at Normady Farm Hotel and Conference Center. One night stay for two plus dinner at the Farmer's Daughter Value \$250 – (Donated by Normandy Farm – Rich Clegg Activities & Sales Manager) 1 Foursome of golf including cart at Blue Bell Country Club Value \$400 – (Donated by Blue Bell County Club – Rich Clegg Activities and Sales Manager)

Gift Cards – 25.00 Pudge's - 20.00 Donnie Mac's Deli on 4th (3) 20.00 gift cards from Guppy's plus a keg of beer/bottles for reception following healing service (11) gift cards for a free Sub each from Jimmy John's/Jaspers Backyard - \$50.00, Lenny's - \$10.00, I'M Sergio - \$35.00, Movie Tavern - \$25.00, 2 – Hotel.com - \$50.00 – Each, Great American Pub - \$50.00, Pasta Via - \$25.00, Tradestone Café - \$25.00

Raffle Baskets



Halloween Raffle Basket- (Tonya Ciavarelli), Italian Meal – Raffle Basket – (Joe and Lynn Carr) 3 – Woman Handbags — each handbag with a gift card (Helene Clegg), Baby Items Basket – (Jean Tidd and Michael Hoffman donating) Keep the Mind Busy – Basket and Gift Card (Word Puzzle- Adult Coloring) – (Rose Ann Forlini and Lia Chipollini), Coffee Break Basket, Religious items – Jean Tidd, Basket of Beauty Supplies - Coleen Donnelly, Wine basket, Church cleaning ladies. 2 Bottles of Wine - John & Marie McGinley.

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 23rd 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 9:13-18 Psalm 90 Philemon 9-10, 12-17 Luke 14:25-33

During His public ministry, Jesus was very successful. Large crowds follow Him wherever He goes. His popularity is soaring; people are clamoring after Him. The religious authorities, upset by much of what He says and does, dare not lay a hand on Him—yet. His popularity among the people, to put it in today's terms, is a politician's dream.

The political consultants would advise Him to keep doing what He's doing and to keep telling the people what they want to hear. They would do everything possible to capitalize on the momentum and broaden Jesus' appeal.

What does Jesus do? The exact opposite! He begins talking about the high cost of following Him—one we should consider before becoming a disciple.

This, of course, again in today's terms, is a public relations nightmare.

But Jesus wasn't in the business of running for political office. He came to save our souls and He is telling us He is doing everything to achieve that end, but He cannot do it unless we agree. That's the power of our free will—as one of our great theologians said—God created us without us but cannot save us without us. We can always say "no"!

So Jesus is warning us that nothing worthwhile comes easily. We carry around a lot of baggage that has little to do with God—concerns related to work and money, family and friends, health and security, hopes and fears. We have to get rid of the baggage.

To follow Jesus will mean going against the grain of the world and forsaking some of our favorite impulses. Some things must die before others can be born.

We hear Jesus and Saint Paul in our New Testament readings today call on us to think and to act in a revolutionary way; to do more than just go along with the values and mores of the existing social order, rather, to be a part of a new order established by Christ.

It is, however, a sad commentary that Christians in every age have sought an easier way to follow Jesus. To be sure, they

know the rich piety and ritual of the Church. They know how to recite the Creed at Mass and they think that is all that Jesus requires of them. They prefer a costless Christianity to the one set before them by the Gospel message of Jesus.

But there is no costless Christianity and that's why Jesus begs us to consider the cost.

In doing so, He startles us with a seemingly strange condition for following Him—"Turn your back on father, mother, brothers, sisters and stop always thinking about yourself."

What in the world is He asking of us? Consider the cost, He is saying. In the realm of our many loyalties, the claim of the Gospel is paramount and redefines all other loyalties. And Jesus isn't asking something of us that was not required of Him.

His mission cost Him members of His own family who walked away from Him. It cost Him the respect and affection of His hometown. It cost Him His life! What will it cost us?

Some years ago, a Michigan State University study reported that one-third of four- and five-year olds would give up their relationship with their dads for TV.

One father reacted to this by going into the family room, unplugging the TV, and carrying it to the garage. In the empty space where the TV had once stood, he hung a picture of the family. His five-year-old sat down staring at the picture and asked: 'Does this mean we're going to become a family?' What is required of us to put Gospel values first?

The Lord asks us to embrace a costly Christianity. Can you endure the possible consequences of this costly discipleship? We are not a people, generally, who are willing to make sacrifices. As a whole, we have grown accustomed to comfort. We drive comfortable cars, live in comfortable homes, belong to comfortable circles of friends. We have chosen the wide gate, not the narrow one, the easy road, not the road that leads to eternal life.

Jesus seeks disciples who are willing to stick with Him for the long haul, even after realizing that following Him will not be easy.

There it is: we have received God's invitation. It's up to us to accept or reject it. one final point—the Lord promises a marvelous reward to those who are willing to pay the cost of discipleship. What does the world promise? Whom will you believe—Jesus Who died for us or the world, which will pass away.

Jesus asks for a decision. Will we be spectators or gladiators in the arena of His service?

Are we mere observers of the passing scene or movers and shakers for the Kingdom of God?

Do we stand with the crowd of curious onlookers or will we take up the cross and follow Him no matter the cost of discipleship?

I am sending
my heart



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