

**HEROES
UNITY
NEVER FORGET
UNITED WE STAND
DIVIDED WE FALL
September 11, 2001
God Bless America**

**24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 11, 2016**

Saturday, September 10

4:30PM The Holy Souls

Sunday, September 11 Never Forget!

7:30AM Joseph Schaefer

9:30AM Sunny Maria Flocco

11:30AM William Smith

Monday, September 12

8:15AM Gus Cottone

Tuesday, September 13

8:15AM Rudy Lincul

Wednesday, September 14

8:15AM Brian Schank

Thursday, September 15

8:15AM Mildred Basile

Mark Galassi

Friday, September 16

8:15AM Dorothea Hegyes (4th Anniversary)

Saturday, September 17

4:30PM Carl J. Zadroga

Sunday, September 18

7:30AM Dec'd members Class of 69' Archbishop Kennedy

9:30AM Lena & Joseph D'Annunzio (74th Anniv)

11:30AM George Pulver Jr.

Blaise Cydrone



Pray for the sick: 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 Rzezniak, 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, Joseph Romano.

Return to God 

John Monastero & George Marker



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
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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

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.

Prepare for Next Sunday

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 8:4 – 7 1 Timothy 2:1 – 8 Luke 16:1 – 13

The cruelty of the treacherous people of the 1st reading cannot wait for the chance to “buy the lowly for silver and the poor for a pair of sandals” is almost too much to bear. And yet, all of us would fall prey to the lure of such ruthlessness if we did not love and serve one master, Jesus Christ, “who gave himself as ransom for all.” Probably the 1st time that those coldhearted merchants “fix their scales for cheating” it seemed to them like a very small matter. But “the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones.” The choice offered for our freedom in every moment counts. “God our Savior wills everyone to come to the knowledge of the truth.” With hands lifted up in holy prayer, we become those trustworthy people to whom God entrusts great things.

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, October 4 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



Religious Education

CCD



First Penance will be on March 13, 2017 at 6:30PM in church



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



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

SACRAMENT MEETING OCTOBER 10 AT 7PM IN CHURCH.

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.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY



At all the Masses on September 18th we ask a special blessing on those involved in Evangelization and Catholic Education. We show encouragement and support for the task of our parishioners, who volunteer, to hand on the faith to the younger generation for their journey in life.

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



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.

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



The 2016 Pro-Life Summer Raffle:

The Pro-Life Summer Raffle is in progress! A maximum of 2,500 tickets at \$25 each is being 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. Please contact Diane at 610-828-8041 to purchase tickets. Please make checks payable to the "Pro-Life Legal Fund". Thank you very much.

God's Plan for Giving

September 4, 2016

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR OFFERTORY
GIFTS LAST WEEKEND:

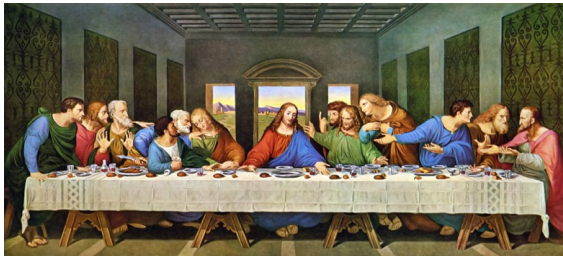
\$12,599.00

Electronic giving \$1661.00 + \$10,938.00 = \$12,599.00

2nd Collection: Today is for the 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."*

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).

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

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 – 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, Mike, Karen & Marie Baranowski, 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

"There will be more joy in heaven over one repentant sinner than over 99 righteous people who have no need to repent."

Do you really believe that statement? Jesus must have because He made the same essential point three times in Chapter 15 of St. Luke's Gospel, **"Every time a sinner repents there is rejoicing in heaven!"** For us to believe that, three things have to fall into place. First, we have to believe that sin is serious business. Today that is a huge stumbling block for many. We do not take sin seriously anymore.

There is a story about a court-appointed attorney assigned to a client accused of criminal trespass. The attorney probed the client with some general questions of background. He asked if the accused had any previous arrests or convictions. The client answered, "Yes, quite a few." The lawyer asked, "Any felonies?" The client indignantly replied, "No, sir, I specialize in misdemeanors."

Does this sound like many of us? We know we are sinners. We specialize in small sins, not in large ones. In our minds, ours are excusable sins. Our sins fall within the range of acceptability. In Jesus' eyes, there is no such thing as a misdemeanor.

To those who prided themselves in never having committed adultery, Jesus said, **"If you look on a woman with lust, you have committed adultery."** To those who say they never committed a violent act against another, Jesus said, **"If you get angry, or use abusive language, you are guilty of serious sin."** Sin is serious business. It lurks in every heart eager to spring forward to devour lives, homes and careers. That sin is serious business is the first thing we have to believe if we are to believe there is rejoicing in heaven when a sinner repents.

The second point we have to believe is that people really can repent from their sin. There is a lot of skepticism today that people really can repent. Fulton Sheen once preached a sermon and his message was that he believed that Jesus Christ could come into a person's life and change it no matter how hopeless it seemed. After the sermon, a gentleman approached Bishop Sheen. The man was unshaven, unwashed and poorly dressed. "Do you really believe that Jesus can help me?" Bishop Sheen answered, "Without a doubt." The man asked Bishop Sheen to pray for him. Six months later, Bishop Sheen was in a hotel lobby and a man approached him with two little girls. He was impeccably dressed. It was the same man that had approached him after his sermon six months before. It was an emotional and unforgettable encounter for Bishop Sheen and this gentleman. People **can** change. It doesn't happen easily. Anyone who has ever studied 12 Step programs and other attempts to transform human behavior will tell you that people almost never really change unless God is involved somehow. God can change the human heart. That's the second point we have to believe if we are to believe that there is rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner. The third point we have to believe is that God really does forgive the repentant sinner. Many people live joyless lives because, even though they no longer live sinful lives as they once did, they don't really believe God has forgiven them. They don't realize how much God loves to forgive. In fact, it is His favorite daily miracle. Sin is serious business. God will help us conquer our sins. Forgiveness is always total, complete and unlimited to anyone who requests it. That is why there is definitely rejoicing in heaven over any sinner who repents and comes home to God.

Reflections from my Rocking Chair

Dear friends,

Most of us are familiar with the outline of Saint Teresa of Calcutta's life that is from when she opened her first hospice for the dying taken from the streets of Calcutta. It mattered not what religion they belonged to: Muslim, Hindu or Christian. Saint Teresa was born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu to a Catholic Albanian family in present-day Macedonia. Catholics were few in number and perhaps that experience of being a religious minority was the foundation upon which she reached out to all in India, Catholics again being in a minority. Her parents were quite devout. Daily Mass and the recitation of the rosary grounded her early spirituality, as well as the fact that her father's businesses took surplus income and distributed it amongst the poor. Agnes, father died when she was eight years old and the family was plunged into poverty. After a time her mother created a successful business selling cloth and embroidering goods allowing Agnes to pursue her call to be a missionary.

She joined the Irish Sisters of Loretto and received the name Mary Teresa in honor of the Little Flower. In 1937 after her final profession she was called – following Loretto tradition – Mother Teresa. Sent to India she worked at a convent school in a semi-cloistered manner. While she remained behind the walls teaching school, through the eyes of her students she walked the streets of Calcutta finally understanding that God wanted her out into the streets to care for the indigent. She understood God's call thusly, "to quench the infinite thirst of Jesus on the cross for love and for souls by laboring at the salvation and sanctification of the poorest of the poor."

In August 1948 Mother Teresa received permission from the bishop in Calcutta to leave the convent to form her own congregation to be known as the Missionaries of Charity. She now dressed simply in the white sari with a blue border to represent the Indian people whom she would go forth to serve. In Catholic Update Anne Wilson writes, "After a brief course in basic nursing, Mother visited the slums for the first time in December of that year. She had no plan for the day and no funds. Armed with the grace from daily communion, a rosary, and a simple desire to care for the poor in the name of Christ, she both physically and spiritually met the people in the streets where they were living."

As we all know Mother Teresa's work made its presence felt in many nations around the world. She became a worldwide symbol of the responsibility we all have to care for the poorest of the poor, those who cannot readily give back that which we give them. In 1979 Mother was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. On September 4 Pope Francis canonized Mother Teresa of Calcutta who can now rightly be called Saint Teresa of Calcutta. We do not make Saints. They are perfected by the grace of God. Everyone who lives in Christ in the kingdom of heaven share in the perfect love of God and can rightly be described as "Saints". Canonization in the Catholic Church suggests the following; that the person canonized is certainly in heaven, that he or she is fit to intercede for us in our prayer to the Father through Christ and that the example of their life is worthy of imitation. Saint Teresa of Calcutta pray for us.

Blessings, Monsignor Owens (stnatt2014@gmail.com)

Rejoice!

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