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25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 18, 2016

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 Anniversary)

11:30AM George Pulver Jr.

Blaise Cydrone

Monday, September 19

8:15AM Gene Bernsteil

Tuesday, September 20

8:15AM Nora Lare Grzywacz

Wednesday, September 21

8:15AM Rita O'Donnell

Thursday, September 22

8:15AM Phyllis Kopecky

Friday, September 23

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Saturday, September 24

4:30PM James Dougherty Sr.

Sunday, September 25

7:30AM Thomas G. Peacock

9:30AM John L. Biehl, Sr.

11:30AM Karen Purcell (8th Anniversary)

Constance Pulver



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 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, 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, Joseph Romano, Emma Forlini.

CELEBRANTS MASS SCHEDULE

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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 Bishop Michael Fitzgerald

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



**The disciples asked,
"Teacher, where do you live?"**

**Jesus answered,
"Come and see."
(John 1:38 – 39)**

Have you been considering joining the Catholic Church? Or, were you once baptized into the Catholic faith but were not fully initiated into the church through the Sacrament of Confirmation. We are presently gathering a group of people who are interested. The formal title of the program is Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). We will begin our gatherings on Monday, September 26 at 6:30 PM in the new Pastoral Center (using the entrance nearest the front door of the Rectory). To indicate your interest, please call the Rectory and leave a message for Monsignor Owens. Catholicism is a wonderful life lived close to Jesus and his Sacraments and sustained by the charity of its members, one for another – and even toward the stranger. We will meet on most of the Mondays between the end of September, through to the Easter season. The Sacraments will be received by all at the Easter vigil. Your interest in the RCIA program may be Jesus tapping you on the shoulder and saying, "Come and see."



The Rectory Office has moved to the new Parish Center. The entrance is across from the Rectory front door. Ring the door bell go down the hall to the elevator press 1. When you get out of the elevator, make a left and walk straight ahead to the door that says Parish Office.

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) 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.



CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Today is Catechetical Sunday. We honor those who are dedicated to spreading the faith to our children. They will be blessed at every Mass.

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 across from the rectory.** 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

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY:



The Pro-Life Union is dedicated to building and fostering a Culture of Life by promoting the sanctity of all human life. This critical mission is possible only with your help. Your contributions allow the Pro-Life Union to assist women in need, to support pregnancy homes, and to provide outreach, prayers, education, alternate services, and public policy activities. The generosity of our parish has always been outstanding. Our Pro-Life Committee asks for your support and we appeal to the generosity of our parish community. The Respect Life Collection will be held before and after each Mass on October 1-2, 2016. Thank you.

God's Plan for Giving

September 11, 2016

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR OFFERTORY
GIFTS LAST WEEKEND:

\$12,925.00

Electronic giving \$1,555.00 + \$11,370.00 = \$12,925.00



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



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: **October 11 & November 8.** 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.

Catholic Faith and Rock Music

Can you imagine a rock concert that also includes confessions, Eucharistic adoration and Mass? If not (even if you can), consider "Abbey Faith and Music Festival." This daylong festival is held on the grounds of the Daylesford Abbey in Paoli from 11 AM until 9:30 PM on Saturday, September 24. This year's performers are Sidewalk Prophets, Stars Go Dim, the Josh Blakesley Band and others. For more information, check out CatholicPhilly.com. Pass the information along to someone you know who enjoys rock music and would benefit from Christian rock.

St. Matthew Book Club



We begin our new year with three books of a spiritual nature; *The Little Prince* by Antoine de Exupery (September 28), *St. Francis of Assisi* by GK Chesterton (October 26) and *He Leadeth Me* by Father Walter Cizek (November 30). Meetings are held in the new Pastoral Center at 7 PM, ending at 8:15 PM. Enter the Pastoral Center by way of the door nearest the front door of the Rectory. Come the first night just to listen to see if such a gathering is for you. We will return to our menu of fiction in January. Reading lovers unite!

Celebrating the Gift of Catholic Womanhood

Malvern Retreat House is hosting a special 24-hour retreat for women on Friday, September 30 to Saturday, October 1 in the beautiful McShain-Horstmann Family Life Center. The retreat will feature presentations by Pat Gohn, popular Catholic author of the book *Blessed, Beautiful & Bodacious*. Gohn has given this retreat to over 2,000 women across the U.S. and Canada. During the retreat, Gohn helps women explore their beautiful God-given gifts, including receptivity, generosity, sensitivity, and maternity. For more information or to register, please visit malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400.



OPEN STUDIO FIGURE DRAWING

Tuesday September 20, and every first and third Tuesday thereafter,
6:30-8:00 PM
\$12 per session

ADULT DRAWING AND PAINTING INDEPENDENT PROJECTS

Tuesday October 4, 9:30-11:30 AM
ADULT BASIC DRAWING
Thursday October 6, 9:30-11:30
\$150 for 10 weeks plus \$10 yearly membership fee

YOUTH CLASS – INTRODUCTION TO FINE ART

Ages 9 to 18 {class size limited}
Saturday October 1, 10AM to 12 noon
\$100 for 10 weeks
For all classes, please pre-register at conshohockenartleague.org

Fr. Tom Heron's Weekly Reflection

Amos 8:4-7 Psalm 113 1 Timothy 2:1-8 Luke 16:1-13

"You cannot serve both God and mammon." (Luke 16:13)

Desiring wealth, acquiring wealth and safeguarding wealth are concepts we readily understand. But we seldom speak of "serving" wealth; to most of us, the very idea is abhorrent. When we "serve" something, we allow it to be the object of our attention, energy and even of our affection. That which we serve can be said to "own" us; the object of our attention — including money — can become the subject of our lives. Our choices, values, attitudes, actions, our very ways of defining ourselves are all directly related to this subject.

Whether we like to admit it or not, many of us are driven by the money-making compulsion. When money becomes our focus, there is no room for God in our lives; when money "possesses" us, we are no longer able to serve God and neighbor. Instead, we become slaves to our bank accounts, measuring our worth in terms of deposits and withdrawals rather than in terms of love, joy, peace and fulfillment.

Amos and Luke today are addressing the issue of wealth. Amos is blunt and aggressive. Luke is indirect and thought-provoking. Both hit us between the eyes. They startle us. What are the sins of the wealthy? Fixing scales for cheating. Selling rotten grain and foodstuffs. Convicting the poor for debts as meager as the cost of sandals. Buying and selling people for money. Trampling on the heads of the needy. God declares, **"Never will I forget such things."**

In the Gospel parable today, we expect Jesus to condemn the enterprising evil steward. Instead he is praised. What's going on here? Jesus is not extolling the man's ethical behavior. Why then did He make him the hero of the parable? It was the man's ingenuity and drive that Jesus was extolling. The man didn't sit around whining over his situation. He got busy and found a solution. He took initiative. Jesus was a Man of action and He wanted His followers to be people of action.

You can almost see the sad expression on Jesus' face as He concludes the parable with, **"The children of this world are wiser than the children of light."** Jesus uses the scoundrel in the parable to shock us into a new awareness. There is a moral numbness in our land today. We play fast and easy with the truth with our moral values and the commandments of God.

PRAISE THE NAME OF GOD

Christ Jesus

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Reflections from my Rocking Chair

Dear friends,

On September 4, Pope Francis canonized Mother Teresa of Calcutta. To a congregation numbering 100,000 the Pope remarked "I think, perhaps, we may have some difficulty in calling her Saint Teresa; her holiness is so near to us, so tender and so fruitful that we continue to spontaneously call her 'Mother Teresa!'" He continued, "Mother Teresa, in all aspects of her life, was a generous dispenser of divine mercy, making herself available for everyone through her welcome and her defense of human life, those unborn and those abandoned and discarded. She was committed to defending life, ceaselessly proclaiming that the unborn are 'the weakest, the smallest, the most vulnerable'. She bowed down before those who were spent, left to die on the side of the road, seeing in them their God-given dignity; she made her voice heard before the powers of this world, so that they might recognize their guilt for the crime of poverty they created. Mercy was the 'salt' which gave flavor to her work, it was the 'light' which shown in the darkness of the many who no longer had tears to shed for their poverty and suffering. Her mission to the urban and existential peripheries remains for us today eloquent witness to God's closeness to the poorest of the poor." "Today," he told them, "I pass on this emblematic figure of womanhood and of consecrated life to the whole world of volunteers: may she be your model of holiness! May this tireless worker of mercy help us to increasingly understand that our only criteria for action is gratuitous love, free from every ideology and all obligations, offered freely to everyone without distinction of language, culture, race or religion." The Holy Father recalled that in reference to these different peoples Mother Teresa loved to say, "Perhaps I don't speak their language, but I can smile." Pope Francis told the congregation, "Let us carry her smile in our hearts and give it to those whom we meet along our journey, especially those who suffer. By doing so we will open up opportunities of joy and hope for our many brothers and sisters who are discouraged and who stand in need of understanding and tenderness. God is pleased by every act of mercy, because in the brother or sister that we assist, we recognize the face of God which no one can see. Each time we bend down to the needs of our brothers and sisters, we give Jesus something to eat and drink; we clothe, we help and we visit the Son of God. There is no alternative to charity. Those who put themselves at the service of others even when they don't know it, are those who love God."

That the congregation came from all quarters of the world was fitting testimony to Saint Teresa of Calcutta's expression of universal love. She and her sisters care for Hindus, Sikhs, Jews, Muslims and Buddhists, as well as Christians. 15 countries sent official delegations to the ceremony. Among them were the Foreign Minister of India, the presidents of Albania, Macedonia, Kosovo and Italy and the Queen of Spain. The US delegation included the US ambassador to the Holy See, Suzy George deputy assistant to the president, Sister Donna Markham, president and CEO of Catholic Charities and Carolyn Woo, president and CEO of Catholic Relief Services.

Pope Francis gave powerful expression to her, and his commitment to the poor by inviting 1500 poor and discarded people – cared for by Saint Teresa's Missionaries of Charity across Italy. They enjoyed a privileged place at the ceremony and afterward gathered for a pizza lunch in the atrium of the Paul VI audience hall.

In a world of sectarian violence, a true light graced us. Blessings, Monsignor Owens



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