



Harold Harrison & Judith Bradley

## 26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 25, 2016

### 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 (8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
Constance Pulver

### Monday, September 26

8:15AM Barbara Pellegrino

### Tuesday, September 27

8:15AM Annie & Louis Moore, Sr & Michael Moore

### Wednesday, September 28

8:15AM Rita O'Donnell

### Thursday, September 29

8:15AM Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Schlenker  
Stephen Opiela  
Sr. Regina Joseph

### Friday, September 30

8:15AM James Scipione

### Saturday, October 1

4:30PM Marie Golas

### Sunday, October 2

7:30AM Helen Schank (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

9:30AM Dec'd members St. Matthew Class of '56

11:30AM E. F. (Bud) Hansen Jr.



**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 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, Paul & Family, John Dalton, Edward Clinton



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 CELEBRANTS MASS SCHEDULE

9/24 4:30 Fr. Ryan

9/25 7:30 Fr. McGuinn 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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.

Dear Friends,

I write to express a big thank you for assisting me in the major transition of locating the Spiritual Year program of St. Charles Seminary to the St. Matthew convent building. So many of you came to the rescue in providing delicious meals while I was looking for a cook. The homemade meals offered to us were a great expression of generosity, and I can see it reflects the goodness of the entire Conshohocken community. We did hire a cook, so I am grateful to God in many ways. Be assured of our prayerful remembrances for the spiritual well-being and needs of the entire St. Matthew community, at both our daily 6:15 am holy hour and Mass. May God reward your generosity. Thank you.

Fr. Cooke

### St. Matthew Senior Group:



We will resume our monthly meeting on at noon on October 19<sup>th</sup>. We will meet in our new location at the St Matthew Parish Center. **Please use the entrance across from the**

**rectory.** 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



greeters

**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, October 11<sup>th</sup> 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)



### 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 18, 2016

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR OFFERTORY GIFTS LAST WEEKEND:  
**12,273.00**

Electronic giving \$2,065.00 + \$10,208.00 = \$12,273.00



**LOUISIANA FLOOD RELIEF SPECIAL COLLECTION:** In response to the devastating floods that have hit Louisiana, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has asked that a special collection be taken up next weekend October 1 and 2<sup>nd</sup>.



**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)

*Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to seek reward, except that of knowing that I do your will. Amen. (St. Ignatius Loyola)*



The Spiritual Year seminarians have been welcomed in Conshy style. Vincent, Sam, Austin, Matthew, Mike, Nicolas, Anthony, Mike, Jonathan, Pleongle and Father Christopher Cooke would like to thank the following families for providing a full course dinner every night since they have arrived. Liz, Tom and Cindy Bowe, Claire Meashey, Joanne and Rich Vose, Maryanne and John Costello, Bridget and Frank Watton, Kate Demedio, Debbie and Mark Hogan, Pat and Joe Smith, Tom and Peggy Maloney, Joanne and Frank Burton, Lenny's Deli, Bill Hesnan, Paula Kattleman, Michael and Margaret Toth, Walt and Madeline Palac, Peggy and Ronnie Mahoney of Gateway Cafe, Josephine Scharff, Anna and Dominic from the Conshy bakery, Joanne, Jack and Jennifer Crawford. Thanks also to all those who stopped by and dropped off home baked goodies, cookies, Bread, donuts, pizza, pretzels, Conshohocken bakery tomato pies and rolls, Panera and lots of good wishes.

**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: **October 11 & November 8.** Bus leaves 9:00 AM from 11<sup>th</sup> & Fayette, 9:15 AM from 3rd & Fayette, 9:30 AM from St. Mary's. Call Joe (610-825-4596).



**IT'S BACK!** Our Penny Auction returns once again on Friday, October 7. Admission is \$2. Bring your coins to play! Penny Auction begins at 7:30 PM, with doors opening at 7PM. Held at Plymouth

Fire Company, 1323 Colwell Lane, Conshohocken. Light snacks will be available for purchase. This is a non-smoking, family event sponsored by the Auxiliary of Plymouth Fire Company.



*Thank you to everyone who donated their time and talent, raffle baskets, food, baked goods, beverages to make SS Cosmas & Damian feast day so special. We'd especially*

*like to thank Helene and her committee for working tirelessly to make this event a memorable one. Many, many thanks. Awesome job!*

**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!

**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).



## OPEN STUDIO FIGURE DRAWING

Tuesday September 27, 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](http://conshohockenartleague.org)

## WOMEN'S CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDY

 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. 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 coffee and lite bites on **Wednesday, Oct 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the St. Matthews Parish Center on Fayette Street, Conshohocken.** Feel free to come alone or bring a friend, we're a very welcoming group! Questions, please contact Judy [Kukowski at JAKukowski@verizon.net](mailto:Kukowski@JAKukowski@verizon.net) or 610-331-2147.



## 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 Divine Liturgy for The 26<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!*

Amos 6:1, 4-7 Psalm 146 First Timothy 6:11-16 Luke 16:19-31

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells us about the rich man we call Dives and Lazarus the poor man at his gate. Jesus makes this story of greed and injustice into a parable of faith. He indicates clearly that the behaviour of Dives is sinful and will be punished. But this is what everyone already knows, even if we don't always order our lives accordingly.

But at the end of the parable in a veiled way He speaks about His resurrection: *If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.*

He is issuing a warning to those who are closed to the things of God.

Commonly, we characterize human beings as open or closed: those who *listen* or those who *won't listen*. Some people are always open and attentive to the needs of others while some are always tuned in to themselves. Even at times, this second group can appear on the surface to be very attentive to others but underneath are really concerned with their own business, their own 'selves.'

These are fundamental attitudes — openness or closedness — attentive to the needs of others or preoccupied with one's own needs. And whether you have riches or live in poverty makes absolutely no difference.

These fundamental attitudes are what Jesus is always trying to get at: He tries to uncover them and to challenge them. Where they are found to be unworthy, He challenges the individual to change these attitudes for ones that are more truly human, change them for attitudes that are more in keeping with God's wishes for us.

And the fundamental attitude that Jesus wants us to have is openness to God and our neighbour because everything else follows from this. This basic attitude is the foundation on which the whole life of faith and morality is constructed.

The story of Dives and Lazarus goes well beyond the mere sharing of material possessions. Remember, Lazarus was kept outside the gate. But, when they both die, God brings Lazarus inside His gate.

It is not sufficient for us to merely see that the poor don't starve. It is not sufficient for us to just give them shelter and clothing. What Jesus teaches us is that we have to bring the poor inside the gate.

The poor are human beings and they deserve the dignity and respect due to them because of their humanity and because they, too, were found worthy enough for Christ to die for them.

There are not two classes of human beings. There is only **one** class. There is no them and us; there is only us!

Ultimately, it is not our handouts, our overseas aid, our gifts of food and clothing that change the lives of the poor. It is our attitude toward them that brings about change. It is inclusion, it is human warmth, it is sharing our lives and faith—these are the things that make a difference, these are the things that bring hope.

And we can't bring any of these things about unless we talk to them. It sounds simple but it is often only by talking to someone that we begin to regard them as a human being at all. It is only by talking that relationships can begin.

Jesus loved the poor. By His words and His attitudes He lifted up the lowly and brought them healing and hope. Yet there is not one occasion in the Gospel when it is recorded that Jesus gave the poor a single coin. What He gave to them is exactly what He gave to everyone else—He gave them His love and ultimately He gave them His life.

This is the lesson of Jesus, this is the lesson of the Gospels—to make a difference to the world and to everyone in it by living the same sort of life that Jesus did; by adopting the same sort of attitudes; by saying the same sort of words; by doing the same sorts of things.

By bringing Lazarus and his friends inside the gates, by seating them at our tables, by sharing our food with them, by simply talking to them—by these things we build up the Kingdom of God on earth. By these things we bring the whole of humanity closer to each other, closer to heaven, closer to God.



Lazarus...  
carried by angels

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