



28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 9, 2016

Saturday, October 8

4:30PM Michael D'Ettore

Sunday, October 9

7:30AM Helen Schank

9:30AM James Davidson

11:30AM Marie Golas

Monday, October 10

8:15AM Sunny Maria Flocco

Tuesday, October 11

8:15AM Terri Lee McGlynn

Wednesday, October 12

8:15AM Nora Lare Grzywacz

Thursday, October 13

8:15AM Helen Klement

Friday, October 14

8:15AM Sunny Maria Flocco

Saturday, October 15

4:30PM Rose & John Duff

Sunday, October 16

7:30AM Edward Garbacz

9:30AM Camillo & Antoinetta Dellosa

11:30AM Vincent Wolfrom (10th Anniversary)



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 Blaszczak, 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, 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, George Zapien Sr.



Mary Agnes O'Donnell, Paul McGuigan, Brother James Riley, Patrick Heron



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, Michael Bondra, Senior Airman Jacob Shoemaker.

CELEBRANTS MASS SCHEDULE

10/8 4:30 Fr. Ryan
 10/9 7:30 Msgr. Owens 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Fr. McGuinn
 10/15 4:30 Msgr. Owens
 10/16 7:30 Fr. Heron 9:30 Msgr. Owens 11:30 Fr. Ryan
 10/22 4:30 Fr. Heron
 10/23 7:30 Fr. Heron 9:30 Fr. Ryan 11:30 Fr. McGuinn
 10/29 4:30 Fr. McGuinn
 10/30 7:30 Msgr. Owens 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Fr. Ryan



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, November 8 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). Our gathering began on Monday, September 26 at 6:30 PM in the new Parish 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."

St. Vincent de Paul Society will meet on October 11 at 1 PM in the St. Vincent de Paul meeting room.

NEW HOURS FOR FOOD CUPBOARD: The food Cupboard will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM starting on Tuesday, October 11th.

Religious Education

CCD

Registration for CCD/PREP is closed, effective immediately for this year. 2016-2017.

Sacrament Meeting Monday October 10 at 7pm in the church.

At least one parent must attend if you desire to have your child receive First Penance, First Eucharist and Confirmation this year. (Children are not required to attend.)



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

Notice Class Change for CCD

Nov. 27th will be class #12

December 4 is cancelled ...all invited to Breakfast with Santa after 9:30 Mass.

Thank you



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.



Columbus Day Hoagie Sale! Conshohocken Knights of Columbus Council #1603 is having a hoagie sale on **Saturday, October 8th and Sunday, October 9th**. The cost is \$6.50 per hoagie. **Do not forget to pick up your hoagies after all the Masses this weekend.**



St. Matthew Senior Group: We will resume our monthly meeting on October 19 at 12:30PM. We will meet in our new location at the St Matthew Parish Center. Any questions or concerns, or any new member who would like to join, please call Pat Hanna@ 610-272-3610 or Kitty McNally @ 610-306-5575.

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 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. Matthew Book Club: We will discuss 2 books of a spiritual nature; *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 Parish Center at 7 PM, ending at 8:15 PM. Enter the Parish Center by way of the door nearest the front door of the Rectory. Come to listen to see if such a gathering is for you. We will return to our menu of fiction in January. Reading lovers unite!



Gratitude from the Pro-Life Committee:



The Respect Life Collection was held at our parish on October 1-2, 2016. Your generosity allowed us to donate \$1,375 to support the initiatives of the Pro-Life Union in order to foster a culture of life for all, to help mothers in need, and to share pro-life messages through education and outreach activities. Thank you for your support against those who compromise the dignity of human life and thank you for your financial sacrifice for this most important work.

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 19th 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.

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).

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.

God's Plan for Giving

October 2, 2016

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR OFFERTORY
GIFTS LAST WEEKEND:
\$14,342.00

Electronic giving \$1,680.00 + \$12,662.00 = \$14,342.00



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 this weekend.**



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

METROPOLITAN TRIBUNAL INFORMATIONAL EVENING:

St. Thomas of Villanova Parish will host an information evening on **Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 7PM** in the parish center, next to the Rosemont chapel. A representative from the Tribunal Office will discuss the: Grounds for marriage nullity cases; Procedure for the annulment process; Effects on the parties involved.

A question and answer session will follow the presentation. Who may benefit from attending? Divorced Catholics; Divorced and remarried Catholics. Adult Faith Formators/Educators. Candidates and Catechumens in the R.C.I.A. who need an annulment. Faithful interested in learning more about the Tribunal process.

CNA – Three PT positions available:

(2) Part time weekend (Saturday/Sunday) position / day shift (7a-3p), sixteen (16) hrs. bi-weekly, and

(1) Part time position / evening shift (two shifts 2-10p week days and two shifts 3-8p on weekend), twenty-six (26) hrs. bi-weekly, including alternate weekend (Saturday/Sunday) for small retirement community of religious sisters located in Rosemont, Pa. Also, Pool CNA, all shifts available. Must be a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), one (1) yr. LTC exp. necessary with emphasis on person-centered care. Resumes can be sent via email or fax, EMAIL: jtoddrdept@gmail.com Fax: 610-525-7752. EOE.

Bingo: Come join St. Mary's Golden Age Club every Monday from 10:30am to 1:30pm for Senior Bingo at the Community Center at the Fel. Session 1 Bingo will run from now until December 12th. Bingo packets can be purchased at the check-in table upon arrival. Light refreshments will be provided. For information, please contact Pat Barr at 610-828-3266.

TRIVIA NIGHT: Conshohocken Fire Company No. 2 Saturday, October 22nd. Doors open at 6PM question rounds start at 7PM - \$20 per person. Food, drinks, raffles and prizes. Tickets are available at the door. Contact the fire house with any questions 610-828-4095

Reflections from my Rocking Chair

Dear friends,

The bishops of the United States every 4 years issue a document entitled "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship". This statement represents the bishop's guidance for Catholics in the exercise of their rights and duties as participants in our democracy. They identify the major issues of moral significance that must be considered as we enter the voting booth.

Human Life: "Abortion and euthanasia are preeminent threats to human life. Cloning and the destruction of human embryos for research are always wrong. Assisted suicide is not an act of mercy but an unjustifiable assault on human life. The nation's reliance on the death penalty cannot be justified."

Family Life: "Marriage must be defined, recognized, and protected as a lifelong commitment between a man and a woman, and as the source of the next generation and a protective haven for children. Wages should allow workers to support their families. Parents should have a choice as to the type of education for their children. The Internet is a mixed blessing and child pornography laws need to be strengthened."

Social Justice: Economic decisions and institutions should be assessed according to whether they protect or undermine the dignity of the human person. Faith-based groups deserve recognition and support not as a substitute for government, but as a responsive, effective partners, especially in the poorest communities and countries. Affordable and accessible healthcare is an essential safeguard of human life. Religious groups should be able to provide healthcare without compromising their religious convictions. A renewed commitment to affordable housing must be encouraged. The gospel mandate to "welcome the stranger" requires us to care for and stand with immigrants, both documented and undocumented, including immigrant children. The right and responsibility of nations to control their borders and to maintain the rule of law should be recognized. All persons have a right to receive a quality education. Parental choice in education must be fostered. Promoting moral responsibility and effective responses to violent crime, curbing violence in media, supporting reasonable restrictions on access to assault weapons and handguns, and opposing the use of the death penalty are particularly important in light of a growing "culture of violence." Care for the earth and for the environment is a moral issue. Protecting the land, water, air we share is a religious duty of stewardship and reflects our responsibility to born and unborn children, who are most vulnerable to environmental assault."

The bishops are not telling you who to vote for. That is a decision you have to make after engaging the issues mentioned above. God does not lead us to experience the beauty of the kingdom of heaven only after we die but that the kingdom of God has permeated our world and allows us – even if only for a few minutes – to experience its beauty as a foretaste of heaven.

Global Solidarity: "A more just world will likely be a more peaceful world. The United States should take a leading role in helping to alleviate global poverty through substantially increased development aid for the poorest countries. Asylum should be afforded to refugees who hold a well-founded fear of persecution in their homelands. The United States should actively pursue comprehensive negotiations leading to a just and peaceful resolution that respects the legitimate claims and aspirations of both Israelis and Palestinians, ensuring security for Israel, a viable state for Palestinians, respect for Lebanon's sovereignty, and peace in the region."

So, vote! It is our responsibility to do so.

Blessings, Monsignor Owens. (stmatt2014@gmail.com)



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 28th 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!

2 Kings 5:14-17 Psalm 98 2 Timothy 2:8-13 Luke 17:11-19

The story has been told that there was once a woman who boarded a crowded subway in a big city like Philadelphia. When a man got up and offered her his seat, the surprise was so great, she fainted. When the woman revived, she said, "thank you," and the man fainted.

Now obviously the story is not factual but it makes a point that our readings made today: common courtesy and simple gratitude, seem to be almost rare. We are often surprised when we experience it. Jesus was!

We all know the Gospel story about the Good Samaritan—one of the best known figures in our religious consciousness.

You remember that he was a surprise hero in Jesus' parable. He was a generous and compassionate man who paid an innkeeper out of his own pocket for the upkeep of a stranger who had been stripped, robbed, and beaten; left to die on the road to Jericho.

Yes, we all know about the Good Samaritan but we often forget the story of the Grateful Samaritan we meet in today's Gospel. There is nobility in his character as well. He was one of a group of ten lepers who asked Jesus for mercy—mercy that Jesus generously gave—curing all ten of their dreaded disease. But the Samaritan was the only one to come back to say, "Thank you." Jesus wondered, "Where are the other nine?"

The Roman philosopher, Cicero, said that "gratitude is the highest virtue, a thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all other virtues." When offered to God, gratitude becomes an expression of faith.

When the Lord answers our prayers, what do we do? Are we like the nine in the Gospel who never returned to Jesus to say "thank you"?

We should be like the grateful Samaritan who, realizing the gift God gave him, returned to say "Thank you, Lord, You saved my life."

I know a lady in her 90s who somehow gets to Mass each Sunday. A friend asked her—"Why do you bother coming to church at your age?" Her reply: "To say thank You. Thank You for my long life. Thank You for my late husband who was a good man and a good father to our children. I

say thank You for all my family and friends, for all the people I love or who love me. I say thank You for all the other people with me at Mass. I could go on and on," she said, "there is so much to thank God for."

Each person in this church today has been blessed beyond measure but we have to wonder how many of us are living truly grateful lives.

Thoughtless children are not often thankful. They get a gift, run off, tear the wrapping off and have to be called back by an embarrassed parent who tells the child to say "thank you."

Gratitude is an expression of psychological and religious maturity. We shouldn't have to be reminded to be thankful people.

The grateful person takes nothing for granted and is not afraid to express joy and appreciation for all that is done for them.

The grateful person is an optimistic person who sees and encourages the potential in others. They make it possible for others to find themselves.

I'm sure you all know the play, later the film—*The Miracle Worker*. It's the true story of Helen Keller who became both deaf and blind when she was two years old. It was her teacher, Annie Sullivan, who helped Helen find herself. Imagine not being able to see anything or hear anything. No wonder Helen was a wild, angry child. It was Annie Sullivan's immense patience and dedication that made it possible for Helen to eventually learn to read, type, and graduate from college. Helen died when she was 88; but near the end of her life she was able to make this remarkable statement, "I thank God for my handicaps, because through them I have found myself, my work, and my God." She thanked God for Annie Sullivan.

For Helen Keller, insight was the most important thing: the only thing worse than being blind, she said, is having sight but no vision.

Spiritual writers will tell us that the greatest saint in the world is not the person who prays most or fasts most. It is not the person who gives the most money or is noted for modesty, chastity, or justice.

It is the person who is always thankful to God, who wills what God wills, who receives everything as an instance of God's goodness, and has a heart that is always ready to praise and thank God. Thank God for your faith, for the gift of His Son, for the Eucharist



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