



**33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**November 13, 2016**

**Saturday, November 12**

4:30PM Blanche & Ignatius Schultz

**Sunday, November 13**

7:30AM Catherine Simonetti

9:30AM Charles & Marie Fredrick

11:30AM Louis M. Williams Sr. (10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**Monday, November 14**

8:15AM Gene Bernstiel

Stephen M. Bussell (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

**Tuesday, November 15**

8:15AM Sr. Lillian Lane S.S.J.

**Wednesday, November 16**

8:15AM Dolly & Otto Sencendorfer

Richard Tornetta (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

**Thursday, November 17**

8:15AM Dec'd Members of Evans & Hagelgans Families

**Friday, November 18**

8:15AM Marie Kilgallon

**Saturday, November 19**

4:30PM Joseph Kozeniewski (18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

Joe Cave (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

**Sunday, November 20**

7:30AM Marcy Wolfington

9:30AM Robert & Kitty Bowman

11:30AM Deacon Armand Maresca

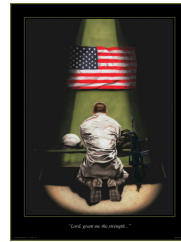


Tom Tone, David Talone, JoAnn LaSorsa, Marie Carney, Greg Atkinson, Sophie Grabowski, Msgr. Robert Grudowski, Anthony Bonanno, Joanne Toth, Theresa Lenczewski, Luke

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, 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, Jim Bokoski, Hans Pawling, Margie Burghart, Jack Susskind, Kristen Lafferty, Thomas Waszena, Debbie Miller Hannon, Barbara Laranko, Robert Berk, Irene Barnes, Anna Marie Berry, Emma Forlini, Paul & Family, John Dalton, Edward Clinton, Joseph Januzelli, Jeff Bond, Barbara Clement, John DiDonato, Derek Dean, Baby Noah Marchetti



Joseph & Claire McGuigan, Joseph Heleniak, Andrew Donovan, Tommy Ruddy



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, Michael Bondra, Senior Airman Jacob Shoemaker.

**CELEBRANTS MASS SCHEDULE**

11/12 4:30 Fr. Ryan

11/13 7:30 Msgr. Owens 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Fr. McGuinn

11/19 4:30 Fr. Heron

11/20 7:30 Fr. McGuinn 9:30 Msgr. Owens 11:30 Fr. Ryan

11/26 4:30 Msgr. Owens

11/27 7:30 Fr. McGuinn 9:30 Fr. Ryan 11:30 Fr. Heron

**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, December 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](http://www.stmatthewparish.com)

**Prepare for Next Sunday**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ the King**

2<sup>nd</sup> Book of Samuel 5:1 – 3 Colossians 1:12 – 20 Luke 23:35 – 43

"Jesus of Nazareth ... is so intrinsically King that the title 'King' has actually become his name. By calling ourselves Christians, we label ourselves as followers of the King ... God did not intend Israel to have a kingdom. The kingdom was a result of Israel's rebellion against God ... The law was to be Israel's King, and, through the law, God himself ... God yielded to Israel's obstinacy and so devised a new kind of kingship for them. The King is Jesus; in Him God entered humanity and espoused it to himself. This is the usual form of the divine activity in relation to mankind. God does not have a fixed plan that he must carry out; on the contrary, he has many different ways of finding man and even of turning his wrong ways into right ways... The feast of Christ the King is therefore, not a feast of those who are subjugated, but a feast of those who know they are in the hand of the One who writes straight on crooked lines" (Pope Benedict XVI).

**The next Pastoral Council/Finance Council meeting will be held Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7PM in the Parish Center, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.**

# Religious Education

## CCD

Let us celebrate Thanksgiving...

Please Join all the children of St. Matthews for a Eucharistic Celebration **9am Mass Thanksgiving Morning.**

Before we all gather at the table in our homes, let us gather at the table of the Lord, the altar in St. Matthew Church.

**As a Communion Meditation, the children will lead us in Grace through song and prayer. Save the time (9:00 in the morning) on that date. Please consider coming to Mass to begin the Thanksgiving festivities.**



**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.



**ALTAR SERVER**  
A JOB SO BIG ONLY A KID CAN DO IT

### ALTAR SERVERS:

Are you 10 years old or older? Do you want to help in the parish? Join the St. Matthew's Altar Servers. If you are interested email [stmatthewrectory@verizon.net](mailto:stmatthewrectory@verizon.net).

**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, November 15 at 7PM in the SVDP Rm.** 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)



### 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, November 16<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.



Food  
Pantry  
Ministry

### NEW HOURS FOR FOOD CUPBOARD:

The food Cupboard will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM.

### ***Do you need help getting through the holidays following the death of a loved one?***

Please join us on **Thursday, November 17 6:30 – 8:00 PM** for strategies for coping during the holidays. We will also discuss options for observing the holidays and ways to acknowledge your loved one during this time. Please contact Carolyn Fortenberry at **610-635-5677**. Please note that there is a \$25 fee for this meeting and it is open to anyone in the community who has lost a loved one.

### JOB OPPORTUNITY

**FULL TIME CHILDCARE ASSISTANT:** Conshohocken Catholic Early Childhood Center is seeking full time caregivers for infants and toddlers in our newly formed Daycare center. Experience caring for infants and/or toddlers is required. Previous daycare experience is preferred. Candidate must be loving, nurturing, and possess good leadership skills. For more information call Carol Kearney at 610-825-4823 or email [cceccdaycare@gmail.com](mailto:cceccdaycare@gmail.com)

## God's Plan for Giving

November 6, 2016

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR OFFERTORY GIFTS LAST WEEKEND:

**\$14,561.00**

Electronic giving \$1,940.00 + \$12,621.00 = \$14,561.00

**Seminary Appeal:** Mr. Matthew Nordquist from the Spiritual Year in Conshohocken will speak to us on **November 19 & 20<sup>th</sup>** in support of the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal.



**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)

**PRE-CANA:** St. Matthew Parish is offering a one day pre-Cana program on **Saturday, January 21, 2017** from 8:30am – 4 pm followed by Mass. Snow date if necessary is February 4, 2017. Cost \$200 per couple. Couples from all parishes are welcomed. Contact Deacon Mike Kubiak: 610-828-0424 X 5 or [deacon.mike.kubiak@comcast.net](mailto:deacon.mike.kubiak@comcast.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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month: **December 13 & January 10**. 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).

**St. Matthew Senior Group:** Our monthly meeting will be on **November 16 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.



**Please note the Parish Center Office also has an entrance on Fayette St. Enter through the iron gate before you get to Tony & Joe's Pizza.**

### St. Matthew Book Club:



We will discuss books of a spiritual nature; He *Leadeth Me* by Father Walter Cizek (**November 30**). **Meetings are held in the 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!



**The Baby Bottle Drive was a HUGE SUCCESS!**  
**Your generosity is overwhelming and you raised \$4,639.91!**  
**Thank you so much!!!**

**Special Flame of Love Event - December 2**  
The Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary will hold a Special Event, **Divine Mercy & The Flame of Love Grace**, on Friday, December 2, 2016, at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, 100 E Wynnewood Rd., Wynnewood, PA 19096. The event begins with the Flame of Love Rosary at 2:00 p.m. and will end with a Holy Mass beginning at 5:30 p.m. celebrated by Fr. Jim Otto, Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish. Rev. James Blount, SOLT, and Rev. Chris Alar, MIC, will be the featured speakers at the event, which will also include Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome. Please join us for this very special event.



Dresses – Skirts-  
Tops-Kids  
Clothes & More  
on **Sunday,**  
**November 20,**

**2016 1 PM to 4 PM** at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 5<sup>th</sup> & Harry St. Proceeds benefit The Colonial Toy Drive. **SHOP TO SUPPORT.** Extra Bonus: Bring an unwrapped, new toy and receive \$5 in LuLa Cash for the event! Limited to one per person.

**Free Video Series: The Bible and the Virgin Mary**  
Join folks from all over the greater Philadelphia area in a 12 week long encounter with the Virgin Mary right from your own home! The St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology, founded by Dr. Scott Hahn, is offering limited-time free access to its new video Bible study series, *The Bible and the Virgin Mary*. You can access this 12-part series online at no cost beginning January 18, 2017. The videos can be used for individual or group study. To take advantage of this great opportunity to grow spiritually, sign up at: [BibleandtheVirginMary.com/Philadelphia](http://BibleandtheVirginMary.com/Philadelphia). Feel free to share this link with friends and family!

**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)

## Fr. Tom Heron's Weekly Reflection

Malachi 3:19-20 Psalm 98 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 Luke 21:5-19

**“When I was with you, I lay down the rule that anyone who would not work should not eat.”** (2 Thessalonians 3:9) It seems that some of the Christian community at Thessalonica were taking advantage of the charity of others. They were living off the sweat and hard work of others. Today we might say they were living off “welfare.” And Saint Paul sounds like a Republican politician running for office. “Welfare” was a dirty word in St. Paul’s time, just as it has become a very controversial topic today. But Saint Paul was not a conservative politician. He wasn’t a liberal either. He was speaking from a Christian point of view. Let’s reflect more deeply on his message. Saint Paul makes three points.

There are some lazy people in this world. They are leech-type people — people capable of earning their own living but who are just plain lazy and are content to live off others. Saint Paul could not see how anybody of that mind set could call himself or herself a Christian. Paul set an example. People provided him with food and lodging for the spiritual benefits he brought them, but he was also a tent-maker in his spare time so that he could earn money to take care of his personal expenses. Paul was all for charity to those who really needed it. What he couldn’t stand were people who took advantage of the goodness and generosity of others. The second point is that not all lazy people are on welfare. I heard one father say about the TV remote control, “That is one luxury I can get along without. It’s a sad day,” he said, “when I get so lazy that I can’t even tell my kids to get up and change the channel.” Not all lazy people are on welfare. There are many well-paid people who waste a lot of time; who rarely give their best even when they know giving their best will dramatically improve their lives. Some teachers are lazy; content to coast on last year’s work. Some students are lazy and copy homework from more industrious students. Before we hurl stones at those of a lower economic bracket, let’s confess that there are lazy people in every stratum of society in every profession.

Lazy people generally are not very happy. I once heard that there are three types of people: those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those and sit around and wonder what happened. The happiest people are those who discover meaning in their lives and make things happen based on that meaning. God desires all of us to discover divine meaning in our lives and be co-creators with Him. This is a divine destiny of every person. When we discover this, life becomes adventuresome, exciting, full of wonder and we take pride in our creative efforts. Those who sit around and watch things happen or wonder what happened, flounder. Most of their days are miserable; spent watching soap operas, depressing shows for depressed people. These people become busybodies — the gossips Saint Paul warns against.

The first revealed truth in Sacred Scripture is that God made us in His image after His likeness. The rest of the Bible is an attempt to convince us of that truth. When we are convinced of that truth and live out of that truth, we believe in ourselves. We have a sense of personal dignity and take pride in what we do. Not believing in this results in spiritual welfare [poverty]. Jesus and Saint Paul, today, invite us to get up out of our easy chairs and live life fully.



## REFLECTIONS FROM MY ROCKING CHAIR

Dear friends,

I write this column on Election Day early enough that I do not know the results. Since, however, you are reading this after the election I decided, I need not worry that my comments were written to influence your vote. I rely on your Christian conviction to have made a conscientious choice. Enough said.

When did “good character” cease to matter? Hillary Clinton’s honesty has been called into question regarding money raised for the Clinton Foundation. Donald Trump was vulgar and callous — his outrageous behavior played well amongst his hard-core supporters. When did good character cease to matter? Is this too strong a conclusion? Perhaps. It is certainly the case that, when parents are blessed with children, every effort is made to fashion within them a sense of self-respect and, likewise, a respect for others and a firm grip on the virtuous life; learning how to share with others, teaching children the value of honesty, encouraging the use of the word “thank you” and instilling within them the strength to persevere in good works.

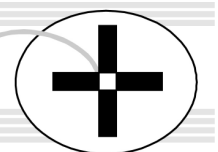
Sadly, as we grow older, other qualities appear more important. Success in one’s profession requires virtues other than those listed above. Consider it this way: the virtues we list on our resume in relationship to the virtues celebrated in a eulogy. David Brooks in his book *The Road to Character* writes, “Most of us have clear strategies for how to achieve career success than we do for how to develop a profound character.” Having a good character does not suggest perfection but it does make possible a sincere apology for choosing the wrong things. Adversity can be “character building”. It does not try to shift responsibility onto someone else when, in fact, the fault was yours. Brooks, in his book, describes good character as fostering in a person a solid sense of right and wrong — a strong desire to be good, to sacrifice oneself in service to others, to live obedient to some transcended truth, that when embraced, creates an inner peace. A person of good character wants to be successful professionally, but not at the expense of humility, sympathy and an honest self-examination of strengths and weaknesses.

In the course of my priesthood I have celebrated hundreds of funerals and in recent years family members have offered “words of remembrance” at the liturgy. Sometimes when I listen to a brief litany of the deceased’s virtues, I think to myself, “I want to be like that”. Character building is often driven by the good example of others. Brooks writes, “Moral improvement occurs most reliably when the heart is warmed, when we come into contact with people we admire and love and we consciously and unconsciously bend our lives to mimic theirs”. A person of good character radiates an inner joy. They are dignified and try not to humiliate those around them. They pursue sacrificial moments modestly.

Perhaps we should require candidates for public office to complete a “character building” workshop. No, this is a bad idea because almost anyone can appear to have good character for a few months when they are being scrutinized. Rather, we should look for candidates that are already on the road to good character. I pray that we not give way to “bad taste”. I hope you have someone you admire for their good character. And finally may you be that good character that inspires others.

Blessings, Monsignor Tom Owens ([stmatt2014@gmail.com](mailto:stmatt2014@gmail.com))

Do not worry



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