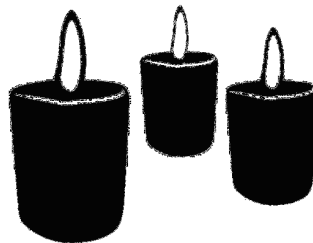




Mass Intentions



Pray for the deceased:
Mary Ann Dolewa
Albinia Costello
Michael Centritto

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time January 15, 2017

Saturday, January 14

4:30PM Edward Drab Sr

Sunday, January 15

7:30AM Joseph Pierce

9:30AM Angelina D'Orazio

Dorothy D'Annunzio (25th Anniversary)

11:30AM Teresa Flocco

Monday, January 16

8:15AM Nick & Jessica Volpe

Tuesday, January 17

8:15AM Audrey DeFrancesco

Wednesday, January 18

8:15AM Rita Borkowski

Thursday, January 19

8:15AM Dorothy Murray

Friday, January 20

8:15AM Joseph Schank

John R. Kopecky

Saturday, January 21

4:30PM Francis Costa

Sunday, January 22

7:30AM Joseph S. Baranowski

9:30AM Edward J. Smith

11:30AM Margaret & Paul Walters



Say a Prayer for... 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, 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 Lofito, 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, 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, Barbara Clement, John DiDonato, Derek Dean, Baby Noah Marchetti, Richard Wolfrom, Peg Schultz, James Simpson, Roseann Sirianni Lare.



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY: Staff Sgt Daniel Furtak, Lt. Michelle R. McNally, SSKC Terence J. McNally Jr., Sgt. Robert Bonneau, Andrew Midgett, Jonathan Stats, Lt. Col Evah McGinley, The 108th Wing McGuire AFB, Matthew Horning, 1st Lt. Stanley J. Reimer III, SR Brett Pellicciotti, Corporal Thomas Mazzochetti, Robert Catapano U.S. Army 101st Airborne, Michael Bondra, Senior Airman Jacob Shoemaker.

CELEBRANTS MASS SCHEDULE

1/14 4:30 Fr. Heron

1/15 7:30 Fr. Ryan 9:30 Msgr. Owens 11:30 Fr. McGuinn

1/21 4:30 Fr. McGuinn

1/22 7:30 Fr. Heron 9:30 Fr. Ryan 11:30 Msgr. Owens

1/28 4:30 Fr. Ryan

1/29 7:30 Msgr. Owens 9:30 Fr. McGuinn 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 1st

Tuesday of each month. **The next class is Tuesday, February 7 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

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

Prepare for next Sunday

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 8:23 – 9: 3 | Corinthians 1:10 – 13, 17 Matthew 4:12 – 23

St. Paul urges the Corinthians to "be united in the same kind and in the same purpose" without any divisions among them. For there is no more irresistible witness to the truth of the gospel than such unity in charity. No wonder that the first thing Jesus does when he moves to Capernaum is to seek out companions. In the unity that Simon, Andrew, James, and John experience through their friendship with Christ, they become certain that "the kingdom of heaven is at hand". Thanks to our communion in Christ, "anguish has taken wing, dispelled is darkness: for there is no gloom but now there was distress." To us enshrouded in the "land of gloom," Jesus Christ beckons, "Come after me."

Religious Education

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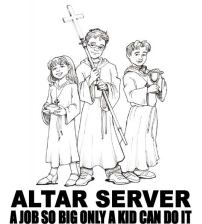
First Penance will be on March 13, 2017 at 6:30PM

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

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



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 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.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:

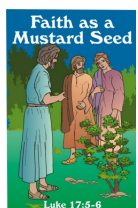


We most 'warmly' invite you to be a part of this Ministry by meeting with us in the St. Vincent DePaul room **Tuesday, February 14 at 7PM in the SVDP Rm.** If you know of someone who might like to receive a shawl, please let us know-or make one yourself for someone special to you. Contact Alice O'Connor acaoc@verizon.net

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.

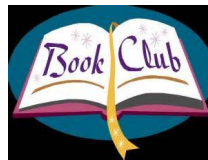
Casino Trips: scheduled for the 2nd Tuesday of each month: **February 14 & March 14.** Bus leaves 9:00 AM from 11th & Fayette, 9:15 AM from 3rd & Fayette, 9:30 AM from St. Mary's. Call Joe (610-825-4596).



St. Matthew's Young Adult Group

The Mustard Seeds: Are you age 22-35 and interested in meeting other Catholics your age? Do you yearn for more community? Are you interested in service work? If you have any questions, feel free to email Tony Moral tony.moral2@gmail.com or 215-715-2115.

Join our Facebook group The Mustard Seeds for updates!



St. Matthew Book Club

"Fiction with a Christian twist"

Now is a good time to join the group. On Wednesday, **January 25** we will gather to discuss *We Are Not Ourselves* by Matthew Thomas; on Wednesday, **February 22** we will gather to discuss *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead; on Wednesday, **March 29** we will gather to discuss *Wheat that Springeth Green* by J. F. Powers. Meetings are held in the new Parish Center, enter in the door across from the Rectory at 7 PM. Please register your interest at stmat2014@gmail.com or call the Parish Office at 610-828-0424.



ST MATTHEW'S SENIORS will meet every third Wednesday of the month.

January meeting will take place on **January 18th**, in the Parish Community Center at **12:30pm**. We will have a short business meeting, lunch (\$5).

Also, Membership dues (\$10) will be collected for 2017.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR MARRIED

COUPLES: Saturday February 11 (10:30 AM concluding with renewal of vows at 5:15PM) sponsored by St. Augustine Parish (Philadelphia). The day, based on Pope Francis' Exhortation "**The Joy of Love,**" will include reflections by married couples, opportunity for discussion and quality time with each other. Lunch will be provided. There is no charge for the day (free will offering welcomed). For further information go to St Augustine website: www.st-augustinechurch.com Limited availability. Register (required) by emailing pastorstaugustine@gmail.com. **Let the love of your life know you would do it all over again.**

From Fear to Faith: Are You Tired of Worrying?

After struggling for many years to overcome anxiety, Gary Zimak has learned that Jesus Christ is the ultimate answer to winning the battle. In this talk, based on his best-selling books *A Worrier's Guide to the Bible; From Fear To Faith*, Gary will share his step by step approach for moving from anxiety to peace! Thurs, Feb 16, 2017, 7:30 PM, St. Rose of Lima Parish Center, 428 S. Main Street, North Wales.

For more information, please contact jselnerstrose@comcast.net

Mount Saint Joseph Academy

The Mount, a catholic college preparatory school for girls, invites all interested 7th grade girls to register for The **Pre-HSPT** to be given on **Saturday, March 25, 2017 - 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

The Pre-HSPT is a 7th grade edition of the actual Scholarship/Entrance Exam given to eighth grade applicants. Registration is available **online only.**

Register at: www.msacad.org/practicetest

You will receive registration confirmation via email.

God's Plan for Giving

January 8, 2017

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR OFFERTORY GIFTS LAST WEEKEND:

\$16,409.00

Electronic giving \$6,095 + \$10,314 = \$16,409

Second Collection: Jan 21 & 22 Catholic Relief Service



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



March for Life: The annual March For Life in Washington, D.C. is scheduled for Friday, **Jan. 27th** Epiphany of Our Lord Church will be providing a bus leaving our parking lot at 6:30 a.m. sharp and returning at approximately 9:00 p.m. Cost per adult is \$20.00. Students \$5.00. To sign up or if you

have any questions, contact Bernie Toth 610-279-2788 or Elaine Thorpe 610-828-6925.



Please Note: All Christmas blankets and decorations will be removed from the cemetery on **January 15, 2017.**



Busy Young Men's Retreat

The Malvern Retreat House is again conducting a 24 hour retreat experience for men 40 years old and under. It will be held **Friday and Saturday, February 3rd**

& 4th, beginning Friday evening and closing with the 4:30 PM Vigil mass on Saturday. Retreat directors will be Monsignor Joseph T Marino, Rector of the retreat house and Bill Donahoe, a layman who has worked in the field of evangelization since 1999. In October, 2000, he was commissioned, along with 11 other lay missionaries, by Pope St. John Paul II to "bring Jesus back to your country." He has given hundreds of talks on the Catholic faith to young people throughout the greater Philadelphia area and beyond. He and his wife, Rebecca, live just outside of Philadelphia PA with their four children. The focus of the retreat will be *Encountering the Divine Physician*. The cost of the retreat is \$125, which includes three meals and an overnight stay. To register, please visit malvernretreat.com/register or call 610 - 644 - 0400 for more information.

Discernment Retreat - January 20 to January 22 Friday (6PM) to Sunday (1PM)

Villa Maria House of Studies

Young women (18-35) are invited to join us for this retreat which focuses on the IHM Charism and the importance of listening to God's call and discovering the many ways that God speaks to us. Time will be included for personal and communal prayer as well as the opportunity to interact with the sisters in Formation. (Contact: ihmvoc@aol.com or 610-889-1553)

The Conshohocken Art League, Mary Wood Park



House, 120 E. Fifth Ave. Conshohocken, is forming its 2017 semester of classes as follows:

ADULT DRAWING PAINTING INDEPENDENT

PROJECTS: Tuesday, **February 7**, 9:30 to 11:30 AM

ADULT BASIC DRAWING: Thursday, February 9, 9:30 to 11:30 AM - \$150 for 10 weeks plus \$10 yearly membership fee

YOUTH CLASS – INTRODUCTION TO FINE ART

Ages 9 to 18 (class size limited) - Saturday **February 4**, 10 AM to 12 noon - \$100 for 10 weeks

For all classes, please pre-register at conshohockenartleague.org

You are invited to attend a presentation by artist Stanley Bielen on Sunday, **February 19** at the Mary Wood Park House from 1 to 3 PM. Snow date will be **February 26.**

St. James Alumni Association:

The St. James Alumni Association's all male choir, the Blue & Gray Voices, will be singing 2 Masses that will air on Channel 6 ABC. The first Mass is on Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 5:30 to 6am & the second TV Mass is on Sunday February 5, 2017 at 5:30 to 6am. The 2 Priests celebrating the Masses are both St. James High School graduates, Rev. Charles O'Hara & Rev. Msgr. John Savinski. The choir is currently taking steps to increase membership. You do not have to be an alumnus of St. James Catholic High School, which closed in 1993, to become a member. Please call the Alumni Office at 610-876-2006. If you or someone you know may be a choir candidate, please leave your name & telephone number & we will follow up all phone calls with choir membership information.

9th Annual Archdiocesan Men's Spirituality Conference - March 4



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR MANUP PHILLY 2017! On **Saturday, March 4, 2017** at St Joseph University Hagan Arena, Catholic men are invited to the 9th Annual Archdiocesan Men's Spirituality Conference. Speakers include EWTN's Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio, inspirational speaker and Kevin Reilly, former Philadelphia Eagle whose career was ended by a rare cancer. Acclaimed Irish tenor, Mark Forrest, will sing during Eucharistic Adoration. Register now at manupphilly.com.

MOM Heart of the Home Day of Renewal March 18



Registration is OPEN for our 23rd Annual MOM-Heart of the Home Day of Renewal, March 18, 2017 • 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Sts. Simon and Jude Meehan Center, West Chester. Calling moms of all ages and types:

new moms, seasoned moms, grandmothers, step-mothers. Even if you're not a mom, you are still welcome! Continue your Lenten season by replenishing your spirit. Come listen to two amazing, inspirational morning and afternoon speakers Lisa Mladinich and Eleanor Farzetta. See our registration form for all details at www.mom-heartofthehome.org/events.html or call 484-798-7368 or 610-384-4933 for more information.

Fr. Tom Heron's Weekly Reflection

"Here I am Lord, I come to do Your Will."

How many woke up this morning with this refrain on your mind? How many of you came to church today to renew your commitment to discerning the specific role you are to play in the plan of Salvation History. The general Will of God is that we all will be saved. It is up to us to figure out how we can reflect His life and love in our daily lives.

Another question I would ask everyone to reflect on this coming week is, "How would you describe your core identity?" The answer is that you are a son or daughter of God.

I heard confessions from children. These children experienced God's merciful forgiving love for the first time in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. After each child confessed their sins, I responded by telling them, "No strings attached, you are completely forgiven." I also told them that the reason God forgives us is because He is wildly in love with us and when we are convinced that we are loved, we live life differently—more fully and freely. For their penance I asked the children to repeat the following, "Lord, help me to be a peacemaker rather than a no-good rotten troublemaker." Every time we sin, we are troublemakers. Does God want any of us to be a troublemaker? Do you want to be a troublemaker? What does God want you to be?—a peacemaker. The baptismal font is where you became children of God.

Once I was in the check-out line at a local supermarket. The gentleman in front of me was wearing a t-shirt that had this saying on the back - "Life is uncertain, order dessert first." That expression was a moment of grace for me. It certainly puts life and the future in perspective. In the opening prayer for this liturgy, we prayed that God, our Heavenly Father would hear our prayers and help us to bring His peace to the world. How do we do that concretely every day and what difference would it make in our lives and our relationships with one another? Being a peacemaker is a universal call to every person who claims to be a disciple of Jesus. In a similar vein, the prophet Isaiah, in today's first reading, acknowledged that Yahweh called him to be a light to all nations. We, like Isaiah, are also called to bring the light of Christ to a world of darkness.

Not long ago, I had a face-to-face unpleasant conversation with someone who told me that I belong to a false religion and Jesus is not in any tabernacle throughout the world. This person continued to attack the Catholic faith, the priesthood, and the Eucharist. Remarkably, this conversation was also a moment of grace for me in this way: I learned to absorb these vicious attacks in silence because I was able to discern that any attempt I made to refute these remarks would fall on deaf ears. To compound the sadness of this experience, the

person is my younger brother, Joe, who is presently battling alcohol and cocaine addictions. I ask that everyone remember my brother in your prayers.

Dorothy Sayers has said that God underwent three great humiliations in his efforts to rescue the human race. The first was the Incarnation, when he took on the confines of a physical body. The second was the Cross, when he suffered the ignominy of public execution. The third humiliation, Sayers suggested, is the church. In an awesome act of self-denial, God entrusted his reputation to ordinary people.

Think of God's plan as a series of Voices. The first Voice, thunderingly loud, had certain advantages. When the Voice spoke from the trembling mountain at Sinai, or when fire licked up the altar on Mount Carmel, no one could deny it. Yet, amazingly, even those who heard the Voice and feared it—the Israelites at Sinai and at Carmel, for example—soon learned to ignore it. Its very volume got in the way. Few of them sought out that Voice; fewer still persevered when the Voice fell silent.

The Voice modulated with Jesus, the Word made flesh. For a few decades the Voice of God took on the timbre and volume and rural accent of a country Jew in Palestine. It was a normal human voice, and though it spoke with authority, it did not cause people to flee. Jesus' voice was soft enough to debate against, raise questions, and also soft enough to kill.

After Jesus departed, the Voice took on new forms. On the day of Pentecost, tongues—tongues—of fire fell on the faithful, and the church, God's body, began to take shape. That last Voice is as close as breath, as gentle as a whisper. It is the most vulnerable Voice of all, and the easiest to ignore. The Bible says the Spirit can be "quenched" or "grieved"—try quenching Moses' burning bush or the molten rocks of Sinai! Yet the Holy Spirit is also the most intimate Voice. In our moments of weakness, when we do not know what to pray, the Holy Spirit within intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. Those groans are the early pangs of birth, the labor pains of the new creation.

Finally, let us pray that we will make a conscious effort to present ourselves to God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—each day this week with the words from the responsorial psalm: **"Here I am Lord, I come to do your Will."**



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