



# 4th Sunday of Lent

**March 26, 2017**

**Saturday, March 25**

4:30PM Florence & Francis Bowe  
Cecelia Lare

**Sunday, March 26**

7:30AM Martin Clifford  
9:30AM Harry Connor  
Robert Leister  
11:30AM Margaret McKeon

**Monday, March 27**

8:15AM Rita M. McCarron

**Tuesday, March 28**

8:15AM Janet Ruggiano

**Wednesday, March 29**

8:15AM Robert G. Beiso

**Thursday, March 30**

8:15AM Brother Jim Riley

**Friday, March 31**

8:15AM Jack Monastero  
Harry G. Neve (6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**Saturday, April 1**

4:30PM John J. Kelly & Debbie Wills

**Sunday, April 2**

7:30AM Mary Ann Dolewa  
9:30AM Walter Lesniewski (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
11:30AM Anna Coscia (95<sup>th</sup> Birthday)

*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 Blaszczak, Patrick Kelly, Sean McGonagle, Mary Pierce, Brian Dunlevy, Sr. Jean Streibig, Stephanie Hathaway, Charles Streibig, Kylie Reiff, Nikki Dolan, Joseph Rozecki, 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, Rylan Borys, Susan Minnick, Ann Greco, Jessica Jara, Leanne Purcell, Joe Lotito, Kendall Soltys, Concezio Lelii, William McGrath, Carl Pierce, Ursula Kozlowski, Benedetto McDaniels, Kevin Kelly, Joanne Kalacinski, Mary DiMedio, Anna Marie Ferrier, Mary Stoffel, Jeri McClennen, John Boccella, Jim Bokoski, Hans Pawling, Margie Burghart, Kristen Lafferty, Debbie Miller Hannon, Barbara Laranko, Robert Berk, Irene Barnes, Emma Forlini, Paul & Family, Edward Clinton, Barbara Clement, John DiDonato, Derek Dean, Baby Noah Marchetti, Richard Wolfrom, James Simpson, Roseann Sirianni Lare, Theresa Steinhauser, John Palmer, Rachel Minnick, Ted McGonagle, Ed McGlinchey, Mark Hogan.



Pray for the deceased of the parish.

**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 108<sup>th</sup> Wing McGuire AFB, Petty Officer George Horning Jr., 1st Lt. Stanley J. Reimer III, SR Brett Pellicciotti, Corporal Thomas Mazzochetti, Robert Catapano U.S. Army 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne, Michael Bondra, Senior Airman Jacob Shoemaker, Master Sgt. Curt W. Zeiders III.



CELEBRANTS MASS SCHEDULE	
3/25	4:30 Fr. McGuinn
3/26	7:30 Fr. Heron 9:30 Fr. Ryan 11:30 Msgr. Owens



**Stations of the Cross are every Friday during Lent at 7PM in Church.**



# holy week

**Monday, April 10 – 7PM Penance Service**  
**Holy Thursday, April 13 – 7PM Mass of the Lord's Supper**  
**Good Friday, April 14 – 8:15AM Prayer Svc**  
**Good Friday, April 14 – 3PM**  
**Holy Saturday, April 15 – 8:15AM Prayer Svc**  
**Holy Saturday, April 15 – 7PM Easter Vigil**  
**Easter Sunday, April 16 – 7:30 – 9:30 - 11:30 AM**

**Prepare for next Sunday**  
 5th Sunday of Lent - April 2, 2017  
 Ezekiel 37:12 – 14, Romans 8:8 – 11, John 11:1 – 45  
 From time immemorial God has promised, "O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them. Then you shall know that I am the Lord." This is the optimum moment for God to have Lazarus rise from his grave, for then the event will teach us just how far we must go in trusting the power of Jesus' love for us. Although "dead because of sin, the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you."

**Blessing of Easter Food**



Please call the rectory at 610-828-0424 press 4 or email Helene at [hlegg100@aol.com](mailto:hlegg100@aol.com) if you would like to have your Easter Food blessed by the priests or deacons of the parish on Holy Saturday.

# Religious Education

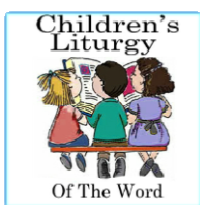
## CCD/PREP DATES

Please continue to keep in your prayers the candidates, their families and sponsors of those preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation this April with Bishop Joseph F. Martino. We will confirm 68 disciples of the faith. In March we celebrated our heavenly Father's favorite daily miracle, his merciful forgiving love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation with 39 children of the parish. They will celebrate First Eucharist in April. So much grace! Keep these little ones and their families in your prayers as well.



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

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



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 siblings.



**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 interested email [stmatthewrectory@verizon.net](mailto:stmatthewrectory@verizon.net).

**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 April 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)

**St. Matthew Book Club: "Fiction with a Christian twist"**



Now is a good time to join the group. On Wednesday, **March 29** we will gather to discuss *Wheat that Springeth Green* by

J. F. Powers. Meetings are held in the Parish Center, enter in the door across from the Rectory at 7 PM. Please register your interest at [stlatt2014@gmail.com](mailto:stlatt2014@gmail.com) or call the Parish Office at 610-828-0424

**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 **Wednesday, April 12 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)



Join St. Matthew's Conshohocken Young Adult group focused on providing fellowship through social, spiritual and service opportunities for those in their 20s and 30s and the young at heart. To sign up for events and more please join the St Matthew Conshohocken Young Adult Facebook group. If you have any questions, please contact Tony Moral at [tony.moral2@gmail.com](mailto:tony.moral2@gmail.com) or Erin Garrett at [erin.garret@gmail.com](mailto:erin.garret@gmail.com).



**ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS?** Often times our busy lives keep us from growing closer to our Lord.

Prayerfully consider taking time away from your hectic life to attend a Cursillo Weekend. Cursillo is a lay movement started in the Catholic Church over 50 years ago. Cursillo de Cristianidad means, 'little course' in Christianity. The weekend consists of a series of talks given by clergy and lay people, daily Mass, Adoration and time to just be still. If you are looking for something more...look at Cursillo. Weekends are held twice a year, one for women – **September 7-10, 2017, one for men – November 16-20, 2017.** To learn more about this opportunity contact Deacon Joe Carr at [rosehigh1@comcast.net](mailto:rosehigh1@comcast.net), Maria DiMarco at 484-888-5368.

**PRE-CANA:** St. Matthew Parish is offering a one day pre-Cana program on **Saturday, May 13, 2017** from 8:30am – 4 pm followed by Mass at 4:30PM. 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: **April 11 & May 9.** 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).

**40 Days for Life:** Our parish is participating in the 40 Days for Life prayer vigil outside of the Planned Parenthood location at 12th and Locust Streets in Philadelphia. We will pray and offer alternative resources to the people entering and exiting this high-volume abortion facility. If you can spare an hour or two on Monday, **April 3, 2017,** to represent our Parish, please contact Diane at 610-828-8041. Thank you very much.

## God's Plan for Giving

March 19, 2017

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR OFFERTORY GIFTS LAST WEEKEND:

**\$14,650.00**

Electronic giving \$1,645.00 + \$13,005.00 = \$14,650.00



**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](mailto:deacon.mike.kubiak@comcast.net) to register [www.parishgiving.org](http://www.parishgiving.org) or [www.stmatthewparish.com](http://www.stmatthewparish.com)



**ST MATTHEW'S SENIORS** will meet every third Wednesday of the month. April meeting will take place on **April 19**, in the Parish Community Center at **12:30pm**. We will have a short business meeting, lunch (\$5). **ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!**

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### Donor Dash 2017 - Bill's Brigade!



### Giving Life a Second Chance Through Organ & Tissue Donation

### The 22nd Annual Donor Dash will be Sunday, April 2.

Join us for this very important event, to save people's lives. Either by participating in the event or registering to be an organ donor, or making a monetary donation. Many lives will be saved.

For additional information or questions, please contact. Jennifer Flaynik - [jflaynik@gmail.com](mailto:jflaynik@gmail.com)  
Gene Tidd - [gmtidd@gmail.com](mailto:gmtidd@gmail.com) – (St. Matthew Parishioner - (484) 994-9564)

**PASTA NIGHT:** Enjoy a night out without cooking! 5-8 PM on Saturday, **April 1, 2017** at Holy Rosary Regional Catholic School, 3040 Walton Road. Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462. Tickets: \$12 for adults, \$10 for kids 4-11, and kids under 3 free! For more information/tickets contact: Patsy Morrone @ [610.659.2300](tel:610.659.2300). Menu includes pasta,



meatballs, salad, rolls, soda/water/tea/coffee, and dessert. B.Y.O.B. Also sponsoring a 50-50 and basket raffles. Sponsored by Holy Rosary Regional Class of 2017.

On February 21, 2017 the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils voted unanimously to renew our request for the relegation of St. Mary's church. Both councils emphasized the need of having all parishioners worship at St. Matthew's to enhance unity and help parishioners focus on the future of the parish community. The relegation will provide more effectively for the pastoral needs of the faithful, assure the vitality of parish life, provide for a better stewardship of resources and optimum use of clergy, and lay personnel. **Fr. Heron, the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils welcome your input and comments.**

**Members of the Pastoral Council:** Joe Carr, Pat Getzfread, Ed Garbacz, Debbie Golas, Michelle Borkowski, Mary Kay McKenna, Mary Ann Cook, Mary Ann Pruskowski, Joe Boccella, Paul McConnell.  
**Members of the Finance Committee:** Leah Hepler, Ed Pluciennik, Chris Pecoraio, Ellen Mansfield, Matt McKendry, Kevin McMonagle.

**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)

**FULL TIME PRESCHOOL AIDE:** Conshohocken Catholic Early Childhood Center is seeking an energetic classroom aide for our PreK Program. Candidate must have previous experience working with young children. Associate Degree or Bachelor's Degree in Education is preferred. For more information call Michelle Borkowski at 610-828-0755.

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES** has ongoing job opportunities available in its programs that serve individuals with intellectual disabilities at St. Edmond's Home for Children, Divine Providence Village and Don Guanella Village, and its programs servicing dependent youth at St. Francis & St. Vincent Homes for Children. Most positions are for entry level Direct Care Professionals or Youth Care Workers, along with occasional supervisory or professional positions including nurses and social workers. Salaries are competitive and all positions offer excellent benefit packages. Career advancement opportunities and tuition assistance are available for those with superior job performance. We are a mission-driven organization that seeks to hire individuals who appreciate a faith-based Catholic work environment that provides regular opportunities for spiritual enrichment and personal growth. For more information: Bud Murphy 484-472-5048 or [bmurphy@chs-adphila.org](mailto:bmurphy@chs-adphila.org) for St. Edmonds, Providence Village & Don Guanella. Denise Hilbert 215-642-3091 or [dhilbert@chs-adphila.org](mailto:dhilbert@chs-adphila.org) for St. Francis & St. Vincent Homes for Children.



**CEMETERY:** All Palm, Easter decorations and flowers will be removed from the cemetery grounds beginning **May 1<sup>st</sup> through May 5<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you.

## 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 worshiping community as we participate in the Liturgy for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent. 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!**

*It is difficult, if not impossible, for us who are gifted with sight to imagine what it must be like to be blind from birth. The person in today's Gospel had never ever seen blue skies, white snow, green grass, a red rose, or a yellow dandelion. He had never seen a human being - never seen the pure innocent faces of children receiving Holy Communion for the first time, the radiant joy in the smile of friends, and the peacefulness and pain on a mother's face. He had never seen a cat or a dog, a horse or a cow. He had been born blind without an inkling what seeing is all about.*

*Jesus is "the light of the human race, the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:4-5)*

*Jesus identifies Himself with these consoling words: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). In today's Gospel Jesus proclaims, "While I am in the world, I am the light of the world" (John 9:5).*

*Jesus shares His light and His sight with us. He says, "I came into the world as light, so that everyone who believes in Me might not remain in darkness" (John 12:46). Jesus' explicit mission is to announce "recovery of sight for the blind" (Luke 4:18). Our mission in turn is intimately related to His mission, for He tells us, "You are the light of the world.... Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father" (Matt 5:14, 16).*

*Our Lenten prayer, penance, and almsgiving*

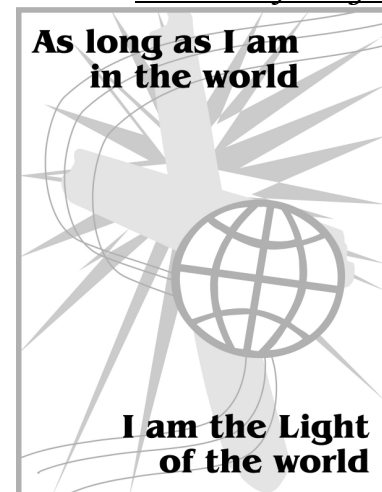
*are meant to make us keenly aware that we were once in darkness but now we are light in the Lord (Eph 5:8). Lent is our call and our challenge to "Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth" (Eph 5:8-9).*

*Lent is the time for us to be aware of the blind spots in our daily lives. We condition ourselves to see what we want to see or to see what we think we see. Now is the time to take a fresh look at the people we live with, work with, pray and play with. This is the time to see things in others we have never seen before, to discover and uncover a hidden beauty, a buried talent, a disguised characteristic.*

*Lent is the time to take a good, long look at ourselves, to see ourselves as others see us, to see ourselves as God sees us. This may well mean seeing the good in ourselves that lies dormant deep in our hearts but ready now to be called forth into the light as we admit, "I can do better than that!" This may mean seeing anew our bad habits, carelessness, selfishness or stubbornness, a complaining spirit, a reluctance to be grateful for what others do for us, a failure to be helpful to others. And once we see, we begin to change.*

*With the new insight that Lent offers us we come to the conclusion that our original blindness will not be totally healed and restored until we see the glory of God. Meanwhile we admit that "eye has not seen... what God has prepared for those who love Him (1 Cor 2:9).*

*Jesus seldom gave out information but what He did give out were avenues of enlightenment.*



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