

# 2nd Sunday of Lent

**March 12, 2017**

**Saturday, March 11**

4:30PM Matthew Derfler  
Charles J. Lare

**Sunday, March 12**

7:30AM Anthony Rio  
9:30AM Theresa McGrath  
11:30AM Marie Manning

**Monday, March 13**

8:15AM Camaioni Family  
Phil & May Boyle

**Tuesday, March 14**

8:15AM Kathleen Duckworth

**Wednesday, March 15**

8:15AM Bernardo & Nicolina Novi

**Thursday, March 16**

8:15AM Martin Brady

**Friday, March 17**

8:15AM Mary Maloney (35<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

**Saturday, March 18**

4:30PM Joseph Romano  
Thomas J. Waszena

**Sunday, March 19**

7:30AM Mary Garbacz  
9:30AM Theresa McGrath  
11:30AM Lorraine G. Sirianni

*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, Matt McNamee, 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, Jack Susskind, 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



**Phyllis Bliem, Dorothy Lavell,  
Anna Marie "Nan" Berry,  
Margaret Evangelista,  
David Horn, Leon Lesniewski**

**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	
3/11 4:30	Fr. Heron
3/12 7:30	Msgr. Owens 9:30 Fr. Ryan 11:30 Fr. McGuinn
3/18 4:30	Msgr. Owens
3/19 7:30	Fr. McGuinn 9:30 Fr. Ryan 11:30 Fr. Heron
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**  
 3rd Sunday of Lent  
 March 19, 2017  
 Sacred Scripture  
 Exodus 17:3–7 Romans 5:1 – 2, 5 – 8 John 4:5 – 42  
 With Jesus as her spiritual guide the woman at the well comes to see the real dilemma of her life, the deep waywardness of her existence: she is brought face to face with herself. From our own elemental thirst, like the woman at the well, we give ourselves to this man who in his thirst asks us for a drink. We are certain that at last we will have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Our hope does not disappoint. We will not die in our thirst. The Lord is in our midst.

# Religious Education

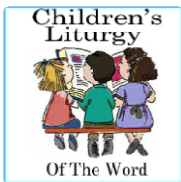
## CCD/PREP UDATES

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 will celebrate 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 Penance will be on Monday, 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 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 the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday class is April 4 will be required the Baptism of 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 [stmatt2014@gmail.com](mailto:stmatt2014@gmail.com) or call the Parish Office at 610-828-0424



**LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE/POOR PERSON DINNER:** Wednesday March 22, 2017, 6:30 PM in St. Matthew Parish Center.



**LENT**

St. Matthew Parish will be having a Lenten Prayer Service and Poor Person Dinner, which consist of a bowl of soup, bread and a beverage. Please come and join us. Your free will offering for the dinner will be donated to the needy. Please **RSVP to Helene if you plan to attend at [hclegg100@aol.com](mailto:hclegg100@aol.com) by March 15th.**

**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 social, spiritual, and service. 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 6, 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)

## God's Plan for Giving

March 5, 2017

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR OFFERTORY GIFTS LAST WEEKEND:

**\$16,399.00**

Electronic giving \$2,506.00 + \$13,893.00 = \$16,399.00

Today the 2<sup>nd</sup> collection is for **Solidarity Fund for the Church in Latin America.**



**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.** March meeting will take place on **March 15**, in the Parish Community Center at **12:30pm.** We will have a short business meeting, lunch (\$5). **ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!**

### 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: **March 14 & April 11.** 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).

### Don't Give Up Chocolate for Lent



Join Dynamic Catholic for Best Lent Ever, a FREE email program designed to help you have a life-changing Lent. You will get short inspirational videos and practical tips from Ash Wednesday to Easter.

Sign up for FREE at: [BestLentEver.com/Lent](http://BestLentEver.com/Lent)

## THE CATHOLIC STANDARD & TIMES

Newspaper for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia

The Archdiocese is considering resuming a print publication containing local Church news that would come out every other week. The subscription rate would be \$40 to \$50 annually. If you think you would subscribe to a regular archdiocesan publication, please email the rectory to say you are interested in a print publication at [stmatthewrectory@verizon.net](mailto:stmatthewrectory@verizon.net)

### RACHEL & TROY FOUNDATION:

Designer Bag Bingo on Sunday, March 19, 2017 at the Barren Hill Fire House, 647 Germantown Pk, Lafayette Hill, PA. Doors open at 1 PM/ Games start at 2PM. Tickets \$25 in advance \$30 at the door. Space is limited you need to register early. For more information call Ron Gamza 484-571-8794 or email [ronaldgamza@msn.com](mailto:ronaldgamza@msn.com)

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.

### Prayer Service for Immigrants and Refugees

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, Presider

**Sunday, March 19, 2017**

**4:00 PM**

Cathedral Basilica of SS Peter & Paul  
18<sup>th</sup> & Benjamin Franklin Parkway

Please join us to support and encourage our brothers and sisters who are immigrants with both your prayer and presence.

**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.

**SHORT TERM MATH TEACHER:** Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School, an independent, all-girls Catholic college preparatory school sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, has an opening for a short-term substitute position in mathematics from April 24 – June 9, 2017. Courses to be taught are Algebra 2, Intermediate Algebra, and Honors Calculus. Qualified applicants with teaching experience and a degree in mathematics are asked to submit their resume and PA clearances to Cindy DeCandido at [careers@gmahs.org](mailto:careers@gmahs.org) by March 24, 2017.



**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.



## Fr. Tom Heron's Weekly Reflection

*They were on the road – Jesus, Peter, James, and John – making their way up the mountain. The disciples were asking themselves, “Why do we have to climb this mountain? Why now?” Maybe Jesus wanted a secluded place to pray; they knew that He loved to pray at uncustomary times and in out-of-the-way places. And mountaintops have long been special places to meet God.*

*At nightfall, the clouds hovered around the top of the mountain. But somehow, tonight, the clouds were different, more present than usual, almost transparent with the divine. The tired disciples drifted off to sleep; not even their sore feet could keep them awake. But they were shocked out of their slumber by the surprise of their lives – there was Jesus, clothed in the glory of brightness that could only be from God, intensely engaged in conversation with Moses and Elijah.*

*Later Peter, James, and John came to understand why they had to make that long, tiring, difficult climb up the mountain with Jesus. God the Father had intended it to be the place of transfiguration for His beloved Son but also for them. For in that place, at that time, they would have all their expectations about God's Messiah changed. Salvation would not come to God's people through a military victory over their enemies; rather, it would come through the paschal mystery, God the Father's Easter plan in the dying and rising of His beloved Son.*

*“Why do we have to make this yearly climb to Easter?”, we may be asking ourselves. “Why do we have to keep this Lent? Why do we need to fast, pray, and help the needy?” The answer is that Lent is the way to our personal and communal transfiguration at Easter. Maybe we are willing to observe Lent if we expect it to be a straightforward, if rather long, time of our usual Lenten practices: the predictable things, the customary practices, the good intentions that go into making a moderately good and not-too-painful preparation for Easter.*

*This Lent might be God's best time for reminding us of this truth: God's love and forgiveness must be our surest strength and only hope throughout our life and at the moment of our death.*



## REFLECTIONS FROM MY ROCKING CHAIR

Dear friends,

In preparation for the celebration of Easter it is a good and wholesome thing to go to Confession during the season of Lent. Going to Confession is a good thing: It is the forgiveness of our sins that we might burn brightly in the love of Christ and so be a leaven of forgiveness in the world. It is a remedy for self-loathing. It is the power to walk away from sin and live the Gospel. We are much more likely to be happy and enjoy healthy relationships with those around us and with God himself. The key is recognizing my sins and seeking to reconcile with God. This is accomplished through Jesus Christ and his Church. He says to his apostles, “If you forgive men sins they shall be forgiven them. If you hold them bound, they are bound”. The keys of the kingdom is the key to a richly rewarding life both now and forever.

If you feel you have nothing to confess, make a more thorough examination of what it means to be a Christ follower. Even if your sins are “venial”, the sacrament keeps us sharp in choosing the good. If you are too ashamed to go, get in touch with Jesus who loves to walk in the company of sinners. If you have forgotten the form of the sacrament, simply mention that to the priest who will guide you. And if you have lost hope – confessing the same sins over and over again – understand that we may tire of ourselves but we never tire God – sooner or later He will get to the root of things. What follows below may be helpful in making a good confession.

An Examination of Conscience

**Daily Life** *Have I ...* Been aware of the blessings I have received? Looked upon others as objects to exploit? Lost my temper unnecessarily? Expressed my appreciation to those who help me in my daily responsibilities?

**Work** *Have I ...* Given an honest day's work? Stolen things from work? Betrayed myself to get ahead? Settled for mediocrity? Put work ahead of family and friends?

**Desires** *Have I ...* Set my sights on what is truly important in life? Sought the good not only for myself, but for others? Acted on sexual desire selfishly, the pleasure of the moment, regardless of consequences? Made it difficult for others to love me? Made commitments casually, knowing I would break them? Looked down on people different from me? Honored my commitment as wife, husband, friend?

**Spiritual Life** *Have I ...* Prayed recently and regularly? Taken time alone for reflection? Examined my motives? Kept myself so busy there is no time to reflect? Trusted that God loves and cares for me? Attended Sunday Mass each week?

**Money** *Have I ...* Sacrificed my convictions to make more money? Known the difference between want and need? Use money well, being neither a spendthrift nor a miser? Own my possessions, or am I owned by them? Spend my money on things I do not need? Spend money to fill a void rather than confronting the void? Fail to give money to the less fortunate?

Blessings, Monsignor Tom Owens ([stnatt2014@gmail.com](mailto:stnatt2014@gmail.com))



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