



**April 23, 2017**

**Saturday, April 22**

4:30PM Mary Ann Messere  
Vince Ruggiero

**Sunday, April 23**

7:30AM Lona & James Craven  
9:30AM John Gutwald  
11:30AM Ralph Piergrossi

**Monday, April 24**

8:15AM Nancy Clemens (15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**Tuesday, April 25**

8:15AM Yolanda Esposto-Novati

**Wednesday, April 26**

8:15AM Archie Hayes

**Thursday, April 27**

8:15AM Joanne M. Mascio

**Friday, April 28**

8:15AM Edward Pierce

**Saturday, April 29**

4:30PM Mary Ann (Cookie) Messere

**Sunday, April 30**

7:30AM Eileen Kelliher  
9:30AM James J. Brogan  
11:30AM Ralph Piergrossi



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, 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, 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, Barbara Clement, Derek Dean, Baby Noah Marchetti, Richard Wolfrom, James Simpson, Roseann Sirianni Lare, Theresa Steinhauer, John Palmer, Rachel Minnick, Ted McGonagle, Ed McGlinchey, Mark Hogan, Gregory Mazzochetti



**Albert John Chipollini**  
**Brian Thomas**

**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**

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



The St. Matthew Family joyfully welcomes the following persons into full Communion with us this Easter. May they continue to grow in the faith with the support of the wonderful faith-filled people of our parish.

The Sacrament of Confirmation conferred on **Amanda Jayne and Maxwell Stein.**

**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 May 2 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 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)

**2018 Mass Book:** The 2018 Mass Book is open . For your convenience, there are Mass Intention forms in the back of church on the tables. Follow the instructions on the form and place in the collection basket. You can also email your request to [stmatthewrectory@verizon.net](mailto:stmatthewrectory@verizon.net) or



610-828-0424 X4. We will honor all your requests or the date closest to your request as we receive them. We hope you will take advantage of using the forms in Church and email. This will make it a lot easier for people who have a hard time getting to the Parish Center.

# Religious Education

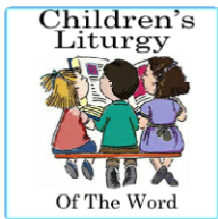
## CCD/PREP DATES

This Sunday we celebrate the **Presentation of First Communion Candidates at the 9:30 Mass**. They will be recognized immediately following the homily and renew their Baptismal promises with their families and the entire parish community. Please continue to pray for the children and their families.

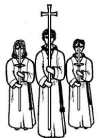


**First Communion will be celebrated on Saturday, April 29, 2017 11am.**

The video/DVD of the celebration of Confirmation is now available for pick up in the parish center. Please come to the gated door entrance next to Tony and Joe's for pick up. Your fee included the DVD, there is no additional charge.



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.



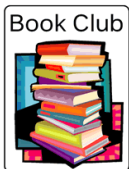
**ALTAR SERVERS:** Are you 10 years old or older? Do you want to help in the parish? Join the St. Matthew's Altar Servers. If interested email [stmatthewrectory@verizon.net](mailto:stmatthewrectory@verizon.net).



### Month of May

In honor of Mary we will say the Rosary and have Benediction **every Monday evening in the month of May** at 6:30PM with Deacon Joe Carr. Please join us!

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



Msgr. Owens will publish the next set of dates after the Wednesday meeting. Next week these dates and books will be published in the church bulletin. 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.

**Casino Trips:** scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month: **May 9 & June 13**. Bus leaves 9:00 AM from 11<sup>th</sup> & Fayette, 9:15 AM from 3<sup>rd</sup> & Fayette, 9:30 AM from St. Mary's. Call Joe (610-825-4596).

**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, May 10 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)



## YOUNG ADULTS

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 and one for men. To learn more about this opportunity contact Deacon Joe Carr at [rosehigh1@comcast.net](mailto:rosehigh1@comcast.net), Maria DiMarco at 484-888-5368.



**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.

**FOOD BANK NEEDS:** Our parish food bank is in need of the following items: tuna fish, cans of fruit, carrots, mixed vegetables, large cans of chunky soups. Items can be placed in the vestibules of the church where our volunteers will pick up and take to the food bank. Thank you for your generosity.



**ST MATTHEW'S SENIORS will meet every third Wednesday of the month.** May meeting will take place on **May 17**, 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.

# God's Plan for Giving

April 16, 2017

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR  
OFFERTORY  
GIFTS LAST WEEKEND:  
**\$34,078.00**

Electronic giving \$1,490.00 + \$32,588.00 = \$34,078.00

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: May 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Catholic Home Missions**



**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. JOSEPH CHURCH SPRING CITY:

Join us in a Mass for those suffering from addiction. All are invited to St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, 3640 Schuylkill Rd, Spring City, PA 19475 on **Saturday, June 3, 2017 12 Noon** the Celebrant will be Rev. Charles O'Hara. Addiction has touched far too many of our loved ones. Join us that we may draw strength from one another in the power of our faith. ***"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."*** (Philippians 4:13)

## Wedding Anniversary Mass – May 6, 2017



Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? The annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place on Saturday, **May 6, 2017**, at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and

Paul, at the 5:15 pm Vigil Mass with Archbishop Charles Chaput presiding. This Mass is to pray for and with all married couples who are newlyweds, or who have been married 25 years or more, or 50 years or more. Friends and family are welcome and encouraged to attend. REGISTRATION REQUIRED at [www.phillycatholiclife.org](http://www.phillycatholiclife.org) or call: 215-587-0500

## 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.



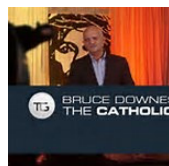
**Merion Mercy Academy, an independent, Catholic, college preparatory school sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy has an opening for a school counselor.** The school counselor supports student wellness and access to academic and personal success through communication, collaboration, and guidance. Essential responsibilities include providing social/emotional, personal, and academic counseling for a caseload of 230-240 students in grades 9-12. Candidates should have excellent communication and organizational skills, facility with technology, and possess a professional, collaborative, team-oriented style with empathy, flexibility, and patience. Commitment to the traditions and philosophy of a Catholic educational community and a style consistent with the Mercy core values are important. Master's Degree in education or school counseling and Pennsylvania certification in secondary counseling are required. Priority will be given to candidates with a minimum of three years experience as a school counselor. Interested candidates should send a letter of intent and resume to Miss Mary Ann Danovich, Assistant Head of School for Academic Affairs, at [madanovich@merion-mercy.com](mailto:madanovich@merion-mercy.com) by **Tuesday, April 25, 2017.**

## Are you a BUSINESS OWNER or SENIOR EXECUTIVE?



If so, you may be eligible for membership in Legatus, a unique, international Catholic association of business leaders. Legatus is the only organization in the world designed exclusively for Catholic business leaders and their spouses. Legatus membership is comprised of CEOs, Presidents, Managing Partners and Business Owners who, with their spouses, meet on a monthly basis to strengthen their faith. Legatus was founded in 1998 and has provided a rich environment for members to become "ambassadors" (legates) for the Catholic Faith. Philadelphia is blessed to have its own chapter and has a strong membership base from all areas in the Philadelphia region. During our monthly dinners, members listen to lively and engaging speakers on a variety of topics relevant to faith, family and business. Legatus members also have access to "Legatus Forums," which are private business peer groups (similar to Vistage and YPO), where members can benefit from the wisdom of other business owners. Contact: John Knowles . [jknowles@legatus.org](mailto:jknowles@legatus.org). (215)262-3832 <http://legatus.org/legatus>

## NEW CATHOLIC TELEVISION PROGRAM FOR YOU EVERYDAY:



Be inspired by a new Catholic television program for everyday living that will motivate you to achieve your hopes and dreams as you live a life of power, impact, freedom and purpose. It provides practical ways of living life to the fullest and helping you make faith a part of your daily life. Bruce Downes The Catholic Guy Television program is seen by millions of people whose lives have been changed by his down-to-earth approach. **DIRECTV Ch 371, DISH Ch 258, AT&T U-VERSE Ch 565, VERIZON FIOS Ch 288 Everyday 8:30am (EST)** For more information go to [BruceDownesTheCatholicGuy.com](http://BruceDownesTheCatholicGuy.com) where you can watch the program daily.

## Fr. Tom Heron's Weekly Reflection

*The resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith. At the heart of our Christian identity is the belief that God has radically changed the universe in the birth, life, passion, death and resurrection of Jesus.*

*Resurrection is the focus of our Easter season, the Great 50 days. Easter is so important that we cannot celebrate it adequately in one day. It takes a week of weeks. The season's spirituality is shaped by the Acts of the Apostles. Each day at Mass, both Sundays and weekdays, we read from Acts to discover anew our Christian identity.*

*The readings today contrast fear and faith. In the Gospel we heard that **"the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the [Jews] OR their [enemies]."** Afraid, cautious, divided, hidden away - what a contrast between how the disciples behave here and the picture of them we get from the Acts of the Apostles, **"The community of believers were of one heart and one mind... With power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord."** The first Christian community was a church that was alive, active, in touch with the needs of its members. They prayed together, ate together, studied together, sang together, rejoiced together. They were an active church, a celebrating church, a church that believed greatly in fellowship, service and outreach. No wonder they experienced such phenomenal growth. The motivating force of the early believers to form a community was their vivid faith in the resurrected Lord.*

*However, before the disciples' lives were determined by faith, their fears had to be allayed. Jesus appears to them and reassures with words of peace and by the warmth of His breath that He is truly alive in Body and in Spirit. His purpose is not only to reassure them but to send them out, encourage them to leave the prison of their fears.*

*What are you most afraid of? Not being loved. We desire to be loved. What a great opportunity we have here in the parish to create a community of love. Through prayer, through struggling to understand God's Word, through celebrating the sacraments, through our willingness to serve one another - these are examples of living faith in the power of the resurrected Lord. We need them to be the foundation stones of our lives so that our lives will be full of life and love, full of faith and free of fear. Let us pray at this Eucharist that we may encourage one another to be instruments of forgiveness, examples of peace and witnesses of love in the Risen Lord.*

*How can we touch the Lord's hands and side? How can we see the Risen Christ? Our reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles suggests a way: by sharing all things in common, by devoting ourselves to the apostles' instructions and to the common life, by breaking bread together "with exultant and sincere hearts."*



## Reflections from my Rocking Chair

Dear friends,

The octave of Easter closes today. I came across a rather obscure (at least to me) monk of the fifth century, Hesychius (no idea how to say it, it was hard enough to spell it), who wrote a commentary on the resurrection that remains attractive for its joy and exuberance.

*"The festival we celebrate today, is one of victory – the victory of the son of God, King of the whole universe. On this day the devil is defeated by the Crucified One; our race is filled with joy by the Risen One. In honor of my resurrection in Christ, this day cries out:*

*"In my journey I beheld a new wonder – an open tomb, a man risen from the dead, bones exulting, souls rejoicing, men and women refashioned, the heavens opened, and powers crying out: Lift up your gates, you princes; be lifted up, you everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.'*

*"On this day I saw the King of heaven, robed in light, ascend above the lightning and the rays of the sun, above the sun and the sources of water, above the dwelling place of the angelic powers and the city of eternal life. "Hidden first in the womb of flesh, he sanctified human birth by his own birth; hidden afterward in the womb of the earth, he gave life to the dead by his resurrection. Suffering, pain, and sighs have now fled away.*

*"For who has known the mind of God, or who has been his counselor if not the Word made flesh, who was nailed to the cross, who rose from the dead, and who was taken up into heaven?"*

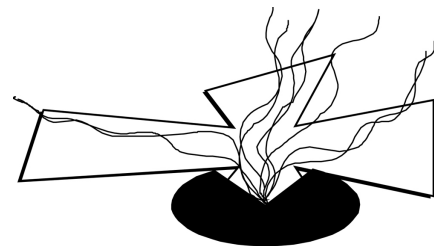
*"This day brings a message of joy: it is the day of the Lord's resurrection when, with himself, he raised up the race of Adam. Born for the sake of human beings, he rose from the dead with them. On this day paradise is opened by the Risen One, Adam is restored to life and Eve is consoled. On this day the divine call is heard, the kingdom is prepared, we are saved and Christ is adored. On this day, when he had trampled death underfoot, made the tyrant a prisoner, and despoiled the underworld, Christ ascended into heaven as a king in victory, as a ruler in glory, as an invincible charioteer.*

*He said to the Father: "Here am I, O God, with the children you have given me and he heard the Father's reply: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool." To him be glory, now and forever, to endless ages. Amen.*

Friends, the Easter season continues now for five weeks. And why not? We celebrate the most spiritually significant and historically important event in the history of humankind. Though it can only be fully known through an act of faith. Christ's resurrection lays claim to an historic nature in the effect it has had in believers now in its 21<sup>st</sup> century. Resurrection restores human nature its God-intended dignity.

Happy Easter,

Msgr. Tom Owens ([stmatt2014@gmail.com](mailto:stmatt2014@gmail.com))



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