



**Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 14, 2017**

**Saturday, May 13**

4:30PM Rev. Walter Daly

**Sunday, May 14 Happy Mother's Day**

7:30AM Charles J. Lare

9:30AM Walter & Alvera Campi

11:30AM Robert G. Templeton (10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**Monday, May 15**

8:15AM Esther Timbario

**Tuesday, May 16**

8:15AM Nicola & Anna Mastrocola

Dec'd Members of Cross & Teaford Families

**Wednesday, May 17**

8:15AM Susan & Anthony Cappanelli

**Thursday, May 18**

8:15AM Giuseppe DeFusco

**Friday, May 19**

8:15AM John F. Schank

Vincent Wolfrom

**Saturday, May 20**

4:30PM John Lare

Peggy Storti

**Sunday, May 21**

7:30AM Michael Staude

9:30AM Joseph Albanese

11:30AM Philomenia Bello Neve



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, 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, Robert Berk, Emma Forlini, Paul & Family, Derek Dean, Baby Noah Marchetti, Richard Wolfrom, James Simpson, Roseann Sirianni Lare, Theresa Steinhauser, John Palmer, Rachel Minnick, Mark Hogan, Gregory Mazzochetti, John Lewis, Teresa Sensinger.



**John Waszena Sr.  
Joseph Venezia**



**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:** Staff Sgt Daniel Furtak, Lt. Michelle R. McNally, SSKC Terence J. McNally Jr., Sgt. Robert Bonneau, Andrew Midgett, 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, Edward Sobek

**CELEBRANTS MASS SCHEDULE**

5/13 4:30 Fr. McGuinn  
5/14 7:30 Fr. Ryan 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Msgr. Owens  
5/20 4:30 Fr. McGuinn  
5/21 7:30 Msgr. Owens 9:30 Fr. Cooke 11:30 Fr. Ryan  
5/27 4:30 Fr. Ryan  
5/28 7:30 Fr. McGuinn 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Msgr. Owens

**Prepare for next Sunday**

Acts of the Apostles 8:5 – 8, 14 – 17 First Letter of St. Peter 3:15 – 18 John 14:15 – 21  
When Philip “proclaimed the Christ” to the crowds, “with one accord” they “paid attention to what was said.” Their full acceptance of the word of God provoked Peter and John to go to them and lay hands on them so that they would receive the Holy Spirit. This fulfills what Jesus promised us the night before he died: “the Father will give you the Spirit of truth. He will be in you.” Just as the crowds today are transfixed by the attraction of Philip, so we are captivated by the one who has loved us and revealed himself to us. It is the source of “great joy.”



**Mass Schedule for Ascension Thursday  
Wednesday, May 24 Vigil Mass 7 PM  
Thursday, May 25 – 8:15 AM & 12 Noon**



**May Crowning of Blessed Mother,  
Mother's Day May 14, 2017**

*O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today,*

*Queen of the Angels and Queen of May*

Today, Mother's Day we honor our heavenly Mother, Mary, with a crown of flowers and in so doing honor all that our mother's are to us, for us, and with us.

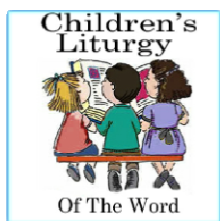
*Oh, grant that thy children on earth be as true....*

We thank the following for participating in the ceremony today.

May Queen – **Sister St. Herman, SSJ**

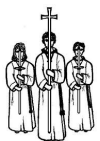
**Memorial Day Masses at Cemeteries: NO  
8:15AM Mass on Monday, May 29. Masses will  
be held at St. Benedicts Cemetery at 10 AM and  
St. Matthew Cemetery at 11 AM.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN:



every Sunday at the **9:30AM** Mass. All children (**ages 3 – 9**) 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. **10 year olds and up are encouraged to become altar servers.**



**ALTAR SERVERS:** Are you 10 years old or older? Do you want to help in the parish? Join the St. Matthew's Altar Servers. Training will begin after 9:30 Mass on Sunday. E-mail [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. 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: **June 13 & July 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).

**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, **June 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](mailto:acaoc@verizon.net)



Join St. Matthew's Conshohocken Young Adult group focused on social, spiritual, and service. Upcoming events include: May 21 Post Mass Brunch 12:30 PM at Bar Lucca (meet in the back of the church)

June 6 Cradles to Crayons and Guppies 6 PM

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).



**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!**

**The Respect Life Collection will be held today before**



**and after each Mass.** We will offer red roses and carnations. We ask for your continued support and generosity in this important work. Let us pray and ask Our Lady to bless our nation and the pre-born. Thank you.

## 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.

**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.



Each person must strive to participate fully at the Mass, making it a genuine act of worship of God. Each person must do his best to eliminate as many potential distractions as possible and focus on the Mass.

**Kindly turn off your cell phones and avoid using them during Mass. Thank you!**

## 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)

## 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 June 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)

# God's Plan for Giving

May 7, 2017

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR OFFERTORY GIFTS LAST WEEKEND:

**\$16,022.00**

Electronic giving \$1,876.00 + \$14,146.00 = \$16,022.00



**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)

**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.

**Passage of the Conscience Protection Act (CPA)** continues to be a top legislative priority for the USCCB Committee for Pro Life Activities. It will write into permanent law the core policy of the Weldon Amendment, which protects those who decline to perform, pay for, refer for, or provide coverage for abortion. The National Committee for a Human Life Amendment (NCHLA) has an initiative called Human Life Action (HLA) that mobilizes grassroots support for the U.S. Bishops' pro-life legislative agenda. At present, the passage of the Conscience Protection Act of 2017 is the Pro-Life Committee's top legislative priority and a call to action has been issued. HLA is conducting a nationwide program called Take Action Sunday to engage the faithful and in proclaiming the Gospel of Life relative to the legislative process. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia will be participating in Take Action Sunday during the weekend of **May 20-21, 2017**. The goal of Take Action Sunday is straightforward. We hope to generate many grassroots messages from the Faithful to Congress urging support for the Conscience Protection Act. Please advocate for passage of this important legislation in defense of life and freedom of conscience through the website [www.HumanLifeAction.org](http://www.HumanLifeAction.org) and send an email to your legislative leaders.



**2018 Mass Book:** The 2018 Mass Book is open. For your convenience, there are Mass Intention forms in the back of church. Follow the instructions on the form and place in

the collection basket or email your request to [stmatthewrectory@verizon.net](mailto:stmatthewrectory@verizon.net) or 610-828-0424 X4.

## St. Joseph Villa

St. Joseph Villa is in need of substitutes while their regular volunteers are on vacation. Some needs include:

- Providing in-house transport to appointments (Hair Salon, Therapy, or Doctor's)
- Assisting Staff with Health & Wellness Activities and Socials
- Serving as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist
- Weekly visit to resident without family/friend connection (regular day and time preferred)

For information, please contact Sister Frances Hart at 215-248-7844 or email [hartf@stjosephvilla.org](mailto:hartf@stjosephvilla.org)

## Malvern Family Festival

Malvern Retreat House will host a Family Festival on Sunday, June 11 from 1pm-6pm. The day will kick off with outdoor Sunday Mass presided by Bishop Edward Deliman at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine. After Mass, other activities that will be offered include performances by The Donut Man and Grammy-Nominated Singer/Songwriter Marty Rotella, children's games, food, and DJ-directed music and activities. The cost is only \$25 per car, including food. Please visit [malvernretreat.com](http://malvernretreat.com) or call 610-644-0400 for more information.

## Separated & Divorced Retreat

A special retreat for separated and divorced Catholics will be held the weekend of **June 16-18** at Malvern Retreat House. Catholic author, speaker and divorce recovery expert Lisa Duffy will give several presentations, including *The Six Keys to Healing* and *Your Own Self Worth*. Please visit [malvernretreat.com](http://malvernretreat.com) or call 610-644-0400 for more information.

## Masculine Genius Institute summit July 12-14

You are invited to join us at the 2nd annual Masculine Genius Institute summit in Villanova, PA July 12-14. Enjoy the many presentations and research as we unpack our theme: **Boys to Men: Molding Manly Character**. Great speakers and opportunity to discuss the journey that all men take from boyhood to manhood. This program is great for men of all ages, especially young fathers and men who are influencing the lives of boys in schools, athletics or extracurricular setting such as cub and boy scouts. Women are welcome to join us! For more information visit: [www.masculinegeniusinstitute.com](http://www.masculinegeniusinstitute.com)

**St. John's Annual Shore Reunion:** Parishioners, Alumni, and friends are invited for this Annual Summer Reunion in wildwood at Backfin Blues Bar & Grill, 517 Rio Grande Ave, Wildwood at the foot of the Rio Grande Bridge. Tickets are \$35 per person. Also available is bus transportation for \$35 additional per person departing from Mitchell & Pensdale Sts. Call Marie Kwartnik if you have any questions regarding tickets or would like to purchase at 215-317-2775.



Wishing you the very best this Mother's Day!

## Fr. Tom Heron's Weekly Reflection

When you have surgery, proper medical procedure requires that you consult with many people. Physicians tell you why you need the surgery. Surgeons tell you what will be done. Nurses check your medical history and tell you what you may eat before the operation. Physical therapists tell you what sort of activity you will be able to pursue after the surgery and the exercises you must do to recover. And the financial and insurance representatives of the hospital make certain that someone is paying the bill! Each professional is a specialist who does one specific thing to take care of you. Specialization may seem very modern, but it has been with us for a long time.

In the first reading today from the Acts of the Apostles, we see the first specialists in the history of the church. The apostles wanted to see justice done in the distribution of food. They knew that Jesus had commanded them to bear witness to Him at His ascension, so they appointed seven men to serve the Greek-speaking members of the community. So "the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table." "The apostles established two specialized ministries. They seemed to say, "We will pray and preach while these seven men will take care of works of justice and mercy."

Some believe Christians should be mostly concerned with prayer, and others believe it is just as important to care for the poor and the needy. Human beings tend to divide the world in two: on one side are the things of the spirit - prayers and Church, and on the other side are the things of the real world - food and shelter.

Even the apostles Thomas and Philip in today's Gospel appear confused about the physical and spiritual and they want Jesus to clearly spell out where He is going and how they can get there.

Jesus came, suffered and died, and then rose from the dead to show us that what looks like two worlds is really one. The Son of God united the world of the spirit and the world of flesh when He took flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary. He united the world of the spirit and the world of flesh and blood when He gave His flesh as real food and His blood as real drink. Jesus often used material images to teach us spiritual truths. He told His disciples: "In My Father's house there are many dwelling places." In fact, St. John's Gospel is filled with signs that Jesus worked in order to reveal His glory.

It would be much easier if all we had to do was pray. It would be much easier if all we had to do was to be nice to each other - those works of justice and mercy. If we are to be true to Jesus' message, it has to be both prayer **and** works. The praise of God is in feeding the hungry and offering prayers and supplication. The praise of God is in welcoming the stranger and not neglecting the Word. The praise of God is in clothing the naked and praying over them. For those who believe in Jesus will do greater deeds than He did, because Jesus intercedes for us.

Our hearts need not be troubled. When we go to the table of the Eucharist, we join together with Jesus in the greatest prayer of praise, and we are strengthened to go forth to do the works that Jesus did. He gives us Himself - Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity that we might continue to make Him visible in our world today.

## Reflections from my rocking chair

Dear friends,

The month of May is traditionally accented by devotion to the Blessed Mother and in her in the enormous mission as the mother of Jesus. Her "fiat" (let it be done to me) is the perfect model of faith. She is, in a manner of speaking, the first Christian when the angel announces to her the mysterious transformation that is taking place in her womb. We ought not to confuse Mary's meekness for weakness or her humility for a lack of self-esteem. Devotion to Mary has one goal; to allow her to take us to Jesus and thus to enter into the love of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Saint Louis de Montfort said of her, "He who finds Mary, finds life - that is, Jesus Christ, who is the way and the truth and the life."

In our life of prayer Mary is the great intercessor. She seeks to pray along with us and assist us in discovering the favor of God. Throughout the centuries, Mary's devotional titles illustrate the many ways in which she accompanies us on our journey. She is our Advocate, our Mediatrix, our Comforter of the Afflicted, Refuge of Sinners, Queen of All Saints, Queen of the Apostles, Queen of Martyrs, Queen of Peace, Our Mother of Sorrows, Our Lady of Mercy, Our Mother of Good Counsel, Our Lady of the Rosary and Mother of God. Throughout the centuries the church has embraced various apparitions and, in particular, Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady of Fatima and Our Lady of Guadalupe. There are others.

The spiritual life of the Blessed Mother is most vividly proclaimed in the Gospel of Luke (1:46 - 47ff). God has lifted up the lowly. He has filled her with joy. He has accomplished great things in her. He cast down the wicked from their thrones. He has filled the hungry with good things. He remembers his promise of mercy. We can have no better advocate on our behalf. Consider the wedding feast at Cana: Mary is concerned for the newlyweds who have run out of wine at the reception. She asked Jesus to remedy the embarrassment. Jesus tells her it is not his time for miracles. Yet, she tells the stewards to do whatever he says. He does what his mother tells him to do. Such an intercessor!

Carol Monaco, a spiritual writer devoted to Mary, writes, "When we devote ourselves to Mary, we commit ourselves to the Holy Trinity with faith, hope, and love. Like Mary, when we answer "yes" to God's call, we open the door to all that is good and true. Good works replace sinful acts, selflessness overcomes selfishness, and hope is given to the hopeless. Let there be no hesitation on our part. And as Mary said to her visionaries, do not be afraid."

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



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