

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 21, 2017

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

Monday, May 22

8:15AM Anthony Timbario

Tuesday, May 23

8:15AM Joanne Schank Beeler

Wednesday, May 24 Ascension Vigil

8:15AM Paul Donovan
7:00PM John DiDonato

Thursday, May 25 Ascension

8:15AM Carol Tinneny
12Noon Joseph Albanese

Friday, May 26

8:15AM Andrew J. Donovan IV

Saturday, May 27

4:30PM Mary Ann Lewis (4th Anniversary)

Sunday, May 28

7:30AM John Meyer
9:30AM Anne Price
11:30AM Doris & Walter Schank



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 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 Steinhauer, John Palmer, Rachel Minnick, Mark Hogan, Gregory Mazzochetti, John Lewis, Teresa Sensinger.



**William Friel Sr., George Zisk,
Sara Stipa, James Sousa**

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 108th 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 101st Airborne, Michael Bondra, Senior Airman Jacob Shoemaker, Master Sgt. Curt W. Zeiders III, Edward Sobeck



CELEBRANTS MASS SCHEDULE

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 1:12 – 14 First Letter of St. Peter 4:13 – 16
John 17:1 – 11

It is after the Ascension. The remaining apostles “have kept the Father’s word”; “they had believed that the Father sent Jesus.” They witness to the Father’s glory by enacting their own sort of “triumphal” entry into Jerusalem. It was triumphant “when they entered the city” because the Eleven were deeply united in faith and charity, resolved to do the will of the Father. As a result of this conviction, persecution is soon to follow, but they will rejoice to the extent that they share in the sufferings of Christ.



Mass Schedule for Ascension Thursday:

Wednesday, May 24 Vigil Mass 7 PM

Thursday, May 25 – 8:15 AM & 12 Noon

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.



June 4 is Pentecost Sunday

Traditionally we have a dove release at the close of the 9:30 Mass. We process into Mass and out at the closing with the bird!

Please mark your calendars. I am hoping the entire Confirmation class will return that Sunday morning in their robes to form the procession of the dove. We need at least 20 volunteers.

This is one way we remember and continue to celebrate the reception of the Sacrament of the Holy Spirit. Please respond as soon as you know you can be available.

*Thank you so very much!
Miss Mary Kay*

PREP/CCD REGISTRATION FOR 2017-2018. Now is the time for parents to plan for next year. Please take a few minutes to register your children online for religious education classes.

No payment until after July 1st. Fees will remain the same.

One child \$110.00 Two children \$165.00 Three or more children \$195.00

Classes are offered Sunday Mornings between masses. Classes are held in the Parish Center 10:25 am - 11:25 am.

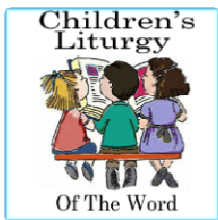
YOUTH GROUP: Please register online for Parish Youth Ministry. All 7th, 8th, 9th graders are welcome. Group will meet once a month in the evening. Day and Time TBA. No fee.

Announcing a wonderful opportunity to get involved...Enriching the lives of our young children.
TEACH, AIDE, VOLUNTEER FOR PREP/CCD
St. Matthew Religious Education Program

We are in need of a few **male** role models as catechists and or aides in the classroom.

Please contact: Mary Kay McKenna at the Parish Office 610-828-0424 or email mckennamaryk@gmail.com.

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.



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!

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 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

Gratitude from the Pro-Life Committee



The Respect Life Collection was held at St. Matthew's parish last weekend and through your generosity, we were able to donate **\$1,518** to support the initiatives of the Pro-Life Office to provide outreach, support, education, and counseling. The Pro-Life Union is committed to the sanctity of life, promoting a culture of love, and serving those making the choice for life. Thank you for your financial sacrifice for this most important work.

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



YOUNG ADULTS

St. Matthew's Conshohocken Young Adult group aims to provide fellowship through social, spiritual and service opportunities for those in their 20s and 30s and the young at heart. 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 or Erin Garrett at erin.garret@gmail.com.

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: **June 13 & July 11.** 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).



FOOD BANK NEEDS: Our parish food bank is in need of the following items: Applesauce. Donations can be placed in the vestibules of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

SixThree Group Retreat

A retreat for Fathers and Sons will be held Father's Day weekend, **June 16-18th** at Malvern Retreat House. Participants should be home before 1pm on Sunday. There is no charge for grade or high school students who attend with father or male relative. Visit www.SixThreeGroup.com for more details or contact Don McAvoy at 610-539-7881.

God's Plan for Giving

May 14, 2017

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR OFFERTORY GIFTS LAST WEEKEND:

\$13,877.00

Electronic giving \$1,380.00 + \$12,497.00 = \$13,877.00



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 to register www.parishgiving.org or 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

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 and send an email to your legislative leaders.



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 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

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 on August 20 from 1-5PM Tickets are \$35 per person. Also available is bus transportation for \$35 additional per person departing from Mitchell & Pensdale Sts. Call Marie Kwartnik with questions regarding tickets or would like to purchase at 215-317-2775.

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, Maria DiMarco at 484-888-5368.



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)

The Miraculous Medal Shrine Hosts

475 East Cheltenham Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19144-5785
Annual Novena of Hope for Nine Mondays: **June 5-July 31**
- Come to the Miraculous Medal Shrine to pray through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal during the Novena of Hope for Nine Mondays: June 5-July 31! The theme for this year's Novena of Hope is: *"The New Evangelization."* Eight Masses and Novena Services as well as Adoration and the Sacrament of Confession are available each Monday. On July 10, we will offer the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick during each service. We will stream LIVE each day at 9am and 12:05pm EDT. Free, secure parking. For Details and Full Schedule, please visit www.MiraculousMedal.org/Novena.

Fr. Tom Heron's Weekly Reflection

The world experiences bafflement in the presence of a genuine, committed believer. To the world, the faith we profess as Catholics is filled with absurdities: (1) a Man executed as a criminal returns to life and remains a vital presence 2000 years later, (2) society cries out for law and order and finds obedience difficult or of no value; the world, therefore, finds it strange that Christianity talks about obeying the commandments of Jesus, (3) most strange of all to the world is the Lord's command to love — love renounces power and embraces service; love surrenders wealth and turns to a neighbor in need; love seeks peace more than superior strength; and love seeks unity more than the satisfaction of being right.

The One we profess to be Lord and God set Himself above custom and precept where human needs were at stake. Jesus questioned established institutions where they bound people. He aligned Himself with the world's outcasts. He dared to suggest that love was the proper disposition toward one's enemies. The world responded to all this with ridicule and derision. Sadly, in many cases, it still responds this way. We say that the Resurrection is the central truth of Jesus' words, life and destiny. Jesus' way isn't easy. It struggles uphill against the weight of the world's values. However, it is the only path to life and the world has been unable to destroy it for over 2000 years. When we fail to come to terms with the resurrected order of living, we maintain the secular world at the expense of the world revealed by Christ. When we come to terms with the Resurrection, we find roots in a world of uncertainties and peace in the midst of reckless violence and terror.

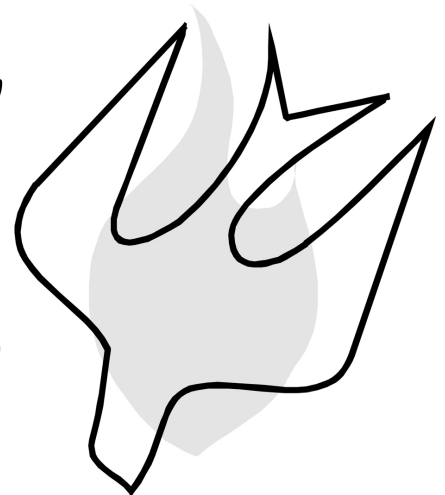
Jesus never allowed love to devalue into a sentiment or an emotion. Its expression is always moral and is revealed in obedience. We all know too well how in life there are those who profess their love in words and who use the outward actions of love but who at the same time bring pain and heartbreak to those whom they claim to love. There are children who say they love their parents yet cause them grief and anxiety. Husbands who say they love their wives and wives who say they love their

husbands and yet by their inconsiderateness and by their irritability and their thoughtlessness and unkindness bring pain to one another. For Jesus, real love is never easy. It is shown only in true obedience. In fact, real love is one of the rarest things in the world.

For Jesus, love means presence: **"I will not leave you orphans."** There is no greater gift that we can give to those we love than the gift of presence. It is hard to love somebody you never see. Children need parents who are there for them. Aging parents need children who will come to see them and care for them. Jesus is leaving His disciples but He wants them to know He is not forsaking them. He will send another Advocate, the Holy Spirit. In Jesus' absence, the Holy Spirit takes over. The Holy Spirit will help us do all Jesus asks us to do. The Holy Spirit will help us understand better the message of Jesus. The Holy Spirit will help us to pray when no words come and will lead us in the way of truth.

Love is also understanding and forgiveness. Physical presence is wonderful but it is not enough. We need not only someone who is there but someone who understands and forgives. Again, Jesus is our model. No one has more understanding. He held children in His arms. He showed compassion for the sinner, concern for the widow, kindness for those with disabilities, forgiveness for the penitent thief on the Cross and those who killed Him. The comfort the Holy Spirit provides us is the comfort Christ would provide if He were here physically.

*I will
come
to you*



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