

# Mass Intentions for the Week

## Seventh Sunday of Easter May 28, 2017

### Saturday, May 27

4:30PM Mary Ann Lewis (4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

### Sunday, May 28

7:30AM John Meyer

9:30AM Anne Price

11:30AM Doris & Walter Schank

### Monday, May 29 Memorial Day

**8:15AM No morning Mass in Church**

10:00AM St. Benedict Cemetery

11:00AM St. Matthew Cemetery

### Tuesday, May 30

8:15AM James B. Young

Anthony M. Baranowski Jr.

### Wednesday, May 31

8:15AM Jason Minehart

### Thursday, June 1

8:15AM Lillian M. Borzelleca

### Friday, June 2

8:15AM Mary Ann Lewis

### Saturday, June 3

4:30PM Geraldine & Joe Miller on their 50<sup>th</sup>  
Wedding Anniversary

### Sunday, June 4

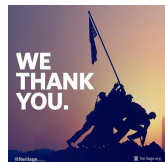
7:30AM Joseph Speranza

9:30AM Theresa McGrath

11:30AM Christopher Mastrocola



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.



**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

5/27 4:30 Fr. Ryan

5/28 7:30 Fr. McGuinn 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Msgr. Owens

### MEMORIAL DAY MASSES:



We will hold our annual Memorial Day Masses on **Monday, May 29** at **St. Benedict cemetery on Colwell Ln at 10AM** and **St. Matthew cemetery on North Lane, at 11AM.**

You are invited to attend as we remember those who died in any war as well as those who are buried in both parish cemeteries.

**No 8:15AM Mass on Memorial Day.**

### Prepare for next Sunday

Pentecost Sunday

June 4, 2017

Sacred Scripture

Acts of the Apostles 2:1 – 11 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians

12:3 – 7, 12 – 13 John 20:19 – 23

The Holy Spirit prepares us with his grace in order to draw us to Christ. He makes present the mystery of Christ. And he reconciles us, bringing us into communion with God. With the Holy Spirit within us, "it is quite natural for people who had been absorbed by the things of this world to become entirely otherworldly in outlook, and for cowards to become people of great courage" (Saint Cyril of Alexandria).



### 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*



**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.



**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.

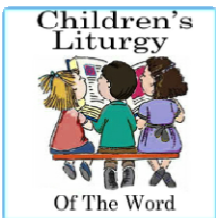
**Announcing a wonderful opportunity** to get involved...Enriching the lives of our young children.

**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.

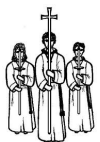
Please contact: Mary Kay McKenna at the Parish Office 610-828-0424 or email [mckennamaryk@gmail.com](mailto:mckennamaryk@gmail.com).

**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](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 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)

**June 3 & 4 CELEBRATE PENTECOST BY WEARING RED TO CHURCH!**



We invite you to **"WEAR RED"** as we celebrate the feast of Pentecost and the joyful conclusion to the season of Easter. On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples in unimagined ways, with signs both simple and powerful. As the mural behind our altar shows, the disciples with Mary were gathered and the Holy Spirit came with immense blessings, bringing new ideas into weary minds, new solutions to impossible problems, new healing for old hurts, new beginnings to a world grown cold and tired. We need the power of the Spirit in our world today. Join with us in prayer and worship on Pentecost. **"WEAR RED"** in solidarity as we welcome the Holy Spirit to rest upon us in St. Matthew Parish once again, to fill us with God's Spirit, to empower us to share God's love with everyone in our community.

**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)



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:

**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. 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).



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!**

# God's Plan for Giving

May 21, 2017

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR OFFERTORY GIFTS LAST WEEKEND:

**\$9,894.00**

Electronic giving \$1,655.00 + \$8,239.00 = \$9,894.00



**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.

**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)

**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 to purchase at 215-317-2775.

## 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](http://www.SixThreeGroup.com) for more details or contact Don McAvoy at 610-539-7881.



*A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself*

This is Memorial Day weekend: a time for all Americans to stop and reflect on the noble sacrifices the many men and women in our Armed Services have made to preserve the freedom we enjoy and sometimes take for granted.

On this Memorial Day weekend, we remember those who have died in our nation's service. Regardless of how we might feel about war in general, or any particular war, it is only right that we should pray for those who gave their lives for our country and those who are presently serving throughout the world to protect our freedom.

We are Catholic and American. What a beautiful gift we have received: faithful to our Church and to our country. Our country has given us, in these past two centuries, a home with freedom and economic opportunity. As our country faces new challenges affecting fundamental moral values, let us resolve to work with our fellow citizens of all creeds to be as brave as those we remember today to ensure the moral greatness of our country.

## 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 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](http://www.MiraculousMedal.org/Novena).

## Reboot Life! With Chris Stefanick – Save the Date!

Reboot Live! coming in the Fall of 2017! St. Philip Neri in Lafayette Hill, PA is pleased to announce that internationally-renowned Catholic family man, speaker and author, Chris Stefanick and his life-changing event, Reboot Live!, will be held this **October 5th, 2017** from 7PM to 9:30 PM in the parish church located on 437 Ridge Pike in Lafayette Hill. Reboot Live! is the fun, inspiring and practical experience for all (ages 12 and up) of applying the beauty and genius of the Gospel to every aspect of your life, from prayer and spirituality, to work, dating, marriage, parenting, health and more! Tickets are \$20. Event is expect to sell out – register today at [www.reallifecatholic.com/reboot](http://www.reallifecatholic.com/reboot). (Look for October 5th and St. Philip Neri to purchase online.)

## **Fr. Tom Heron's Weekly Reflection**

If we wanted to give this Seventh Sunday of Easter a more popular and descriptive name, we could call today "Glory Sunday." Over and over in today's proper prayers and readings the word "glory" is heard like a mighty clap of thunder during a spring storm.

How should we define and describe this 'wonder-word' that is so basic and essential to our worship? "If we turn to the Scriptures to discover what is meant by God's glory, we quickly find a variety of terms, images and events, not a single, well-defined concept." This variety includes the following:

*Godliness: that which is weighty, important and impressive; the impact and power of God's appearance in the world; holiness, majesty, splendor; God's absolute lordship; God's presence and power evident in the awesome beauty and majesty of the world; the kingdom of peace and justice which God will establish in its fullness at the end of time; our giving to God the obedient response of faith to God's saving action in history.*

In the New Testament glory is given a new dimension as a reference to the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus reflects par excellence the glory of God. In Jesus we see just what the godliness of God is as revealed in the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. So much for these dictionary definitions.

If all these terms sound a bit complicated and confusing, perhaps the simplest way to define and describe glory is just to say that the Word is another way of saying "God"! Just as Saint John in his first Letter could say, "God is light" (1:5) and "God is love" (4:8), so we can say today, "God is glory" and let the mystery remain.

On that basis, since Jesus is God, Jesus is also glory. And because we have been created in the image and likeness of God, since we have been refashioned and renewed by baptism as the children of God, the brothers and sisters of Jesus and the temples of the Holy Spirit, we, too, are glory!

What dignity, what honor, what a privilege and responsibility are ours because we share the glory of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. God and God's glory are in us, and we are in God's glory. It is a wonder we don't actually glow in the dark from glory!

Yet there is a way we can and should glow all the time. Just as people in love are said to glow in their love, we who are so loved by God and who, in turn, love God should glow with love. Thus there is no room for gloom in our hearts. There is no room for the darkness of sin in our souls. There is no room for anger, envy, jealousy, lust, selfishness and self-righteousness in us, for we are filled with God's glory.

On this "Glory Sunday" we look forward to next Sunday's celebration of Pentecost when the glory of God first burst upon the followers of Jesus. That glory still gushes forth from God, for God's glory can not be extinguished. Today and throughout the "Glory Week" ahead of us we therefore pray, "Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people and enkindle in us the fire - the glory! - of your love!"

## **Reflections from my Rocking Chair**

Dear friends,

Our springtime cycle of graduations is coming to an end; in most instances ceremonies are conducted after 8<sup>th</sup> grade and again after high school and yet again at the end of college. Each has its own particular tenor; college graduates are concerned to begin their professional careers; most high school graduates are excited about the approach of college and eighth graders are on their way to high school. Each level presents its own challenges to good parenting. As an outsider looking in, it would seem to me that since eighth grade marks the beginning of "teenage life", it presents the most challenges: raising teenagers!

Take heart parents of teenagers even the Holy Family had its moments. The village of Nazareth is on pilgrimage to the temple in Jerusalem. It was the custom that the men traveled together and the women in a separate group. At the end of the first day's journey home when everyone came together, the worst nightmare of a parent takes shape: Jesus is neither with Joseph nor Mary. Have you ever seen a mother on the beach calling out her child's name with panic setting in? When they go back to find Jesus in the temple, Mary is scolding. Jesus, in turn, complains "Do you not know that I must be about my father's business". There comes a time when you have to let your child go! Not an easy thing to do. But not yet. Jesus returns to his home with Mary and Joseph and is obedient to them while preparing himself to leave once and for all.

Tim and Sue Muldoon in their book entitled *The Discerning Parent* makes some suggestions for parenting teens: be clear in presenting rules for the house and enforce them consistently. Listen to your teenager which sends out the message "You are important to me and what you think matters". As teens begin to form convictions of their own - part of the process of becoming an adult self - teach them the "art of mindfulness". The decisions they make need to be judged in light of the kind of person they hope to be. Parents need to be mindful that loyalties begin to shift somewhat in the teen years. Young people seek recognition from one another. Peer pressure begins to assert itself. This can be well and good if your teen circulates with a good group of youngsters. No less a figure than Saint Benedict, the founder of monasticism in the Catholic Church, wrote "It is often to the younger that the Lord reveals what is better".

Like the rest of us teenagers need affirmation, perhaps more than the rest of us. They have yet to discover the full range of their talents and can worry that they do not have enough of what they need to be successful in life. Parents are uniquely situated to applaud their teenager for his or her talents which they might not be able to recognize in themselves.

Finally, good parenting at every stage calls for a willingness to share faith. There is no greater gift than to foster your child's prayerfulness that they may discover again and again that they are children of a loving God and that God is trustworthy.

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

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