



## August 6, 2017

### Saturday, August 5

4:30PM Juan Korb  
Vincent P. Holland

### Sunday, August 6

7:30AM Eugene Alphonsus McGonagle  
9:30AM Dec'd Members of Collins & Zinni Families  
11:30AM Angelo R. Bello  
Robert Borzelleca

### Monday, August 7

8:15AM Edward Pilcicki

### Tuesday, August 8

8:15AM Brother James Riley  
Audrey DeFrancesco

### Wednesday, August 9

8:15AM Henry Kuczynski  
Joyce Borzelleca

### Thursday, August 10

8:15AM John K. Ziegler

### Friday, August 11

8:15AM Dec'd Members of Speranza & McAvoy Families

### Saturday, August 12

4:30PM John F. Schank  
John S. Waszena, Sr.

### Sunday, August 13

7:30AM Raymond DeLellis  
9:30AM Dec'd members of Matthew & Mary O'Connor Sr  
11:30AM Camaioni Family



Tom Tone, David Talone, JoAnn LaSorsa, Marie Carney, Greg Atkinson, Msgr. Robert Grudowski, Anthony Bonanno, Joanne Toth, Theresa Lenczewski, Luke Birkhead, Erik Kozlowski, Marlene Salkowski, Roselie Partenheimer, John Walski, Carl Reiff, Joseph Blaszczyk, Patrick Kelly, Sean McGonagle, Mary Pierce, Brian Dunlevy, Sr. Jean Streibig, Stephanie Hathaway, Charles Streibig, Kylie Reiff, Nikki Dolan, 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, James Simpson, Roseann Sirianni Lare, Theresa Steinhauer, John Palmer, Rachel Minnick, Mark Hogan, Gregory Mazzochetti, Teresa Sensinger, Theresa Rozecki, Minnie Olearsky, Kimberly Moyer, Sal Spera, Veronica Lilick, Jessie Bonkowski, Marlin McCarthy, Angeline Williams, Jack & Grace McCracken, Joe Lipinski, Marty Murray, Jack Ashton Sr., David Folts



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 Sobeck, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Ryan D'Ambrosio, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Eraina D'Ambrosio.*

### CELEBRANTS MASS SCHEDULE

8/5 4:30 Fr. Ryan  
8/6 7:30 Fr. McKeaney 9:30 Msgr. Owens 11:30 Fr. Toole  
8/12 4:30 Fr. Moroda  
8/13 7:30 Msgr. Owens 9:30 Fr. McKeaney 11:30 Fr. Moroda  
8/19 4:30 Fr. Heron  
8/20 7:30 Fr. Heron 9:30 Fr. McKeaney 11:30 Msgr. Owens  
8/26 4:30 Msgr. Owens  
8/27 7:30 Fr. Ryan 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Fr. McKeaney



**MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE ASSUMPTION of the Blessed Virgin Mary:** Monday, August 14, Vigil Mass – 7:00 PM  
Tuesday, August 15, 8:15 AM and 12 NOON.

**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 September 5 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, October 21, 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)

### Propagation of Faith

"Truly I tell you whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine you did it for me" (Matthew 28:20.) **Father Dawit T. Moroda from the Apostolic Vicariate of Nekemte** will invite us next week **August 12 and August 13** to join in the mission of the Catholic Church in Northwest Ethiopia. Come ready to be inspired by the faith of a people whose lives are very challenging and please come ready to generously join with them to share the light of our faith.



**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.

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 10:25-11:25 am.

**We will hold registrations in back of church on Sunday, August 20 and Sunday August 27<sup>th</sup> for your convenience.**

**Opening Day for Prep/CCD Sunday September 10, 2017. 9:30 Mass in church, classes to follow in Parish Center.**

Catechist and Staff Meeting August 29th 6:30 pm in Parish Center. Enter through Harry Street

Parent Meeting August 30th 6:30 pm in Parish Center. Enter through Harry Street. (one parent from the family, if you are unable to attend ask someone to pick up folder for you.)

**Those families whose students attend Catholic Regional Elementary Schools and are candidates for First Sacraments are asked to please call Ms. Mary Kay at the Parish Center. 610- 828-0424 ext. 6.**

**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).

**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.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN:**



**WILL "GO ON VACATION" FOR JULY & AUGUST.** It will return to the 9:30 Mass in September. Enjoy the leisure of summer.



**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).



**SAVE THE DATE: Volunteers and Donations Appreciated!**

Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup>, we will be having our

annual Healing Service in Honor of the Feast of SS. Cosmas and Damian. This year we will have a 3 day Triduum, (A triduum is a three-day period of prayer, usually in preparation for an important feast or in celebration of that feast) beginning on **Friday September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM – Prayer Service – Deacon Joseph Carr, Saturday 8:15 AM - Mass – Celebrant and Homilist – Father Gasper Genuardi and ending on Sunday with a Healing Service after the 11:30 Mass.**

At the close we will be hosting refreshments, finger foods and desserts so we can enjoy one another's company.

(Donations of finger foods, desserts, beverages, and time to help out where needed. Any questions, contact: [hclegg100@aol.com](mailto:hclegg100@aol.com))

We are looking forward to this annual event at St. Matthew's Parish. Spread the word, looking forward to hearing from all of you. Mark your calendar and contact Helene at the parish center (610-828-0424) or by email to let her know what you will be bringing.



**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. Our next social events:

**8/22** Tuesday at Tee's Golf Center – Mini golf Par-Tee.

**9/10** Brunch after 11:30 Mass. Please meet in the back of the church

**9/26** Volunteer at Cradles to Crayons. Sign up on our facebook page or email Tony or Erin for the information.

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: **August 8 & September 12.** 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).

## God's Plan for Giving

July 30, 2017

**WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR OFFERTORY GIFTS LAST WEEKEND:**  
**\$11,653.00**

Electronic giving \$1,865.00 + \$9,788.00 = \$11,653.00



**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)

The disciples asked,  
"Teacher, where do you live?"

Jesus answered,  
"Come and see."

Are you considering  
Becoming a Catholic?

Or, were you once baptized into the  
Catholic Church but have not received the  
Sacrament of Confirmation

We are presently gathering a group of people interested in full communion with the Church as described above. The formal title of this program is Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). We will begin our gatherings on the last Monday of September at 6:30 PM in the new Parish Center (using the entrance nearest the front door of the Rectory).

To indicate your interest, please call the Rectory office and leave your name and phone number or contact us at [Stmatt2014@gmail.com](mailto:Stmatt2014@gmail.com). Catholicism is a wonderful life lived close to Jesus and his Sacraments and comforted by the charity of its members, one for another – and even toward the stranger.

### St. Lucy Parish Anniversary Celebration



Saint Lucy Parish, Manayunk, if it were still open, would be celebrating its 90th anniversary this year. In thanksgiving for the many blessings God has continued to bestow on this community

of faith, a celebration will be held on **Sunday, October 22, 2017**. A Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at 3:00 P.M. at Holy Saviour Church, Norristown, PA. A dinner will follow Mass at 5:00 P.M. at the Presidential Caterers, East Norriton. Dinner is \$50 per person, cash bar. Checks may be sent Saint Timothy Church, c/o Father Michael Olivere, 3001 Levick Street, Phila, PA 19149. Please make checks payable to Saint Timothy Church. Any questions please call Saint Timothy Rectory at 215.624.6188.



**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 Tuesday, **August 8** at 7PM. 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)

Interested in actively participating in the Sunday Liturgy? Consider becoming a lector who proclaims the Scripture Readings at Mass or a Eucharistic Minister. Contact Mary Kay 610-828-0424 x 6.

**Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School is seeking a short-term substitute teacher in the Theology Department**, specifically with knowledge of, or experience in, teaching studies of the New Testament and Sacraments. Qualified applicants with teaching experience and PA clearances are asked to contact Cindy DeCandido at [careers@gmahs.org](mailto:careers@gmahs.org).



**Walking with Purpose** is a Catholic women's bible study that meets once a week to discuss Scripture as it relates to our everyday lives. This Fall, at St. Matthews Parish in Conshohocken, we will be studying the women of the bible using the WWP "Discovering Your Dignity" workbook. If you want to learn more about WWP, please join us on **Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM**. Please contact Judy Kukowski at 610-331-2147 or [JAKukowski@verizon.net](mailto:JAKukowski@verizon.net) with questions and for meeting details.



**Irish Festival: St. Patrick 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Irish Festival** on Sunday, **August 27<sup>th</sup>** at 12 PM Mass of the Golden Rose celebrating The Feast of Our Lady of Knock by Rev. Gus Puleo. Hosted by the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Ladies A.O.H. – Dive. No. 1 Montgomery County – After Mass join us in the Hall from 2 – 6 PM – Enjoy the music by: The Paul Moore Band



### SUFFERING FROM ADDICTION:

Join us in a Mass for those suffering from addiction. All are invited. Reaching out to our veterans. St. Ann Roman Catholic Church, 502 Main St., Phoenixville, PA 19460 on **Saturday, September 9, 2017** at 11:00 AM the Celebrant is Fr. John Newsn, Pastor. Addiction has touched far too many families and taken 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.***



### Regina Nursing Center Annual Bazaar:

The Regina Nursing Center Family invites you to our 2017 Annual Bazaar on Saturday, **September 9, 2017**, 8:30 am to 2 pm held at 550 E. Fornance St., Norristown, PA. September 9<sup>th</sup> will be an exciting day with sales of baked goods, raffle tickets, refreshments, plants, white elephant antiques, and other surprise items. Consider becoming a vendor at our event. Spaces area available at only \$20 per space. Spaces go quickly so contact us today or for more information contact Nancy Miley at 610-272-5600.

## Fr. Tom Heron's Weekly Reflection

Saint Francis of Assisi once said, "Preach the Gospel always, and when necessary, use words." Every time we enter Saint Matthew's Church a silent homily is being proclaimed. This homily has three parts: a beginning, a middle, and an end, and we need to attend to this silent homily with our eyes, our hearts, and our souls. The opening of this homily is the altar. This symbol reminds us of a covenant bond of love between Almighty God and all of us. It is the sacred meeting place where we encounter the Living God.

The second symbol is the tabernacle. The tabernacle reminds us of the Real Presence of Jesus in our midst. He is always there for us, every step of our journey in this life. He is there to nourish us and sustain us according to His Way, His Truth and His Life. His Real Presence is abiding, enduring and uplifting.

The third symbol is the crucifix. With the eyes of faith, we gaze upon this symbol and recognize a challenge to live our lives according to love-suffering as a way to eliminate the suffering rooted in sin. The crucifix challenges us to live upright lives according to God's ways. The crucifix challenges us to open our arms in vulnerable love in order to reach out to family, friend, stranger and even enemy. This silent homily is without a doubt unskippable for anyone who takes seriously the call to be a follower of Jesus. We can ill afford to miss this homily for even one week lest we become distracted by less noble symbols within us or around us.

As Catholics, we have a set formula for ending all of our prayers — "We ask this through Christ our Lord." This formula is more than a formality, a ritual signal to God that the prayer is over. When we pray "through Christ," we are praying through the Body of Christ, which, then, includes Jesus, the Eucharist and the body of believers (ourselves) here on earth. We are praying through all of these. Thus, not only God in heaven is being petitioned and asked to act. We are also charging ourselves, as part of the Mystical Body of Christ, with some responsibility for answering the prayer.

"I am a good Christian, a sincere, God-serving person, but I don't need church—I can pray just as well at home." Over 70% of the registered parishioners are "practicing" this flawed approach to their faith.

That can be true, if you are, precisely, a theist, but it can never be true for a Catholic (or for anyone within Judaism as well). Part of the very essence of Christianity is to be together in a concrete community, with all the real human faults that are there and the tensions that this will bring us. Spirituality, for a Christian, can never be an individualistic quest, the pursuit of God outside of community, family and church. The God of the incarnation tells us that anyone who says that he or she loves an invisible God in heaven and is unwilling to deal with a visible neighbor on earth is a liar since no one can love a God who cannot be seen if he or she cannot love a neighbor who can be seen.

Hence, a Christian spirituality is always as much about dealing with each other as it is about dealing with God. For others, their reluctance to darken the door of a church stems from the church's history. They see it as a compromised institution, one with too much blood on its hands, spiritual fat on its body and too many skeletons in its closet. They no longer believe that it is an institution that mediates God's grace.

Whenever I meet the presence of God within Saint Matthew's faith community, I will not meet it in its pure form. All parishes of faith mediate the grace of God in a very mixed way. Sin, pettiness and betrayal are always found alongside grace, sanctity and fidelity.

The crucifixion scene is a good image of church. Jesus dies between two criminals. Anyone at the time, looking at that scene, would not have made a distinction between who was guilty and who was innocent. There was just one landscape — God on a cross between two thieves. That is the perennial ecclesial image. Grace and sin; sanctity and pettiness; and fidelity and betrayal - all part of a single horizon.

## Reflections from my rocking chair

Dear Friends

Our acquaintance with American Catholics important to the life of the Catholic Church in the United States (cf. RRC072317) begins with Archbishop John Carroll. Born in 1735 he was a member of the Catholic Carroll family prominent in the Maryland colony. His brother Daniel was a signer of the United States Constitution and his cousin Charles, the only Catholic signer of the Declaration of Independence. While studying in France he discovered his vocation to the priesthood. He returned home a priest and was assigned to the area around what would become Washington DC. There he founded the first Catholic parish. During the Revolutionary War he made the acquaintance of Benjamin Franklin, Samuel Chase and other colonial leaders.

In 1788 with the permission of Pope Pius VI the two dozen priests who were ministering in the 13 states were permitted to elect their candidate for Bishop, not surprisingly John Carroll was their choice, which was later ratified by the Holy Father. Bishop Carroll successfully balanced two critical elements of the Catholic Church in the United States; unshaken loyalty to the Pope as the Church's indispensable principle of unity; and, at the same time, a sensitivity to the reality that too much involvement by Rome in American affairs "would draw on our religion a heavy imputation (accusation) from the government under which we live". Bishop Carroll governed the church wisely as Catholics grew in numbers. Lay trustees and rogue priests were a constant problem. In 1808 Pope Pius VII created four new American dioceses — Boston, Louisville, New York and Philadelphia. Baltimore became the Metropolitan archdiocese, and John Carroll was elevated to Archbishop. He died in 1815.

In 1790 when taking possession of his diocese, Bishop Carroll lamented that it would no longer do for him to be merely "inoffensive in my conduct and regular in my manners". Instead, he observed, the duties of this office now included caring for the faithful of his vast diocese, fostering "charity and forbearance" toward non-Catholic churches while at the same time not falling into "fatal and prevailing indifference which views all religions as equally acceptable to God and salutary to men". A word for the ages.

The American church was on the threshold of a large immigration of Catholics into the country. Given that Catholics were not welcome and schools were taught with the Protestant Bible and theology, there arose the great Catholic school system. Crucial to its beginnings is Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. She was destined to become Catholicism's first native-born canonized saint as well as the founder of the first religious community to be established in the United States dedicated to the success of Catholic schools. Her thirst for sanctity came during a morning walk in the woods in May 1789. She experienced a sudden awareness that "God was my Father, my all." She was married, had children and sadly was widowed when her husband died at the age of 35. In 1805 Elizabeth was received into the Catholic Church. She gathered the core of a religious community of women dedicated to Catholic education. They opened St. Joseph's Free School and St. Joseph's Academy in 1810. By 1830 the sisters having grown in number were operating orphanages and schools in Philadelphia, as far west as Cincinnati and New Orleans and in St. Louis where they established the first hospital west of Mississippi. Their community took on the title the Daughters of Charity. Mother Seton died in 1821 at the age of 46. Pope St. John XXIII beatified her — declared her "blessed" in 1963. Her canonization by Pope Paul VI took place in 1975. In proclaiming her a saint, he cited her as an example of "what women can and must accomplish in the fulfillment of their role for the good of humanity". Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton pray for us. Blessings, Monsignor Owens ([Stmatt2014@gmail.com](mailto:Stmatt2014@gmail.com))

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