



## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time September 10, 2017

### Saturday, September 9

4:30PM Dec'd Members of St. Matthew Class of 64

### Sunday, September 10

7:30AM Ann & Cy Marinari

9:30AM Vince Ruggiero

11:30AM The Camaioni Family

### Monday, September 11

8:15AM George Robert Miller III

### Tuesday, September 12

8:15AM Elizabeth L. Bowe

Audrey DeFrancesco

### Wednesday, September 13

8:15AM Margaret Storti

### Thursday, September 14

8:15AM Brian Schank

### Friday, September 15

8:15AM Rudy Lincul

### Saturday, September 16

4:30PM Dorothea Hegyes (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

Sean Donnelly

### Sunday, September 17

7:30AM Joseph F. DeIBuono

George Denczi

9:30AM Carl J. and Virginia L. Zadroga

11:30AM Dorothy Murray



Prayer Requests 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 Blaszcak, Patrick Kelly, Sean McGonagle, Mary Pierce, Brian Dunlevy, Sr. Jean Streibig, Stephanie Hathaway, Charles Streibig, Kylie Reiff, 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, 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, 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, David Lewis, Vince Defruscio



Ann Greco



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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Ryan D'Ambrosio, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Eraina D'Ambrosio, Lt. Col Jeffrey Matthew

### CELEBRANTS MASS SCHEDULE

9/9 4:30 Fr. McKeaney

9/10 7:30 Msgr. Ricci 9:30 Fr. Ryan 11:30 Fr. Heron

9/16 4:30 Msgr. Owens

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9/23 4:30 Fr. Ryan

9/24 7:30 Msgr. Owens 9:30 Fr. McKeaney 11:30 Msgr. Ricci

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**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 October 3 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)

### Prepare for Next Sunday

September 17, 2017

Sirach 27:30 – 28:7 Romans 14:7 – 9 Matthew 18:21 – 35  
With a vengeance, the forgiven servant says to his debtor fellow servant, "Pay back what you owe." In doing so, the ingrate refuses "mercy to another like himself." However, "the vengeful will suffer the Lord's vengeance, for he remembers their sins in detail." And that is the one thing we hope with all our heart that God will forget (our sins). The "math" of mercy is very simple: "Forgive your neighbors injustice; then your own sins will be forgiven." Thus, "none of us" is to "live for oneself"; rather, "we live for the Lord" and by the Lord: the "Lord of both the dead and living" will endow us with the power to forgive others as he himself does.

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.



**PREP/CCD REGISTRATION FOR 2017-2018.** 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.

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

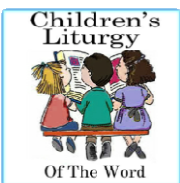
**Those families whose students attend Catholic Regional Elementary Schools and are candidates for First Sacraments are asked to please call Ms. Mary Kay at the Parish Center. 610- 828-0424 ext. 6.**



**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY**

Next week is Catechetical Sunday. We will honor those who are dedicated to spreading the faith to our children. They will be blessed at every Mass.

**An urgent need has arisen and could use some help.** Because CCD shares the building with the Early Childhood School and Daycare, some adjustments to accommodate over 170 children on Sunday has to occur for ease of movement of CCD and safety of the little ones throughout the week. A job description follows: Help with CCD set up Friday evening after 5pm or Saturday afternoon (Time to be determined). Then take down Sunday after 11:30 am. Or early Monday morning. One person maybe two hours, two or more less time. Only involves 25 Sundays from Sept 10 – March 18. Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years weekends off. Job description: Set up 186 chairs in hall auditorium style. This is 7 rows of 13 chairs across on left and right side with aisle created in the middle. Set up 4 tables next to kitchen wall. These may be permanently set so they would not need to be taken down every session. Set up tables and chairs in one/ two classrooms. Break down chairs in hall and tables in classrooms. Possible set up of chairs in First Grade classroom. A Stipend is included. Call Mary Kay at 610-828-0424 ext 6 Or email [mckennamaryk@gmail.com](mailto:mckennamaryk@gmail.com)



**LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN** starts **September 10** and continues 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.**

**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.



**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:**

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, the ending on Sunday with a Healing Service after the 11:30 Mass. At the close of our Triduum we will be hosting refreshments, finger foods and desserts so we can enjoy one another's company.

(We are still in need of donations of appetizers, desserts, beverages, and time to help out where needed, please consider making a dessert or an appetizer. Any questions, contact: [hclegg100@aol.com](mailto:hclegg100@aol.com))



**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:

**9/10** Brunch and game watch after 11:30 Mass at Guppys. 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).

**INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP:** An interactive workshop to assist Catholics in central Montgomery Cty with the spiritual and temporal aspects of end of life planning. Speakers: Rev. Louis Bellopede, and estate planning attorney, a funeral director, a representative of Calvary Cemetery and a financial planner. Tuesday evening **October 10<sup>th</sup>** 6-9 PM at Jack Francis Caterers – Conshohocken. Seating is limited. To reserve your spot or for additional information please call Tim Seiders at 215-699-6993.

**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

September 3, 2017

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR OFFERTORY GIFTS LAST WEEKEND:

**\$13,165.00**

Electronic giving \$10,939.00 + \$2,226.00 = \$13,165.00

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Black & Indian Missions Sept. 9 & 10  
Hurricane Harvey Relief Collection: Sept. 16 & 17**



**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)



**Parish Book Club:** Now is a good time to join our parish book club – “Fiction with a Christian twist”. We select novels both contemporary and classic. We will be meeting on **October 4** to discuss “The Old Man and the

Sea” by Ernest Hemingway. Past novels include *All the Light We Cannot See*, *The Children of Men*, *In the Garden of Beasts*, *The Little Prince*, *A Man Called Ove*, *Stones from the River*. Novels are chosen for their themes dealing with faith, religion, sin and redemption, etc. If you are interested please leave your name with the parish office or by email ([stmat2014@gmail.com](mailto:stmat2014@gmail.com)).

**Seniors:** St Matthews Senior Group will meet on **September 20th** at 12:00pm. There will be a short meeting, lunch and a social time to meet new and old friends. Lunch is \$5, if you would like to bring a dessert, call Ann Love 610-828-7103. Questions, suggestions, or new member who would to join call Pat Hanna, 610-272-3610 or Kitty McNally 610-825-9291.



**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, **September 12** 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)



**PRO-LIFE SUMMER RAFFLE:** Please take a \$25 Chance for Life and support the Pro-Life Summer Raffle. A maximum of 2,500 tickets will be sold at \$25 each for ten prizes totaling \$7,500: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$5,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$1,000, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$500, two 4<sup>th</sup> Prizes \$250, and five 5<sup>th</sup> Prizes

\$100. This Raffle supports the Pro-Life Legal Fund, which has served the pro-life movement since 1986 by effectively advancing interests in court cases and advocating for pro-life policies at the local, state, and national levels. Please make checks payable to “Pro-Life Legal Fund”. Please contact **Diane at 610-828-8041** for tickets. The drawing for the Raffle will occur on **Saturday, September 23, 2017**. Thank you.



**Caregivers Needed:** “Caring Hearts Homecare Assistance is hiring males or females interested in caring for a senior in their home. The dominant responsibility is companionship.

We will train the inexperienced until you are comfortable caring for a senior. If interested in making a difference in a seniors life please call 484-580-8157. Our vision is to care for seniors in a holistic manner, engaging them body, mind and spirit.”

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 [Stmat2014@gmail.com](mailto:Stmat2014@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.

**COMMUNION BREAKFAST:** Saint Matthew & Archbishop Kennedy HS Football Alumni Association is holding a COMMUNION BREAKFAST. Mass will be held Sunday, 9:30 AM **October 1, 2017** at St. Matthew Church, 219 Fayette Street, Conshohocken. Breakfast buffet will follow at approximately 10:30 AM. The Fellowship House is located at 515 Harry Street, Conshohocken. This event is a “family affair.” Spouses, parents and children are encouraged. Cost of the event is \$20 per adult and \$10 for children under 12. Please indicate # of adults and children attending. As usual, we ask that you prepay. It allows you to avoid lines at the door. It gives us a good estimate of attendance to order food and set-up tables. Send checks payable to “AKHS Football” to: Tom Connor '72 - 7007 Oriole Court -Audubon, PA 19403. Call 610-296-4828 or contact [akhsfootballalumni@gmail.com](mailto:akhsfootballalumni@gmail.com).



**The Conshohocken Art League**, Mary Wood Park House, 120 E. Fifth Ave. Conshohocken, is forming its fall schedule of classes. For class descriptions and registration: [conshohockenartleague.org](http://conshohockenartleague.org). Incremental payment arrangements welcome on first day of class.

Junior/Teen Saturday class: Introduction to Fine Art 10 weeks: 10AM - noon - \$130 (\$120 if registered before September 30): October 7-December 9 – Adult classes/sessions (Tuesdays and Thursdays) Independent Projects: Tuesdays, 10 weeks: 9:30-11:30 AM - \$175 (\$165 if registered before September 26): October 3 -December 5 - Basic Drawing - Thursdays, 10 weeks: 9:30-11:30 - \$175 (\$165 if registered before September 28): October 5-December 14 - Essential Skills - Thursdays, 5 weeks: 6:30-8:30PM - \$89 - October 5-November 2 - Clothed Figure Drawing/Open Studio -Third Tuesdays (September-December): 6-8:30 PM - \$12 (pay at door) - First session: September 19 Open Studio Figure Drawing - First Tuesdays - September-December) 6-8:30PM - \$12 (pay at door) Fall 2017 Visiting Artist Series: Sunday, October 22, 1-3PM - Featured Artist: Stuart Shils



**Bingo:** Come join us every Monday from 10:30am to 1:30pm for Senior Bingo at the Community Center at the Fellowship House Session 1 Bingo will run from now until December. Bingo packets can be purchased at the check-in table upon arrival. Light refreshments will be provided. For information, please contact Pat Barr at 610-828-3266.

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

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord Jesus,  
Welcome!**

**I rejoice in your presence with the Saint Matthew faith worshiping community as we participate in the Liturgy for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. We are blessed by your desire to give thanks to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, both parishioners and guests. May you be renewed in mind, heart and spirit through the Word and Eucharist we share. Thanks for joining us!**

Jesus tells us in today's Gospel that loving someone does not mean indulging them or turning a blind eye to their weaknesses. When we see someone being harmed or harming themselves, we are not showing them love by remaining silent. Confronting them in a disapproving or patronizing way is not showing them love either. The challenge of the Gospel is to treat others with respect and love even when what they are doing is wrong. The challenge of the Gospel is to take the difficult path to reconciliation and shun the easy road of indifference. Active love is not a pious whim. It is being attentive. It is not indifferent. It **is** our business. Active love asks us to take on the responsibility of caring passionately and reaching out to help. Active love requires that we respect the decency and dignity of the other person.

God was not indifferent when our first parents sinned. He sent Moses, the prophets, finally, His own Son. Jesus was not indifferent to sin, either. He was not silent and many times warned us, but also gave His life for us. Today we are called to be God-like, to be Christ-like. Speak the truth with love and compassion. You will put the wayward on the right path. You will show the sinner a way out. You will set yourself free and win for yourself God's eternal gratitude.

Ezekiel had a very difficult responsibility. He had the burden of carrying the knowledge of the advancing danger of his people's situation and also of having the responsibility of persuading them to the truth of his message. When things are going well for us, it is easy to doubt or reject religious guidance and religious wisdom. This was the case in Ezekiel's time. Things were going well for the Jews but God told Ezekiel to carry a message — the people are not honoring God in all their riches and comfort and as a result, they are bringing on themselves the tragedy of the exile. They rejected the message and then came

the suffering. They rejected the message at their own peril.

We all have to hold ourselves open to the difficult messages of the Gospel, not just the consoling ones. Like Ezekiel, we sometimes have to warn others that their lifestyles, actions, words, their basic attitudes are not in accord with God's message in Sacred Scripture. None of us likes to be the carrier of such news. But God warns us as He warned Ezekiel, if you do not speak out to dissuade such a person from his or her path, I will hold you responsible for his death.

The Gospel shows the way of fraternal correction. It presumes the existence of a vibrant community — an experience so rich, so appealing and so personally valuable, that we long to be part of it and will do anything, including changing our ways, to remain a member of such a living family. The mature Christian community has Christ as its center - His love and His understanding. As we approach the Table of the Lord, let us realize our mature, adult responsibilities as Christians to offer and receive advice that will only enhance our participation in this and any liturgy. St. Paul tells us that the Golden Rule is to love our neighbor as ourselves. I am sure everyone here would want his friend or his parents or brothers or sisters or children to point out his or her failings in a context of love. None of us should fear the truth that concerns us and our basic attitudes toward Gospel values.



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