

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY May 31, 2015

Saturday, May 30

4:30PM Kathryn Grant
Elizabeth & Robert Janifer

Sunday, May 31

7:30AM Mary Jane Bowe
9:30AM Philomena Bello Neve
Ann Price
11:30AM James Gavin, Jr.

Monday, June 1

8:15AM Alex Savani

Tuesday, June 2

8:15AM Florence M. Bowe

Wednesday, June 3

8:15AM Margaret Munley

Thursday, June 4

8:15AM Joseph Speranza

Friday, June 5

8:15AM Matthew Derfler

Saturday, June 6

4:30PM Flora Raimondi

Sunday, June 7

7:30AM Stephen Opiela & Mark Ambler
9:30AM Yolanda Esposto-Noví
11:30AM Catherine Curtin
Joseph Siriani

Pray for the Sick: Tom Tone, David Talone, JoAnn LaSorsa, Marie Carney, Greg Atkinson, Sophie Grabowski, Anthony Bonanno, Joanne Toth, Theresa Lenczewski, Rev. Msgr. Robert Grudowski, Florence Zapien, Luke Birkhead, Rose Kiger, Erik Kozlowski, Edmund Opielski, Bozena Orzechowski, Marlene Salkowski, Roselie Partenheimer, John Walski, Carl Reiff, Joseph Blaszczyk, Patrick Kelly, Sean McGonagle, Mary Pierce, Brian Dunlevy, Sr. Jean Streibig, Stephanie Hathaway, Ken Waszena, Charles Streibig, Theresa McGrath, Kylie Reiff, John McCann, Nikki Dolan, Joseph Rozecki, Betty DiCola, Brother James Riley, Shawn Gallen, Eduardo Gloria, Molly Glick, Deb Smith, Ann Campbell, Francina Capolingua, Cathy Pierlott, Lynn Bowman, Anne Gallagher, James Sousa, James Gauger, Emilia Bello Jones, Carol Tinneny, Rita Van Buskirk, Joan Nasielski, Stephen Greene, Caroline Smerecki, Joan Pierce, Kevin Miller, Mike Ancin, Alfred Zisk, Cynthia Allen, Matthew Waters, Vince Ruggiero, Rylan Borys, Susan Minnick, Ann Greco,



Matthew Pierce, Matt McNamee.
Pray for the Deceased of the parish.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY: Staff Sgt Daniel Furtak, Lt. Michelle R. McNally, SSKC Terence J. McNally Jr., Sgt. Robert Bonneau, Andrew Midgett, Jonathan Staats, Col. Shawn McGinley, 108th Wing McGuire AFB, Matthew Horning, 1st Lt. Stanley J. Reimer III, SR Brett Pellicciotti, PFC Thomas Mazzochetti, Staff Sgt. Michael Alfonse, Robert Catapano U.S. Army 101st Airborne, Paul Brown, Marines, Corporal Andrew Teitjen.

CELEBRANTS MASS SCHEDULE

5/30 4:30 Fr. Ames
5/31 7:30 Fr. Ryan 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Msgr. Owens
6/6 4:30 Fr. Heron
6/7 7:30 Fr. Ryan 9:30 Fr. Curry 11:30 Fr. Ames
6/13 4:30 Fr. Ryan
6/14 7:30 Fr. Ames 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Fr. Curry
6/20 4:30 Msgr. Owens
6/21 7:30 Fr. Heron 9:30 Fr. Curry 11:30 Fr. Ryan
6/27 4:30 Fr. Ames
6/28 7:30 Msgr. Owens 9:30 Fr. Curry 11:30 Fr. Heron

THE 6PM YOUNG ADULT EVENING MASS IS CANCELLED UNTIL AFTER THE POPE'S VISIT.



THANK YOU TO FR. AMES AND FR. CURRY:

Please join us on June 7, 2015 after the 11:30 AM Mass. We will be having a reception for Fr. Ames and Fr. Curry.

The reception will be on the front lawn of St. Matt's Church. All are invited.

Pre-Jordan Instructions (Sacrament of Baptism)

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." The next class will be **Tuesday, June 2 at 7PM**. You will be required to attend a class if this is the Baptism of your first child. Please call the rectory at 610-828-0424 press 4 for the office to register for the class.

ST. BENEDICTS CEMETERY:

A heartfelt thank you to Joni (Pulver) and Jeffrey Dawson former parishioners of St. Mary's for donating a roof on the small shed at St. Benedicts Cemetery in Memory of Constance R. and George G. Pulver. The job was completed and we would like to share this with our parishioners.



Fr. Sean Toole a newly ordained Jesuit priest from SS Cosmas & Damian will celebrate his first Mass here at St. Matthew Parish on

Sunday, June 14, 2015 at 11:30 AM. We graciously welcome Fr. Sean's family and friends.

Religious Education News

PREP/CCD REGISTRATION:

Renew your registration for PREP/CCD for next year! It is time to begin to form the classes for next year. If you are already registered simply fill out a renewal form to save your place for next year. Renewal forms are available in the vestibules of the church or the rectory. **If your son or daughter will be beginning First Grade in 2015, go online to St. Matthew's website and click on the link to register and mail in your payment.** Tuition fees will not change from last year and they may be electronically submitted. Classes are conducted Monday evenings from 6:30-7:45pm September thru March. Any questions please call the rectory at 610 828-0424 ext 6.

The First Communion and Confirmation videos can be picked up at the rectory after Mass on Sunday or during the week Monday thru Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Liturgy of the Word for Children takes place every



Sunday at the 9:30AM Mass. All children 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 children. Help is needed to instruct the children. If interested contact

stmatthewrectory@verizon.net

SUMMER BOOK CLUB: Do you enjoy reading novels? Does Summer give you a bit more free time? Allow yourself some leisure! **NOVELS WITH A CHRISTIAN TWIST** kickoff meeting **June 2 at 7 PM** parish meeting room off the rectory parking area.



June 23 - To Kill a Mockingbird, **July 14** - The Power and the Glory, **August 11** - North of Hope. For more detail consult the posters by the doors of the church. "To register contact Msgr. Owens voice mail: 610-828-0424 ext 112 or stmatt2014@gmail.com"

PRE-CANA: St. Matthew's Parish is now offering Marriage Preparation Sessions (Pre-Cana). We are offering a one day program on **Saturday, June 27, 2015 from 8:30 AM – 4 PM.** The cost is \$200 per couple. Couples from all parishes are welcomed. Contact Deacon Mike Kubiak: 610-828-0424 X5 or deacon.mike.kubiak@comcast.net



St. Matthew 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 the 2nd Tuesday of the month **June 9**. 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.

For Information contact Alice O'Connor at 610-828-5992 or acaoc@verizon.net "God has no hands but ours to do His work and show His Love."

Please remember to participate in the Parish survey. Take one from back of church or go to the web site www.stmatthewparish.com and click on the survey link.

MASS BOOK 2016: The 2016 Mass Book is open. To make it convenient for you we suggest coming to the rectory or you may call the rectory with your request (610-828-0424) #4 for the office or email stmatthewrectory@verizon.net

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL food bank is in need of: tuna fish, boxes of mashed potatoes, stew, canned fruits, peanut butter and jelly.



CLOTHING DRIVE: St. Matthew Parish will be hosting a clothing drive to benefit The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, **Saturday, June 27th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.** **The truck will be parked on 3rd**

Ave. outside of St. Matt's Church.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be using the services of GreenDrop to support their clothing drive. Look for the GreenDrop truck parked at 3rd Ave. & Fayette St. where an attendant will be available to assist you with your donations. Please place your donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing in plastic bags or boxes. Household items such as: kitchenware, games/toys, small appliances under 50 pounds, electronics, sporting goods, books, CDs & videos are also accepted. Unfortunately, furniture, large appliances, TVs or computer monitors cannot be accepted. For a full list of acceptable items visit www.gogreendrop.com

Catholic Singles Retreat

Singles of all ages are welcome to gather at Malvern Retreat House June 26-28 for an inspirational weekend retreat. Directors Msgr. Joseph Marino, Sister Emily Vincent & Denise Rose will focus on the retreat theme "Have You Heard the Voice of Jesus?" Conference titles will include: Discipleship in a Secular World & Vocation and the Single State. Please visit malvernretreat.com to register or call 610-644-0400 for more information.

National Catholic Bible Conference

On June 19th and 20th, the National Catholic Bible Conference will return to the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, Pennsylvania. The theme of this year's conference is "Scripture and the Family of God." You will also have the unique opportunity to glean insight and encouragement from gifted Catholic speakers and biblical scholars, including Jeff Cavins, Mark Hart, Mary Healy, and Edward Sri, Sarah Christmyer, and more!

Registrations are now open! For more information on the conference and to register, please visit CatholicBibleConference.com or call 1-888-842-2853.

God's Plan for Giving

May 24, 2015

**WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR
YOUR OFFERTORY**

**GIFTS LAST WEEKEND:
\$11,170**

Electronic giving \$1,115 + \$10,055 = \$11,170



ELECTRONIC GIVING:

We invite you to consider our new **electronic giving program** as a way to automate your regular weekly or monthly offerings.

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



Summer vacation time will be here soon and many of us will be away with our families to enjoy fun and relaxation. Unfortunately, the bills at St. Matthews never take a vacation. There are several ways you can continue to support your Parish even though you might be away: Mail your Sunday offering to the

Rectory; Use Parish Giving at www.stmatthewparish.com to contribute via debit or credit card; Use your banks online payment system to send your offering, or double-up on your offering before you go away or when you return. Thanks to everyone, in advance, for your support. We hope everyone has a happy and healthy summer.

St. Matthew's Seniors Group will meet the **3rd Wednesday of every month** at 12:30pm at the convent. Speaker, lunch (\$5), and conversation, we always enjoy meeting new people, so please join us!

ST. MARY'S GOLDEN AGE CLUB:

Meets **every Thursday** of the month 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 Dues for members due 2015 is \$10.00 for the year.

GOLDEN AGE CLUB of St Mary's News:

Casino Trips are scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month: **June 9 & July 14**. Bus leaves 9:00 AM from 11th & Fayette, 9:15 AM from 3rd & Fayette, and at 9:30 AM from St. Mary's. Please call Joe (610-825-4596).

ST. MARY'S GOLDEN AGE CLUB PICNIC:

The Picnic is on **June 16, 2015** at Mermaid Lake from 11 AM to 7 PM. \$10 for members. \$17.00 for non-members. You must have a ticket to attend the picnic.

Ad for Executive Director

Mothers' Home, a Maternity shelter located in Darby, PA, seeks an Executive Director. College degree preferred and

dedication to the sanctity of human life required. Resume and salary requirements should be sent to lizzieshope@comcast.net

OPUS DEI:

An Evening of Recollection for men will be offered on **Wednesday, June 24, 2015** at St. Matthew Parish from 7-9PM. The schedule includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, the opportunity to go to Confession, a 30 minute meditation lead by a priest and a short talk given by a lay person. The focus is on practical ways to develop a personal relationship with God through prayer and work. All meetings will be held the 4th Wednesday of each month. For more info contact deacon.mike.kubiak@comcast.net

CURSILLO:

Cursillo is a Christian movement within the Roman Catholic Church whose members are committed to having a relationship with Christ by bringing Christ into the everyday moments of their lives. If you are interested in obtaining more information regarding this movement, we invite you to contact Deacon Joe or Lynn Carr at homesppun68@comcast.net This organization meets on a monthly basis September through June at St. Matthew's Church. **Ultreya on Tuesday, June 16th at 7 PM.**

Classified Ad – Science Teaching Position

Merion Mercy Academy, an independent, all girls Catholic High School sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, has one opening for a full time teaching position in a combined roster of secondary physics and chemistry for the 2015-2016 school year. Degree required. Experience and certification preferred. Qualified applicants asked to email a cover letter and resume by Monday, June 15th to Mary Ann Danovich, Vice Principal, at madanovich@merion-mercy.com.

Cleaning Position:

The Hines Rowing Center, 801 Washington St., Conshohocken, PA, needs a person to clean the women's and men's locker rooms and bathrooms, Mon, Wed. & Fri. during mid-day 11 am to 2 pm. Must provide approved PA Child Abuse Clearance and State Police Criminal Record Check. All supplies will be provided. Please send resume to: ltrench-hines@hinesrowingcenter.com or call 267-440-4166 or 610-331-0885 Monday through Thursday.

Quo Vadis Days

Retreat for young men graduating 8th – 12th grade.

Choose from 2 sessions:

Sunday July 5th – Wednesday July 8th

Thursday July 9th – Sunday July 12th

ONLY \$20 per person

Dynamic talks, small group discussions, meaningful prayer experiences, and a dynamically fun environment including a ropes course, swimming pool and a lake, basketball, soccer, ultimate Frisbee, and more.

Registration forms at:

www.heedthecall.org



Scan this QR code to see our promo video!
Call the Vocation Office for more information (610) 667-5778

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 worshipping community as we participate in the Divine Liturgy for The Most Holy Trinity. 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!

Deuteronomy 4:32-40 Psalm 33 Romans 8:14-17 Matthew 28:16-20

"A lie can travel halfway around the world while the truth is still putting on its shoes." (Mark Twain)

The Blessed Trinity is the mystery of mysteries before which even the seraphim veil their faces, singing with astonished wonder "**Holy, Holy, Holy.**" The universal Church celebrates one of her central feasts today, the feast of the Most Holy Trinity. In honor of the Trinity, I begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

What really matters is not how good our explanations are, but how deep our faith is. The blessed Trinity is a mystery - three persons, yet one God. No pope, no saint, no doctor of the Church understands this mystery.

There is a story about Saint Augustine walking along the shore in North Africa pondering how God could be one yet three. He comes upon a boy carrying a bucket of water to a small hole he had dug in the sand. "*What are you doing?*" asked Augustine. "*I am trying to pour the ocean into this hole,*" replied the boy. "*That's impossible!*" Augustine laughed. "*No more impossible than for you to put Almighty God into your small mind.*"

We are all mysteries to one another. The Blessed Trinity is the mystery of mysteries. Couples married 50 years are still learning about each other. At

funerals you often hear, "I never knew that about him/her." God created us to know, love and serve Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

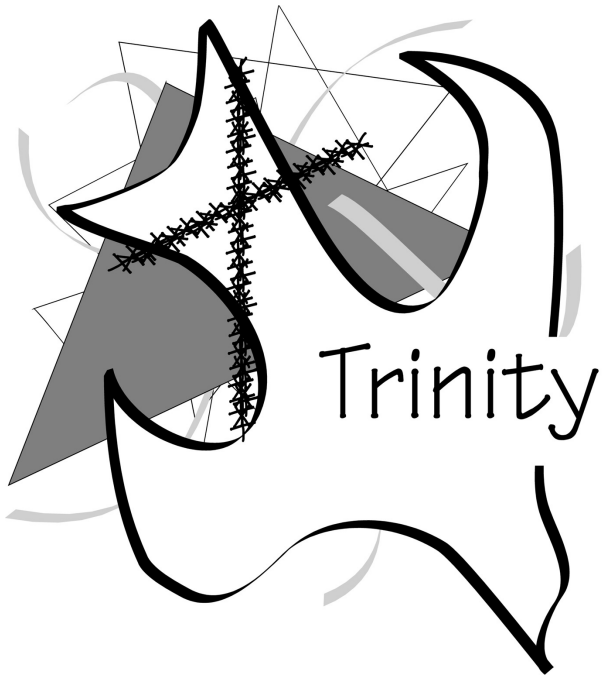
C.S. Lewis once said that the most frequently spoken word in heaven will be "**Oh!**" as in, "Oh, now I understand, oh, now I understand what God's plan was, oh, now I see the reason for the trial I went through.

Let us pray that the Trinity will stir us to bow in reverence before all mystery, human and divine. I happened across a metaphor for the Trinity, in Tertullian, of all people, arguably the most curmudgeonly theologian of all the curmudgeons of the early church. It's an image of the Trinity as a plant, with the Father as a deep root, the Son as the shoot that breaks forth into the world, the Spirit as that which spreads beauty and fragrance, "fructifying the earth with flower and fruit." I sent it to my friend, as she appreciates a good metaphor, and knows, deep down, that mystery is as real as the air we breathe, as everything that grows from the ground under our feet.

The church proclaims the doctrine of the Trinity to help us realize that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are a community, a family. This God calls us to realize that we are brought into this community. Jesus' Father is our Father. Jesus is our brother. The Spirit dwells in us and unites us to the Father and the Son. The Trinity is a gift and a challenge. We must be willing to know and love one another. We must share the marvelous riches God has given to each of us.

Finally the doxology [*a hymn of praise and worship to God*] to the Eucharistic prayer, "Through Him, with Him, in Him..." is like a sacred toast to God the Father for the salvation which Jesus won for us and which unites us in the Holy Spirit....

I think it was St. Jerome, in the fourth century, who noted how the great "Amen" echoed like thunder throughout the churches in his day. On this Trinity Sunday, shouldn't we add a bit of spiritual thunder to our solemn affirmation of Trinitarian faith prayed aloud in the great Eucharistic Prayer?



End of Bulletin