

# Mass Intentions for the Week



## 22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME August 30, 2015

### Saturday, August 29

4:30PM David McTamney  
Helen Goodwin

### Sunday, August 30

7:30AM Catherine H. Shaffer  
9:30AM Billy Freas  
11:30AM Raymond Beswick Jr. (26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

### Monday, August 31

8:15AM Danny Kenny

### Tuesday, September 1

8:15AM Dec'd Members of Alan Wood Steel

### Wednesday, September 2

8:15AM Ignatius M. Jeganathan

### Thursday, September 3

8:15AM Margaret Beswick

### Friday, September 4

8:15AM Margaret Beswick (19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

### Saturday, September 5

4:30PM Carl J. Zadroga

### Sunday, September 6

7:30AM Ivo Salvi  
9:30AM Raymond & Margaret Beswick  
11:30AM Rev. James W. Donlon

*Keep Them  
in your  
Prayers*



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 Blaszcak, 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, Rita Van Buskirk, Joan Nasielski, Stephen Greene, Caroline Smerecki, Joan Pierce, Kevin Miller, Mike Ancin, Alfred Zisk, Cynthia Allen, Rylan Borys, Susan Minnick, Ann Greco, Denise Kavanaugh, Michael Fox

Pray for the Deceased: **Rose Marie Bocella**



**Pray  
for the  
Military**

Staff Sgt Daniel Furtak, Lt. Michelle R. McNally, SSKC Terence J. McNally Jr., Sgt. Robert Bonneau, Andrew Midgett, Jonathan Staats, Col. Shawn McGinley, 108<sup>th</sup> 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 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne, Paul Brown, Marines, Corporal Andrew Teitjen, Tech Sgt Eric Zweiback

### CELEBRANTS MASS SCHEDULE

8/29 4:30 Msgr. Owens  
8/30 7:30 Fr. Heron 9:30 Fr. Ryan 11:30 Fr. Heron  
9/5 4:30 Msgr. Owens  
9/6 7:30 Fr. Ryan 9:30 Msgr. Owens 11:30 Fr. Heron  
9/12 4:30 Fr. Ryan  
9/13 7:30 Msgr. Owens 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Msgr. Owens  
9/19 4:30 Fr. Heron  
9/20 7:30 Fr. Ryan 9:30 Fr. Genovese 11:30 Msgr. Owens  
9/26 4:30 Fr. Heron  
9/27 7:30 Fr. Genovese 9:30 Msgr. Owens 11:30 Fr. Ryan

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

### Prepare for next Sunday

Scripture  
Isaiah 35:4-7  
James 2:1-5  
Mark 7:31-37

### Reflection

### 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Social—economic problems can be resolved only with the help of all the forms of solidarity: solidarity of the poor among themselves, between rich and poor, of workers among themselves, between employers and employees in a business, solidarity among nations and peoples. International solidarity is a requirement of the moral order: world peace depends in part upon this.

### 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." Classes are the first Tuesday of each month. The next class will be **Tuesday, September 1 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.

**The following forms and schedules can be found on our website at [www.stmatthewparish.com](http://www.stmatthewparish.com)**

Parish Registration

**CHECK  
OUT  
OUR  
WEBSITE**

Prep/CCD Registration  
Schedule a Baptism  
Schedule a Wedding  
Eucharistic Minister Schedules  
Lector Schedules  
Altar Servers Schedules  
Youth Ministry Registration

## Religious Education News

**Children's Liturgy** will be suspended for the summer months of July and August. Leisure time is important. Part of leisure is to pray! Bring the children to Mass every Sunday for some leisurely grace! Children's liturgy will resume in September.

### ATTENTION PARENTS!

**SEPTEMBER 14, 2015 WILL BE OPENING NIGHT FOR PREP/CCD CLASSES TO BEGIN. PLEASE GET YOUR REGISTRATION OR RENEWALS AND FEE PAID AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

Any newly confirmed interested in assisting, learning more about our faith, and participate more fully in parish life please register for the Youth Ministry on the website.

2015-2016 PREP/CCD Calendar and other sacramental information is available on our website. Simply click the tab Parish Organizations and select PREP.

Classes are 6:30 – 7:45pm Monday evenings September thru March. Tuition fee: one child \$110.00, two children \$165.00, three or more \$195.00. Classes will be held again at Early Childhood School and SS Cosmas and Damian Hall. Any questions please call the rectory at 610-828-0424 ext6.

## We Celebrate the Sacraments

St. Matthews will celebrate the sacraments of First Penance on March 14, 2016, and First Eucharist on April 30, 2016.

**After Confirmation**, then what? Do you still wonder, still have questions about what it is we believe or why we believe certain truths in the Catholic Church? Your education in the teachings of the church does not have to end with Confirmation. This year we want to invite the newly confirmed to return, perhaps to act as an aide to a younger class, perhaps to a learning/discussion session, perhaps to participate in an activity in the parish or community. On Monday evenings while PREP/CCD is occurring, as a young group of committed Catholic Christians, you could continue to be active in your faith lives. You can come as often as you like. Startup date is the Opening night of PREP, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>.

Gain service hours as an aide, gain insight and truths about controversial topics (i.e. Right to Life issue), about certain beliefs (Real Presence of Jesus in Eucharist), participate in faith based activities (helping with a clothing/food drive). You can choose how and when you would like to attend. A registration form would be required.

They will be available on the St. Matt's webpage. For more information or answers to questions email Miss Mary Kay at [mckennamaryk@gmail.com](mailto:mckennamaryk@gmail.com) or call the Rectory 610-828-0424 ext 6.

# RCIA

*A journey in faith* 

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Do you or does someone you know wish to become Catholic? Are you a baptized Catholic but never have been confirmed or received First Eucharist? Are you curious about some aspects of our faith or tradition? ***The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the place for you!*** Every year, adults are welcomed into the Catholic Community through RCIA. It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings you to Jesus Christ! Interested?? Please call the rectory 610-828-0424 with any questions or for more information. (No obligation!) First Session will begin Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.

### 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 **Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> 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. For Information contact Alice O'Connor [acaoc@verizon.net](mailto:acaoc@verizon.net)

### ST. MATTHEW SENIOR GROUP:

Our first meeting after summer break will be held on September 16th at 12:30pm, at the convent. We will have a short business meeting, a speaker, and lunch. All Seniors are welcome, please come and join us.

**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. 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: September 8 & October 13. 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).

### The 2015 Pro-Life Summer Raffle:

The Pro-Life Summer Raffle offers a maximum of 2,500 tickets at \$25 each on 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, 4<sup>th</sup> prizes \$250, 5<sup>th</sup> prizes \$100. The drawing for this Raffle will occur on Saturday, October 3, 2015 and the proceeds will benefit the Pro-Life Legal Fund for Southeast Pennsylvania. This Fund has served since 1986 by effectively advancing the interests of the pro-life movement in court cases and advocating for pro-life public policies at the local, state, and national levels. Please contact Diane at 610-828-8041 to purchase tickets. Please make checks payable to the "Pro-Life Legal Fund". Thank you very much.

## God's Plan for Giving

August 23, 2015  
WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR  
YOUR OFFERTORY  
GIFTS LAST WEEKEND:  
\$12,722.50

Electronic giving \$1,476.50 + \$11,246.00 = \$12,722.50

### 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](mailto:deacon.mike.kubiak@comcast.net) to register [www.parishgiving.org](http://www.parishgiving.org) or [www.stmatthewparish.com](http://www.stmatthewparish.com)



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. Classes start Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. The classes will be Wednesday evenings from 6:30 PM – 8:15 PM at the St Matthews Convent. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE** is Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> to allow time to order the materials. Please check out he website at <http://walkingwithpurpose.com>. Contact Judy Kukowski at 610-331-2147 or [JAKukowski@verizon.net](mailto:JAKukowski@verizon.net) for more information.

**NURSES NEEDED:** The World Meeting of Families Health Resources Committee is seeking nurse volunteers (R.N.s) to provide Health Information and Referral Services for WMOF pilgrims and visitors who have healthcare challenges and needs. Each nurse volunteer will be assigned to a 4 hour telephone hotline shift or a 4.5 hour shift on-site at the PA Convention Center. There will be multiple nurses present for each shift to ensure adequate support to meet our visitors' needs. If you are interested in participating in this historical event, please contact: Kathy Reavy, Division Director, BAYADA Home Health Care, Telephone: 877-291-3000, Email: [kreavy@bayada.com](mailto:kreavy@bayada.com)

**NEEDED: Ushers, Adorers and Greeters for the World Meeting of Families** - The World Meeting of Families needs volunteers to serve as ushers and greeters for the WMOF Congress Masses & Confessions (Sept 22-25) and the Papal Mass on Sunday, Sept 27 on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway. Also, adorers are needed to pray before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament during WMOF Week in two locations, the Convention Center Rm 108 & the Cathedral. Learn more and sign up as an usher, adorer or greeter on this page: <http://www.worldmeeting2015.org/greeters-ushers-adorers/>.

### REFLECTIONS FROM MY ROCKING CHAIR:

Dear friends,

Pope Francis' visit to the United States is fast approaching. He has managed to capture the world's attention by his deep faith and love for all people. He proclaims the joy of the gospel and a love for the poor not simply by words but also by witness. The simplicity of his life as a priest and bishop are well known. He has simplified the daily life of his papacy. But, beware! Pope Francis speaks with a prophet's voice. He gives utterance to God's demand that we love one another – no "ifs", "ands" or "buts". In other words, he may ruffle a few feathers. Prophets are like that. Take for example this statement in his exhortation, in *"The Joy the Gospel"* we read, "Not to share one's wealth with the poor is to steal from them and to take away their livelihood. It is not our own goods which we hold, but theirs", a startling comment indeed. Even more surprising is that the Holy Father is quoting St. John Chrysostom (349-407AD). Having spent his entire priesthood in Buenos Aires, Argentina, he knows firsthand the burden of those who have not enough. He writes in that same exhortation, "Money must serve, not rule! The Pope loves everyone, rich and poor alike, but he is obliged in the name of Christ to remind all that the rich must help, respect and promote the poor. I exhort you to generous solidarity and a return of economics and finance to an ethical approach which favors human beings."

We Americans enjoy the fruits of religious freedom. It is a conviction deeply embedded in our Constitution. However, religious freedom is under siege by our increasingly secular culture. An example was the recent court case insisting that The Little Sisters of the Poor offer health care to their employees that would cover the cost of an abortion. We need to be alert!

When you want to cook a frog you don't drop him into boiling water. He would simply jump out. You place him in warm water and slowly bring up the temperature. The Pope takes note of a gradual decline in the moral atmosphere of contemporary society. "The great danger in today's world, pervaded as it is by consumerism, is that desolation and anguish are born of a complacent yet covetous heart, the feverish pursuit of frivolous pleasures, and a blunted conscience. Whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor. God's voice is no longer heard, the quiet joy of his love is no longer felt, and the desire to do good fades.

Pope Francis is no pessimist: "I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ.... Whenever we take a step toward Jesus, come to realize that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms.... God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy. This is the joy of the gospel: that God believes in our goodness, more than we do ourselves."

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Food Cupboard will only be open twice a month starting in September on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of the month at 1 PM.**



**Food Pantry Needs:** tuna fish, boxes of mashed potatoes, stew, canned fruits, peanut butter and jelly.

## 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 22<sup>nd</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!*

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8    Psalm 15    James 1:17-18,  
21b-22, 27    Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

There is a story about a pious monk who died and went to heaven. He was taken on a tour by Saint James who showed the monk all the unspeakable beauty of heaven. They came to a room where shelves lined the walls with what looked like dried mushrooms. On closer look, the monk saw that they were actually human ears.

Saint James explained that these were the ears of those on earth who had gone regularly to church, had listened to the Scripture readings, but had never done anything about what they had heard. When they died, only their ears went to heaven.

Remember it was Saint James, the author of today's 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, who wrote that faith without works is dead.

Let's reflect on what Saint James is teaching.

Think for a moment about how much of your life in church has been spent listening. Now, surely, it is good to listen. But Saint James is telling us that it is wrong "to be all ears." It is not enough to hear the Word of God. Be doers of the Word, says Saint James, and not hearers only.

Saint James is only echoing what Jesus says in today's Gospel where Our Lord calls the Pharisees 'hypocrites' because they performed pious works just for the sake of doing them—washing their hands after they came in the presence of Gentiles so that they would be purified, worshiping God in the right, legal way, saying the correct prayers, mixing with the right people, eating the right food.

The Pharisees thought that observing these laws was more important than people, thereby reducing religion to rule-keeping. Yes, they went to the Temple whenever the Law commanded. Yes, they offered the sacrifices that the Law required. Yes, they went to

Synagogue to observe the Sabbath.

In other words, they **did** all the right things but failed to **listen** to what the Word of God taught. The prophets constantly warned them that God is not pleased with a worship that ignores or is blind and deaf to God's Word—to love God above all and to love neighbor as oneself. God doesn't want lip service from people whose hearts are far from Him. Prayer, pious deeds, worship are worthless if they are disconnected from a heart focused on love of God and neighbor. Doing all the right things will never get us to heaven if we fail to listen to God's Word.

But then there is the other extreme—that of people who do in fact listen to God's Word, but fail to put it into practice. These people can quote chapter and verse of Scripture. They can pay close attention to the readings from Scripture heard at Mass, but then they go home and settle into the comfort of an easy chair. They are "all ears" but do-nothings.

They want the benefits of faith without its cost. Faith for them is a head trip but never involves their hands and feet. Hearing the Word of God without putting it into practice leads to a religion that is stagnant. As Christians, we can be visible witnesses to our faith by coming to church, but, at the same time, we cannot be invisible in the world.

Our faith is certainly a source of security. But our faith is also an invitation to take part in an adventure.

Faith meant Abraham was to get up and go to a country he knew nothing about.

Faith meant Moses was to take on Pharaoh and the forces of Egypt.

Faith meant Paul was to cover the known world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Yes, faith is an adventure, a daring adventure; it involves us **and** risk.

Faith is not only for the secure confines of a church building. It is also for the streets, the marketplace, the society in which we live. Faith calls us to be not only hearers of the Word but doers as well.

Following Jesus is dangerous. It is much safer being "all ears."



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