

Mass Intentions for the Week



23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 6, 2015

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

Monday, September 7

8:15AM Maria Teresa Bosmarch

Dec'd Members of Alan Wood Steel

Tuesday, September 8

8:15AM Samantha Hobson

Wednesday, September 9

8:15AM Joseph & Helen Schank

Thursday, September 10

8:15AM Michael Costello

Patricia Dallas

Friday, September 11

8:15AM Gus Cottone

Saturday, September 12

4:30PM Dec'd Members of Fleming & Kelly Families

Sunday, September 13

7:30AM Ruth Vonkummer

9:30AM Matthew Derfler

11:30AM Pasquale & Rose Camaioni

*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 Blaszczak, 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, Anthony Frabezio, Nick Falcone.



Pray for the Deceased: Vincent Abbonizio & Ronald DiPasquale



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, 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, Tech Sgt Eric Zweiback

CELEBRANTS MASS SCHEDULE

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.

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, October 6 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

**CHECK
OUT
OUR
WEBSITE**

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

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. **Ultreya on Tuesday, September 15 at 7 PM in the convent.**

SUMMER (FALL) BOOK CLUB:

The book club has decided to continue through the Fall months. We select good novels with a Christian twist. The first novel is **The Nightingale** by Kristen Hannah. We will gather for a book discussion on Wednesday, September 23 at 7 PM in the Rectory. We have some room for new members. Contact Msgr. Owens at stmatt2014@gmail.com

Religious Education News

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. **A brief meeting will occur Sunday Sept. 13th after the 9:30 Mass. Meet Ms. Mary Kay in the first couple of pews on the Sacred Heart side of church as soon as Mass is over.** (20 minutes maybe).

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. 14th. 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 or call the Rectory 610-828-0424 ext 6.

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.

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 28th at 6:30PM.**

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 8th 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

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.



A FRIENDLY REMINDER: Members of the St. Matthew Senior Group who signed up for the Hunterdon Hills Play on Monday, **September 21st** the bus pickup is at 8:45 A.M. at the Park and Ride lot on Matsonford Rd, in West Conshohocken. Any questions call Anne Helenski at 610-331-5163. Thank you.

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. 1st prize \$5,000, 2nd prize \$1,000, 3rd prize \$500, 4th prizes \$250, 5th 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 29, 2015

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR
YOUR OFFERTORY
GIFTS LAST WEEKEND:
\$12,923.00

Electronic giving \$903.00 + \$12,020.00 = \$12,923.00
2nd Collection Black & Indian Missions 9/12 & 9/13

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



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 30th. The classes will be Wednesday evenings from 6:30 PM – 8:15 PM at the St Matthews Convent. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE** is Monday, September 7th 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

Mass for Persons with Disabilities during WMOF: The annual Archdiocesan Mass honoring the lives and gifts of persons with disabilities will be celebrated during the historic World Meeting of Families. We invite you to join with pilgrims from throughout the world, our country and region. We are joining with National Catholic Organizations who serve the needs of persons with disabilities and the Deaf community at the Shrine of St. John Neumann, 1019 N. 5th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123 on Thursday, **September 24, 2015 for Mass at 7 PM** followed by a reception. The principal celebrant is Bishop Kevin Rhoades from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. There are shrine parking lots on Girard Avenue and Lawrence Street. To RSVP on line go to: www.ncpd.org/events/wmof 2155873530 with number attending and accommodations needed.

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).

REFLECTIONS FROM MY ROCKING CHAIR: World Meeting of Families 2015

Dear friends,

The World Meeting of Families is a once every three year event which began in 1994 at the request of Pope St. John Paul II. The security measures in place for Pope Francis' events on Saturday and Sunday do not apply to the Congress meetings to be held at the Pennsylvania Convention Center from Tuesday, September 22 till Friday, September 25. The activities of the Congress are well worth your participation. The family is the domestic church and a building block for a secure society.

Tuesday's keynote speaker (2:30 PM) is Bishop-elect Robert Barron, a well-known speaker, who will explore the **extravagant** biblical claim that human beings have been made in the image and likeness of God.

On Wednesday the keynote speaker (10:30 AM) is Cardinal Robert Sarah whose presentation is entitled "The Light of the Family in a Dark World", in which he will stress that the human person reflects the Trinity in the vocation of self-giving love.

The third keynote speaker is Prof. Helen Alvare (3 PM Wednesday) who will stress the relationship between the love of the man and woman with the creation of new life and give listeners a better understanding of why welcoming children is so often contested today, and yet crucial for understanding the meaning of life itself.

Thursday's first keynote session (10:30 AM) is entitled "A Gift from God: the Meaning of Human Sexuality" presented by Dr. Juan Francisco de la Guardia Brin and Mrs. Gabriella N de la Guardia. Combining theology and scientific data they will explore how we know that we are called to live in generous, self-giving ways, whether married or celibate.

Thursday's second keynote address (3 PM) will be delivered by Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, the Archbishop of Manila, in the Philippines, and is entitled "The Family: Home for the Wounded Heart". The Cardinal will explore how the church can help families who are struggling with poverty, illness, unemployment and addictions.

Final keynote address on Friday (10:30 AM) is being delivered by Cardinal Sean O'Malley, the Archbishop of Boston, and Pastor Rick Warren. They will discuss how Christian families are invited to witness a life of daring faith and contagious joy.

Following each keynote address there are numerous breakout sessions in various languages presenting on topics related to the strengthening of families. There are also children sessions. Mass will be celebrated each day at the Convention Center. To review all the information contained in the breakout sessions visit the Congress website at www.WorldMeeting2015.org or send an email to info@WorldMeeting2015.org. Tickets can be purchased as a single day ticket or a three day ticket.

How many of us would take a day off to attend the Philadelphia Eagles Super Bowl victory parade? How much more important is your family life than that? (Okay! An Eagles parade comes in second.) Give yourself some time to ponder many aspects of being a happy and holy family! See you there.

Blessings, Msgr. Owens (stmatt2014@gmail.com)

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Food Cupboard will only be open twice a month starting in September on the 2nd & 3rd 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 worshipping community as we participate in the Liturgy for the 23rd 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!

Isaiah 35:4-7a Psalm 146 James 2:1-5 Mark 7:31-37

An elementary teacher in a nearby public school was a devout Roman Catholic. Mrs. Sarah Pritchard was teaching a class in reading and told her 25 children, "You don't have to write or talk to get your point across." By way of example, she stuck out her thumb and asked, "What does this mean?" One fourth grade student said, "I think that means you are hitchhiking and want a ride." Then she asked, "What does this mean?" She put her finger to her lips. They all said, "Be quiet." Then she turned to Mary Stewart and asked, "What can you say using signs?" She proudly held up her hand flat to say "STOP." She then asked Laura Scott to do one and she made the Sign of the Cross. Sarah was thrilled. She said, "Laura, what does that mean?" Laura said, "I'm getting ready to shoot a foul shot."

Most of us think that blindness is worse than deafness. Helen Keller, who was blind and deaf, considered deafness the far greater handicap. You cannot hear a lot of doors in the normal world slam shut. Turning on the I-Pod or CD Player is pointless. Watching television is tiresome reading the captions. Conversing with someone is difficult. After a while, you feel lonely and abandoned.

Today Jesus heals a deaf and mute man and for the first time in his life, he felt connected to life. By healing this man, Jesus fulfills two of the signs that the prophet Isaiah says will help people recognize the Messiah. "The deaf...and those who cannot speak will shout for joy."

This healing tells us something personal about Jesus. It tells us that He is a compassionate man. We see this, especially, in the way Jesus heals the man. Jesus takes him away from the crowd. Deaf people are often

embarrassed by their situation. They feel different and out of place. By taking him away from the crowd, Jesus shows compassion and sensitivity.

The healing of the deaf-mute is a source of hope for us. Many of us are deaf and mute spiritually. What renders us spiritually deaf? ...frozen anger, fear (of being used or hurt), pride, jealousy, resentment, ingratitude.

Anger, at first, is hot and volcanic. But anger buried alive becomes cold and frozen. Frozen anger constricts our hearts, our minds, our souls, and our senses. We lose our spontaneity for life and just barely go through the motions of living.

Resentment and gratitude cannot coexist. Joy and resentment cannot coexist. It is difficult to be spiritually healthy when we are filled with ingratitude and resentment. Ingratitude and resentment block our perception and experience of life as a gift. We can easily become deaf to God's voice by the murmuring, whining, grumbling, lamenting, and griping that goes on inside us. For some of us, that is a constant, deafening noise. There is a seducing dark power to this inner complaint.

We are all in need of Jesus' healing touch and word. In the baptismal liturgy there is a beautiful prayer whereby the priest touches the ears and mouth of the baptized and prays, "MAY THE LORD OPEN YOUR EARS TO RECEIVE HIS WORD AND TOUCH YOUR LIPS TO PROCLAIM HIS MESSAGE TO THE GLORY OF THE FATHER." Let us pray at this liturgy that we shall be healed of our spiritual deafness in order to live our lives in the peace and joy of the Lord, and sing out to all the world a hymn of praise and thanksgiving.



End of Bulletin