



MASS INTENTIONS

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 11, 2015

Saturday, October 10

4:30PM Lana & Jim Craven

Sunday, October 11

7:30AM James M. Williams

9:30AM Living & Dec'd Members St. Matthew Class 46
John & Bettie McCarthy

11:30AM Karen Cheeney

Monday, October 12

8:15AM June Zummo

Tuesday, October 13

8:15AM Maria Grazia DeLeo

Cecile Jordan & Johany Matelibano

Wednesday, October 14

8:15AM Joseph Laska

Thursday, October 15

8:15AM Leokadiol & Wojeiech Karas

Friday, October 16

8:15AM June Zummo

Saturday, October 17

4:30PM Michael J. Zadroga

Vincent Wolf from (9th Anniversary)

Sunday, October 18

7:30AM Edward Garbacz

9:30AM Sr. Francis Paula

11:30AM John & Dorothy Welsch

Living & Dec'd Members St. Matthew Class 57

Say a Prayer for... Tom Tone, David Talone, JoAnn LaSorsa, Marie Carney, Greg Atkinson, Sophie Grabowski, Anthony Bonanno, Joanne Toth, Theresa Lenczewski, 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, Charles Streibig, Theresa McGrath, Kylie Reiff, 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 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

10/10 4:30 Msgr. Owens

10/11 7:30 Fr. Heron 9:30 Fr. Genovese 11:30 Msgr. Owens

10/17 4:30 Fr. Ryan

10/18 7:30 Msgr. Owens 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Fr. Genovese

10/24 4:30 Msgr. Owens

10/25 7:30 Fr. Genovese 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Fr. Ryan

10/31 4:30 Fr. Ryan

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. **(Exception) The next class will be Tuesday, October 13 at 7PM in church.** 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.

Prepare for next Sunday

Scripture – October 18th

Isaiah 53:10-11

Hebrews 4:14-16

Mark 10:35-45

"Whoever wishes to be great will be your servant." For great people recognize the fact that true greatness consists in self-sacrifice, in handing ourselves over for the sake of others. In this way, all authentic greatness mirrors the greatness of the Father, whose love always takes the form of mercy. Jesus Christ "sympathizes with our weakness," "gives his life as a ransom for many," takes his place on a cross between two convicted criminals, and dies a supremely great man. The greatness that the disciples beg for from Christ is a gift: let your mercy be upon us so that we will give our life as an offering for sin. That alone is greatness.



Columbus Day Hoagie Sale!

Please remember to pick up your hoagie after all the Masses.

ST. MATTHEW SENIOR GROUP:

Our next meeting will be held on **October 21st at 12:30pm**, at the convent. We will have a short business meeting 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.

Religious Education News

PREP/CCD is in need of a few willing volunteers to sub for when a catechist has to be absent. A lesson plan would be provided. Please contact Mary Kay at the rectory. 610-828-0424 press 6.

Youth Group will have an activity planning session with Miss Kelly this Monday evening. Please report directly to SSC&D hall. Father spoke of the newly formed youth group as a miracle in our midst! See you there!

We Celebrate the Sacraments

ATTENTION PARENTS:

PARENT SACRAMENT MEETING OCTOBER 12, 2015 6:45pm in SS Cosmas and Damian Church.

All those seeking First Penance and First Holy Communion this Spring need to come to an informational meeting this Monday Evening. Attendance is necessary so that we have an accurate record of those who will receive these two sacraments. Questions call Ms. Mary Kay 610-828-0424

St. Matthew Parish Sacrament Policy and Practice

Every baptized Christian may receive a sacrament as long as they are of age and have the proper disposition. Sacraments are administered by the parish to any of its members who are baptized, properly disposed and who request the sacraments. The children in Catholic School, the regular CCD/PREP, and the children in the Home Study program will all be continually evaluated to determine "disposition." Proper disposition is reflected in the child's positive attitude and cooperation during the preparation process.

First Reconciliation is administered usually on a Saturday in March before the close of the regular CCD/PREP calendar year... Or before Palm Sunday after our children have completed two years of study. **This is usually in second grade.**

First Holy Communion is usually administered the last Saturday in April or the first Saturday in May after our children have completed at least two years of religious instruction. **This is usually in the second grade.**



Liturgy of the Word for Children

which occurs at the 9:30 Mass has grown so that we now have two sessions at the same time. We are in need of willing volunteers to assist with this wonderful ministry. If you believe you can help please contact Ms. Mary Kay at the rectory.

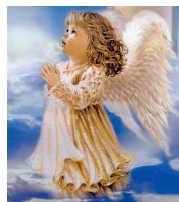


The Food Cupboard will only be open twice a month starting in September on the 2nd & 3rd Fridays of the month at 1 PM.

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MEETING: on Tuesday, October 20 at 6:30 PM in the St. Vincent de Paul room.

FOUNDATION FOR BABIES (ALEXANDRA PIERCE ANGEL FUND)



we are having our 3rd Annual Diaper Drive from October 1st – October 31st. Once again this year our Foundation for Babies Diaper Drive will be partnering with Cradles to Crayons. We are pleased to announce that over the past three years we have brought in over 300,000 diapers to the Delaware Valley. This drive will benefit struggling parents who cannot afford adequate supply of diapers for their family. There will be boxes in the back of the church for your donations. Thank you in advance for all of your support. Bill & Nicole Pierce 610-405-3725 or 267-882-5573.



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, October 13th 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



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!) **Sessions are at 6:30PM on Monday Evenings.**

GOLDEN AGE CLUB of St Mary's News: Casino Trips are scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month: October 13 & November 10. 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).

Gratitude from the Pro-Life Committee



"As the Lord of Creation authored the existence of everything in the Universe, the most precious gift that He bestowed was the gift of Life."

The Respect Life Collection was held at St. Matthew's parish over the weekend and your generosity has allowed us to donate \$1,765 to support the initiatives of the Pro-Life Office. Thank you for your support against those things that compromise the dignity of human life and thank you for your financial sacrifice for this most important work.

FELLOWSHIP HOUSE: The Community Center at the Fellowship House is hosting a Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon for Borough residents on Monday, November 23rd from 12pm to 2pm. Please contact the Community Center to register at 610-828-3266

We Welcome Father Anthony Genovese, O.S.A.

Born on Staten Island, New York, to Anthony Genovese and Margaret McCloskey. Attended Parochial School and was a member of the first graduating class from St. Anne's. From there went on to Augustinian Academy and graduated in 1965. While at the Academy, honed my skills in Academics and the sport of baseball becoming the Most Valuable Player in my senior year. Could not avoid this since my father and his four brothers all played professional baseball. My uncle Chick managed the great Willie Mays in Trenton before he reached the New York Giants. Another Uncle, George, does have a little connection with Philadelphia in that he signed Garry Maddox and Gary Matthews for the, by then, San Francisco Giants. Even though I had my life planned to play ball and get my education so I could become a teacher, there was a voice calling me to something else.

August 28, 1965, went on retreat and entered the Augustinian Novitiate on September 9, 1965, professing simple vows on September 10, 1966. Entered Villanova University class of 1970 on the next Monday. The Order of St. Augustine does not waste time. Following graduation from Villanova went on to the Washington Theological Union, Washington, DC from 1970 -1973. Ordained a priest at Our Mother of Consolation Church in Chestnut Hill on June 16, 1973 by Bishop Walter Sullivan of the Diocese of Richmond.

My first assignment was to St. Nicholas of Tolentine Parish in the Bronx, New York. I still had part of my plan intact in that I was a permanently certified teacher in New York State. But I was not assigned to the High School we had at Tolentine but the Parish of 6,500 families. Reported to the Bronx July 8, 1973 right off a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Upon arrival I became Priest in charge of Religious Education and director of youth activities. The parish had 18,000 souls. On the side I was doing Marriage Encounter Weekends in the Bronx, Staten Island and Brooklyn.

On June 14, 1977 was assigned to Assumption/St. Paul Church in Mechanicville, New York as Associate Pastor and Coordinated Marriage Encounter for Saratoga County, New York. If you happen to be trying to figure out where Assumption/St. Paul came from, it comes from two parishes that were merged together. I was sent there because my father was Italian American and my mother was Irish American. I was named pastor June 1978. Chosen to the Coordinating Team for Marriage Encounter for the Albany Diocese, appointed to the Family Life Commission of the Diocese and Chaplain to the Catholic Daughters of America Court of St. Paul. From 1979-1981 Chosen by World Wide Marriage Encounter to train priests and couples around the world.

April of 1983 returned to the Bronx as Pastor. From 1983 -1986 worked on the Fordham Road Development Corporation, New York State Human Rights Council, Bronx Chair of the University Heights Development Corporation, Head Start, English as a second language for Southeast Asian Community and the Spanish Community. Promoted Counseling for Abused children and their families.

Appointed Pastor of St. Thomas of Villanova, Villanova, PA on September 1986. Began Word of God program for children, Living in Love weekend to couples, began Preparing to Live in Love for Engaged Couples, established committee to renovate the Campus Church at Villanova.

In 1994 assigned to the Augustinian Mission band traveling from one Diocese to another presenting retreats and renewals.

2006 became Prior of the Augustinian Monastery on the Campus of Villanova Church and was given the responsibility of caring for the sick and the elderly. It was the largest community of Augustinians under one Prior in the world.

Became Prior Provincial in 2010-2014 of the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova having traveled to South Africa twice, Japan, the Philippines,

South Korea, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Mexico, all the states of the United States except Hawaii. Went to Alaska twice but not Hawaii. None of this was in my original plan but there was another plan for my life. All I had to do was say YES!

God's Plan for Giving

October 4, 2015

**WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR
YOUR OFFERTORY
GIFTS LAST WEEKEND:**

\$15,275.00

Electronic giving \$1,079 + \$14,196 = \$15,275

**SECOND COLLECTION: Oct. 17 & 18 Mission
Sunday**

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

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

TRIVIA NIGHT: Conshohocken Fire Company No.2
Saturday, October 17th

Doors open at 6:30 question rounds start at 7 PM
\$20 per person

Food, Beer, and soda included.

8 rounds of fun trivia, raffles and prizes.

Gather your friends and see how many questions you can answer Contact the fire house 610-828-4090 or Elizabeth Costello 610-828-7154.

POPE JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL – TWO SECRETARIAL – PART TIME POSITIONS AVAILABLE

There are currently two (2) part-time secretarial positions available at Pope John Paul II High School located in Royersford, PA.

The hours for the positions are as follows:

Student Affairs Office (Part-time) – 20 hours per week -
10 month position

Guidance Office (Part-time) – 15 hours per week – 10
month position

If interested please contact Linda Moffett at 484-975-
6500 ext. 3001 for further information and job
description(s). Please forward resume to the attention of
Dr. Louis Giuliano, 181 Rittenhouse Road, Royersford,
PA 19468 or via email at lgiuliano@pjphs.org

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 28th 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!

Wisdom 7:7-11 Psalm 90 Hebrews 4:12-13 Mark 10:17-30

Gilbert Chesterton, the great English writer and convert to Catholicism, wrote, "Christianity has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and not tried." We can certainly agree to this, if Chesterton meant that worldwide Christianity has not been tried as a basis on which to motivate personal lives, set national policies, or shape international relationships. However, another system has been tried and has failed. When the financial world collapsed around the globe, experts generally admitted that capitalism had been tried and failed. After confessing the failure of capitalism, many experts added in their second breath that the real culprit in this failure was greed. This failure could have been predicted long ago. In fact, it was predicted long ago by the readings that we have just heard. In the world that preceded the international disaster, the sacred scripture of capitalism consisted of advertisements and the gospel for its faithful followers was consumerism.

There was one particular ad that shouted loudly from the page of a very slick magazine: "Follow your desire. Let your desire be your guide." Of course millions, even billions, of people followed that gospel. For a long time the very tangible rewards of consumerism seemed to fulfill the deepest desires of its disciples. Unfortunately, the desire to consume is voracious—it can never be fully satisfied. Consequently, consumerism devoured not only all the resources of the people but also the lives of the consumers themselves.

As we discovered, the gospel of consumerism had a profound religious effect on its adherents, not just a financial one. After all, consumerism can only succeed by making those who practice it and profess it discontent. Obviously, when we are satisfied and perfectly content with what we have, we will simply stop buying. But, as the author Elizabeth Gilbert has pointed out, it seems that human beings have a built-in, heartbreaking inability to sustain contentment. "Taoism calls it imbalance, Buddhism calls it ignorance, Islam blames our misery on rebellion against God, and the Judeo-Christian tradition attributes all our suffering to original sin. ... Desire is the design flaw." The high priests of consumerism tapped into original sin specifically by making us want more and more possessions.

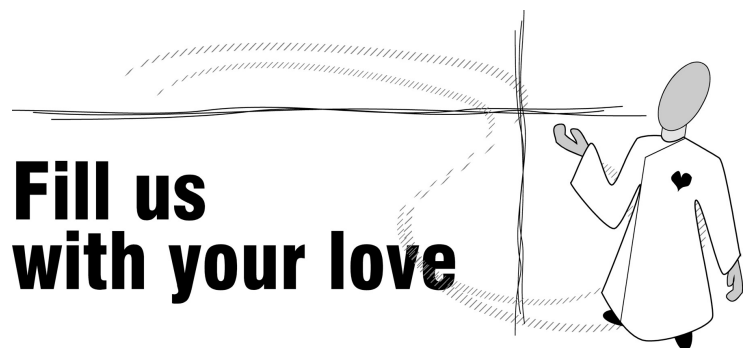
The producers of goods succeeded not only in

manufacturing the goods we demanded, but in manufacturing artificial needs as well. They managed to create in us an insatiable, artificial need for stuff. The religious consequences of this policy have been examined by Rev. John Kavanaugh, S.J., in his book, *Following Christ in a Consumer Society*. "The infinite longing of the human heart has been interjected into products—the newest, the best, the costliest, the always interminably improved. Our malls are 'cathedrals of consumption.' Eternity is found in Calvin Klein bottles. Infinity in a Japanese automobile. One's heart, no longer a throne wherein the transcendent personal God might dwell ... it is now anchored or even chained by the promise of possessions."

The great tragedy of being chained to our possessions is not just that they consume all our energy and drive out all other goals in life. Sadly, our relationship with our possessions becomes more important than any other relationships. A great deal of literature—plays and novels—has been devoted to this issue, that is, a person sacrificing personal relationships for the sake of material possessions. There is the instance of a young lady writing to her father, "When I was young, you wouldn't take time for me. Now that I am an adult and you are old, I won't find time for you."

Father Kavanaugh points out another tragic effect of consumerism. Eventually we become what we possess. What we have determines what we are. Driving an Audi or a Lexus seems to add to our status as a person. We even prefer to buy clothing that prominently displays a brand name, showing others we not only can afford it, but have taste as well. We are saying, "I am a quality person because I possess quality things." The passage from the book of Wisdom tells us how much more precious than gold are human qualities like prudence and good judgment, which is like sand and silver, which is like mud in comparison. This is an old theme in the Bible, which warns of the consequences of worshiping idols: "Their makers will come to be like them" (Ps 115:8).

As we prepare to unite ourselves more closely to the Lord in this Eucharist, we ought to remember the words of Saint Augustine, "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you."



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