

# Mass Intentions for the Week

## 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 1, 2016

### Saturday, April 30

4:30PM Edward Namiotkiewicz

### Sunday, May 1

7:30AM Joseph Leddy

9:30AM Carol A. Tinneny

11:30AM William & Mary Maher

### Monday, May 2

8:15AM Dec'd members of the Johnson Family

### Tuesday, May 3

8:15AM Sharyn Evans

### Wednesday, May 4 Vigil Ascension

8:15AM Mary Kilgallon

Marie Golas

7:00PM Betty Pruskowski

### Thursday, May 5 Ascension

8:15AM Audrey DeFrancesco

12 Noon Lorraine Charlesworth

### Friday, May 6

8:15AM Thomas McCloskey &

Rita O'Donnell

### Saturday, May 7

4:30PM Betty & Edward Pruskowski

### Sunday, May 8

7:30AM Joseph Leddy

9:30AM Lena D'Annunzio

11:30AM James Joseph Fritz III (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

William Freas (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)



Tom Tone, David Talone, JoAnn LaSorsa, Marie Carney, Greg Atkinson, Sophie Grabowski, Msgr. Robert Grudowski, Anthony Bonanno, Joanne Toth, Theresa Lenczewski, Luke Birkhead, Erik Kozlowski, Marlene Salkowski, Rosalie Partenheimer, John Walski, Carl Reiff, Joseph Blaszczyk, 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, James Sousa, James Gauger, Emilia Bello Jones, Rita VanBuskirk, Joan Nasielski, Caroline Smerecki, Joan Pierce, Kevin Miller, Mike Ancin, Rylan Borys, Susan Minnick, Ann Greco, Jessica Jara, Leanne Purcell, Joe Lotito, Matt McNamee, Kendall Soltys, Concezio Lelii, William McGrath, Carl Pierce, Ursula Kozlowski, Benedetto, McDaniels, Kevin Kelly, Emily Armstrong, Charles Lare, Rita Marie Borkowski, Joanne Kalacinski, Mary DiMedio, Margaret Palmer, Sue Stephan, Anna Marie Ferrier, Mary Stoffel, Jeri McClennen, Marie Bowman, John Boccella, Felicia Rzeznik, Pat Rowe, Jim Bokoski



Rose Ann McCormick, Marie Paris, Mary Ann Messere

## 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, Lt. Col Evah McGinley, The 108<sup>th</sup> Wing McGuire AFB, Matthew Horning, 1st Lt. Stanley J. Reimer III, SR Brett Pellicciotti, LCPL Thomas Mazzochetti, Staff Sgt. Michael Alfonse, Robert Catapano U.S. Army 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne, Paul Brown, Marines, Corporal Andrew Teitjen, Michael Bondra.

### CELEBRANTS MASS SCHEDULE

4/30 4:30 Fr. Ryan

5/1 7:30 Fr. Genovese 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Msgr. Owens

5/7 4:30 Fr. Genovese

5/8 7:30 Msgr. Owens 9:30 Fr. Ryan 11:30 Fr. Heron

5/14 4:30 Msgr. Owens

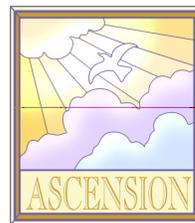
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5/21 4:30 Fr. Genovese

5/22 7:30 Msgr. Owens 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Fr. Ryan

5/28 4:30 Fr. Ryan

5/29 7:30 Fr. Ryan 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Msgr. Owens



### ASCENSION THURSDAY:

Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord and for us as Catholics is a Holyday of obligation. The Mass Schedule: **Wednesday, May 4 at 7:00 PM; Thursday, May 5 8:15AM and 12:00 Noon.**

### Prepare for Next Sunday

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – May 8

Acts of the Apostles 7:55 – 60 Revelation 22:12 – 14, 16 – 17, 20

John 17:20 – 26

Jesus, with his eyes to heaven, and prays to his Father that all will be one. Stephen looks up intently to heaven and sees Jesus – the one who makes that unity happen. Saul – soon to be Paul – was a witness to Stephen's stoning. Shortly after, when Saul experienced the same miracle – an encounter with Christ from the heavens – did he remember the union of faith that Stephen shared with Jesus? Was it this union that moved him to believe that Jesus is the root and offspring of David, the bright morning star?



**MASS BOOK 2017:** The 2017 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 [smatthewrectory@verizon.net](mailto:smatthewrectory@verizon.net)

**PRE-CANA:** St. Matthew Parish is offering a one day pre-cana program on **Saturday, July 16, 2016** from 8:30am – 4 pm followed by Mass. 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)

# Religious Education

**The Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)** (also known as CCD) will change from Monday evening to Sunday morning. The parents and staff voted this change into being. Beginning Sept. 11, 2016 Classes from Grades 1 – 7 will be held in the Parish Center from 10:25 am – 11:25 am.

**Registrations are being accepted now.** The online form has been streamlined so you need only fill out a family form and list the names of each child. The fee has NOT changed from last year. One child \$110. Two \$165. Three or more \$195. This provides for all supplies and textbooks. Any concerns or questions contact Miss Mary Kay 610 828-0424 ext. 6 or [mckennamaryk@gmail.com](mailto:mckennamaryk@gmail.com).

## Calling for believers to volunteer.

Come “echo” your faith with the growing number of children in this growing community. With the move to the new parish center we will have more room, which means smaller and more personalized classroom settings and the need for more staff. To be a catechist requires only one thing...a willingness to be a witness and share your faith with the littlest among us. We are also moving to Sunday morning between the Masses, which should be more accommodating for all. Think about it! Please help this program which is the future of our church. Any questions please call Mary Kay 610-828-0424.

**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 except in May the class will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday. **The next class will be Monday, May 16 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) or call the rectory 610-828-0424 press 4 for the office to register.



**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, May 10 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)

## ST. MATTHEW STUDENTS EXCEL:

Our parish recently received notification of the performance of our high school students. We are particularly proud of those who demonstrated academic excellence.

### Malvern Prep:

1<sup>st</sup> Honors: **Ryan Suketu Upadhyay**

Distinguished Honors: **Sean Suketu Upadhyay**

## RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY: Mother’s Day Weekend:



The Pro-Life Union is dedicated to building and fostering a Culture of Life by promoting respect for all human life. This critical mission is possible only with your help and support. Your contributions allow the Pro-Life Union to assist

women in need, to support pregnancy homes, to provide outreach, prayers, education, alternate services, and public policy activities. The generosity of our parish has always been outstanding and we ask for your support for this important parish event and appeal to the generosity of our parish community. The Respect Life Collection will be held before and after each Mass on **Mother’s Day weekend, May 7-8, 2016.** We will offer red roses and carnations. Let us pray and ask Our Lady to bless our nation and the weakest among us. Thank you.

**May Spring Flower Sale-** You’ve taken care of Mom, now take care of your garden! The 8th graders of Holy Rosary Regional Catholic School are hosting a spring flower sale. We offer geraniums, petunias, New Guinea Impatiens, 10” hanging baskets, and assorted flats ranging in price from \$5 -\$15. **Orders are due May 9; Pickup on Sat. May 14th from 9:00-2:30** in Grady Hall at Holy Rosary. Forms and payment (Cash or check) can be dropped off to the school office between 8:15 and 2:45. Order forms can be found on our website at <http://holyrosaryregional.com>. If you have any questions, please contact Tracy at [484-250-9444](tel:484-250-9444)

## ST MATTHEW’S SENIORS *will meet every third Wednesday of the month.*

The next meeting will take place on **May 18<sup>th</sup>**, in the convent at 12:30pm. Also, Membership dues (\$10) will be collected for 2016. ALL ARE WELCOME!

## ST. MATTHEW SENIORS TRIP INFORMATION:

The Seniors trip to Doolan’s is on **Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**. The cost for members is \$64. If you have any questions please contact Anne Helenski at 610-279-3617.

**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 2016 is \$10.00 for the year.

**Casino Trips:** are scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month: **May 10 & June 14.** Bus leaves 9:00 AM from 11<sup>th</sup> & Fayette, 9:15 AM from 3rd & Fayette, and at 9:30 AM from St. Mary’s. Call Joe (610-825-4596).

**ST. MATTHEW BOOK CLUB:** Fiction with a Christian Twist - Do you enjoy a good story and some fine literature? The Christian “twist” is that some element of the tale involves faith or morals, belief or unbelief, God or no god. This is a good time to join the group. We had just selected two more titles for Wednesdays in May and June. On **May 11**, *The Painter of Silence* by Georgina Harding; and *Stones from the River* by Ursula Hagi will be the subject of discussion on **June 8**. To join contact Monsignor Tom Owens at [stmatt2014@gmail.com](mailto:stmatt2014@gmail.com) or 610 – 828 – 0424 ext. 112

# God's Plan for Giving

April 24, 2016

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR  
YOUR OFFERTORY  
GIFTS LAST WEEKEND:  
**\$12,800.00**

Electronic giving \$1,204.00 + \$11,596.00 = \$12,800.00



**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)

**FULL TIME LEAD TEACHER:** Conshohocken Catholic Early Childhood Center is seeking a full time lead teacher for the Toddler Room in our newly formed Daycare center. A Bachelor's or Associate's Degree in Education is required. Previous daycare experience is preferred. Candidate must be loving, nurturing, and possess good leadership skills. For more information call Carol Kearney at 610-828-0755 or email [cceccdaycare@gmail.com](mailto:cceccdaycare@gmail.com)

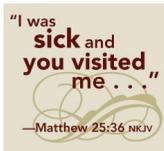
**PART TIME CARES TEACHER:** Conshohocken Catholic Early Childhood Center is seeking a part time teacher to assist with supervising preschoolers in our After School CARES program from 2:30pm-6:00pm daily. Candidate must have previous experience caring for and managing young children. Please call Carol Kearney at 610-828-0755 or email [cceccdaycare@gmail.com](mailto:cceccdaycare@gmail.com) for more information.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD CUPBOARD:** We are in need of cereal, cans of fruit – peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, chunky soups, peanut butter & jelly. Donations can be left in the vestibules of the church. The food cupboard is open every Friday at 1PM it is located between the church and the convent the second door in the driveway.



**St. Matthew Cemetery:** A recent survey of the cemetery property revealed enough unused land to accommodate 133 burial lots. This land was originally a tract identified as St. Patrick's Road. It will remain titled as the "St. Patrick Section". For any information on securing one of these lots please contact: Deacon Mike Kubiak at 610-828-0424 or email [deacon.mike.kubiak@comcast.net](mailto:deacon.mike.kubiak@comcast.net).

**The St. Vincent de Paul Society:** visits Towne Manor East & West, Brandywine Senior Suites, Regina Nursing Home, Powerback Rehabilitation and Suburban Woods every week -- if someone in your family or a friend is in one of these facilities and you would like the St. Vincent Group to stop in and say "hello" please contact Alice O'Connor at 610-828-5992 or [acaoc@verizon.net](mailto:acaoc@verizon.net). If you would like to volunteer to help us visit the sick please contact Alice.



## Rectory Cook Position:

St. Philip Neri is currently seeking someone to cook evening meals in the Rectory during the week. The schedule is random depending on the priest's schedule but generally includes anywhere from 2-4 nights per week. For more details or if you are interested please call Michael Pastorius in the church office at 610-834-1975 or by email at [mcpastorius@comcast.net](mailto:mcpastorius@comcast.net).

## Reflections from My Rocking Chair

Dear friends,

This is my second reflection on Pope Francis' encyclical, *On the Care of Our Common Home (Laudato Si)*. In the opening paragraphs the Holy Father employs prophetic language, meaning ... blunt talk, "The earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth". I think most of us understand that our consumer society creates refuse that is often times not biodegradable. Poorer nations engage in deforestation to increase their agricultural output for trade.



We also appear to be in a cycle of climate change. Whether this tendency toward global warming is man-made or not, it needs our attention. The Pope puts it this way, "Global warming has effects on the carbon cycle. It creates a vicious circle which aggravates the situation even more, affecting the availability of essential resources like drinking water, energy and agricultural production in warmer regions, and leading to the extinction of part of the planet's biodiversity." The Pope cites the melting of polar ice caps and the resultant release of methane gases as danger signals. Increases in carbon dioxide pollution leads to "the acidification of the oceans and compromises the marine food chain." Desert areas increase in size causing people to migrate to regions where food can be planted more effectively. We need be alert to all this because happiness and the right to life are gifts bestowed by God on every person.

It is in matters of faith and morals that Pope Francis holds authority as the Bishop of Rome. He believes that it is the poorest people who suffer most greatly the deterioration of the environment, by the depletion of fishing reserves especially in small fishing communities which do not have the means to replace those resources; by water pollution that particularly affects the poor who cannot buy bottled water; and by rises in sea level that mainly affect impoverished coastal populations who have nowhere else to go." Because these poor live far from us it is easier to ignore their plight. Pope Francis notes that a third of all food produced is discarded. "Whenever food is thrown out it is as if it were stolen from the table of the poor" (Catechesis, 5 June 2013).

Believers and nonbelievers alike agree that the earth is essentially a shared inheritance. The Pope writes, "The principle of the subordination of private property to the universal destination of goods, and thus the right of everyone to their use, is a golden rule of social conduct and the first principle of the whole ethical and social order." We enjoy a shared inheritance, whose fruits are meant to benefit everyone. Pope Francis quotes Pope St. John Paul II, "God gave the earth to the whole human race for the sustenance of all its members, without excluding or favoring anyone." The Holy Father draws from the wisdom of the churches in South America. He cites the bishops of Paraguay, "Every campesino has a natural right to possess a reasonable allotment of land where he can establish his home, work for the subsistence of his family and a secure life. This right must be guaranteed so that its exercise is not illusory but real". To the age old question, "Am I my brother's keeper?" The answer is YES. Blessing, Msgr. Owens ([stmatt2014@gmail.com](mailto:stmatt2014@gmail.com))



## CONSHOHOCKEN ART LEAGUE:

The Conshohocken Art League cordially invites you to attend our annual exhibit to be held **on Sunday, May 1, 2016** at the Mary H. Wood Park House, 150 E. 5th Ave., Conshohocken, from 1 to 3 P.M. Meet our artists and enjoy the fun. Do You have a hidden talent? Our art classes are open to all levels from beginners to experienced artists.

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter. 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!*

Acts 15: 1-2,22-29 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10-14,22-23  
John 14:23-29

Just when schools throughout the country are coming to the end of another year of teaching and learning, just when students are starting to review and will soon be cramming for their final exams, just when speakers are preparing their commencement addresses, along comes Jesus in today's gospel and tells us, "We've only just begun!"

Today Jesus tells us that we should be getting ready for one of the best Teachers and one of the best courses of our academic career. He puts it this way: "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." This special class and this special Teacher begins in just two weeks, on Sunday of May 15<sup>th</sup>, which is the important feast of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus, Himself, was the primary Teacher of His followers, His disciples. He was continually teaching them what the Kingdom of God was like and what He expected of them as His followers. He most often used the traditional "show and tell" method of instruction. Many times, He would tell them what the Kingdom of God was like. It was like a farmer sowing seed on different soil and reaping a fantastic yield of 30-, 60-, or 100-fold when the seed fell on good soil. It was like a minuscule mustard seed, so small at the beginning, so large a plant at the end. It was like a pinch of yeast that empowered a mixture of flour and water to become bread. It was like finding a lost sheep or helping an injured stranger or persistently knocking on a neighbor's door at midnight until he got up and offered the bread needed to feed a late-arriving guest.

Then Jesus would mix His "tell" with the "show" of His miracles, His dramatic power plays that demonstrated so loudly and clearly that He had come to give us life and give it more abundantly. He came to give new life to blind eyes, paralyzed limbs, withered hands, mute voices, deaf ears, and sinful hearts. He showed His solidarity with the poor and the hungry by feeding them. Most of all, He showed His immense and

intense love for all of us by dying for us on the cross. What a terrific Teacher Jesus was! Yet, time and again, His original students missed the point of His lessons. For example, when Jesus spoke of His impending passion, death and resurrection, the student leader of His class, Peter, wanted Jesus to talk rather about His being a Superman, not a Suffering Servant who had come to serve, not to be served. Most tragic of all, when Jesus had finished His course and it was time to put His teaching into practice, His entire class abandoned Him! They were overcome by a huge memory loss. They forgot what He had told them, what He had shown them. They failed to remember Him saying, "If you want to be My disciple, you have to take up your cross and follow Me."

"No wonder, then, that Jesus had to tell His disciples, "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." Rather than give His first students the "F" they seemed to deserve, Jesus decided to give them the grade "I" for Incomplete. This meant that they had to continue the course, take the class over again until they knew exactly what Jesus was trying to show and tell them.

We are not much different from those first students of Jesus, are we? We take our religion classes to prepare for First Communion and Confirmation. We attend a few special classes before marriage. We may even take a Bible study class or attend an occasional lecture on a theological topic. We may think we know nearly everything there is to know about how to be a good, practicing Catholic. But the truth of the matter, the truth of the Holy Spirit, is that there is still so very much for us to learn. How many of us have studied the Bible well enough to recognize the differences in the four Gospels?

One of the continuous needs of the Church is the ongoing education of its members. We all need to keep learning, keep reading, keep studying and keep exploring the marvelous truths of our faith. We all need to be reminded of all that Jesus has told us in the Gospels. We all need the Advocate, the Holy Spirit to instruct us, inspire us and enlighten us.



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