



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

May 22, 2016

Saturday, May 21

4:30PM Joseph M. Leddy
Sr. Regina Joseph

Sunday, May 22

7:30AM John Baloga
9:30AM Joseph Albanese
11:30AM Anthony Timbario

Monday, May 23

8:15AM Joanne Schank Beeler

Tuesday, May 24

8:15AM Carol A. Tinneny

Wednesday, May 25

8:15AM Mary Lally
Jack & Mary Cook

Thursday, May 26

8:15AM Joseph Albanese

Friday, May 27

8:15AM Mary Ann Lewis (3rd Anniversary)

Saturday, May 28

4:30PM Raymond P. Beswick (21st Anniversary)

Sunday, May 29

7:30AM Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Hughes
9:30AM Carol Tinneny
11:30AM Robert G. Templeton (9th 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, Roselie 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, 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, Hans Pawling, Margie Burghart, Jack Susskind.



Aloysius Frederick



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, Lt. Col Evah McGinley, The 108th 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 101st Airborne, Paul Brown, Marines, Corporal Andrew Teitjen, Michael Bondra.

CELEBRANTS MASS SCHEDULE

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

MEMORIAL DAY MASSES: We will hold our annual Memorial Day Masses on **Monday, May 30** at **St. Benedict cemetery on Colwell Ln at 9AM** and **St. Matthew cemetery on North Lane, at 11AM.** You are invited to attend as we remember those who died in any war as well as those who are buried in both parish cemeteries.

No 8:15AM Mass on Memorial Day.

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 stmatthewrectory@verizon.net

Prepare for Next Sunday Corpus Christi Sunday May 29, 2016

Genesis 14:18 – 21 1st Corinthians 11:23 – 26 Luke 9:11 – 17
Pope St. John Paul II reminded us that, in commemorating the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, the Church “does not only celebrate the Eucharist but solemnly bears it in procession, publicly proclaiming that the sacrifice of Christ is for the salvation of the whole world.” The Sequence of Corpus Christi begs: “Jesu, of your love befriend us, You refresh us, You defend us. Your eternal goodness sends us/In the land of life to see.”

Religious Education

PREP

PLEASE REGISTER FOR FALL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES NOW!

THIS YEAR WE WILL CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION. TBA

(Pending Bishops calendar schedules coming soon)

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.

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-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

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 1st Tuesday of each month. **The next class will be Tuesday, June 7 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 or call the rectory 610-828-0424 press 4 for the office to register.



REFLECTIONS FROM MY ROCKING CHAIR:

Dear friends,

This is the third time I've written you on Pope Francis encyclical *Laudato Si: On the Care for Our Common Home*. When considering our relationship to the earth on which we live – science would call that ecology. The Pope introduces the notion that our care for the earth must be directly related to our care for the dignity of human life. He writes, “When we speak of the environment, what we really mean is a relationship existing between nature and the society which lives on it”. Hence, our concern for the earth must be based on our concern for humanity, a human ecology if you will. The responsibility for the present generation, you and I, is to make use of the resources of the earth but at the same time use them reasonably with future generations in mind. Water for example, and its purity, must be used responsibly. Future generations will need clean water to sustain them. It is gravely immoral to pursue economic development at the cost of human dignity. The Pope writes, “Every violation of solidarity and civic friendship harms the environment.” War is an example. The “scorched earth” strategy of armies leaves nothing behind but cinders. If you believe that the earth is a gift, then we must conclude that we have insulted the gift-giver.

The Holy Father is optimistic about the effects that flow from a community that works together and takes ownership of the development of their environment. If communities are created based on mutual respect “any place can turn from being a hell on earth into the setting for a dignified life”. The Pope encourages the beautiful designs in public spaces and parks, however, “more precious still is the service we offer to another kind of beauty: people’s quality of life, their adaption to the environment.”

Pope Benedict XVI, too, spoke of “ecology of man” based on the fact that “man, too, has a nature that he must respect and that he cannot manipulate at will”. Pope Francis writes, “Learning to accept our body, to care for it and to respect its fullest meaning, is an essential element of any genuine human ecology. Also, valuing one’s own body and its femininity or its masculinity is necessary if I am going to be able to recognize myself in an encounter with someone who is different. In this way we can joyfully accept the specific gifts of another man or woman, the work of God the Creator, and find mutual enrichment. It is not a healthy attitude which would seek to cancel out our sexual difference because it no longer knows how to confront it.”

On the first day I was pastor at Saint Alphonsus Church a parishioner was going through our kitchen and was rather surprised and offended, I think, that we were not separating recyclable trash. That may be the first time I experienced what the Pope’s encyclical calls “the ecology of daily life”. I wonder what simple actions I might take each day to respect the earth, our common home. How about you? Any suggestions.....

Blessings,

Monsignor Owens

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The Church Office



Will Be Closed:

On Monday, May 30th, Memorial Day the Church Office will be closed.

God's Plan for Giving

May 15, 2016

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR
YOUR OFFERTORY
GIFTS LAST WEEKEND:
\$12,653.00

Electronic giving \$1,976.00 + \$10,677.00 = \$12,653.00



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 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 bank's 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.

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, June 14 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



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

The next meeting will take place on **June 15th**, in the convent at 12:30pm. Also, Membership dues (\$10) will be collected for 2016. ALL ARE WELCOME!

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: **June 14 & July 12.** Bus leaves 9:00 AM from 11th & 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. *Stones from the River* by Ursula Hagi will be the subject of discussion on **June 8.** To join - Monsignor Tom Owens at stmatt2014@gmail.com or 610 – 828 – 0424 ext. 112

Women's Evening of Reflection

Malvern Retreat House is hosting a Women's Evening of Reflection on Thursday, June 9 from 6pm-9:15pm. The theme of the evening will be: *Clothed with Christ: The Garments of Glory.* This presentation will focus on LOVE (the coordinator of our new wardrobe) and how we can wear the garments of glory, the fine clothing that is the "fruit of the Spirit." The retreat will be directed by Sister Sheila Galligan, IHM, who is a professor in the Department of Theology at Immaculata University. For more information, please visit malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400.



THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA INVITES YOU ON A PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

for the Jubilee Year of Mercy and
Blessed Mother Teresa's Canonization
September 1 – September 10, 2016

Ten Day Pilgrimage Includes:

- round trip airfare
- ground transportation in Italy
- hotel accommodations
- selected meals
- canonization of Blessed Mother Teresa
- private tour of Saint Peter's Basilica
- a visit to the tomb of Saint Padre Pio
- walking tour of major Roman attractions, historic landmarks and much more!
- Spiritual director for the pilgrimage: Fr. Dennis Gill ***Registration is due May 27th***

For More Information visit <http://archphila.org/#events>

JOB OPPORTUNITY

FULL TIME INFANT ASSISTANT:

Conshohocken Catholic Early Childhood Center is seeking a full time caregiver for infants in our newly formed Daycare center. Experience caring for infants 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 cceccdaycare@gmail.com

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.

4th Annual John Shapiro's Superheroes 5K Run * 1 Mile Run/Walk*Kid's Fun Run

Saturday, June 11th at 8:30 am

Start/Finish at Saint Helena School, Blue Bell, PA

Registration Link:

https://www.runtheday.com/registration/select_race_type/3650

Register by June 1 to guarantee race t-shirt

Information Link:<http://www.johnshapirosheroes.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 Holy Trinity Sunday. 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!

Proverbs 8:22-31 Psalm 8 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15

Today we celebrate a great mystery—one God, yet three Persons. But we are often at home with mystery. After all, we are fascinated by the mysterious.

As children we loved stories that led us into a world that taxes our imagination and enchants us. We know that in the Middle Ages, mystery plays provided a wonderful way not only of entertaining people but also of teaching them about the great biblical stories and the truths of faith. We still speak about these truths as the mysteries of faith. In fact, evidence of our fascination with mystery is our presence at Mass where, after the words of consecration, we are invited to proclaim “The mystery of faith.”

If asked to define “mystery”, we would probably say that it is a doctrine or teaching that ultimately is beyond our understanding. And in some sense that is correct. The danger, however, is that we might conclude that, therefore, we can understand little or nothing about a mystery.

Of all the mysteries of our faith, the one about which we have the most difficulty in coming to some understanding is surely the mystery of the Trinity; three Persons but one God. St. Patrick tells us that even in nature we see that three can be united in one.

Let's see how our readings from Sacred Scripture help us come to some understanding of the mystery that takes us away from the mathematical issue.

Our first reading from Proverbs gives us an amazing description of Wisdom at play with God. Because we now identify Wisdom with Jesus, the picture we get is that of a Father playing with His Son.

“I was beside the Lord's side, a master craftsman,

delighting Him day after day, ever at play in His presence, at play everywhere in the world. Two persons, a Father and His Son, at play and delighting to be at play.

St. Paul in most of his letters keeps telling us that it is through Jesus that we come close to the Father. Everything Jesus says is what He has heard His Father say. The miracles Jesus works are done by the power of His Father. We are Jesus' brothers and sisters, children of the Heavenly Father.

To cap it all off, St. Paul tells us in our second reading that the love of the Father has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. What a gift: the Holy Spirit given to us. That's a lot of information from the liturgy of the Word.

As we begin to celebrate the second part of this Mass—the Liturgy of the Eucharist—we will be reminded that once again we are caught up in the mystery of the Trinity.

When the priest stretches out his hands over the gifts of bread and wine, a bell is rung, calling us to attention because we are in the presence of mystery. The priest calls down the Holy Spirit upon the gifts so that Jesus Christ can be present Body and Blood, soul and divinity.

What does Jesus do? He gathers us and our prayers and presents us to His Father.

Forget the math of three in one. We pray to the Father, through the Son, in the power of the Holy Spirit. That's the mystery that sustains us in life.



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