

Thoughtful **STRONG**  
**FATHER**  
 Patient **LOVE**  
 FRIEND  
*kind* trust  
 family man  
**wisdom** NURTURING

**12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
 TIME**

**June 19, 2016**

**Saturday, June 18**

4:30PM Charles & Margaret Fredrick

**Sunday, June 19 Happy Father's Day!**

7:30AM Stephen Opiela

9:30AM Lena D'Annunzio (4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

11:30AM John J. Williams Sr.  
 Harvey Borzelleca

**Monday, June 20**

8:15AM Mary Di Cicco

**Tuesday, June 21**

8:15AM Mary Marcozzi

**Wednesday, June 22**

8:15AM Joseph M. Leddy

**Thursday, June 23**

8:15AM Audrey Defrancesco

**Friday, June 24**

8:15AM John & Johanna Matsko

**Saturday, June 25**

4:30PM June E. Zummo

**Sunday, June 26**

7:30AM Sunny Maria Flocco

9:30AM Bernard J. Murray, III  
 Elaine Dippolito

Msgr. Dan Murray (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)

11:30AM Antonio Stinalett



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 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, 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, Sue  
 Stephan, Anna Marie Ferrier, Mary Stoffel, Jeri McClennen,  
 John Boccella, Felicia Rzeznik, Pat Rowe, Jim Bokoski,  
 Hans Pawling, Margie Burghart, Jack Susskind, Kristen  
 Lafferty



Lena Sassi, George DiCiurcio, Gabriel  
 Cerio



**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 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**

6/18 4:30 Fr. Ryan

6/19 7:30 Fr. Heron 9:30 Fr. Ryan 11:30 Fr. Genovese

6/25 4:30 Fr. Genovese

6/26 7:30 Msgr. Owens 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Fr. Ryan

**Prepare for Next Sunday**

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time June 26, 2016**

1<sup>st</sup> Kings 19:16, 19 – 21 Galatians 5:1, 13 – 18 Luke 9:51 – 62  
 Today Jesus “resolutely determines to journey to  
 Jerusalem.” He uses his human freedom to follow the  
 path that leads to his death. “You were called for  
 freedom. For freedom Christ set us free.” Freedom is  
 the experience of the deepest truth of ourselves; it is  
 the ability to confront our destiny; it is the capacity for  
 our happiness. Freedom is humble, passionate, total  
 dedication to God in our daily life. It is to our freedom  
 that Jesus appeals when he says to us, “Follow me,”  
 as he follows his human freedom all the way to the  
 fulfillment of his Father’s will.

**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. **The next class is Tuesday, July  
 5 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.

*Happy Father's Day*

# 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)**  
(known as CCD) Beginning **Sept. 11, 2016** Classes from Grades 1 – 7 will be held in the Parish Center from 10:25 am – 11:25 am on Sunday mornings.

Before the "busy" summer season begins, please take a moment to renew your registration for PREP/CCD for next year. Tuition remains the same. \$110.00 for one, \$165.00 for two, \$195.00 for three or more.

As the "refurbished" building is being completed we are planning class size and determining needs. The sooner you complete the renewal, the more accurate an idea we have to begin in September. Supplies and textbooks need to be ordered soon.

You can register online at the website, click on Religious Education/CCD registration on the left. The form has been streamlined. Payment can follow either in the mail, drop in collection basket, or mailbox on the rectory door. Checks made out to St. Matthews

If you wish to pay online,

- Click up on the right Parish giving.  
It will take you to a page with the choice to create an account or make a donation or payment
- If you select the one time payment.  
It will take you to a page where you select contribution type (drop down, choose St. Matthew CCD), amount, & email and payment information
- Click pay now.

A report gets sent directly to my email  
Please register soon. Thank you!

Any questions or concerns contact Miss Mary Kay at [mckennamaryk@gmail.com](mailto:mckennamaryk@gmail.com) or call the rectory 610-828-0424 ext. 6.



0424 X 5 or [deacon.mike.kubiak@comcast.net](mailto:deacon.mike.kubiak@comcast.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-

**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, July 12 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 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).



**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: **July 12 & August 9.** 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. MARY'S GOLDEN AGE CLUB PICNIC:**  
The Picnic is on **June 21, 2016** at the Barn at Mermaid Lake from 11 AM to 7 PM. \$10 for members. \$17.00 for non-members. Lunch and Dinner included. You must have a ticket to attend the picnic.

### Spiritual Reading – Food for the Soul

There is a saying in the spiritual life that goes like this, "To know Him is to love Him". Reading a book about the spiritual life is to know something more about God, so to love Him all the more and to grow in your understanding of how the Lord works in the lives of people who have gone before you in faith. There is a small spiritual library in the lobby of the church ("back left lobby") that opens toward the Rectory. There are books about the Bible, about prayer, about the church, and spiritual memoirs, such as The Story of the Soul by the Little Flower, St. Therese of Lisieux. You are welcome to borrow from the library. Take a look!

**FULL TIME TEACHING POSITION:** Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School, an independent, all girls Catholic High School sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, has an opening for a full time teaching position in the math and science departments for the 2016-2017 school year. Qualified applicants with a math or science degree and secondary certification are asked to submit a cover letter and resume by **June 30th.** Experienced preferred. Send to department chairs: Susan Mitchell at [smitchell@gmahs.org](mailto:smitchell@gmahs.org) and Heather Norman at [hnorman@gmahs.org](mailto:hnorman@gmahs.org).

**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](mailto:cceccdaycare@gmail.com)

## God's Plan for Giving

June 12, 2016

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR  
YOUR OFFERTORY GIFTS LAST WEEKEND:

**\$10,223.00**

Electronic giving \$1,269.00 + \$8,954.00 = \$10,223.00



**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)



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](http://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.

**HOLY SAVIOUR HOLY NAME SOCIETY** - On Saturday **August 27<sup>th</sup>**,



The Holy Saviour Holy Name Society will host a trip to see the Phillies play the New York Mets at Citi Field in New York.

The cost is \$100 and includes a reserved ticket and a seat on the Perkiomen Tours motor coach. The bus leaves Holy Saviour parking lot at 2pm. Refreshments are allowed on the bus. There will be time to explore Citi Field. For tickets contact Mike Angelucci. (610) 213-1196 [michaelangelucci@verizon.net](mailto:michaelangelucci@verizon.net)



On **Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup>**, The Holy Saviour Holy Name Society will host a trip to see the production of **SAMSON** at the Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster. The show starts at 11am and will be

followed by an all you eat lunch buffet at Shady Maple Smorgasbord. Tickets are located in center orchestra. The Hagey motor coach leaves Holy Saviour parking lot at 9AM. Tickets are \$130. For tickets contact Mike Angelucci. (610) 213-1196 [michaelangelucci@verizon.net](mailto:michaelangelucci@verizon.net)

**COMPANIONS NEEDED:** A non-medical homecare agency, Caring Hearts is looking to hire companions for our seniors. No experience needed except a caring heart. Companionship, driving to doctors appointments, shopping. A perfect job for empty nesters looking for something to do and some extra money. Call 484-580-8157 ask for Jeff.

**Pilgrimage to Rome:** Join Betty Butera on a Pilgrimage to the Canonization of Mother Teresa in Rome! September 1 – 6, 2016 the cost is \$3,639 from Philadelphia, PA for more information call [Betty Butera 610-828-4474](tel:610-828-4474) or [Betty@buteratravel.com](mailto:Betty@buteratravel.com)

**Pilgrimage to Argentina:** Join a Pilgrimage to Argentina "In the Footsteps of Pope Francis" on December 6 – 16, 2016 cost is \$4,499 per person from New York. Buenos Aires, Flores, Santa Susana (or Rosario), Tigre Delta, Colonia (Uruguay), Lujan. Contact Betty Butera 610-828-4474.



## A JOURNEY IN FAITH

Are you a baptized Protestant and worshipping with us here at St. Matthew's on a regular basis? Have you not been baptized at all? The Holy Spirit may be prompting you to join the Catholic Church. She offers a rich tradition of prayer, Scripture and Sacrament – and a community marked by charity. ("A church without charity does not exist", Pope Francis). The parish is now forming a gathering of people who would like to consider membership in the Catholic Church. The formal process is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). It will begin meeting toward the end of September. Most gatherings will occur on Monday evenings and some selected Sundays. We begin without any final commitment made. It is a time for asking oneself, "Is this for me". To indicate your interest, please leave your name at the Rectory (610 – 828 – 0424 ext. 112) in the voicemail of Monsignor Owens or on line at [stmatt2014@gmail.com](mailto:stmatt2014@gmail.com).

## Parishioner Support

The difficult experiences one has in life can serve as the very reason one can be extraordinary. These challenges can make one feel alone in a confusing and sometimes overwhelming journey. I would be honored to have the opportunity to assist you in moving through challenge without judgment and with a sensitivity to your individuality.

- Trained in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT)
- Focused training in grief, trauma, and crisis intervention.
- DMAVA certified to work with veterans of all ages and their family members.
- Over fifteen years of experience working with anxiety, depression, couples, parenting, pre- and post- natal concerns, and chronic and terminal diagnoses.
- Facilitate bereavement support / education groups specialized to specific types of loss with a focus on peer support as well as facilitator provided education about common grief reactions, coping, and expectations that can sometimes be placed on the grieving individual.
- Saint Matthew's parishioner.

For further information please contact me, **Carolyn Fortenberry LCSW, at 610-915-8524.**

## 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 12<sup>th</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!*

*Zechariah 12: 10-11 Psalm 63 Galatians 3:26-29 Luke 9: 18-24*

I like Saint Bonaventure's description of faith - "a habit of the mind whereby we are drawn and captivated into the following of Christ." I also like Francois Mauriac's comment "Once you get to know Christ, you cannot be cured of Him." To date, the biggest gap in our faith life is the failure to convey a meaningful, vital, awareness of Christ. *If we took a survey-* on the part Christ plays in your everyday life, what would we find? What would be the response? Vague, general, unreal, sentimental, impersonal, academic. Faith that does not convey Christ as vital real, precise and compelling is a farce.

We live in a culture saturated by compulsive and competitive thinking and living. We need to counter that radically through Christ - CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING. EMPTY OUT -FILL UP - Inhale, exhale. Jesus came to transform our fears into faith, our worry into wonder. He had an insatiable thirst for life. It was to share this zest for life that He came into the world. (John: 10:10) We do not believe in a creed; we believe through a creed in a Person. The ultimate object of our faith is always a personal encounter with the living God.

When we were baptized, we received a Christ-like identity. We became sons and daughters of God the Father. This new identity does not happen in an instant. Grace builds on nature. It is a life-long process. We thirst for fulfillment. So today, years later, Jesus asks, "**Who do you say I am?**" A pertinent question in His own day and in ours. In His own day, people did not recognize Him. Many were disappointed in Him. They hoped for more. He had no special aura of might and splendor. Jesus was a scandal to the Jews and a folly to the Greeks.

In our day, the question is still pertinent. Is there enough evidence in your life and mine to convict us of being Christian? The more radically I die to self, the more radiantly I can live for others? How can we sustain such a pattern? I believe there is only one way this paschal pattern can be sustained; that is, by being convinced that we are loved. When we are convinced we are loved we live life differently. We live more fully and more freely.

How do we identify with Him in good times? What about bad? How do we identify with Jesus in health? What about sickness? In joy? In suffering? What do our actions say? Does our selfishness contradict His command to do good and avoid evil? Does our feverish busyness say we seek other things over the Kingdom of God? Abraham Heschel once said, "*God is of no importance unless He is of supreme importance.*" Does our search for magic remedies say we no longer accept God? Does our pursuit of distraction say we are not content deep inside ourselves?

What do our actions say? "**Those who save their lives lose it.**" The Gospel is clear: narrow, selfish interests are self-defeating. For example, eating can be dangerous to your health. So can drinking, smoking and watching TV. Now all of us are painfully aware of certain actions or habits that are detrimental to what is best for our lives. However, since there is a basic, primitive satisfaction in these habits, many people cannot easily stop. It requires far more restraint and discipline than a simple wish to stop. We have appeared to save our lives, only, in fact, to lose them. If we wish to be identified with Jesus, to be His followers, we have to have the long range picture of what's best for us. We must be His disciples by denying ourselves immediate gratification.

Who do you say that I am? Can you answer this question with words or logic? Or do you answer this question by your actions and lifestyle?

### **BOB VOTTA'S REFLECTION ON HIS FATHER – "MY DAD"**

My father taught by example. He learned that from his parents. He grew up during the Depression and learned to be hard-working, patriotic, and self-sacrificing. At the same time, he learned to lavish all his talents and resources on his family and church. In my life I have learned much from teachers, coaches, friends, and parishioners. Everything I have learned pales in comparison to what my father taught. He taught me a quiet, yet fierce love for family, my heritage and all things Catholic. I'm twice the size of my father. I hope one day to measure up to be even half the man he is. Happy Father's Day!



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