



MASS INTENTIONS



Joan Burns, Robert Kliamovich, Marie Antoinette Moss

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, Robert Catapano U.S. Army 101st Airborne, Paul Brown, Marines, Corporal Andrew Teitjen, Michael Bondra.



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME July 10, 2016

- Saturday, July 9**
4:30PM Carl Schultz
- Sunday, July 10**
7:30AM Eileen Kelliher
9:30AM James Davidson
11:30AM Marcy Wolfington
- Monday, July 11**
8:15AM Joseph & Helen Schank
- Tuesday, July 12**
8:15AM Lorraine Charlesworth
- Wednesday, July 13**
8:15AM Joseph DeSantis (4th Anniversary)
- Thursday, July 14**
8:15AM James "Pete" Love
- Friday, July 15**
8:15AM Ralph Manoppello
- Saturday, July 16**
4:30PM Joseph P. Dunn
David Cimini
- Sunday, July 17**
7:30AM Martha Jane Major
9:30AM Esther McCormac
Carol Tinneny
11:30AM Sunny Marie Flocco



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 Blaszcak, 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 Lofito, 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 Rzezniak, Pat Rowe, Jim Bokoski, Hans Pawling, Margie Burghart, Jack Susskind, Kristen Lafferty, Claudia Geppert.

CELEBRANTS MASS SCHEDULE

- 7/9 4:30 Msgr. Owens
- 7/10 7:30 Fr. Ryan 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Msgr. Owens
- 7/16 4:30 Msgr. Owens
- 7/17 7:30 Fr. Heron 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Fr. Genovese
- 7/23 4:30 Fr. Genovese
- 7/24 7:30 Fr. Genovese 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Fr. Heron
- 7/30 4:30 Msgr. Owens
- 7/31 7:30 Fr. Heron 9:30 Fr. Genovese 11:30 Msgr. Owens

Prepare for Next Sunday

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 17, 2016

Genesis 18:1-10 Colossians 1:24 – 28 Luke 10:38 – 42

"There is need of only one thing", living in the presence of the Lord. Abraham coaxes this presence: "Sir, please do not go on past your servant." Jesus enters a village and goes into the home of Martha and Mary. Yet, the "anxious and worried" Martha prefers her trivial distractions to the winning attraction of Christ. Bishop Robert Barron writes, "The surest sign that something is off in Martha's soul is that she even tells God what to do!" St. Paul attests that God's stewardship is given to him "to bring to completion for you the Word of God." Christian stewardship demands stillness, silence, and attentiveness before the Presence. To those who choose the better part, God chooses "to make known the riches of the glory of this mystery."

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 is Tuesday, August 2 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.



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!

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.

Summer is here! Don't forget! 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.

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 or call the rectory 610-828-0424 ext. 6.



WILL "GO ON VACATION" FOR JULY & AUGUST. It will return to the 9:30 Mass in September. Enjoy the leisure of summer.

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.

Archbishop Carroll:

First Honors: **Emily L. Wittig**

Mount St. Joseph Academy:

First Honors: **Lillian Kennedy**



Reflections from my Rocking Chair

Dear friends,

You can tell in our culture when something becomes very important: that moment when a noun becomes a verb. In 1987 President Reagan nominated Robert Bork to take a place on the United States

Supreme Court. His nomination became an ideological battle between liberals and conservatives. He was subjected to intense scrutiny and his nomination rejected, not for lack of judicial knowledge but because he was judged to be conservative. His last name became a verb, i.e. now when a nominee is rejected after intense scrutiny he or she is described as having been "borked". There is a contemporary example of the same thing when we tell someone we did research on the Internet. "I googled it". Google started out as a noun and since it is used so widely it's become a verb. When I googled God I quickly learned that monotheism is the belief that God is one, God is conceived as the Supreme Being and principal object of faith. The concept of God as described by most theologians includes the attributes of omniscience (all-knowing), omnipotence (unlimited power), omnipresence (present everywhere) and divine simplicity. Many theologians also describe God as being benevolent (wishing only the good) and all loving. In theism, God is the creator and sustainer of the universe. While in deism, God is the creator, but not the sustainer, of the universe. In pantheism God is the universe itself. In atheism, God is not believed to exist. While in agnosticism God is deemed unknown or unknowable within the context of human experience. God has also been conceived as being incorporeal (pure spirit), a personal being, the source of all moral obligation, and the "greatest conceivable existence". Wow! You can't make up this stuff! God is serious business. I googled the word God and discovered that there are 777, 000, 000 sites where the word God is used in the title. That's a lot of interest, for better or for worse. We should not fool ourselves into thinking that a lot of information translates into a great deal of wisdom. A glut of information in the Old Testament pretended to be a stairway to heaven but it was sadly a tower of Babel. No wisdom there!

We need to be discriminating, visiting those sites that truly help us deepen our understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus in the Roman Catholic Church. I offer you some suggestion regarding helpful websites. We can start with the parish at www.stmatthewparish.com, the Archdiocese sends out a free newsletter at www.CatholicPhilly.com On the national level the bishops of the United State maintain an informative website at www.usccb.org and for the universal Church the Vatican website is www.vatican.va/news_services/index.htm while Pope Francis' site is www.vatican.va/content/Francis/en.html

There are a host of other sites to deepen our appreciation of the faith. To know God is to love him and to love him is to serve him. We spend a lot of time in front of our computers, iPads and iPhones. Use them as "computers for Christ". The younger people are there on line, so too must the church be. Google Bishop Robert Barron to see what is going on in that regard.

Blessings, Monsignor Owens (stmatt2004@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.

God's Plan for Giving

July 3, 2016

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR
YOUR OFFERTORY GIFTS LAST WEEKEND:

\$13,866.00

Electronic giving \$1,624.00 + \$12,242.00 = \$13,866.00
2nd Collection today is for Human Development



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



Mission Appeal July 16th & 17th

Dear Parishioners, as you are well aware, each year, here at St. Matthew's, (just like in every other Parish in our Archdiocese) — we are assigned a Missionary — a priest, brother, sister or lay person who comes to give us a concrete opportunity to collaborate with the Pontifical Mission Societies in supporting the Missionary activity of our Church. I am happy to tell you that this year we will be welcoming Sister Marie Janesch, MSC — a Missionary Sister of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus — from Reading, Pennsylvania — for our annual Mission Appeal. Sister Marie lived and served many years on mission in Namibia and has wonderful stories to share with us about her own experiences, and she will also tell us about the work of her Sisters. The MSC Sisters were founded in Germany in 1900 as a Missionary order — and have been serving Our Lord here in the United States since 1908. At present, there are MSC Sisters — from Germany, Australia, Korea, Papua New Guinea, Peru, China, the Dominican Republic, Namibia, El Salvador, Spain — and many other nations including the United States of America, who are currently “on mission” in 21 countries throughout the world — and we are being invited to be a part of all that they do. This Mission Appeal is to remind us of our own call to Mission as Baptized Catholic Christians.

Let us recall God's incredible goodness to us in choosing us to receive the gift of our Faith — and let us pray for the grace and the willingness to “pass it on” to the next generation. May our gratitude be reflected by our generosity in the 2nd collection next weekend -- which will support the mission work of the MSC Sisters throughout the world.



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. The goal of WWP is to enable women to know Christ through Scripture. We are hoping to offer both a morning and evening schedule. If you are at all curious or just interested in meeting an amazing diverse group of women with one thing in common, the love of Christ, please join us for lite bites and coffee on **Wednesday, August 24th at 6:30 PM.**

Feel free to come alone or bring a friend, we're a very welcoming group! Please contact Judy Kukowski at 610-331-2147 or JAKukowski@verizon.net with questions and for meeting details.



RCIA

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 stlatt2014@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.

Please contact me, **Carolyn Fortenberry LCSW, at 610-915-8524.**

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.

Casino Trips: scheduled for the 2nd Tuesday of each month: **July 12 & August 9.** 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).

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.

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 15th 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!

Today's Gospel provides us with an excellent example of how some people do not know how to quit when they are ahead—how they take one too many steps to the edge of the cliff.

The lawyer in St. Luke's story is one such person. He asked Jesus a basic, fundamental question. One we all ask. "What must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Notice how Jesus allowed the lawyer to answer his own question. He knew the answer: "Love God above all else; love your neighbor as yourself."

That would have been an excellent place for the lawyer to stop; leave off right there! But no, the lawyer wants this pinned down. He wants to know how far this Golden Rule extends. Whom does it cover? Whom must I love? Whom can I safely exclude without messing up my chance for everlasting life?

St. Luke tells us that the lawyer was embarrassed when Jesus forced him to acknowledge that he already knew the answer. So why didn't he quit while he was ahead?

Because, St. Luke says, he wanted to "justify himself." We all do this at one time or another when we encounter someone in trouble—whether the trouble is physical, spiritual, or psychological.

This lawyer was really asking: What's in it for me? He's not concerned about what he should do to build a better world. He's not asking what to do to be a better person. His question is: What's the least I have to do to inherit everlasting life?

What we have here in the person of this lawyer is what some would call "enlightened self-interest." But this is not what Jesus wants of us.

The priest and the Levite in this well-known story are examples of yet another attitude some people take when they come face-to-face with someone in trouble. This is the "it's not my problem" attitude. The priest and Levite were very aware of their duties in their service at the Temple—at least on a professional level. But that's where it stayed: professional. They performed their professional religious duties, but did not apply their spiritual knowledge to people's real problems.

A word of caution here. We must not think that this parable is about just those dramatic situations when we see someone lying on the sidewalk.

It's easy then for us to say "that's not my problem." I could be sued in court if I mishandle this. We are all guilty of "enlightened self interest" at times.

But this parable comes closer to home than we think. It's about people who live with us, people at school with us, people at work with us. All of us have a part of ourselves that is bruised, battered, in need of healing. How can we say, "it's not my problem," when someone is lying in the ditch of depression, despair, sickness, loneliness, failure?

We are called as Christians to care for them and lift them out of their desperate situation just as the Samaritan did for the man who was robbed and beaten. This is what Christ did for me and you when we least expected it or deserved it—when we were yet sinners.

Unless we grasp that and remember that, we will never be able to share Christ-like love with others.

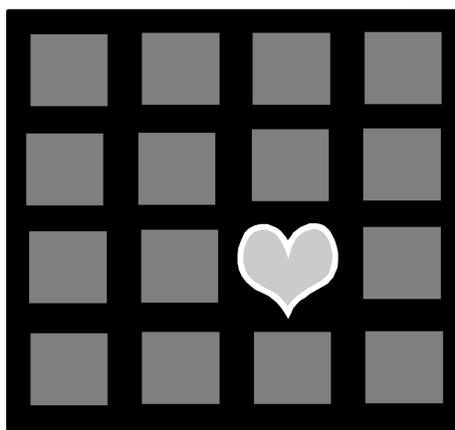
We do not choose our neighbors! Physical proximity means little today. People live in high-rise apartments and condos, literally inches apart, and do not know each other's names.

In this parable three different people saw the victim. All three had the same reasons for not getting involved. Only one of the three took the risk. Why?

Because basically he was a good human being—one of those rare people all of us would love to have as a neighbor.

Let us pray for each other today that we will have the courage to be that good neighbor to those who are near to us. This will be contagious and lead us to be neighbor to anyone in need. Remember St. Paul: "If I have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries; if I have faith to move mountains—but do not have love, I am nothing!"

Who was neighbor to the injured?



The one who was compassionate!

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