

# MASS INTENTIONS

## 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME July 31, 2016

### Saturday, July 30

4:30PM Edward Namiotkiewicz

### Sunday, July 31

7:30AM Monica Casciano

9:30AM Louis Hegyes Sr. (26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

11:30AM Roman Bieganski  
Sunny Maria Flocco

### Monday, August 1

8:15AM Helen & Tony Amadio

### Tuesday, August 2

8:15AM Msgr. Alex Palmieri

### Wednesday, August 3

8:15AM Joseph Schank (21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)  
Mark Pettine

### Thursday, August 4

8:15AM James Lare

### Friday, August 5

8:15AM Lorraine Charlesworth

### Saturday, August 6

4:30PM Carol Tinneny

### Sunday, August 7

7:30AM John Moss

9:30AM Dec'd Members of the Kearney Family

11:30AM Carl Peter Nase Jr.



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, 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, Claudia Geppert, Thomas Waszena, Debbie Miller Hannon.

**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, Robert Catapano U.S. Army 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne, Paul Brown, Marines, Corporal Andrew Teitjen, Michael Bondra.



### CELEBRANTS MASS SCHEDULE (Subject to change at anytime)

8/6 4:30 Msgr. Owens  
8/7 7:30 Fr. Cooke 9:30 Fr. Ryan 11:30 Fr. Heron  
8/13 4:30 Fr. Cooke  
8/14 7:30 Fr. Ryan 9:30 Fr. Ryan 11:30 Fr. Heron  
8/20 4:30 Fr. Heron  
8/21 7:30 Fr. Ryan 9:30 Msgr. Owens 11:30 Fr. Cooke  
8/27 4:30 Fr. Ryan  
8/28 7:30 Fr. Ryan 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Fr. Heron

### Prepare for Next Sunday

#### 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time August 7, 2016

Wisdom 18:6 – 9 Hebrews 11:1 – 2, 8 – 19 Luke 12:32-48

It is the typical method of God to come to us in unexpected ways. That is why we must expect it. The night of the Passover was known beforehand to our fathers – “so that they might have courage” – but not the particular ways that God would rescued them from their enemies. In the Gospel, Christ is readying us for our Passover. We must be prepared, for the Lord will come when we do not expect, namely, precisely those moments when we feel farthest from God. Do not be afraid; be ready to open to him. Blessed are those who live expecting the unexpected. By such faith we receive the power to generate new life. As the Last Supper proves, Christ will reward our vigilance by waiting on us.

**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, 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](http://www.stmatthewparish.com) or call the rectory 610-828-0424 press 4 for the office to register.



**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.

# Religious Education

## PREP

**PLEASE REGISTER FOR FALL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES NOW!**

**First Holy Communion will be on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at 11AM**

Still waiting for Bishop Martino to respond to us for a date for Confirmation. This will determine the retreat and timing of First Reconciliation. More to follow.

IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO, PLEASE RENEW YOUR REGISTRATION FOR CCD/PREP FOR NEXT YEAR. THANK YOU!

**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](mailto: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. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD CUPBOARD:** We are in need of cans of baked beans, peas, tomatoes, tomato sauce, applesauce and chunky soups. Donations can be left in the vestibules of the church.

The food cupboard is open every other Friday at 1PM. It is located between the church and the convent, the second door in the driveway.

## MOTHER TERESA CANONIZATION PILGRIMAGE

**September 1 - 7, 2016:** A Canonization Pilgrimage for Mother Teresa will be led by Fr. Paul Brandt, Pastor of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, Limerick, PA. Visits to major sites in Rome and Assisi. For more information visit: [www.proximotravel.com](http://www.proximotravel.com).

**Holy Hours of Mercy for the Jubilee Year of Mercy** During the Jubilee Year of Mercy, take time out to rest in front of Jesus in the Eucharist and experience his mercy! Holy Hours of Mercy are taking place all over the greater Philadelphia area so that all of us have an opportunity to live the Jubilee and experience the tender mercy of God. To find a Holy Hour of Mercy near you, visit [archphila.org/mercy/calendar](http://archphila.org/mercy/calendar). Upcoming Holy Hours of Mercy: **August 4 at 7pm:** Our Lady of Ransom Parish, Philadelphia (Feast of St. John Vianney) **August 8, 7-9pm:** [Santa Misa y Hora Santa \(en español\)](#)/[Mass and Holy Hour of Mercy \(in Spanish\)](#), Annunciation BVM, Phila.

**Blessed, Beautiful and Bodacious – Celebrating the Gift of Catholic Womanhood:** Women's Overnight Retreat at Malvern Retreat House featuring Pat Gohn, nationally known author, speaker, and columnist. September 30 – October 1, 2016. Be Refreshed, Inspired and Renewed by stepping away for 24 hours of "you" time with the Lord. Join the more than 2000 women who have already experienced this special event focused on the feminine genius. To register visit [malvernretreat.com/register](http://malvernretreat.com/register). Questions, call 610-644-0400.

## Catholic Women's Conference – October 29!

You're invited to step away from everyday life for a day of inspiration and renewal at the Catholic Women's Conference, "Mother of Mercy, Make Our Hearts Like Yours!" on Saturday, October 29, 8:30am-4pm, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown PA. Nine dynamic speakers address all facets of the feminine genius and its influence on the total woman – mind, body and spirit - in creating a heart of mercy. This special day includes something for every woman, married, single and consecrated, featuring presentations in English, Spanish, Sign Language and a young women's track. Find more information and registration at: [CatholicWomensConference.org](http://CatholicWomensConference.org).

**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, August 9 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)



# God's Plan for Giving

July 24, 2016

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR  
YOUR OFFERTORY GIFTS LAST WEEKEND:

**\$12,774.00**

Electronic giving \$1,767.00 + \$11,007.00 = \$12,774.00



**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. 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.



**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 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.** Feel free to come alone or bring a friend, we're a very welcoming group! Contact Judy Kukowski at 610-331-2147 or [JAKukowski@verizon.net](mailto:JAKukowski@verizon.net) with questions and meeting details.

Merion Mercy Academy, a Catholic independent all girls high school sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, is seeking a short term substitute teacher of theology from the opening of school until mid to late October 2016. Degree required. Experience in teaching theology on a secondary level preferred. Qualified applicants are asked to email a cover letter and resume by Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> to Mary Ann Danovich, Assistant Head for Academic Affairs, at [madanovich@merion-mercy.com](mailto:madanovich@merion-mercy.com).

**St. Matthew Cemetery:** The new lots in the "St. Patrick Section" of the cemetery are selling fast. Not many remain. 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).



### Catholic Family Fun Club (CFFC)

Want to find Catholic activities for the whole family to do together? Want to meet other families that share your values? Look no further! The Catholic Family Fun Club (CFFC) and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia invite you to **join the Catholic Family Fun**

**Club** to network with other families and to attend—and create—local Catholic catechetical and social activities.

Go to <http://www.meetup.com/Catholic-Family-Fun-Club/> to join. Please direct questions to Mary Beth at [catholicfamilyfun@gmail.com](mailto:catholicfamilyfun@gmail.com)



Are you a baptized Protestant and worshiping 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 [stmat2014@gmail.com](mailto:stmat2014@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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month: **August 9 & September 13.** Bus leaves 9:00 AM from 11<sup>th</sup> & Fayette, 9:15 AM from 3<sup>rd</sup> & Fayette, 9:30 AM from St. Mary's. Call Joe (610-825-4596).

## 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 18<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!*

*Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23 Psalm 90 Colossians 3:1-5.9-11  
Luke 12:13-21*

Qoheleth is the leader of a congregation of Jewish people. This leader, together with Saint Paul and Jesus, are giving us a message today that all of us can and should take to heart. The message is plain and simple: **grow rich in the kingdom of God!**

The first reading is sobering. It is addressed to all those who work hard to buy property, earn a living, have financial security and die. Qoheleth calls this vanity of vanities a great misfortune. Jesus has a similar message. He says that greed, excessive attachment to wealth, is, in fact, a substitute for worshipping God, and, as Saint Paul tells us, is the same thing as idolatry. Jesus' point is simple. When the accumulation of wealth becomes paramount, we run the risk of division. The Gospel opens with a person pleading with Jesus "tell my brother to give me my share of our inheritance." How many people do we know, families, who have stopped talking to one another because of a contested will? This is evidence that money can be a curse instead of a blessing. How many people do we know who spend their lives planning for old age in this world but neglect planning for the next world?

It has been said that the rooms we will occupy in heaven are constructed out of the material we sent ahead of us while we were alive on earth. Jesus said as much: "store up treasure for yourselves in heaven." How do we do that? How do we make ourselves rich in the sight of God? How do we send up the right building materials for our heavenly home? The rich man in the Gospel felt secure in his wealth: his harvest and his barns would provide for his future. He placed all his trust in them just as we place a lot of trust in our retirement accounts. Are these the barns we are building? Is the only harvest we have the money we store away to insure our security?

Make no mistake about it. Jesus is not saying we should not prepare for our financial futures. We should. There is nothing wrong with these plans in themselves. They become obstacles only when we think our security lies in them, that they are all that matters, when all this planning makes us uncaring about those around us.

The unfettered drive for wealth can drive a wedge between family members and friends. The accumulation of wealth

can divide a person's heart and steal a person's time. The lopsided pursuit of wealth even impacts on the place and time we share for meals. It can whittle away at weekends that should be spent on leisure. It can create new barns crowded with new things.

Today's Scripture readings invite us to ponder how we can grow rich in the sight of God. Start by counting the riches with which God has already blessed you: your faith, your family, your friends, your health. Sustain those treasures and figure ways to invest your time and interest in them. Much more important than preparing for our last days on earth is preparing for our first days with God in eternity.

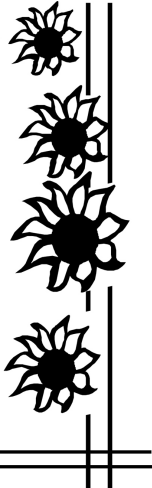
### REFLECTION

A while back I was driving with one of my priest friends and he commented on the number of self-storage facilities we passed. He said that the self-storage facilities are a true commentary on current American society. We have so much stuff that we need to build new space for our extra stuff. In many ways, these storage buildings are like the "larger barn" we hear about in today's Gospel.

What do we do with all our stuff? Why do we hang onto it? My father always said, "You can't take it with you." He's right, we can't take it with us but it sure does something for us while we are here. We gauge our worth on the material possessions we own. The more we have – the better off we must be. So often we hold onto things in case we ever need them again. More often than not, we never need them again.

I recently encountered a family who decided to lighten the load. They were moving from one house to another and took that opportunity to evaluate what it was that they needed and what was just extra stuff. It was much harder for the four children to go through their things and decide what was to go to the new house and what was to go to the Salvation Army. In the end it was probably a good lesson for them about the difference between earthly treasure and Heavenly treasure. May we, too, have the courage to lighten the load from time to time and place our true worth on the things of Heaven and not of this world.

**GROW  
RICH  
IN THE  
EYES  
of  
God**



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