



MASS INTENTIONS

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 14, 2016

Saturday, August 13

4:30PM Carol Tinneney

Sunday, August 14

7:30AM Margaret McKeon

9:30AM James Peter Love

11:30AM Catherine Simonetti

Monday, August 15

8:15AM Marie Kilgallon

Madeline Swift

12 Noon Lourdemary Jeganathan

Tuesday, August 16

8:15AM Agnes & Louis Moore Jr.

Wednesday, August 17

8:15AM Carol A. Tinneney

Thursday, August 18

8:15AM Felice & Rosa D'Ettorre

Friday, August 19

8:15AM Rita O'Donnell

Saturday, August 20

4:30PM Mary & Jim Lopera

Sunday, August 21

7:30AM Joanne Williamson

9:30AM Dominic Coyle

11:30AM Gary Moore



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, , 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, Barbara Laranko, Robert Berk, Joseph Pierce. Irene Barnes.



Joan Nasielski

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.



CELEBRANTS MASS SCHEDULE (Subject to change at anytime)

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

2st Sunday in Ordinary Time August 21, 2016

Isaiah 66:18 – 21

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 Luke 13:22 – 30

Perhaps the most horrifying scenario imaginable is to stand outside knocking on a locked door only to hear the Lord respond, "I do not know where you are from." Through the mouth of the prophet Isaiah, the Lord assures us: "I come to gather nations of every language." But some resist that invitation. In order to enjoy God's gathering, we must "enter through the narrow gate" – that is, we must say yes to the relationship that Christ wants to have with us. The Letter to the Hebrews says that "God treats you as sons." When we change and conform our life to our calling to be God's children, then those who are last will be first. We will recline with them at table in the kingdom of God.



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, September 6 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.

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

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: This solemnity is not observed as a holy day of obligation in 2016 but is still a holy day, according to the USCCB's Liturgical Calendar. Celebration of the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time takes precedence. In honor of Mary **St. Matthew's will have Mass at 8:15 AM and 12 Noon on Monday, August 15th.**



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 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.

John Miles has been a parishioner of St. Matthews since 1960. As an active, faithful, and dedicated parishioner for 56 years, he has served this parish in many ways. John is the consummate gentleman and brings a unique style and grace to his role as Usher. Known for his kind and respectful manner, John ushered not only weekend liturgies, he also volunteered his service at First Communion and Confirmation.

He is truly a holy man. John is also a Master Electrician and Lamp-fixer extraordinaire. The rectory (especially Fr. Ames and his family), convent, Sisters and clergy staff were the benefactors of that talent.

When not serving at the altar as a Eucharistic Minister for daily Mass, John could be found sitting in the last pew, in front of the Confessional on the Sacred Heart side of Church.

He is moving to Illinois to live with his daughter this month. Be assured of our prayers, and many, many thanks. You will be greatly missed. May Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you abundantly. Remember, *you are always welcome at St. Matthews!*

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, September 13 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



The 2016 Pro-Life Summer Raffle: The Pro-Life Summer Raffle is in progress! A maximum of 2,500 tickets at \$25 each is offered for ten prizes totaling \$7,500. 1st prize \$5,000, 2nd prize \$1,000, 3rd prize \$500, 4th prizes \$250, 5th prizes \$100. The drawing for this Raffle will occur on Saturday, September 24, 2016 and the proceeds will benefit the Pro-Life Legal Fund for Southeast Pennsylvania. This Fund has served since 1986 by effectively advancing the interests of the pro-life movement in court cases and advocating for pro-life public policies at the local, state, and national levels. Please contact Diane at 610-828-8041 to purchase tickets. Please make checks payable to the "Pro-Life Legal Fund". Thank you very much.

Cook Needed:

Located in Conshohocken, the Spiritual Year program of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary is seeking a part-time/seasonal cook (approx. 30 hours per week when in session) to prepare lunch and dinner, generally for 12 people. High School Diploma/GED is required. Formal training in the food service field is preferred. Must have a minimum of 3 years of experience in food service. Major job duties include ordering and managing food inventory, some amount of shopping, preparation of lunches and dinners, maintaining a safe and clean kitchen environment, ability to offer gluten-free meals, flexibility with respect to working in a community of young adult seminarians. Interested applicants should send their resume and cover letter to: Rev. Christopher Cooke, Spiritual Year at St. Matthew Church, 51 E. 3rd Ave, Conshohocken, PA 19428 Email: fathercooke@gmail.com

God's Plan for Giving

August 7, 2016

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR OFFERTORY GIFTS LAST WEEKEND:

\$12,278.00

Electronic giving \$2,325.00 + \$9,953.00 = \$12,278.00



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



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! Contact Judy Kukowski at 610-331-2147 or JAKukowski@verizon.net with questions and meeting details.

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.

The Regina Nursing Center "Family" Invites You to our 2016 Annual Bazaar, Saturday, September 24, 2016, 8:30 am to 2:00 pm. Held at Regina Nursing Center, 550 E. Fornance St., Norristown. All are welcome...for the past 30 years we have had an excellent turnout of visitors to our annual event. This will be an exciting day with sales of baked goods, raffle tickets, refreshments, plants, white elephant antiques, and other "surprise" items. We look forward to your visit but also consider being a vendor at our event. Spaces are available at only \$20 per space. Many of our vendors book space early and premier spaces sell out fast. Contact us today if you would like to set up and sell on September 24th. Contact Nancy Miller 610-272-5600.

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: **September 13 & October 11**. Bus leaves 9:00 AM from 11th & Fayette, 9:15 AM from 3rd & Fayette, 9:30 AM from St. Mary's. Call Joe (610-825-4596).



All are invited to the Polish Harvest Festival at the TK Club at 500 East Hector Street in Conshohocken on Sunday September 25th from Noon to 6 pm, to support St. Mary Polish American Society, a non-profit organization working to promote Polish heritage and culture in and around Montgomery County, PA. The Polish Harvest Festival will feature live Polka music from the Naturalistix Polka Band, Polish food, a full cash bar, a 50/50 drawing, a basket raffle, and baked goods for sale. Tickets are \$10 advance sales, \$15 day of event. Tickets include the price of admission, with food not included. Advance tickets are on sale until Wednesday September 14th. For tickets, please email stmaryconshy@gmail.com or call Dorothy Swedkowski at 610-630-0861.

St. Matthew Parish
Conshohocken, PA

Invites all to the celebration of the moving of the Statues

of SS. Cosmas and Damian to their new Home Procession beginning in front of SS. Cosmas and Damian Church

Continuing to St. Matthew Church

Sunday September 18th, 2016 – 1:30 PM

When Arriving at St. Matthew there will be the traditional Healing Service.

Following the Service there will be a social event in the Parish Social Hall

Raffle baskets and 50/50

Spread the word join the crowd!

RSVP – By – Sunday September 4th, 2016 at the attached link.

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090F4DA8A72FA4FB6-procession

Volunteers and Donations Appreciated!

Sunday September 18th, we will be celebrating the moving of the Statues of SS. Cosmas and Damian to their new home. We are looking for volunteers to make desserts, donate beverages (wine, beer, water and coffee) to use for our social event after the Healing Service in our Parish Social Hall. We will also be having raffle baskets and 50/50 to raise money to keep our expenses at a minimum. If interested in donating any of the items listed please email Helene at hlegg100@aol.com. Also volunteers are needed to help set up, serve and clean up if at all possible. You can also register for donation of desserts at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090F4DA8A72FA4FB6-procession

We are looking forward to this being one of our annual events every year at St. Matthew Parish. Spread the word of the new and exciting things that will be happening at St. Matthew Parish.



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 stmat2014@gmail.com.

Fr. Tom Heron's Weekly Reflection

In our first reading, the prophet Jeremiah dares to speak truth to power. He reminds those who sit on mighty thrones that they are under God. The covenant calls for total love of the Lord and a thirst for social justice. There can be no compromise. Unfortunately, those in power have become self-serving and arrogant. They believe that they are answerable to no one. Jeremiah speaks the uncomfortable words of conversion and humility. Such words are never popular with the mighty. The princes bring Jeremiah before King Zedekiah and demand that he be silenced. "Jeremiah ought to be put to death: he demoralizes the soldiers ... and all the people ... He is not interested in the welfare of our people, but in their ruin." If you cannot discredit the message, then attack the messenger. Jeremiah is written-off as an unpatriotic subversive, a dangerous, self-serving troublemaker. He must be executed.

King Zedekiah shows moral bankruptcy and weakness of character. He tells the princes: "He is in your power." Notice how Zedekiah understands reality in terms of power. Life is a contest between competing powers. The more power you have, the more you will have *your say* and *your way*. But Zedekiah is wrong! Jeremiah is not in his power, but under the loving care of the Lord. Jeremiah ends up in the cistern full of mud, but he will not remain there. The Lord will deliver him.

Speaking truth to power is never easy. Jesus does not want those who follow Him to be fooled into believing that discipleship is without its costs. His disciples must be ready for a baptism of fire which causes one to make a fundamental choice. One will either follow Jesus and be part of the reign of God, or one will follow worldly powers and principalities. One cannot hug the middle and be lukewarm. At times, there will even be opposition within the families. No human relationship or love takes precedence over the call to follow Jesus.

That original enthusiasm for achieving a goal in life begins to stagnate. This happens even in marriage, priesthood, religious life, relationships with friends. As the enthusiasm starts to diminish, routine sets in and we are no longer excited about our goals.

Twenty years ago a parishioner asked a priest who had been ordained for many years, when he had decided to become a priest. The priest paused, then said that he had decided this morning to be a priest and he does so every morning. Daily openness to God helped to keep his priesthood new and vibrant. This is the kind of enthusiasm for which all must strive. Weariness of striving to achieve our goal can be replaced with the enthusiasm we get through God's grace.

We all know the sad stories of the many "dropouts"—people without the vision to stay with the struggle until the goal is realized. They could not keep their eyes on the prize.

Psychologists tell us that a vital sign of maturity is the ability to delay gratification. Children in their natural immaturity will insist on having what they want immediately or else they go ballistic. As adults, we should have developed enough maturity to value something other than the immediate gratification of our goals, to take the longer look and live according to the commitments we have made and the goals we have set.

But let's be honest. A veritable ocean of immaturity surrounds us. Our culture promotes instant and effortless consumption. It is so pervasive that we believe we should not have to wait for anything.

There is no cheap grace or easy peace. To follow Jesus involves us in the cost of discipleship.

No doubt this causes us some anxiety and hesitation. Let us be strengthened by the words found in Hebrews: "Since we, for our part, are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every

encumbrance of sin which clings to us and persevere in running the race which lies ahead; let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who inspires and perfects our faith." We do not stand alone. In those moments when we must speak truth to power and walk in the baptism of discipleship, **"do not grow despondent or abandon the struggle."**



Review from my Rocking Chair

Dear friends,

I saw in the newspaper that this month is the 75th anniversary of the release of *Citizen Kane*, a movie universally recognized as one of Hollywood's best; a story of the rise and fall of a wealthy newspaper publisher. It's a story of greed and its corrupting influence – a good Christian theme conveyed by storytelling. The following is a list of movies that combine good drama or comedy and themes consistent with gospel living. As with all listings please exercise your good judgment as to whether a particular picture is appropriate for you. Pictures with gratuitous violence and sex are excluded by their very nature.

Schindler's List and *Sophie's Choice* are set in a Nazi concentration camp where true love is like a small flame of light that cannot be extinguished. *The Mission* and *The Power and the Glory* chronicle grace under pressure. *Groundhog Day* is a comedy with a point. *Gran Torino* is a morality play set in urban America. *Babette's Feast* is a marvelous metaphor for understanding the Holy Eucharist. *Unforgiven* is an intense drama dealing with redemption and condemnation. *Twelve Angry Men* offers testimony on humanity's thirst for justice. *To Kill a Mockingbird* is a courageous look at racial prejudice. *It's a Wonderful Life* and *Going My Way* are two gentle portrayals of life at home in the church of the 1930s. *The Name of the Rose* is a medieval tale of romance of a different sort. *The Hunt for the Wilderpeople* is a story of unlikely friendship and *Amadeus* is an imaginative portrayal of the gifted Mozart and of those who are jealous of him and resentful toward God.

Our Christian faith is profoundly incarnational; that is, rooted in the flesh and blood experience of Jesus Christ, God become man. The Paschal Mystery is the death and resurrection of the Lord. He dies that we might live. We are invited in faith to join our lives to his, to live "in Christ". His story – the victory over sin and death – makes possible our victory over darkness in whatever form it takes.

This translates into how we pray. God invites you to invite him into the events that lie ahead on any given day. God does not impose himself on us. He wants us to want him. Spiritual writers use the term "praying backwards through your day". Consider the evening, who you were with, what did you say; where were you in the afternoon, who were you with, were there opportunities for kindness, how did your day begin. "Lord, what did you want of me this day?" While the events described in the movies above are very dramatic, with the proper disposition we can discover God's footprints in our lives. Our story is not unimportant to God.

Blessings, Monsignor Owens (stmat2014@gmail.com)

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