



21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME August 21, 2016

Saturday, August 20

4:30PM Mary & Jim Lapera

Sunday, August 21

7:30AM JoAnne Williamson

9:30AM Dominic Coyle

11:30AM Gary Moore

Monday, August 22

8:15AM Marie Kilgallon

Tuesday, August 23

8:15AM Helen Frosty

Wednesday, August 24

8:15AM Martha Jane Major

Mark Galassi

Thursday, August 25

8:15AM John Coelho

Friday, August 26

8:15AM Theresa Gallagher

Saturday, August 27

4:30PM John Tarsiewicz

Christina Friend

Sunday, August 28

7:30AM Theresa Reilly

9:30AM Catherine T. Scheib

11:30AM Raymond Beswick Jr. (27th 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, , 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, Anna Marie Berry.



Stasia Santangelo
Barbara Galette Organista



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)

8/20 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. Capizzi 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Fr. Heron

Prepare for Next Sunday

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time August 28, 2016

Sirach 3:17 – 18 Hebrews 12:18-19, 22 – 24 Luke 14:1, 7 – 14
Today Sirach counsels, conduct your affairs with humility... Humble yourself more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God." Christ promises us that "the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Why is humility an integral part of Christian righteousness? Because it is humility that keeps us mindful of our inestimable privilege: we "have approached Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant." Only humility disposes us to want what the Lord offers and to be ever receptive to his mercy in our midst. Humility ensures our gospel priorities are kept intact. "Humility recognizes God as he is... Humility and trust are what make a person truly human" (Pope Benedict XVI).



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



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 stmatt2014@gmail.com.

Religious Education

PREP

PREP/CCD PARENT MEETING

TUESDAY AUGUST 30²⁰¹⁶ 6:30 PM – CHURCH

If one parent from every family could attend this important meeting before we begin the new year. With moving into the newly refurbished Parish Center as well as a new time, Sunday mornings, a few necessary directives and instructions must be communicated.

If you have not renewed your registration, please do so now online. Fee payment is also possible from the website. Any questions email Miss Mary Kay mckennamaryk@gmail.com



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.

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.

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

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.



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.

God's Plan for Giving

August 14, 2016

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR OFFERTORY
GIFTS LAST WEEKEND:

\$10,974.00

Electronic giving \$1,276.00 + \$ = \$9,698.00



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 hclegg100@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.

Raffle item donations:

Romance package at Normady Farm Hotel and Conference Center. One night stay for two plus dinner at the Farmer's Daughter Value \$250 – (Donated by Normandy Farm – Rich Clegg Activities & Sales Manager)
1 Foursome of golf including cart at Blue Bell Country Club Value \$400 – (Donated by Blue Bell Country Club – Rich Clegg Activities and Sales Manager)

Gift Cards –

Jaspers Backyard - \$50.00, Lenny's - \$10.00, I'M Sergio - \$35.00, Movie Tavern - \$25.00,
2 – Hotel.com - \$50.00 – Each, Great American Pub - \$50.00, Pasta Via - \$25.00, Tradestone Café - \$25.00

Raffle Baskets

Halloween Raffle Basket- (Tonya Ciavarelli), Italian Meal – Raffle Basket – (Joe and Lynn Carr)

3 – Woman Handbags — each handbag with a gift card (Helene Clegg), Baby Items Basket – (Jean Tidd and Michael Hoffman donating) Keep the Mind Busy – Basket and Gift Card (Word Puzzle- Adult Coloring) – (Rose Ann Forlini and Lia Chipollini), Breakfast Basket.

Fr. Tom Heron's Weekly Reflection

There's a story told about two elderly priests, both in advanced old age, who made an agreement. Whichever of them died first, he would return and tell the other what life beyond the grave was like.

Eventually one of them died. Some months later the other was sitting in his room preparing his homily for Mass on Sunday. He suddenly became aware of a presence and sure enough his priest friend who had just died was standing there before him.

"Well," he said to his friend, "tell me what it's like in heaven." His friend replied – "You'd be surprised who's there." There was a pause. "And you'd be surprised who isn't there." And, with that, he was gone.

In the Gospel we just heard, Jesus is on a preaching tour. Some of His listeners asked rather arrogantly whether very many people would be saved. The way they put it was "Lord will only a few be saved?"

In answering, Jesus told them that the real question was not "how many?" but "what kind?" Those will be saved who strive through the discipline of grace to enter through the narrow gate.

This answer must have brought the questioners down to earth. Jesus said, in effect, -- never mind the numbers game, your task is to work hard, to struggle so that you'll be able to enter by the narrow gate that leads to salvation.

There is no way through this narrow door without personal struggle and discipline.

Jesus is very clear. The smug will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven. The smug person is the one who is so sure of himself or herself that they have closed themselves off from the real truth.

In our own personal lives we become smug when we no longer value our spiritual lives. We'd rather live just on the surface of life. When we take care of business, make a good living, accumulate more than we need, pay undue attention to our physical grooming and no attention to our inner grooming – then we have decided to live shallow and superficial lives.

We don't get through the narrow gate if we neglect our deeper spiritual selves. It is so easy to become smug.

There *is* a danger we all have to avoid.

We think that we are attending to our spiritual lives because we come to Church each week, maybe each day. We keep all the rules.

The danger is that we can start thinking that since we are doing what good Catholic Christians are supposed to do, we are going through that narrow door easily, with little or no effort.

In our smugness we think life is easy, no challenges, no discipline necessary to meet all the obstacles life presents.

We live life based on our own rules; and totally neglect God's rules. It is to these that Jesus says: "I do not know you."

Now, almost everyone here has managed to practice some discipline – sometimes on our own initiative.

Sometimes at the urging of others.

And most of us have learned from experience that discipline is often

difficult.

For example, to learn to play a musical instrument requires discipline.

To go on a diet requires discipline.

To practice total abstinence from alcohol, smoking, drugs, requires discipline.

Coaches tell athletes that it is the disciplined team that outlasts all others.

The Epistle to the Hebrews we heard says bluntly that in the life of the soul discipline is difficult:

"Whom the Lord loves, He disciplines."

At the time it is administered, all discipline seems a cause, not for joy, but for pain. But as all good parents and coaches tell us, later it brings the peaceful fruit of strength to those who are trained by it.

The point Jesus is making is that the way to salvation isn't easy. There is no slipping through. It is not enough to belong to the "in" group and there is no way through the narrow door without personal struggle and discipline.

Many who come to Church and receive Communion could, without the discipline Jesus speaks about, find themselves saying with the group in the Gospel – "Lord, You know us, we ate and drank with You," only to hear: "I do not know you."

Weekly attendance at Mass and weekly reception of Holy Communion must never lull us into complacency. It would be presumptuous to think that we will reach heaven simply because we are Catholics, or simply because we are a priest, or a nun, or simply because we go to Communion each week.

It all helps, but it is no guarantee!

We shall reach heaven because of the gracious goodness and compassion of God, because of the sacrifice Jesus made for us, and because of our own humble efforts to live by Jesus' Law of Love.

Maybe we, too, will be surprised when we reach heaven by those who are there and by those who are not.

In the meantime, our task is not to waste time on pointless speculation about "how many" will be saved. What matters is that we strive to live out our faith in our daily lives, putting all our trust in God Who may discipline us – but only because His love is strong and His faithfulness lasts forever.

The smug person always looks for loopholes, side doors. There are none, says Jesus. Well, where is that narrow gate or door? "I am that door," says Jesus and until we can fit our lives into His, until we become like Him in doing justice and loving the sinner, and becoming holy like Him, we will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven.



The last shall be first

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