



**22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**August 28, 2016**

**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. (27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**Monday, August 29**

8:15AM Elizabeth M. Kosek (24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**Tuesday, August 30**

8:15AM Jeffrey Feulner

**Wednesday, August 31**

8:15AM Christine Schlenker  
 Regina & Joe Hilbert

**Thursday, September 1**

8:15AM Ignatius M. Jeganathan

**Friday, September 2**

8:15AM Lorraine Charlesworth  
 Carol Tinneny

**Saturday, September 3**

4:30PM Joseph Leddy

**Sunday, September 4**

7:30AM Robert Gruchacz  
 9:30AM John & Betty McCarthy  
 11:30AM Margaret Beswick (20<sup>th</sup> 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 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 Rzezniak, 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.

**Pray for the Deceased:** Eugene Kuhn



**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**

8/27 4:30 Fr. Ryan  
 8/28 7:30 Fr. Capizzi 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Fr. Heron



**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, 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](http://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 [stmat2014@gmail.com](mailto:stmat2014@gmail.com).

*Blessing and Dedication*

*St. Matthew Parish Center*

*Sunday, September 25, 2016*

*11:30 AM Mass*

*Bishop Michael J. Fitzgerald, Celebrant*

*Father Tom Heron, Pastor*

*Blessing and Reception to follow.*

*All are invited to this wonderful celebration.*

# Religious Education

## PREP

### PREP/CCD PARENT MEETING

**TUESDAY AUGUST 30<sup>2016</sup> 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](mailto: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](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 days of summer.**

### ST MATTHEW'S SENIOR GROUP

We will resume our monthly meeting on **September 21st** at noon. We'll meet in our new location at the St Matthew Parish Center. Please use the entrance near Tony and Joe's Pizza on Fayette St. This month we will have our business meeting and lunch, no speaker, so we can get familiar with new surroundings. Any questions or concerns, or any new member who would like to join, please call Pat Hanna@ 484-612-5434 or Kitty McNally @ 610-306-5575

**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. 1<sup>st</sup> prize \$5,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize \$1,000, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize \$500, 4<sup>th</sup> prizes \$250, 5<sup>th</sup> 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. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Conshohocken, PA 19428 Email: [fathercooke@gmail.com](mailto:fathercooke@gmail.com)



**Saint Joseph Villa, in Flourtown,** has been providing care for Sisters of Saint Joseph since 1968, and since the 80's, for lay persons, clergy and other religious community members, when possible. Life at the Villa is more than simply having ones' needs met. It is about enjoying life, living each day to the fullest, growing stronger in body, mind and spirit. We desire to engage our residents in creative activities that give them purpose and meaning. If you have a passion for and experience in a certain area/skill, and would really enjoy sharing it with a large/small group, one- on- one or as a self-directed activity, please contact the Volunteer Office (215-248- 7844) or email [hartf@stjosephvilla.org](mailto:hartf@stjosephvilla.org).

## God's Plan for Giving

August 21, 2016

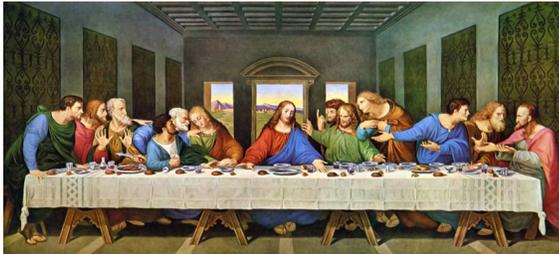
WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR OFFERTORY  
GIFTS LAST WEEKEND:

**\$12,249.00**

Electronic giving \$2,325.00 + \$9,924.00 = \$12,249.00



**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)



### Please help Welcome our Seminarians to St. Matthews

**Parish:** As our new neighbors arrive and are settling in we are looking for some parishioners to cook a meal for them. There will be Father Cooke and 12 young men to feed. They will appreciate whatever meals you can make, let's make them feel at home in Conshohocken. Please call Joanne Crawford 610-828-5538 to schedule your day to feed the hungry. Matthew 10:42 *"I tell all of you with certainty, whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple will never lose his reward."*

**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](mailto:acaoc@verizon.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. **Casino Trips:** scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month: **September 13 & October 11.** 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).



All are invited to the **Polish Harvest Festival** at the TK Club at 500 East Hector Street in Conshohocken on Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup>. For tickets, please email [stmaryconshy@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryconshy@gmail.com) or call Dorothy Swedkowski at 610-630-0861.

**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).

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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the  
attached link.

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090F4DA8A72FA4FB6-procession](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090F4DA8A72FA4FB6-procession)

### Volunteers and Donations Appreciated!

Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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](http://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 County Club – Rich Clegg Activities and Sales Manager) Gift Cards – 25.00 Pudge's - 20.00 Donnie Mac's Deli on 4<sup>th</sup> (3) 20.00 gift cards from Guppy's plus a keg of beer/bottles for reception following healing service (11) gift cards for a free Sub each from Jimmy John's/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), Coffee Break Basket, Religious

items – Jean Tidd, Basket of Beauty Supplies - Coleen Donnelly, Wine basket, Church cleaning ladies.

## 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 22<sup>nd</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!*

*Sirach 3:17-18.20.28-29 Psalm 68 Hebrews 12:18-19.22-24  
Luke 14:1.7-14*

There is a moving and dramatic scene in Franco Zeffirelli's "Brother Sun, Sister Moon" – the life of Saint Francis of Assisi.

Francis is led into the audience hall of the Pope. Surrounded by opulence and splendor, the papal court was very impressive. In the distant end of the audience hall was the figure of the Pope at the top of an ascending stairway.

Seeing all this, Francis began reciting passages from the Gospels about the need for simplicity and trust in God rather than in power or wealth.

The Pope's attendants saw this as an act of disrespect and began to drag Francis from the Pope's presence. But the Pope called Francis back and asked him what he wanted.

Francis expressed bewilderment at the rich surroundings of the papal court and asked for an explanation. The Pope saw in Francis a sanctity born of simplicity. In his gleaming white garments, the Pope descended the imposing stairway and came face-to-face with the grimy, tattered Francis. He then fell on his knees and kissed the mud-caked feet of Francis.

This scene captures the essence of the Gospel virtue of humility enfolded in Francis' life.

Only the humble person, whose eyes are not filled with self, can see that there is more to life than meets the eye, that the world is charged with the sublime, that God is afoot.

God's call for us to be humble is not a call to be milquetoasts; it is not a call to blend into the woodwork or to act as wallflowers when it comes to dealing with God.

Christian humility is not a weakened state of mind that robs the individual of his or her dignity or esteem. Rather it is a true understanding of our relationship with God and the recognition that we are not the center of the universe. It is the internal disposition that sees all human beings as valued and worthy of service by virtue of their having been

created in the image and likeness of God.

That's why Jesus is so amused at what He sees going on at the party in the Pharisee's house in today's Gospel. These people were the wealthy, the educated. They knew the teachings of sacred scripture that God is absolutely unimpressed with the proud and mighty; that it is humility that attracts the divine attention.

Knowing this, they still act like fools, trampling humility underfoot as they jockeyed for the best seat in the house, scrambling over one another clearly not knowing their place. Why should it matter if you sit at the head table or not? A secure person carries his/her status with them.

You know, in medieval Europe, one of the purposes of court jesters was to be a thorn in the side of royalty. Their function was to stop the great from thinking too highly of themselves or imagining that they were superior to everyone else.

These jesters would poke fun at royalty, reminding them that all their fame and fortune were things that they could not take to the grave with them.

Rulers were usually surrounded by sycophants and flatterers. They needed jesters to combat all the praise and admiration that was heaped on them; to help them stop believing that all the good things which were being said about them were true. The jester brought the high and mighty back down to earth - the basic meaning of humility.

At the coronation of Edward VIII, the city of London was filled with dignitaries from around the world.

Alfred Deaker was one of them. When he returned home to New Zealand, he was asked what made the most lasting impression. His reply: one night returning home from a gala dinner, he passed by an alley where he saw a boy of 12 sitting with his arm around a girl who couldn't have been more than 3. The air was cold and he watched the boy take off his jacket and wrap it around the little girl's shoulders. The boy then removed his hat and put it over her feet.

Deaker said he had traveled 14,000 miles to witness a coronation, but the most exalted event he witnessed occurred in that alley off a London street.

Saint Paul is our court jester today, yours and mine. He puts all Christians in their place reminding us that the church began not at the crest of a mountain through blazing fire, storm or trumpet blast; but at the foot of a cross through blood and water flowing from the side of our crucified Savior.

Humble beginnings if ever there were any!

*those who humble themselves*



Be Exalted



*those who humble themselves*

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