

Open Your to LIFE



Respect Life Sunday 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 2, 2016

Saturday, October 1

4:30PM Marie Golas

Sunday, October 2

7:30AM Helen Schank (5th Anniversary)

9:30AM Dec'd Members St. Matthew Class of '56

11:30AM E. F. (Bud) Hansen Jr.

Monday, October 3

8:15AM Michael Kilgallon

Tuesday, October 4

8:15AM Nora Lare Grzywacz
Richard Tornetta

Wednesday, October 5

8:15AM Lolly Casselli

11:00AM St. Matthew Class of 56 Reunion

Thursday, October 6

8:15AM Mary & John Mastrangelo

Friday, October 7

8:15AM Lorraine Charlesworth

Saturday, October 8

4:30PM Michael D'Ettorre

Sunday, October 9

7:30AM Helen Schank

9:30AM James Davidson

11:30AM Marie Golas



Pray for the sick: 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, Joseph Romano, Emma Forlini, Paul & Family, John Dalton, Edward Clinton



Linda Lee Hitner



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

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10/1 4:30 Msgr. Owens
10/2 7:30 Fr. McGuinn 9:30 Fr. Ryan 11:30 Fr. Heron
10/8 4:30 Fr. Ryan
10/9 7:30 Msgr. Owens 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Fr. McGuinn
10/15 4:30 Fr. McGuinn
10/16 7:30 Fr. Heron 9:30 Msgr. Owens 11:30 Fr. Ryan
10/22 4:30 Fr. Heron
10/23 7:30 Fr. Heron 9:30 Fr. Ryan 11:30 Fr. McGuinn
10/29 4:30 Fr. McGuinn
10/30 7:30 Msgr. Owens 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Fr. Ryan



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, October 4 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

The disciples asked, "Teacher, where do you live?"

Jesus answered, "Come and see."

(John 1:38 – 39)

Have you been considering joining the Catholic Church? Or, were you once baptized into the Catholic faith but were not fully initiated into the church through the Sacrament of Confirmation. We are presently gathering a group of people who are interested. The formal title of the program is Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). We will begin our gatherings on Monday, September 26 at 6:30 PM in the new Parish Center (using the entrance nearest the front door of the Rectory). To indicate your interest, please call the Rectory and leave a message for Monsignor Owens. Catholicism is a wonderful life lived close to Jesus and his Sacraments and sustained by the charity of its members, one for another – and even toward the stranger. We will meet on most of the Mondays between the end of September, through to the Easter season. The Sacraments will be received by all at the Easter vigil. Your interest in the RCIA program may be Jesus tapping you on the shoulder and saying, "Come and see."

St. Vincent de Paul Society will meet on October 11th at 1 PM in the St. Vincent de Paul meeting room.

Religious Education

CCD

Parent Sacrament Meeting MONDAY October 10 at 7pm in Church.

At least one parent requesting a child receive First Penance, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation are to be present. Children DO NOT NEED to come.

At the meeting parents will be asked to fill out a Candidate Request Form with necessary information to receive the sacrament this year. It is also possible to check the website under Parish Organizations, Prep Program and under sacraments is a link to Download a request for reception of a sacrament. Bring this form to the meeting completed. This begins the process for the reception of a sacrament at St. Matthews.



First Penance will be on March 13, 2017 at 6:30PM in church



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



Confirmation will be on Sunday, April 2, 2017 AT 3PM

The Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) (known as CCD) Classes from Grades 1 – 7 will be held in the Parish Center from 10:25 am – 11:25 am on Sunday mornings.

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.



takes place every Sunday at the 9:30AM Mass. All children are invited from the altar to the sacristy to share in a child-like presentation of the Readings of the Day. They return after the Prayer of the Faithful. Parents and older siblings are encouraged to accompany younger children.



Columbus Day Hoagie Sale!

Conshohocken Knights of Columbus Council #1603 is having a hoagie sale on Saturday, October 8th and Sunday, October 9th. The cost is \$6.50 per hoagie. Orders forms are in the back of the church. **Please pre-order the weekend of Saturday, October 1st and Sunday, October 2nd.**



St. Matthew Senior Group: We will resume our monthly meeting on October 19 at 12:30PM. We will meet in our new location at the St Matthew Parish Center. **Please use the**

entrance across from the rectory. Any questions or concerns, or any new member who would like to join, please call Pat Hanna@ 610-272-3610 or Kitty McNally @ 610-306-5575



Needed: Parish family members to be door greeters at our weekend Masses. This would be a wonderful opportunity to welcome our faithful brothers, sisters, and little children to our beautiful Mass celebration and to meet other members of our St. Matthew's community. Only a few minutes of your time before and after Mass is all that is needed. We hope you will consider volunteering. A few short minutes can form lifelong relationships! Please contact Mike Toth at 610-828-3777 for details.



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, October 11 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



St. Matthew Book Club: We will discuss 2 books of a spiritual nature; *St. Francis of Assisi* by GK Chesterton (**October 26**) and *He Leadeth Me* by Father Walter Cizek (November 30). Meetings are held in the new Parish Center at 7 PM, ending at 8:15 PM. Enter the Pastoral Center by way of the door nearest the front door of the Rectory. Come to listen to see if such a gathering is for you. We will return to our menu of fiction in January. Reading lovers unite!

God's Plan for Giving

September 25, 2016

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR OFFERTORY GIFTS LAST WEEKEND:

\$14,662.00

Electronic giving \$2,000.00 + \$12,662.00 = \$14,662.00



LOUISIANA FLOOD RELIEF SPECIAL COLLECTION: In response to the devastating floods that have hit Louisiana, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has asked that a special collection be taken up next weekend **October 8th & 9th.**



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

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: **October 11 & November 8.** 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).

IT'S BACK! Our Penny Auction returns once again on **Friday, October 7.** Admission is \$2. Bring your coins to play! Penny Auction begins at 7:30 PM, with doors opening at 7PM. Held at Plymouth Fire Company, 1323 Colwell Lane, Conshohocken. Light snacks will be available for purchase. This is a non-smoking, family event sponsored by the Auxiliary of Plymouth Fire Company.



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.



OPEN STUDIO FIGURE DRAWING
Every first and third Tuesday 6:30-8:00 PM
\$12 per session

ADULT DRAWING AND PAINTING

INDEPENDENT PROJECTS

Tuesday October 4, 9:30-11:30 AM

ADULT BASIC DRAWING

Thursday October 6, 9:30-11:30

\$150 for 10 weeks plus \$10 yearly membership fee

YOUTH CLASS – INTRODUCTION TO FINE ART

Ages 9 to 18 (class size limited)

Saturday October 1, 10AM to 12 noon

\$100 for 10 weeks

For all classes, please pre-register at conshohockenartleague.org

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY:

The Pro-Life Union is dedicated to building and fostering a Culture of Life by promoting the sanctity of all human life. This critical mission is possible only with your help. Your contributions allow the Pro-Life Union to assist women in need, to support pregnancy homes, and to provide outreach, prayers, education, alternate services, and public policy activities. The generosity of our parish has always been outstanding. Our Pro-Life Committee asks for your support and we appeal to the generosity of our parish community. The Respect Life Collection will be held today before and after each Mass. Thank you



WOMEN'S CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDY - Walking with Purpose



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. 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 coffee and lite bites on **Wednesday, Oct 19th at 6:30 PM in the St. Matthews Parish Center on Fayette Street, Conshohocken.** Feel free to come alone or bring a friend, we're a very welcoming group! Questions, please contact Judy [Kukowski at JAKukowski@verizon.net](mailto:Kukowski@JAKukowski@verizon.net) or 610-331-2147.

CNA – Three PT positions available:

(2) Part time weekend (Saturday/Sunday) position / day shift (7a-3p), sixteen (16) hrs. bi-weekly, and
(1) Part time position / evening shift (two shifts 2-10p week days and two shifts 3-8p on weekend), twenty-six (26) hrs. bi-weekly, including alternate weekend (Saturday/Sunday) for small retirement community of religious sisters located in Rosemont, Pa. Also, Pool CNA, all shifts available. Must be a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), one (1) yr. LTC exp. necessary with emphasis on person-centered care. Resumes can be sent via email or fax, EMAIL: jtoddhrdept@gmail.com Fax: 610-525-7752. EOE.

Thursday, October 13, 2016 - 7-8:30pm

Event: Premiere of Documentary Film Philadelphia Welcomes Pope Francis

Premiere of an award winning film documenting the World Meeting of Families – 2016 and visit of the Holy Father. All are welcome to attend the premiere and celebrate the one year anniversary of Pope Francis' visit to our great city. Pennsylvania Convention Center, Michael A. Nutter Theatre, Entrance at 13th and Arch Streets, Philadelphia. **More info:** email WMOF@americanbible.org or call 1-866-800-9683

Bingo: Come join St. Mary's Golden Age Club every Monday from 10:30am to 1:30pm for Senior Bingo at the Community Center at the Fel. Session 1 Bingo will run from now until December 12th. Bingo packets can be purchased at the check-in table upon arrival. Light refreshments will be provided. For information, please contact Pat Barr at 610-828-3266.

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 Divine Liturgy for The 27th 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!

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4 Psalm 95 2 Timothy 1:6-8.13-14 Luke 17:5-10

"If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this sycamore, be uprooted, and transplanted into the sea, and it would obey you."

This was Jesus' reply to the disciples when they just heard Jesus tell them that if someone sins they should rebuke him; if he repents, forgive him.

The Jewish teaching was that forgiving a person three times represented perfect goodness. When Jesus raised the number to seven, the disciples exclaimed "increase our faith." They knew that Jesus was saying there is no limit to forgiveness.

The disciples ask for an increase of faith in order to do what Jesus asks of them, but Jesus is clearly saying that they were not yet putting what faith they had into action.

The disciples' request is one to which we can all relate. The word "faith" means different things to different people. Whatever faith means to us, it is something of which we would gladly have a larger portion.

In our hours of distress and uncertainty, the words of the disciples become our own— "Lord, increase our faith."

When disbelief sets in and we walk away from church and the gifts of the sacraments, especially Eucharist and Penance, our prayer should be, "Lord, increase our faith."

When a bad situation turns out to have a good ending and we are ashamed of our pessimism, we say, "Lord, increase our faith."

When our medical prognosis is uncertain, when our resources are running low, we pray, "Lord, increase our faith."

Yes, we have more in common with Our Lord's disciples than we thought.

We live in a measured world and we are always measuring things. How many? How much? How far? How often? Well, some things cannot be measured and other things should not be measured. For example, measuring love seems like a very unloving thing to do. And how do we measure faith?

Jesus is telling us that faith cannot be quantified. If it were a matter of size or amount, then faith the size of a mustard seed would be sufficient

for us to face every situation in life.

Jesus' point is that size has nothing to do with faith because faith is not a commodity, not something that can be measured like cloth or a field.

Faith in Sacred Scripture is a relational word. It describes our trust that we are loved by an all-merciful God who is always with us even when we sin; a God who is always ready to forgive.

It is this relationship that can carry us through the thick and thin of life. It is a relationship that can change our lives. It can provide the pattern of our lives. It can deepen our relationship with Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

It was a gift given to us the day we were baptized. What have we done with this precious gift? What steps have we taken to increase and deepen our faith, our relationship with the Lord who makes His life available to us in Holy Communion and makes His merciful forgiveness available to us in Penance.

By virtue of our baptism, we have a relationship with the Lord. As we have grown older, have we become embarrassed by that relationship?

Does it shine forth in our homes when we pray before meals? Is our relationship with our Lord evident in our jobs? Is our relationship with the Lord obvious in our living of everyday life, in our political discourse?

In our second reading today, St. Paul reminds Timothy and each of us that we should stir into flame the gift of God we have received; that we should never be ashamed of our testimony to our Lord.

Bearing witness to the Gospel takes strength, a strength that is ours when we make our relationship with the Lord something we are proud of. There are too many cowards among those who claim Jesus Christ as their Savior. They keep their faith private, never wanting it to be evident for all to see.

We are all called to live holy lives, to seek after integrity, piety, love, patience, and gentleness, to fight the good fight of faith.

Two-thirds of Catholics do not roll out of bed on Sunday to go to church. They don't need more faith! They just need to roll out of bed. They are not using the faith they already have.

We all have to put feet into what faith we have if we expect our faith to grow. The devil trembles when we do that.



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