



Pentecost Sunday June 4, 2017

Saturday, June 3

4:30PM Geraldine & Joe Miller on their 50th
Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, June 4

7:30AM Joseph Speranza
9:30AM Theresa McGrath
11:30AM Christopher Mastrocola

Monday, June 5

8:15AM Yolanda Esposto Novi
Albert J. Chipollini

Tuesday, June 6

8:15AM John B. Coonan (5th Anniversary)
Mark Ambler

Wednesday, June 7

8:15AM Lillian M. Borzelleca

Thursday, June 8

8:15AM James Joseph McCabe

Friday, June 9

8:15AM Susie & Frank Paparo

Saturday, June 10

4:30PM Martha & Richard Wolfrom on their 60th
Wedding Anniversary

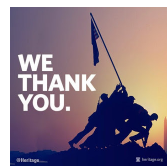
Sunday, June 11

7:30AM Alice Tague
9:30AM Theresa McGrath
11:30AM Elizabeth L. Bowe



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, Kylie Reiff, Nikki Dolan, Joseph Rozecki, Eduardo Gloria, Molly Glick, Deb Smith, Ann Campbell, Francina Capolingua, Cathy Pierlott, Lynn Bowman, James Gauger, Emilia Bello Jones, Rita VanBuskirk, Caroline Smerecki, Joan Pierce, Kevin Miller, Rylan Borys, Susan Minnick, Ann Greco, Jessica Jara, Joe Lotito, Kendall Soltys, Concezio Lelii, William McGrath, Carl Pierce, Ursula Kozlowski, Benedetto McDaniels, Kevin Kelly, Joanne Kalacinski, Mary DiMedio, Anna Marie Ferrier, Mary Stoffel, Jeri McClennen, John Boccella, Jim Bokoski, Hans Pawling, Margie Burghart, Kristen Lafferty, Debbie Miller Hannon, Robert Berk, Emma Forlini, Paul & Family, Derek Dean, Baby Noah Marchetti, Richard Wolfrom, James Simpson, Roseann Sirianni Lare, Theresa Steinhauer, John Palmer, Rachel Minnick, Mark Hogan, Gregory Mazzochetti, John Lewis, Teresa Sensinger, Theresa Kozecki

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY: Staff Sgt Daniel Furtak, Lt. Michelle R. McNally, SSKC Terence J. McNally Jr., Sgt. Robert Bonneau, Andrew Midgett, Lt. Col Evah McGinley, The 108th Wing McGuire AFB, Petty Officer George Horning Jr., 1st Lt. Stanley J. Reimer III, *SR Brett Pellicciotti*, Corporal Thomas Mazzochetti, Robert Catapano U.S. Army 101st Airborne, Michael Bondra, Senior Airman Jacob Shoemaker, Master Sgt. Curt W. Zeiders III, Edward Sobeck



Prepare for next Sunday

June 11

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Exodus 34:4 – 6, 8 – 9 2nd Corinthians 13:11 – 13
John 3:16 – 18

The Catechism teaches that “by sending his only Son and the Spirit of Love in the fullness of time, God has revealed his innermost secret: God himself is an eternal exchange of love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and he has destined us to share in that exchange” (221).



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 June 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

St. Joseph Villa: St. Joseph Villa is in need of substitutes while their regular volunteers are on vacation. Some needs include:

- Providing in-house transport to appointments (Hair Salon, Therapy, or Doctor’s)
- Assisting Staff with Health & Wellness Activities and Socials
- Serving as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist
- Weekly visit to resident without family/friend connection (regular day and time preferred)

For information, please contact Sister Frances Hart at 215-248-7844 or email hartf@stjosephvilla.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 Wednesday, **June 14** 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



FOOD BANK NEEDS: Our parish food bank is in need of: Applesauce. Donations can be placed in the vestibules of the church. Thanks!



PREP/CCD REGISTRATION FOR 2017-2018.

Now is the time for parents to plan for next year. Please take a few minutes to register your children online for religious education classes. No payment until after July 1st. Fees will remain the same.

One child \$110.00 Two children \$165.00 Three or more children \$195.00

Classes are offered Sunday Mornings between masses. Classes are held in the Parish Center 10:25 am - 11:25 am.

YOUTH GROUP: Please register online for Parish Youth Ministry. All 7th, 8th, 9th graders are welcome. Group will meet once a month in the evening. Day and Time TBA. No fee.

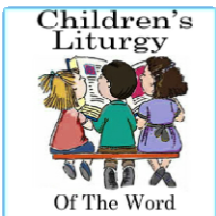
Announcing a wonderful opportunity to get involved...Enriching the lives of our young children.

TEACH, AIDE, VOLUNTEER FOR PREP/CCD St. Matthew Religious Education Program

We are in need of a few **male** role models as catechists and or aides in the classroom.

Please contact: Mary Kay McKenna at the Parish Office 610-828-0424 or email mckennamaryk@gmail.com.

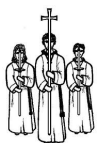
LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN:



every Sunday at the **9:30AM** Mass. All children (**ages 3 – 9**) 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

siblings. **10 year olds and up are encouraged to become altar servers.**

Children's liturgy will go on vacation as of June 18th it will resume in September.



ALTAR SERVERS: Are you 10 years old or older? Do you want to help in the parish? Join the St. Matthew's Altar Servers. Training will begin after 9:30 Mass on Sunday. E-mail stmatthewrectory@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 2nd Tuesday of each month: **June 13 & July 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).



Each person must strive to participate fully at the Mass, making it a genuine act of worship of God. **Kindly turn off your cell phones and avoid using them during Mass. Thank you!**



YOUNG ADULTS

St. Matthew's Conshohocken Young Adult group aims to provide fellowship through social, spiritual and service opportunities for those in their 20s and 30s and the young at heart. Upcoming events include:

June 6 Cradles to Crayons and Guppies 6 PM

To sign up for events and more please join the St Matthew Conshohocken Young Adult Facebook group. If you have any questions, please contact Tony Moral at tony.moral2@gmail.com or Erin Garrett at erin.garret@gmail.com.

Reboot Life! With Chris Stefanick – Save the Date!

Reboot Live! coming in the Fall of 2017! St. Philip Neri in Lafayette Hill, PA is pleased to announce that internationally-renowned Catholic family man, speaker and author, Chris Stefanick and his life-changing event, Reboot Live!, will be held this **October 5th, 2017** from 7PM to 9:30 PM in the parish church located on 437 Ridge Pike in Lafayette Hill. Reboot Live! is the fun, inspiring and practical experience for all (ages 12 and up) of applying the beauty and genius of the Gospel to every aspect of your life, from prayer and spirituality, to work, dating, marriage, parenting, health and more! Tickets are \$20. Event is expect to sell out – register today at www.reallifecatholic.com/reboot. (Look for October 5th and St. Philip Neri to purchase online.)

Masculine Genius Institute summit July 12-14

You are invited to join us at the 2nd annual Masculine Genius Institute summit in Villanova, PA July 12-14. Enjoy the many presentations and research as we unpack our theme: **Boys to Men: Molding Manly Character.** Great speakers and opportunity to discuss the journey that all men take from boyhood to manhood. This program is great for men of all ages, especially young fathers and men who are influencing the lives of boys in schools, athletics or extra curricular setting such as cub and boy scouts. Women are welcome to join us! For more information visit: www.masculinegeniusinstitute.com



MOTHERS HOME 5K RUN

Sunday, **June 11th** 8:00 AM at Cardinal O'Hara High School
\$25.00 Run \$15.00 Walk
SIGN UP and DONATE

<https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Springfield/MothersHome5KRUNANDWALK> For more information contact John Duffin 610-565-5032 or Duffinfam@comcast.net

Mothers' Home is a residential shelter that provides a safe haven for vulnerable pregnant women in crisis who choose life as a sacred gift. Mothers' Home focuses on physical, emotional and developmental needs including positive life skills, parenting and job preparation. Mothers' Home strives to assist mothers to reach their goal of independence and self sufficiency

Pastoral Council Meeting: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 7PM in the Parish Center.

God's Plan for Giving

May 28, 2017

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR OFFERTORY
GIFTS LAST WEEKEND:

\$10,229.00

Electronic giving \$2,160.00 + \$8,069.00 = \$10,229.00



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

FULL TIME CHILDCARE ASSISTANT: Conshohocken



Catholic Early Childhood Center is seeking full time caregivers for infants and toddlers in our newly formed Daycare center. Experience caring for infants and/or toddlers is required.

Previous daycare experience is preferred. Candidate must be loving, nurturing, and possess good leadership skills. For more information call Carol Kearney at 610-825-4823 or email cccdaycare@gmail.com

FULL TIME PRESCHOOL AIDE: Conshohocken Catholic

Early Childhood Center is seeking an energetic classroom aide for our PreK Program. Candidate must have previous experience working with young children. Associate Degree or Bachelor's Degree in Education is preferred. For more information call Michelle Borkowski at 610-828-0755.

WINE National Catholic Women's Conference

Join women from the greater Philadelphia area and across the country for the first-ever National Catholic Women's Conference hosted by WINE: Women In the New Evangelization! Dynamic Catholic speakers Kelly Wahlquist, Teresa Tomeo, Kitty Cleveland and Sarah Christmyer will inspire you and musician Amanda Vernon will rejuvenate your spirit. The day will include time for Mass, Confession, prayer, rest, socializing, and shopping. Saturday, October 21, 2017, 8:30am-4pm, National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA. Special group rate available, so bring your friends! For more information & to register, visit wineconference.org.

St. John's Annual Shore Reunion: Parishioners, Alumni,

and friends are invited for this Annual Summer Reunion in wildwood at Backfin Blues Bar & Grill, 517 Rio Grande Ave, Wildwood on **August 20** from 1-5PM Tickets are \$35 per person. Also available is bus transportation for \$35 additional per person departing from Mitchell & Pensdale Sts. Call Marie Kwartnik to purchase at 215-317-2775.

SixThree Group Retreat

A retreat for Fathers and Sons will be held Father's Day weekend, **June 16-18th** at Malvern Retreat House. Participants should be home before 1pm on Sunday. There is no charge for grade or high school students who attend with father or male relative. Visit www.SixThreeGroup.com for more details or contact Don McAvoy at 610-539-7881.

Reflections from my Rocking Chair

Dear friends,

You have heard of or read about the acronym, RCIA, that stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation for its Adults. It is the normal manner in which an unbaptized person enters into the community of faith, that is the Roman Catholic Church. The church also welcomes through the RCIA program those who are baptized in a Christian denomination other than the Catholic Church but believe they may be experiencing a call from God to become a Catholic. Finally, the RCIA is the normal preparation process by which a baptized Catholic who has not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation enters into full communion (by way of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion).



Why do we invite others to join us? In the gospel Jesus tells his followers to "make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). First, we invite because we believe the mystery of the Roman Catholic Church is a marvelous union of the divine and the human, especially in our sacraments. "The Church, then, both contains and communicates the invisible grace she signifies" (Catechism of the Catholic Church). Secondly, we believe the Catholic Church has the fullest and most authentic understanding of Jesus. Following Jesus makes people happier and more at peace, both here and in the life to come. Finally, the Church herself is strengthened by the conversion of others who are called to discipleship. The renewed interest in the faith demonstrated vividly by those joining our community is a reminder to those of us who have long been members of the Church to treasure what we might be taking for granted.

If you do have an interest in becoming a member of the Catholic Church, how might you confirm that, how do you start? First, do you sense an eagerness to know more about the faith? Do you have questions you need to explore? It would be helpful to have a conversation with a committed Catholic and friend, or contact the Rectory office to speak with a priest. Pray for wisdom: ask Jesus what you need to know to follow him. Use the books in the foyer library in the church door nearest the Rectory. Keep a journal. Write down questions or comments that are important to you.

RCIA is a journey. It begins by exploring. In the beginning you make no commitment as to how it might end. Along the way you make decisions to continue to go forward.

Finally, it is a beautiful thing to walk with Christ and his Church. Come and join us! Blessings, Msgr. Owens stmatt2014@gmail.com
PS If you are a member of the parish, and you know someone who fits the description above, ask them to consider becoming a Catholic.

Fr. Tom Heron's Weekly Reflection

On that first Pentecost we hear three stories about the Holy Spirit. The first, from the Acts of the Apostles, is the public Pentecost. The "Power from on high" promised by Jesus has arrived. It wasn't a physical force, it wasn't the power of an army, it wasn't a political or technological power, not an economical power. It was a spiritual power announced by the wonders of nature—a noise like a strong wind, tongues as of fire. It was the power of God's love present in the Person of the Holy Spirit.

This Power transformed the 120 people gathered in the Upper Room from fearful, frightened, disillusioned disciples into fearless, bold, hope-filled preachers of the Word of God.

These people were alive - excited about their faith. They were on fire with something positive and earth-shaking. With the power of love, joy, patience, kindness, goodness, fidelity, gentleness, and self control, they would preach the Gospel to the then-known world.

The second story is the one told in the Gospel of John. This one is quiet and resolute. Again the disciples are huddled in a room, locked away in fear of their lives when suddenly Jesus appears to them. Of all the gifts that could be given that night, peace and forgiveness are the ones Our Lord gives. He sends the apostles out to take on the difficult but necessary work of forgiveness because He knew how much we always need forgiveness as part of our journey toward unity and peace. They had received the power from on high, the power to love as Christ loved no matter the cost.

The third story is not found in the pages of the New Testament. It is the story of our own personal Pentecost. The event in Jerusalem led eventually to our own reception of the Holy Spirit on the day we were confirmed.

But, we can ask, where has all that enthusiasm of the early Christians gone? Where are all the people on fire with positive and earth-shaking lives of faith? Sadly, we prefer life to be placid, our religion too.

Yes, ours can be a cruel, uncaring world, but it is not a hopeless world. The Spirit of God has invaded our world. Into this world has come a counselor, a comforter, a guide. That Holy Spirit is alive and active in the lives of people who will open their lives to this Divine Presence today.

This truth has a lot to do with our lives. If something positive has happened on the first Pentecost and at

our baptism, then something positive is expected of you and me!

We are to go forth from this church to make a difference in the lives of people we meet each day.

When, in the name of Christ, we work for peace and reconciliation, we are moving in the Spirit.

When we hear the language of love spoken to us by someone we have hurt, the Holy Spirit is working to make the gift of forgiveness a reality.

When we take the time to be there for the stranger in our midst, we are reaching out in the Spirit.

It is this unseen breath of God that keeps our community of faith together and alive.

What then does this feast mean for us as we leave church today?

A) *We should be more conscious of the Holy Spirit working in our lives and be more appreciative of the gifts we receive from the Holy Spirit.*

B) *We should have a renewed respect and love for our Church, even with all the flaws and scandals that have beset the Body of Christ now and in the past. It was Jesus Christ, Son of God, Who gave us the Church as our Mother; who welcomes us in Baptism, strengthens and feeds us in Confirmation, Penance and Holy Communion, offers healing to us in our sickness, comfort in our dying.*

C) *This is a day when we should check the doors of our own upper room. Are they open? Or are we hiding our faith where no one can challenge us on it? Are we afraid of being labeled strange or radical if we speak about God and His presence in our lives?*

Let the Holy Spirit into our lives. Let the Holy Spirit put the finishing touches on our efforts to bring about a new Pentecost here and now!



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