

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



## 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time July 30, 2017

### Saturday, July 29

4:30PM Margaret Daywalt  
Margaret Storti

### Sunday, July 30

7:30AM Caroline Carroll  
9:30AM Vince Ruggiero  
11:30AM Sr. Antoinette Bosak IHM

### Monday, July 31

8:15AM Louis Hegyes Sr. (27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

### Tuesday, August 1

8:15AM Henry Kuczynski

### Wednesday, August 2

8:15AM Msgr. Alex Palmieri

### Thursday, August 3

8:15AM Joseph Schank (22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)  
Mark Pettine

### Friday, August 4

8:15AM James Lare

### Saturday, August 5

4:30PM Juan Korb  
Vincent P. Holland

### Sunday, August 6

7:30AM Eugene Alphonsus McGonagle  
9:30AM Dec'd Members of Collins & Zinni Families  
11:30AM Angelo R. Bello  
Robert Borzelleca



Tom Tone, David Talone, JoAnn LaSorsa, Marie Carney, Greg Atkinson, Msgr. Robert Grudowski, Anthony Bonanno, Joanne Toth, Theresa Lenczewski, Luke Birkhead, Erik Kozlowski, Marlene Salkowski, Roselle Partenheimer, John Walski, Carl Reiff, Joseph

Blaszczak, Patrick Kelly, Sean McGonagle, Mary Pierce, Brian Dunlevy, Sr. Jean Streibig, Stephanie Hathaway, Charles Streibig, Kylie Reiff, Nikki Dolan, 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, James Simpson, Roseann Sirianni Lare, Theresa Steinhauer, John Palmer, Rachel Minnick, Mark Hogan, Gregory Mazzochetti, Teresa Sensinger, Theresa Rozecki, Minnie Olearsky, Kimberly Moyer, Sal Spera, Veronica Lilick, Jessie Bonkowski



Pray for the deceased of the Parish



Staff Sgt Daniel Furtak, Lt. Michelle R. McNally, SSKC Terence J. McNally Jr., Sgt. Robert Bonneau, Andrew Midgett, Lt. Col Evah McGinley, The 108<sup>th</sup> 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 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne, Michael Bondra, Senior Airman Jacob Shoemaker, Master Sgt. Curt W. Zeiders III, Edward Sobeck, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Ryan D'Ambrosio, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Eraina D'Ambrosio.

### CELEBRANTS MASS SCHEDULE

7/29 4:30 Fr. Ryan  
7/30 7:30 Fr. Cooke 9:30 Fr. McKeane 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 August 1 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)



St. Matthew Parish is offering a one day pre-Cana program on **Saturday, October 21, 2017** from 8:30am – 4 pm followed by Mass at 4:30PM. Cost \$200 per couple. Couples from all parishes are welcomed. Contact Deacon Mike Kubiak: 610-828- 0424 X 5 or [deacon.mike.kubiak@comcast.net](mailto:deacon.mike.kubiak@comcast.net)

Interested in actively participating in the Sunday Liturgy? Consider becoming a lector who proclaims the Scripture Readings at Mass. Contact Mary Kay 610-828-0424 x 6.



### FOOD BANK NEEDS:

Our parish food bank is in need of: Canned Beef a Roni, Canned Pasta, canned Pasta with meatballs. Donations can be placed in the vestibules of the church. Thanks!



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. This Fall, at St. Matthews Parish in Conshohocken, we will be studying the women of the bible using the WWP "Discovering Your Dignity" workbook. If you want to learn more about WWP, please join us on **Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.** Please contact Judy Kukowski at 610-331-2147 or [JAKukowski@verizon.net](mailto:JAKukowski@verizon.net) with questions and for meeting details.



**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.

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 10:25-11:25 am.

**We will hold registrations in back of church on Sunday, August 20 and Sunday August 27<sup>th</sup> for your convenience.**



**Archdiocese of Philadelphia  
Policy for Place of the Celebration  
First Penance and First Holy  
Communion**

The Parish Church is the proper place for the celebration of First Penance and

First Holy Communion in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Therefore, Candidates for First Penance and First Holy Communion are to receive these sacraments in their own parish.

This policy includes but is not limited to candidates who attend:

- A parish, regional, consolidated, neighboring or independent mission Catholic school
- A parish religious education program (which includes parishioners who have been granted permission for home-based catechesis)
- A neighboring religious education program

If there is a compelling reason to consider an exception the parents or guardians are to present in writing to their pastor the reason for requesting an exception for their child. This request should include where and when it is proposed that the child receive the Sacrament (s) in question. That pastor, after giving serious consideration to the request, responds to the parents. If permission is granted then the pastor of the home parish must express his permission in writing to the pastor where the Sacrament(s) is/are to be celebrated. Upon the reception of the Sacrament (s) notification of this fact is to be sent to the home parish of the child.

**Those families whose students attend Catholic Regional Elementary Schools and are candidates for First Sacraments are asked to please call Ms. Mary Kay at the Parish Center. 610- 828-0424 ext. 6.**

**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](mailto:mckennamaryk@gmail.com).



**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.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN:**



**WILL "GO ON VACATION" FOR JULY & AUGUST.** It will return to the 9:30 Mass in September. Enjoy the leisure of summer.



**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](mailto:stmatthewrectory@verizon.net).



**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. Our next social events:

**8/22** Tuesday at Tee's Golf Center – Mini golf Par-Tee.

**9/10** Brunch after 11:30 Mass. Please meet in the back of the church

**9/26** Volunteer at Cradles to Crayons. Sign up on our facebook page or email Tony or Erin for the information. 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](mailto:tony.moral2@gmail.com) or Erin Garrett at [erin.garret@gmail.com](mailto:erin.garret@gmail.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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month: **August 8 & September 12.** Bus leaves 9:00 AM from 11<sup>th</sup> & Fayette, 9:15 AM from 3rd & Fayette, 9:30 AM from St. Mary's. Call Joe (610-825-4596).



**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, **August 8** 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)

**Irish Festival:**

St. Patrick 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Irish Festival on Sunday, **August 29<sup>th</sup>** at 12 PM Mass of the Golden Rose celebrating The Feast of Our Lady of Knock by Rev. Gus Puleo. Hosted by the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Ladies A.O.H. – Dive. No. 1 Montgomery County – After Mass join us in the Hall from 2 – 6 PM – Enjoy the music by: The Paul Moore Band

## God's Plan for Giving

July 23, 2017

**WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR OFFERTORY GIFTS LAST WEEKEND:**

**\$11,279.00**

Electronic giving \$1,615.00 + \$9,664.00 = \$11,279.00



**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)

### Leaving a Legacy:

#### Remembering St. Matthew Parish in Your Will...

For many charitable giving is an act of faith, grounded in confidence in God's abundance and motivated by a desire to create additional resources for accomplishing God's work.

Leaving a legacy gift to St. Matthew Parish offers the opportunity to pass on not only your assets, but also the values that have guided your life.

Remembering St. Matthew Parish in your estate planning is a wonderful way to put your values into action, ensuring that our parish is maintained for future generations, as a center of worship and devotion as your personal legacy.

To remember St. Matthew Parish in your will, you may contact your attorney or financial advisor for assistance in making a bequest, or you may simply include the following in your will:

"I give, devise and bequeath to St. Matthew Parish (the sum of \_\_\_\_\_) or (\_\_\_\_\_% of rest residue and remainder of my estate) or (\_\_\_\_ shares of \_\_\_\_\_). Or all my right, title and interest in the following described property \_\_\_\_\_."

Please feel free to contact Deacon Mike Kubiak at his office 610-828-0424 X5 or via email at [deacon.mike.kubiak@comcast.net](mailto:deacon.mike.kubiak@comcast.net) if we can provide you with further information or assistance.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and continued Support of St. Matthew Parish.

### Substitute Teachers and Aides Needed at Waldron Mercy Academy

Waldron Mercy Academy, a private Catholic elementary school for children aged 3 to grade 8 in Merion Station, is looking for substitute teachers and aides. Substitute teachers must have PA Elementary Education Certification. For more information or to apply, please contact Theresa Gannon at [tgannon@waldronmercy.org](mailto:tgannon@waldronmercy.org).



### Regina Nursing Center Annual Bazaar:

The Regina Nursing Center Family invites you to our 2017 Annual Bazaar on Saturday, **September 9, 2017**, 8:30 am to 2 pm held at 550 E. Fornance St., Norristown, PA. It will be an exciting day with sales of baked goods, raffle tickets, refreshments, plants, white elephant antiques, and other surprise items. Consider becoming a vendor at our event. Spaces are available at only \$20 per space. Spaces go quickly for more information contact Nancy Miley at 610-272-5600.

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

Jesus answered,  
"Come and see."

Are you considering  
Becoming a Catholic?

Or, were you once baptized into the  
Catholic Church but have not received the  
Sacrament of Confirmation

We are presently gathering a group of people interested in full communion with the Church as described above. The formal title of this program is Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). We will begin our gatherings on the last Monday of September 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 office and leave your name and phone number or contact us at [Stmatt2014@gmail.com](mailto:Stmatt2014@gmail.com). Catholicism is a wonderful life lived close to Jesus and his Sacraments and comforted by the charity of its members, one for another – and even toward the stranger.

### St. Lucy Parish Anniversary Celebration



Saint Lucy Parish, Manayunk, if it were still open, would be celebrating its 90th anniversary this year. In thanksgiving for the many blessings God has continued to bestow on this community of faith, a celebration will be held on **Sunday, October 22, 2017**. A Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at 3:00 P.M. at Holy Saviour Church, Norristown, PA. A dinner will follow Mass at 5:00 P.M. at the Presidential Caterers, East Norriton. Dinner is \$50 per person, cash bar. Checks may be sent Saint Timothy Church, c/o Father Michael Olivere, 3001 Levick Street, Philadelphia, PA 19149. Please make checks payable to Saint Timothy Church. Any questions please call Saint Timothy Rectory at 215.624.6188.

### SUFFERING FROM ADDICTION:

Join us in a Mass for those suffering from addiction. All are invited. Reaching out to our veterans. St. Ann Roman Catholic Church, 502 Main St., Phoenixville, PA 19460 on **Saturday, September 9, 2017** at 11:00 AM the Celebrant is Fr. John Newns, Pastor. Addiction has touched far too many families and taken far too many of our loved ones. Join us that we may draw strength from one another in the power of our faith.

***I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.***

**Reboot Life! With Chris Stefanick:** 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. Register today at [www.reallifecatholic.com/reboot](http://www.reallifecatholic.com/reboot). (Look for October 5th and St. Philip Neri to purchase online.)

## **Fr. Tom Heron's Weekly Reflection**

There is a little fable told about three cowboys riding horseback along the foothills of the Rockies. It was a warm, moonlit night, and they had determined to use the good weather for an all-night journey that would bring them to their destination before noon the next day. Their progress was interrupted by a majestic voice from the sky ordering them to stop and dismount. They promptly obeyed. Then the voice thundered: "Go to the riverbed and pick up some pebbles. Put them in your saddlebags and don't, under any circumstances, look at them until daybreak." They were puzzled, but the voice was authoritative, so they went to the water's edge, and each one tossed a few pebbles into his leather saddlebag. As they remounted, they heard the voice say, "This will be both the happiest and saddest day of your life." They pondered these cryptic words on their long trip that night.

At dawn, the weary riders, full of curiosity, stopped to open the flaps of their saddlebags. They stared in utter amazement. The pebbles had turned to gold. They were gleefully celebrating their newfound wealth when one of them interrupted the others, "Wait! Now I know what the voice meant about the happiest and saddest day. Yes, we have some gold, but there was so much more room in our saddlebags!"

The cowboys in this fable, unlike the treasure hunters in today's Gospel, didn't realize the value of what was close at hand, so they didn't take full advantage of an opportunity. The characters in the parables of Jesus know the value of what they're after, and they go to great lengths to secure this precious trove. As Christian believers today, do we not combine aspects of both these stories?

For most of us, the faith we profess is a gift, something that required no effort on our part to attain. What we do with that gift, however, is crucial. The parables in today's Gospel urge us to action and risk-taking. The stories of the treasure and the pearl highlight the value of God's kingdom – it truly is a precious treasure – but they also speak about the effort necessary to secure that wonderful asset.

Whatever else these stories of Jesus promote, they certainly emphasize that the acquisition of God's kingdom requires decisive, even risky, action. In the world of investing, financial counselors will assess a client's "risk tolerance" before charting an investment strategy to reach the goal. The counsel that Jesus offers about the goal of God's kingdom amounts to this: "Risk everything. Go for broke."

Best-selling author Gail Sheehy once observed, "If we don't change, we don't grow. ... Growth demands a temporary surrender of security." This is true of our faith also, especially if we want to move in the direction of God's kingdom. We can't leave our faith "on a shelf" like some precious keepsake that gets dusted off every now and then. We have to take it out there into the arena of everyday life and put ourselves at risk.

The kingdom of God is a reality that is both "already" and "not yet." We believe that, because of what Jesus has done, salvation is secured for us. The treasure is ours for the asking. But the fullness of God's kingdom is not yet present, and that means that we have the chance virtually every day to make that kingdom come on earth. The "pebbles" of our daily lives – our encounters with those who are in need – can become gold. We miss a wonderful opportunity if we don't stuff our saddlebags full.

There is treasure near at hand. God comes into our life through the Word of Scripture, the gifts of bread and wine that become the Body and Blood of Christ and through our gathering here as a community of faith. We celebrate with gratitude that gift of God's kingdom in our midst.



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