



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 13, 2017

Saturday, August 12

4:30PM John F. Schank  
John S. Waszena, Sr.

Sunday, August 13

7:30AM Raymond DeLellis  
9:30AM Dec'd members of Matthew & Mary O'Connor Sr.  
11:30AM Camaioni Family

Monday, August 14 Vigil Assumption

8:15AM John Kliamovich  
James & Anna Fondots  
7:00PM Nancy Crigamire

Tuesday, August 15 Assumption of Mary

8:15AM Lourdemary Jeganathan  
12 Noon William & Mary Maher

Wednesday, August 16

8:15AM Carol Tinneney  
Marie L. Kilgallon

Thursday, August 17

8:15AM Helen Kozak

Friday, August 18

8:15AM Rosanne Piergrossi

Saturday, August 19

4:30PM Elizabeth L. Bowe

Sunday, August 20

7:30AM Kristina Lynn Morris  
9:30AM James R. Lepera  
11:30AM Marie L. Kilgallon



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, Rosalie

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, Marlin McCarthy, Angeline Williams, Jack & Grace McCracken, Joe Lipinski, Marty Murray, Jack Ashton Sr., David Folts

Pray for the deceased: Marie Jarden



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

8/12 4:30 Fr. Moroda  
8/13 7:30 Msgr. Owens 9:30 Fr. McKeaney 11:30 Fr. Moroda  
8/19 4:30 Fr. Heron  
8/20 7:30 Fr. Heron 9:30 Fr. McKeaney 11:30 Msgr. Owens  
8/26 4:30 Msgr. Owens  
8/27 7:30 Fr. Ryan 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Fr. McKeaney



MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE ASSUMPTION of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Monday, August 14, Vigil Mass – 7:00 PM

Tuesday, August 15, 8:15 AM and 12 NOON.

**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 September 5 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)

Propagation of Faith

"Truly I tell you whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine you did it for me" (Matthew 28:20.) **Father Dawit T. Moroda from the Apostolic Vicariate of Nekemte** will speak to us today to join in the mission of the Catholic Church in Northwest Ethiopia. Come ready to be inspired by the faith of a people whose lives are very challenging and please come ready to generously join with them to share the light of our faith.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection is for the Apostolic Vicariate of Nekemte**



**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.**

**Opening Day for Prep/CCD Sunday September 10, 2017. 9:30 Mass in church, classes to follow in Parish Center.**

Catechist and Staff Meeting **August 29<sup>th</sup>** 6:30 pm in Parish Center. Enter through Harry Street

Parent Meeting **August 30<sup>th</sup>** 6:30 pm in Parish Center. Enter through Harry Street. (one parent from each family, if you are unable to attend ask someone to pick up the folder for you.)

**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 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> 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).



**SAVE THE DATE: Volunteers and Donations Appreciated!**

Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup>, we will be having our

annual Healing Service in Honor of the Feast of SS. Cosmas and Damian. This year we will have a 3 day Triduum, (A triduum is a three-day period of prayer, usually in preparation for an important feast or in celebration of that feast) beginning on **Friday September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM – Prayer Service – Deacon Joseph Carr, Saturday 8:15 AM - Mass – Celebrant and Homilist – Father Gasper Genuardi and ending on Sunday with a Healing Service after the 11:30 Mass.**

At the close we will be hosting refreshments, finger foods and desserts so we can enjoy one another's company.

(Donations of finger foods, desserts, beverages, and time to help out where needed. Any questions, contact: [hclegg100@aol.com](mailto:hclegg100@aol.com))

We are looking forward to this annual event at St. Matthew's Parish. Spread the word, looking forward to hearing from all of you. Mark your calendar and contact Helene at the parish center (610-828-0424) or by email to let her know what you will be bringing.



**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: **September 12 & October 10**. 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).

## God's Plan for Giving

August 6, 2017

**WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR OFFERTORY GIFTS LAST WEEKEND:**  
**\$12,239.00**

Electronic giving \$1,665.00 + \$10,574.00 = \$12,239.00



**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)

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, Phila, PA 19149. Please make checks payable to Saint Timothy Church. Any questions please call Saint Timothy Rectory at 215.624.6188.



**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 12** 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)

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

**Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School is seeking a short-term substitute teacher in the Theology Department**, specifically with knowledge of, or experience in, teaching studies of the New Testament and Sacraments. Qualified applicants with teaching experience and PA clearances are asked to contact Cindy DeCandido at [careers@gmahs.org](mailto:careers@gmahs.org).



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 and Friday mornings**. Please contact Judy Kukowski at 610-331-2147 or [JAKukowski@verizon.net](mailto:JAKukowski@verizon.net) with questions and for meeting details.



**Irish Festival:** St. Patrick 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Irish Festival on Sunday, **August 27<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

**Augustinian Mass Cards:** The Augustinian Guild was established to share with others the spiritual riches of the Augustinian Friars of the Villanova Province. Individuals enrolled in the Guild, living or deceased, share in the Masses, prayers and ministry of the friars. Donations to the Guild through the use of these cards also assist the friars in the Province's mission, especially the care of elderly and infirm friars, and the training of future Augustinians. Guild brochures are available at the doors of the Church. To order Mass cards online, please visit: [www.augustinianfund.org/mass-cards](http://www.augustinianfund.org/mass-cards) or contact [maria.manna@augustinian.org](mailto:maria.manna@augustinian.org) or call 610-527-3330 x240. A variety of sympathy and occasional Mass cards are available.



**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. September 9<sup>th</sup> 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 so contact us today or for more information contact Nancy Miley at 610-272-5600.



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

**Eyes to see**

**Ears to hear**

**Hearts to understand**



*The spiritual life begins by being awake, alert, attentive to the many ways God-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are trying to reveal their love to us. Jesus, in the Gospels, is constantly teaching His disciples to be on guard, be vigilant, because we cannot afford to be distracted or preoccupied when divine love breaks into our everyday lives. It reminds one of the story of the father who knocks on his son's door one morning and says WAKE UP! The son replies "go away, I don't want to get up." The father insists — "you must wake up and get ready for school." The son answers "I don't want to go to school." The father asks "why don't you want to go to school?" The son replies, "because it is boring, the kids tease me and I hate it." The father responds, "Well, I'll give you three reasons why you must go to school: it is your duty, you are 45 years old and you are the principal!"*

*Elijah was called by God in the quiet of a "tiny whispering sound." When was the last time you heard God whisper to you? What did He say? Were you able to quiet the noise in order to hear Him? God was not strong wind, the earthquake, the fire.*

*Peter was called to faith in the midst of a raging storm. God calls us in times of calm and in times of strife and struggle. We never know how God is going to reveal Himself to us. That is why we always have to be alert and ready.*

*Life can easily overwhelm us. That's what happened to Elijah and Peter in today's readings. Elijah was weighed down by his prophetic role in the lives of the people of Israel. He wanted to run away and hide in a cave. Peter was frightened by the strong wind and began to sink. Fear can be a major obstacle in our journey of faith. Fear can overwhelm us, paralyze us and lock us up in a cave or an upper room — fear of dying, failure, flying, growing old, getting sick, losing a job. Fear is useless.*

**Faith!**

## **Reflections from my Rocking Chair**

**Dear Friends,**

I continue with my brief descriptions of noteworthy American Catholics, past and into the present. Let me introduce Archbishop John Hughes, the fourth Bishop of New York. Ordained a priest in 1826 he began his priestly service in the archdiocese of Philadelphia. In 1837 he was named Coadjutor Archbishop of New York. He easily could be described as pugnacious, born in Ireland in 1797. He was a fierce defender of the large Catholic immigration movement which saw an increase in numbers from 1820 when there were 120,000 Catholics in the United States to 1870 when the Catholic population reached 2.7 million. Russell Shaw writes "Hughes was something else — high profile, combative, aggressive, never shrinking from actually seeming to relish a really good fight." He developed the design for St. Patrick's Cathedral in Manhattan which was dedicated 15 years after his death in 1864. A critic of Catholicism — and particularly of Archbishop Hughes — knew full well what was being said by the design of this great Cathedral. Historian Charles Morris writes about St. Patrick's that "It enunciated a vision of Catholicism as a new power center, a major moral and political force." The building "says": We Catholics are here to stay. He spent his life assisting these newly minted citizens of the United States in their quest to develop a dignified life. His influence on the public life of the nation was recognized early in the Civil War when Secretary of State William Seward asked the Archbishop to travel to Spain and France with the request that these two Catholic nations might remain neutral in the horrible battle for our nation's soul.

Orestes Brownson (1803 – 1876) is a name unfamiliar to most of us. He was an intellectual and editor of Brownson's Review often reflecting on the role that Catholicism should play in the life of the nation. He held convictions that are incredibly relevant to the church today. Brownson was finally a convert to Catholicism and, like Saint Augustine's journey into the Catholic Church, his was filled with many twists and turns. As an adult he became Presbyterian, then a Unitarian minister, then a Congregationalist minister, then for a short time minister of his own Boston-based "Church of the Future". Consider Brownson's observations which remain relevant today: "The faithful must be guarded and protected by being trained and disciplined to grapple with the errors and false systems of the age", "Even our Republic goes the way of all the earth and our Catholic population hardly seem aware of their mission as Catholics. Outside of the sanctuary they are hardly distinguishable in their social and political action from non-Catholics". As he grew older his observations darkened. The American people as a whole are "infused with a spirit of independence, and aversion to authority, a pride, and overwhelming conceit, as well as with a prejudice that makes them revolt at the bare mention of the church". "So far are we from converting the country, we cannot even hold our own". This should give us pause. Brownson made his time uncomfortable as all prophets do. To which generation is he speaking when he wrote, "We shall find even Catholics who... gravely tell us that their religion has nothing to do with their politics; that is, their politics are independent of their religion; that is, again, politics are independent of God, and there is no God in the political order; as if a man could be an atheist in the state, and devout Catholic in the church".

**Food for thought, Msgr. Owens**

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