



Mass Intentions for the Week

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time August 27, 2017

Saturday, August 26

4:30PM Jack Heron

Sunday, August 27

7:30AM Thomas M. Puchtler

9:30AM Christina Friend

11:30AM Margaret Storti

Monday, August 28

8:15AM Edward Pilcicki

Tuesday, August 29

8:15AM Elizabeth M. Kosek (25th Anniversary)

Wednesday, August 30

8:15AM James Gavin Sr.

Thursday, August 31

8:15AM Thomas McGarrity

Friday, September 1

8:15AM Ignatius Jeganathan

Saturday, September 2

4:30PM Alice Aspera

Sunday, September 3

7:30AM Kristina Lynn Morris

9:30AM Anthony Rio

11:30AM Raymond & Margaret Beswick



Prayer Requests

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 Blaszcak, Patrick Kelly, Sean McGonagle, Mary Pierce, Brian Dunlevy, Sr. Jean Streibig, Stephanie Hathaway, Charles Streibig, Kylie Reiff, 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, 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, David Lewis, Vince Defruscio



Antoinette Smith, Jack Siletta



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 Sobek, 2nd Lt. Ryan D'Ambrosio, 2nd Lt. Eraina D'Ambrosio, Lt. Col Jeffrey Matthew

CELEBRANTS MASS SCHEDULE

8/26 4:30 Msgr. Owens

8/27 7:30 Fr. Ryan 9:30 Fr. Heron. 11:30 Fr. McKeaney

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 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



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

Prepare for Next Sunday

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 3, 2017

Sacred Scripture

Jeremiah 20:7 – 9 Romans 12:1 – 2 Matthew 16:21 – 27
When Peter tries to deny the Lord his Passion – "God forbid that such a thing ever happen to you!" – He, in effect, is denying the possibility of happiness itself. "It is only by freeing himself through suffering," said Pope Benedict XVI, "that man finds himself, that he finds his truth, his joy, his happiness." Therefore, we eagerly offer our bodies as a living sacrifice to God. "The cross forces us to look upon the fact that we are loved by God. The cross becomes a new center of gravity for the bringing together of what is divided" (Pope Benedict XVI).

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.



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 27th 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 29th** 6:30 pm in Parish Center. Enter through Harry Street

Parent Meeting **September 5th** 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.



An urgent need has arisen and could use some help. Because CCD shares the building with the Early Childhood School and Daycare, some adjustments to accommodate over 170 children on Sunday has to occur for ease of

movement of CCD and safety of the little ones throughout the week. A job description follows:

Help with CCD set up Friday evening after 5pm or Saturday afternoon (Time to be determined). Then take down Sunday after 11:30 am. Or early Monday morning. One person maybe two hours, two or more less time. Only involves 25 Sundays from Sept 10 – March 18. Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years weekends off.

Job description: Set up 186 chairs in hall auditorium style. This is 7 rows of 13 chairs across on left and right side with aisle created in the middle. Set up 4 tables next to kitchen wall. These may be permanently set so they would not need to be taken down every session.

Set up tables and chairs in one/ two classrooms. Break down chairs in hall and tables in classrooms. Possible set up of chairs in First Grade classroom. A Stipend is included.

Call Mary Kay at 610-828-0424 ext 6
Or email mckennamaryk@gmail.com

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.

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.



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.

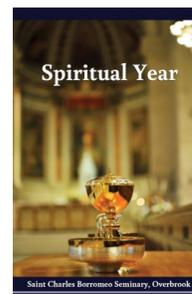


SAVE THE DATE: Volunteers and Donations Appreciated!

Sunday September 24th, 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 22nd 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: hlegg100@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.



We welcome the following Seminarians to St. Matthew Parish and Community:

Brian Accettullo (Arlington), Michael Bollinger (Phila.), Joseph Bui (Phila.), Philip Cheung (Phila.), Francisco Garcia (Arlington), Joseph Jacobeen (Arlington), Daniel Rice (Arlington), Eric Tamney (Phila.), Sang Woo Chi (Phila.), Brendan Zehner (Phila.)

God's Plan for Giving

August 13, 2017

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR OFFERTORY GIFTS LAST WEEKEND:

\$15,240.00

Electronic giving \$1,479.00 + \$13,761.00 = \$15,240.00

God's Plan for Giving

August 20, 2017

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR OFFERTORY GIFTS LAST WEEKEND:

\$11,518.00

Electronic giving \$1,850.00 + \$9,668.00 = \$11,518.00



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

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. 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.



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:

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 or Erin Garrett at erin.garret@gmail.com.



Your Love is eternal



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



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 6th at 6:30 PM and Friday mornings**. Please contact Judy Kukowski at 610-331-2147 or JAKukowski@verizon.net with questions and for meeting details.

COMMUNION BREAKFAST: Saint Matthew & Archbishop Kennedy HS Football Alumni Association is holding a COMMUNION BREAKFAST. Mass will be held Sunday, 9:30 AM **October 1, 2017** at St. Matthew Church, 219 Fayette Street, Conshohocken. Breakfast buffet will follow at approximately 10:30 AM. The Fellowship House is located at 515 Harry Street, Conshohocken. This event is a "family affair." Spouses, parents and children are encouraged. Cost of the event is \$20 per adult and \$10 for children under 12. Please indicate # of adults and children attending. As usual, we ask that you prepay. It allows you to avoid lines at the door. It gives us a good estimate of attendance to order food and set-up tables. Send checks payable to "AKHS Football" to: Tom Connor '72 - 7007 Oriole Court -Audubon, PA 19403. Call 610-296-4828 for telephonic questions or contact akhsfootballalumni@gmail.com.

The Conshohocken Art League, Mary Wood Park House, 120 E. Fifth Ave. Conshohocken, is forming its fall schedule of classes. For class descriptions and registration: conshohockenartleague.org. Incremental payment arrangements welcome on first day of class.
Junior/Teen Saturday class: Introduction to Fine Art
10 weeks: 10AM -noon - \$130 (\$120 if registered before September 30): October 7-December 9 – Adult classes/sessions (Tuesdays and Thursdays)
Independent Projects: Tuesdays, 10 weeks: 9:30-11:30 AM - \$175 (\$165 if registered before September 26): October 3 -December 5 - Basic Drawing - Thursdays, 10 weeks: 9:30-11:30 - \$175 (\$165 if registered before September 28): October 5-December 14 - Essential Skills - Thursdays, 5 weeks: 6:30-8:30PM - \$89 - October 5-November 2 - Clothed Figure Drawing/Open Studio -Third Tuesdays (September-December): 6-8:30 PM - \$12 (pay at door) - First session: September 19
Open Studio Figure Drawing - First Tuesdays - September-December) 6-8:30PM - \$12 (pay at door)
First session: September 5 - Fall 2017 Visiting Artist Series: Sunday, October 22, 1-3PM - Featured Artist: Stuart Shils

Fr. Tom Heron's Weekly Reflection

Does Christ really take an interest in my life? That's certainly a relevant question. Does Jesus care what is happening to me? Does He care what I do with my life?

There is an amusing story about a woman who was at work when she received a phone call that her daughter was very sick with a fever. She left work and stopped by the pharmacy to get some medication for her daughter.

When she returned to her car, she found that she had locked her keys inside. She was in a hurry to get home to her sick daughter. She didn't know what to do, so she called her home and told the babysitter what had happened and that she did not know what to do.

The babysitter told her that her daughter was getting worse. She said, "You might find a coat hanger and use that to open the door."

The woman looked around and found an old rusty coat hanger that had been thrown down on the ground, possibly by someone else who at some time or other had locked their keys in their car. Then she looked at the hanger and said, "I don't know how to use this." So she bowed her head and asked God to send her some help. Within five minutes, an old rusty car pulled up, with a dirty, greasy, bearded man who was wearing an old biker skull rag on his head. The woman thought, "Great God. This is what you sent to help me?" But, she was desperate, so she was also very thankful.

The man got out of his car and asked her if he could help. She said, "Yes, my daughter is very sick...I stopped to get her some medication and I locked my keys in my car, I must get home to her. Please, can you use this hanger to unlock my car?" He said, "SURE." He walked over to the car, and in less than one minute, the car was opened. She hugged the man and through her tears she said, "Thank you so much! You are a very nice man."

The man replied, "Lady, I am not a nice man. I just got out of prison today. I was in prison for car theft and have only been out for about an hour." The woman hugged the man again and with sobbing tears cried out loud: "Thank you, God, for sending me a professional!"



Reflections from my Rocking Chair

Every good soul has been victimized by the racial hatred and violence crudely on display in Charlottesville Virginia. Displaying the Nazi swastika and the cross of the Ku Klux Klan is vulgar. (Lest we forget that one of those "Ks" stands for Catholics,

along with Jewish people and African-Americans.)

In the presence of so much evil it is so important to stand with Jesus. Look no farther than the gospel of last Sunday: Jesus' love extends beyond Israel to the Canaanite woman who will not be treated as a second-class citizen. Her faith in Jesus is rewarded with the healing of

her daughter. Jesus will not be "put off" by the prejudices of his day. Perhaps you have seen the statement issued by Archbishop Chaput. The issue of racial prejudice is all the more telling in his life, I believe, because his mother is Native American. The American Indian has been subjected to much abuse. His statement reads:

Racism is the poison of the soul. It is the ugly, original sin of our country, an illness that has never fully healed. Blending it with the Nazi salute, the relic of a regime that murdered millions, compounds the obscenity.

Thus the wave of public anger about white nationalist events in Charlottesville this past weekend is well warranted. We especially need to pray for those injured in the violence. But we need more than pious public statements. If our anger today is just another mental virus displaced tomorrow by the next distraction or outreach we find in the media, nothing will change.

Charlottesville matters. It is a snapshot of our public unraveling into real hatreds brutally expressed; a collapse of restraint and mutual respect now taking place across the country.

We need to keep the image of Charlottesville alive in our memories. If we want a different kind of country in the future, we need to start today with a conversion in our own hearts, and an insistence on the same in others. That may sound simple. But the history of our nation and its tortured attitudes toward race proves exactly the opposite.

At first I was a bit startled when he describes racism as "the original sin of our country". Point taken: Sadly, when we began as a nation slavery was legal. Additionally, violence was visited upon Native American tribes as the "white man" drove them West and then into reservations.

The heart of his message is clear: Neo-Nazis, the Ku Klux Klan and white nationalists are obvious forms of perversion that must be opposed using constitutional means.

His statement continues to challenge all of us: "If we want a different kind of country in the future" – "we need to start today with a conversion in our own hearts."

I feel certain there are no neo-Nazis, Ku Klux Klan members or white supremacists in our parish. Archbishop Chaput suggests, however, that a self-examination for the racial prejudices that might lurk in our hearts is the best place to begin if we hope to root out racial prejudices in society as a whole. In 1960 when I was in the seventh grade 63rd St. was considered to be the racial boundary between whites and African-Americans. That summer an African-American couple purchased a home on Lebanon Avenue across "the divide" at 63rd St. Soon after rocks were thrown into the windows of the house during the night before the couple moved in. That next morning my friends and others in the neighborhood stood silently looking at the house with broken windows. I knew what happened was wrong but I was glad that the racial divide on 63rd St. remained in place. My parents never spoke that way so it must have come to me from my friends and others in the neighborhood. By the grace of God and by the example of my parents I move beyond those attitudes. So much for the past. In 2017 (for me) it is important that I pay attention to my thoughts and feelings when I hear the phrase "black lives matter" or when I consider problematic police shootings of African-Americans. It is a healthy exercise. In perfecting our attitudes we can better demand of others a change of heart. What better place to be perfected than when we gather at the Eucharist. The body of Christ that we receive in Holy Communion creates the power to know that we are one family in faith. As St. Paul reminds us "in Christ there is no Jew or Greek, slave or free, all are one body." In these matters that seem overwhelming this axiom applies "better to light a candle than to curse the darkness". Blessings Monsignor Owens

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