



# Catechetical Sunday 2017

## 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time September 17, 2017

### Saturday, September 16

4:30PM Dorothea Hegyes (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
Sean Donnelly

### Sunday, September 17

7:30AM Joseph F. DelBuono  
George Denczi  
9:30AM Carl J. & Virginia L. Zadroga  
11:30AM Dorothy Murray

### Monday, September 18

8:15AM Marie Ward

### Tuesday, September 19

8:15AM Peter Raymond (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

### Wednesday, September 20

8:15AM Dolores Mastropietro

### Thursday, September 21

8:15AM Joe Botto

### Friday, September 22

8:15AM George Gill  
Anthony & Joan Nasielski

### Saturday, September 23

4:30PM James Dougherty Sr.

### Sunday, September 24

7:30AM Sara Stipa  
9:30AM Vince Ruggiero  
11:30AM Peter F. Reid

 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, Roselie 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, 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 Steinhauser, John Palmer, Rachel Minnick, Mark Hogan, Gregory Mazzochetti, Teresa Sensinger, Theresa Rozecki, Minnie Olearsky, Sal Spera, Veronica Lilick, Jessie Bonkowski, Marlin McCarthy, Angeline Williams, Jack & Grace McCracken, Joe Lipinski, Marty Murray, Jack Ashton Sr., David Foults, David Lewis, Vince Defruscio, David Smerecki Sr.

Return to God 

John Frankenfield



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 Soback, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Ryan D'Ambrosio, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Eraina D'Ambrosio, Lt. Col Jeffrey Matthew

### CELEBRANTS MASS SCHEDULE

9/16 4:30 Msgr. Owens  
9/17 7:30 Fr. McKeaney 9:30 Fr. Ryan 11:30 Msgr. Owens  
9/23 4:30 Fr. Ryan  
9/24 7:30 Msgr. Owens 9:30 Fr. McKeaney 11:30 Msgr. Ricci  
9/30 4:30 Msgr. Ricci  
10/1 7:30 Fr. McKeaney 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Msgr. Owens

**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 October 3 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)

### Prepare for Next Sunday

September 24, 2017

Isaiah 55:6 – 9 Philippians 1:20 – 24, 27 Matthew 20:1 – 16  
What is most striking about the landowner is the relentless way he himself goes out to find laborers (five times), his willingness to hire the "rejects," and his desire to pay them a full day's wage. Jesus tells us that the Kingdom of heaven is like this landowner. The love of heaven takes the initiative in seeking us out. The love of heaven chooses us despite our utter unworthiness. And the love of heaven is lavish in its self-gift to us. To love the Kingdom of heaven is to love this landowner and the way he acts. The temptation is for us to measure our life by a standard at odds with God. Instead, "seek the Lord while he may be found," because, for us, "life is Christ."

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.** 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.

**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.**



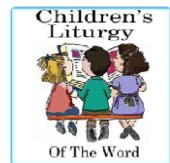
**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY**

This Sunday we celebrate Catechetical Sunday. At all the masses all those who serve Religious Education will be honored with a special blessing. St. Matthew Parish is especially blessed with so

many who volunteer their time to share our faith in Jesus and his Church.

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



**LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN** starts **September 17** and continues 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.**

**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.



**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).



**FEAST OF SS COSMAS & DAMIAN**

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, the ending on Sunday with a Healing Service after the 11:30 Mass. At the close of our Triduum we will be hosting refreshments, finger foods and desserts so we can enjoy one another's company. (We are still in need of donations of appetizers, desserts, beverages, and time to help out where needed, please consider making a dessert or an appetizer. Any questions, contact: [hclegg100@aol.com](mailto:hclegg100@aol.com))



**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:

**9/26** Volunteer at Cradles to Crayons. Sign up on our facebook page or email Tony or Erin for the information.

**10/8** Brunch and game watch after 11:30 Mass at Guppys. Please meet in the back of the church.

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).

**Seniors:** St Matthews Senior Group will meet on **September 20th** at 12:00pm. There will be a short meeting, lunch and a social time to meet new and old friends. Lunch is \$5, if you would like to bring a dessert, call Ann Love 610-828-7103. Questions, suggestions, or new members who would like to join, call Pat Hanna, 610-272-3610 or Kitty McNally 610-825-9291.



**God's Holy People Gone Before Us Marked with the Sign of Faith**

An interactive workshop to assist Catholics in central Montgomery County with the spiritual and temporal aspects of end of life planning. Speakers include: Rev. Louis P. **Bellopede**, an estate planning attorney, a funeral director, a representative of Calvary Cemetery and a financial planner. Tuesday evening October 10th 6-9 PM - Complimentary Buffet - Jack Francis Caterers – Conshohocken - Seating is limited. To reserve your spot or for additional information please call Tim Seiders at 215-699-6993

# God's Plan for Giving

September 10, 2017

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR OFFERTORY GIFTS LAST WEEKEND:

**\$12,760.00**

Electronic giving \$2,122.00 + \$10,638.00 = \$12,760.00  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Hurricane Harvey & Irma Relief**



**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)



**Parish Book Club:** Now is a good time to join our parish book club – “Fiction with a Christian twist”. We select novels both contemporary and classic. We will be meeting on **October 4** to discuss “The Old Man and the Sea” by Ernest Hemingway. Past novels include *All the Light We Cannot See*, *The Children of Men*, *In the Garden of Beasts*, *The Little Prince*, *A Man Called Ove*, *Stones from the River*. Novels are chosen for their themes dealing with faith, religion, sin and redemption, etc. If you are interested please leave your name with the parish office or by email ([stmat2014@gmail.com](mailto:stmat2014@gmail.com)).



**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 10** 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)



**PRO-LIFE SUMMER RAFFLE:** Please take a \$25 Chance for Life and support the Pro-Life Summer Raffle. A maximum of 2,500 tickets will be sold at \$25 each for ten prizes totaling \$7,500: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$5,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$1,000, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$500, two 4<sup>th</sup> Prizes \$250, and five 5<sup>th</sup> Prizes \$100. This Raffle supports the Pro-Life Legal Fund, which has served the pro-life movement since 1986 by effectively advancing interests in court cases and advocating for pro-life policies at the local, state, and national levels. Please make checks payable to “Pro-Life Legal Fund”. Please contact **Diane** at **610-828-8041** for tickets. The drawing for the Raffle will occur on **Saturday, September 23, 2017**. Thank you.



**Caregivers Needed:** “Caring Hearts Homecare Assistance is hiring males or females interested in caring for a senior in their home. The dominant responsibility is companionship. We will train the inexperienced until you are comfortable caring for a senior. If interested in making a difference in a seniors life please call 484-580-8157. Our vision is to care for seniors in a holistic manner, engaging them body, mind and spirit.”



Walking with Purpose will start its Fall Program in October. We will be studying the women of the bible using the WWP “Discovering Your Dignity” workbook. Study Groups will meet Wednesday evenings starting **Oct 4<sup>th</sup>** and **Friday mornings starting Oct 6<sup>th</sup>**. Please contact Judy Kukowski at 610-331-2147 or [JAKukowski@verizon.net](mailto:JAKukowski@verizon.net) with questions.

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 [Stmat2014@gmail.com](mailto:Stmat2014@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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™  
*life is precious -defend it*



**40 Days for Life** - September 27 – November 5 Help Save Lives in Philadelphia! You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 750,000 volunteers! With God's help, here are the proven results in 20 coordinated campaigns:

- 13,305 babies saved from abortion
- 154 abortion workers converted
- 86 abortion centers closed

**ST. MATTHEW'S SCHEDULED DAY IS OCTOBER 10<sup>th</sup> 8AM – 5PM** at the Philadelphia Women's Ctr., 777 Appletree (8<sup>th</sup> & Arch Sts.)

Signup sheets are in back of Church. One hour of your help we can make this a successful campaign for St. Matthew Parish.



## RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

The Respect Life Collection will be held before and after each Mass on **September 30-October 1, 2017**. We ask for your support in promoting this important event at our parish and we appeal to your generosity. We strive to assist the Pro-Life Union to be a voice for the unborn through their efforts of education, outreach, public affairs, and alternatives to abortion. We need your support in order to celebrate every pregnancy and every child and to offer compassion and love as we affirm the sanctity of life. Thank you very much!

**Senior Bingo:** Every Monday from 10:30am to 1:30pm at the Community Center at the Fellowship House Session 1 Bingo will run from now until December. 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.



**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 or contact [akhsfootballalumni@gmail.com](mailto:akhsfootballalumni@gmail.com).



**The Conshohocken Art League:** For class descriptions and registration: [conshohockenartleague.org](http://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) Fall 2017 Visiting Artist Series: Sunday, October 22, 1-3PM - Featured Artist: Stuart Shils

**Holy Rosary Annual Craft Show- Save the Date!**

Holy Rosary Regional Catholic School, located in Plymouth Meeting, will be having their annual Craft Show on **Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup>**. This event continues to be one of the largest in the area by hosting over 100 crafters who cater to the shopping needs of over 1,000 attendees. If you are interest in being a crafter at this popular event, please email [holyrosarycraftshow@gmail.com](mailto:holyrosarycraftshow@gmail.com).

**Bonner & Prendie: Class of 1977 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion:** When: Saturday, **November 4, 2017** from 6:30-10:30 at Anthony's in the Drexeline Shopping Ctr, 4990 State Rd., Drexel Hill, PA 19026. Ticket price of \$75 includes buffet, 4 hr open bar, live music featuring Bughunters. Payment due by Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>, can be made via: [VENMO.@Susan-McFadden-2](mailto:VENMO.@Susan-McFadden-2). (You need to get the Venmo app) or mail check payable to Class of 77 to: Class of 77 Reunion – c/o Bonner-Prendergast High School, 401 N. Lansdowne Ave, Drexel Hill, PA 19026. There will be a check in table at the reunion. No tickets at the door.

**Part-time Teaching Assistants needed to work with students with disabilities.** St. Katherine Day School -- Radnor Campus and Wynnewood Campus Contact Kathleen Gould, Principal, at [kgould@stkds.org](mailto:kgould@stkds.org)  
**Kitchen Manager** needed to take care of both Breakfast and Lunch for students with disabilities.

St. Katherine Day School - Wynnewood Campus  
Contact Kathleen Gould, Principal, at [kgould@stkds.org](mailto:kgould@stkds.org)

**SPED Teacher** needed for Life Skills Program at St. Katherine Day School - Wynnewood Campus -- Contact Kathleen Gould, Principal, at [kgould@stkds.org](mailto:kgould@stkds.org)

**REFLECTIONS FROM MY ROCKING CHAIR**

Dear friends,



*I had occasion this month to see the movie "Dunkirk". Gripping and inspiring. That is quite an accomplishment for a movie that tells the story of well-known event at the start of World War II. How can this movie be so dramatic since I already know the ending. For those of you who have yet to become a student of history, 320,000 British troops, and some French as well, were trapped on the beaches of France surrounded by the German army. They were evacuated largely by the courage of the fisherman of England who took boats of all sizes and crossed the English channel to bring the troops to safety. It could be argued that these fishermen saved England from an invasion of their island kingdom by the forces of Adolf Hitler.*

*I mention this because it came to mind as I watched the hurricane Harvey catastrophe unfold in Texas and Louisiana. When people watching the broadcasts of the disaster realized that hundreds and hundreds of people were standing on the roofs of their houses threatened by rising waters, people of all sorts with all kinds of boats drove down to the flood-ridden areas to take people out of danger. They did not know these people, race or creed made no difference. At one point the residents of a nursing home were in grave danger. No energy was spared in getting those folks out of harm's way – the least among us. It was an exercise of our pro-life convictions: no one is unimportant.*

*St. Paul reminds us that we are the body of Christ. The many members form one body. Whether Jew or Greek, slave or free, we are all part of the same body with Christ as its head. Sadly, we appear to be a nation divided in a destructive manner. On the one hand acknowledging that there are different points of view about an issue, such as immigration reform, poses no real threat as long as there is an atmosphere of respect and conversation.*

*Acknowledging that we are one Body of Christ may at first glance seem solely spiritual and it is. But like all of good Catholic theology the spiritual is immersed in the texture of everyday living. Is the plight of 800,000 illegal immigrants who came into this country as children not our business or is their plight our plight. Archbishop Chaput has asked the Trump administration to reconsider its desire to deport this group of people. The Archbishop writes, "It is one thing to tighten the security of our borders and to deport violent criminals here illegally. It is a different and much uglier thing to punish young people who have grown up in the United States as their home, but whose parents entered the country with them illegally." In a challenge directed to the Catholic faithful (you and I) the Archbishop writes, "I asked the people of the Archdiocese to press their federal lawmakers to find a positive legislative replacement for DACA, and to prevent the deportation of these young people."*

*Blessings, Monsignor Tom Owens [stmatt2014@gmail.com](mailto:stmatt2014@gmail.com)*



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