



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

### Saturday, September 23

4:30PM James Dougherty Sr.

### Sunday, September 24

7:30AM Sara Stipa

9:30AM Vince Ruggiero

11:30AM Peter F. Reid

### Monday, September 25

8:15AM Karen Purcell (9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

### Tuesday, September 26

8:15AM Anne & Louis Moore Sr.

Michael, Louis Jr. & Agnes

### Wednesday, September 27

8:15AM Claire Kilpatrick

### Thursday, September 28

8:15AM Charles DeLisle

### Friday, September 29

8:15AM Catherine Simonetti

Julia Bowes Page

### Saturday, September 30

4:30PM Mary Agnes O'Donnell (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

### Sunday, October 1

7:30AM David & Anna Frankenfield

9:30AM Brother James Riley

11:30AM Anna Vorli

Fr. James Donlon



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, 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.

Joe Lotito, Marie Gallen, Sr. Elizabeth Ledger, SSJ

Return to God 

Furtak, Lt.  
McNally, SSKC  
McNally Jr.,



Staff Sgt Daniel Michelle R. Terence J. 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, Lt. Col Jeffrey Matthew

### CELEBRANTS MASS SCHEDULE

9/23 4:30 Fr. Ryan

9/24 7:30 Msgr. Owens 9:30 Fr. McKeaney 11:30 Msgr. Ricci

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**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)



**October is the month of the Rosary.** Deacon Joe Carr will officiate every Monday evening during the month of October saying the Rosary at **7PM** in Church. Please join us!

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 **Monday, September 25 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.

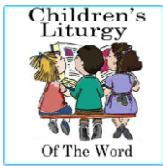


## PREP/CCD REGISTRATION FOR

**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.**



**LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN** is held 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 Ministry: Come and See, Pizza Party.** All 7th, 8th and 9th graders invited. Parish Hall 6:30 pm **Monday, October 2.** Let's get together and plan activities and service. Plan to meet once a month. RSVP: Miss Mary Kay 610 828-0424 ext 6.



**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:

**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 Guppies. 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).

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.

**Seniors:** St Matthews Senior Group will meet on **October 18** 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.



**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)



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.



**Holy Rosary Flea Market**  
Saturday, **October 7, 2017**  
From 9:30am – 3:30pm  
\$20 per table (provided)  
Call 610-825-0160 or email [bsheldon@holyroaryregional.com](mailto:bsheldon@holyroaryregional.com)

**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 interested in being a crafter at this popular event, please email [holyroarycraftshow@gmail.com](mailto:holyroarycraftshow@gmail.com)





September  
17, 2017  
WE ARE  
VERY  
GRATEFUL  
FOR YOUR  
OFFERTORY  
GIFTS LAST  
WEEKEND:

Electronic giving \$2,434.00 + \$10,731.00 = **\$13,165.00**  
Hurricane Relief: **\$2,900.00**



**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)

**40 Days for Life** - September



ber 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.

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!

**Corpus Christi Catholic School** in Lansdale PA has an immediate opening for a permanent part time Spanish teacher. The successful candidate would work 3.5 days a week (M-T-W-Th ½ day) and teach PK through grade 8 students. Interested and qualified teachers please send resume, cover letter, three letters of recommendation and updated clearances (FBI Fingerprint, Child Abuse and Criminal Background) to Mrs. Maureen Lafferty, the Principal at her email which is [ccsprin@corpuschr.org](mailto:ccsprin@corpuschr.org)

**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 information please call Tim Seiders at 215-699-6993

**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

**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)

**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.

## FR. TOM HERON'S WEEKLY REFLECTION

Today's Gospel presents a perplexing parable which looks like a case of gross injustice. The laborers all worked for a different amount of time, but all got the same wage. Labor unions do not like this particular Gospel passage. God's generosity challenges our smallness and pettiness. Whenever we feel short-changed or jealous at another's good fortune, or we need to exercise "strict justice", we must then open our ears and listen to God saying to us, "I am free to do as I please, am I not? Or are you envious because I am generous?" In the canon of the Mass, we proclaim that we do well always and everywhere to give God thanks. We should be grateful that God is just. We should be ecstatic that God is also generous. God's generosity, no matter to whom it may be extended, is something we should never complain about.

Today's readings put some basic questions to us. Do I think and judge according to the law of self interest or the law of love? Am I secure enough in God's love for me to rejoice in another's good fortune? Jesus calls all of us to this Eucharistic banquet. He shares Himself generously with us. There should be no room for envy or anger as we approach the altar to receive Him in Holy Communion this day.

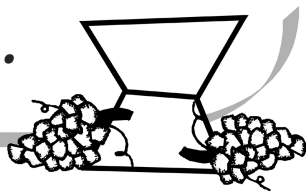
The lesson of the parable seems to be this - when people make a bargain with God, He will honor His promise and give them no cause for complaint, but there is no limit to what His grace will do for those who have no claim at all on Him but trust entirely in His goodness. If it be said that this gives them an unfair advantage, let it be considered that they were terribly disadvantaged to begin with. If it be urged that their rehabilitation should involve some payment for their past misdeeds, the truth may be that they have paid enough already. Should those who have turned to God at the eleventh hour and given Him only the last twelfth of life get as much of heaven as those who have given Him a whole lifetime?

If God is pleased to give them as much, who will tell Him that He should not? If God did not delight in mercy, it would go hard with the best of us.

The first arrivals might not have complained if the last-comers had been paid only a small fraction of what they themselves received. There is, in fact, a coin worth one-twelfth of a denarius. It is called pondion. But there is no such thing as a twelfth-part of the love of God.

Jesus, our towering Lord and Savior, cannot be packaged and priced to meet our standards of justice, our consumer needs.

Seek God...



call God's name.

## REFLECTIONS FROM MY ROCKING CHAIR

Dear friends,

I have been highlighting the lives of noteworthy Catholics in America; the likes of Archbishop John Carroll, St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, Al Smith and others. Today's litany will touch on the life of Francis Cardinal Spellman and Archbishop Fulton Sheen.

Cardinal Spellman was Archbishop of New York from 1939 to 1967. He represents the powerful bishops who erected hundreds of parishes and Catholic schools to cope with the rising number of immigrants in cities such as Boston, Philadelphia (Dennis Cardinal Dougherty) and Detroit. The Cardinal's clerical career included many years of service in the Vatican's Secretariat of State, a long reign as Archbishop in New York and an influential participant in the workings of the American government. In 1931 Pope Pius XI issued a decree sharply critical of Mussolini's fascist government. Its publication in Italy was prohibited. Father Spellman smuggled the document to Paris where it received international media attention. In 1936 as auxiliary Bishop in Boston he organized the visit of his close Roman friend, Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli, and accompanied the Vatican Secretary of State on his cross-country tour of the United States. He brokered a meeting between the Cardinal and President Franklin Roosevelt. During World War II he was the unofficial Catholic voice to President Franklin Roosevelt. In 1939 Pope Pius XII (Cardinal Pacelli) named him to the post of military Vicar, for American Armed Forces. He was an influential voice in closely identifying Catholicism and American patriotism. In the Cold War years Cardinal Spellman was an outspoken opponent of communism in its godlessness. He had a well-publicized "falling out" with Eleanor Roosevelt regarding government support for parochial schools. In his final years he supported our country's military involvement in Vietnam. He was roundly criticized for his statement, "My country, may it always be right, but right or wrong, my country."

Our next influential Catholic needs no introduction - at least to readers my age or older, that is Archbishop Fulton Sheen (1895 - 1979), the Catholic Church's most prominent preacher in the United States in the early years of TV. His weekly television show (it can still be seen on cable television) held its own audience, even in the face of Milton Berle's same time comedy hour. Berle would joke that he was competing for ratings with God. Bet you did not know: he was baptized Peter John. From the start, however, he was called "Fulton", his mother's maiden name. He held doctorates in philosophy and theology. In 1930 the National Council of Catholic Men invited the (then) Doctor Sheen to begin Sunday evening radio talks called *The Catholic Hour*. The audience for his radio show grew larger quickly reaching its highest number of listeners at 4 million. In its prime it drew as many as 6000 letters a week with one in three of them from non-Catholics. He was a spellbinding preacher. Take it from me. He gave a retreat when I was a student at St. Charles Seminary. Bishop Sheen received an Emmy award for what a *New York Times* TV critic called "a remarkably absorbing half hour of television". In accepting the award, he paid tribute to "my four writers - Matthew, Mark, Luke and John". At its pinnacle in 1955, the series, by now on ABC, peaked at 30 million viewers weekly. It remained on air until 1957. In what remains an eerie moment, in February 1953 Bishop Sheen stated, "Stalin must one day meet his judgment". Within a week, Stalin, Russia's heartless dictator, suffered a stroke and died. You can easily enjoy the Bishop's gifts. He published 73 books, many still in print. In a collection of his TV talks, its title are words to live by - *Life Is Worth Living*. Bishop Sheen would add, if it is lived in Christ. Blessings, Msgr. Tom Owens

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