



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 8, 2017

Saturday, October 7

4:30PM Walter Pope
Michael D'Ettore (2nd Anniversary)

Sunday, October 8

7:30AM Frieda Ambrose
9:30AM Vince Ruggiero
11:30AM Sr. Antoinette Bosak IHM

Monday, October 9

8:15AM Helen Schank

Tuesday, October 10

8:15AM Mary & John Mastrangelo

Wednesday, October 11

8:15AM Audrey DeFrancesco

Thursday, October 12

8:15AM Charles DeLisle

Friday, October 13

8:15AM Joseph R. Veet Jr.

Saturday, October 14

4:30PM Joseph J. Paluck Sr.
Antoinette Smith

Sunday, October 15

7:30AM Edward Garbacz
9:30AM Sean Donnelly (1st Anniversary)
11:30AM Maria Grazia Deleo Bello



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



David Lewis, Patricia McTamney



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

CELEBRANTS MASS SCHEDULE

10/7 4:30 Fr. Ryan
10/8 7:30 Msgr. Owens 9:30 Fr. McKeaney 11:30 Msgr. Ricci
10/14 4:30 Fr. McKeaney
10/15 7:30 Msgr. Ricci 9:30 Fr. Ryan 11:30 Fr. Heron
10/21 4:30 Msgr. Owens
10/22 7:30 Fr. Ryan 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Msgr. Ricci
10/28 4:30 Msgr. Ricci
10/29 7:30 Fr. Heron 9:30 Fr. Ryan 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 1st Tuesday of each month. **The next class is November 7 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



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.



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!

Prepare for Next Sunday

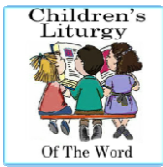
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Isaiah 25:6 – 10 Philippians 4:12 – 14, 19 – 20

Matthew 22:1 – 14

One of the most terrifying aspects of the gift of freedom is that it leaves us the option of rejecting God. God prepares an irresistible wedding feast and invites us to it ... but so often we refuse. This refusal to let ourselves be struck even by the most beautiful thing that is put before us is beyond comprehension. We prefer instead to let ourselves remain all closed. Nonetheless, God will never cease providing for all peoples this rich feast of his Son. "Let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us."



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.**



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.



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:

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

Seniors: St Matthew's Senior Group will **NOT** meet in October, we will be on a trip to DOOLAN'S Shore Club in Spring Lake, NJ.



Calling All Seniors!

Our next meeting will on held on November 15, 2017. At 12:30!



Prayer Shawl Ministry

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, **November 14** 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 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 **and** Friday mornings. Please contact Judy Kukowski at 610-331-2147 or JAKukowski@verizon.net with questions.



Gratitude from the Pro-Life Committee:

The Respect Life collection was held at St. Matthew's Parish last weekend, and through your generosity, we donated **\$1,755** to support the initiatives of the Pro-Life Union to provide education on the sanctity of life, counseling, and alternatives to abortion. Your financial support allows us to promote a culture of love in serving those making the choice for life. Thank you very much for your financial sacrifice for this most important work!



Holy Rosary Annual Craft Show

Holy Rosary Regional Catholic School, located in Plymouth Meeting, will be having their

annual Craft Show on **Saturday December 2nd and Sunday December 3rd**. 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 holyrosarycraftshow@gmail.com

Charismatic Mass

St. Paul's charismatic prayer group will be having a mass on October 18, 2017 at 11am in St. Paul's Convent chapel located at 353 East Johnson Highway, East Norriton, PA. The celebrant will be Father Edward Hamilton.

October 13th – 15th

Event: Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference and Golden Jubilee

We invite you to celebrate with our charismatic family, a weekend of healing, refreshment, joy and empowerment. Come, praise, worship, receive and expect the unexpected! **Speakers:** David Mangan, Deacon Larry Oney, Walter Matthews, Tony Mullen, and Special Guest, Kathleen McCarthy **Location:** Clarion Hotel & Conference Center, 76 Industrial Highway, Essington, PA 19029 **More info:** info@phillyspirit.com

Consecration of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to Our Lady of Fatima

In honor of the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima, Portugal, Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap will consecrate the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to Our Lady of Fatima on Sunday, October 15, 2017 at the 11:00am Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Philadelphia. All clergy, religious and lay faithful of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are invited to this momentous event in the life of our local Church. To learn more and find resources to spiritually prepare, visit: archphila.org/fatima.



October 1,
2017
WE ARE
VERY
GRATEFUL
FOR YOUR
OFFERTORY
GIFTS LAST
WEEKEND:

Electronic giving \$1,825.00 + \$11,430.00= **\$13,255.00**
2nd Collection today is for hurricane relief Virgin Islands
2nd Collection 10/21 & 10/22 World Mission Sunday



World Mission Sunday:

On October 22, we celebrate World Mission Sunday and who we are called to be by our baptism: Missionary Disciples. It is a time of prayer and a time to look beyond our local Church in Philadelphia and provide resources through financial

gifts, to Missionaries in 1,108 developing Dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, formerly Communist countries of Europe and remote regions of Latin America. Our Missionaries, who proclaim God's Word, care for those in need and are the Heart of the Catholic communities they serve. Please pray for the Missions.



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

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 10th 8AM – 5PM at the Philadelphia Women's Ctr., 777 Appletree (8th & 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.

Part Time Job

Conshohocken Chiropractic Center looking for part time Front Desk personnel. Fast pace doctors office looking for computer savvy and energetic people to join our team. Call 610-828-2500 or send resume to 815 Fayette Street Conshohocken, Pa 19428. We will train for position.

FULL TIME CHILDCARE ASSISTANT: Conshohocken Catholic Early Childhood Center is seeking full time caregivers for infants and toddlers in our Daycare center. Experience caring for infants and/or toddlers is required. Previous daycare experience is preferred. Candidate must be loving, nurturing, and possess good leadership skills. For more information call Carol Kearney at 610-825-4823 or email cceccdaycare@gmail.com



FULL TIME PRESCHOOL AIDE: Conshohocken Catholic Early Childhood Center is seeking an energetic classroom aide for our PreK Program. Candidate must have previous experience working with young children. Associate Degree or Bachelor's Degree in Education is preferred. For more information call 610-828-0755.

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

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

SPED Teacher needed for Life Skills Program at St. Katherine Day School - Wynnewood Campus -- Contact Kathleen Gould, Principal, at kgould@stkds.org



Hoagie Sale! Conshohocken Knights of Columbus Council #1603 is having a hoagie sale on **Saturday, October 7th and Sunday, October 8th**. The cost is \$6.50 per hoagie. You pay for the hoagies when you pick them up after the Mass you checked off on the form. Proceeds will go to the painting and restoration of the Mary altar on the side of the Church.

The Conshohocken Art League: 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 now-December 9 – Adult classes/sessions (Tuesdays and Thursdays) Independent Projects: Tuesdays, 10 weeks: 9:30-11:30 AM - \$175 : now-December 5 - Basic Drawing - Thursdays, 10 weeks: 9:30-11:30 - \$175 : now-December 14 - Essential Skills - Thursdays, 5 weeks: 6:30-8:30PM - \$89 - now-November 2 - Clothed Figure Drawing/Open Studio -Third Tuesdays (now-December): 6-8:30 PM - \$12 (pay at door) - Open Studio Figure Drawing - First Tuesdays - now-December) 6-8:30PM - \$12 (pay at door) Fall 2017 Visiting Artist Series: Sunday, October 22, 1-3PM - Featured Artist: Stuart Shils



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

The reading from Isaiah is a love song which tells us the depth of God's affection and love for us. At the same time, the song decries our lack of response. It is like this. Many celebrate spring by planting a new garden. We choose a place, carefully select the seeds and prepare the ground. We plant the seeds in the earth, cover them and gently water them, hoping for a rich harvest. But as summer approaches and the days grow hotter, we often lose our zeal for tending the garden.

So it is with life. It is easy to have good intentions and propose worthwhile plans, but it is much more difficult to put all this into operation. To succeed we must work consistently. Otherwise our good intentions can be lost in the overgrowth of ordinary concerns. Our faith tradition lists seven ways we lose interest. We call them the seven deadly sins. Gluttony, lust and greed have in common the quality of unbridled appetite. They drive us to concentrate on filling up what is only a portion of our person. They keep us so busy we wind up ignoring God. In a way the gluttonous, lustful, greedy person already has a god. Pride — we dress this up as self-assertion. We don't want to be made a fool of or be taken advantage of. We have to fight for our rights. Envy — we see others' virtue as pretentious. They parade around as though they are better than the rest of us. Someone should teach them a lesson. Pride and envy frequently involve us in anger. Others are always getting in our way. They are out to get us, to belittle us. So, the best defense is a good offense. The slothful person is satisfied with who he is. There is no need to strive for holiness. No need to grow if you have achieved a satisfactory balance between good and evil. We don't want too much of either.

We allow ourselves to feel cornered by the confusing, disturbing state of the world around us. We permit pressures and worries to appear to be beyond God's mercy and justice.

To all of this, Saint Paul holds up to us that the essential point of being a Christian is to be at peace. Christian peace is the result of our total security and confidence in God's love and care for us. **"Dismiss all anxiety from your hearts..."** When we are convinced that we are personally, passionately and wildly loved by God, our hearts are filled with peace and freed of anxiety. The seven deadly sins led the tenants to lose perspective, to forget the gift of the owner, to focus on themselves.

We rightly wonder where the tenants got all their brazen nerve. What were they thinking? Did they think the owner would forget about his investment or simply write it off? They were so doggedly sure of themselves that they felt entitled to engage in acts of cruelty and murder. Their actions cause us to shake our heads and ask, "What were they thinking?" But rather than shake our heads or look down our noses, we'd do better to realize we are those tenants. Even more, we are the vineyard. God takes care of us and expects us to take care of the vineyard He so carefully planted and watered and pruned and on which He bestowed tender and loving attention. The vineyard

God gave us as a gift must be accepted. That vineyard is still struggling to bloom. Ours are the hands on the plow and the pruning hook. Ours is the responsibility owed to the vineyard owner.

Reflections from my Rocking Chair

Dear friends,

I recently came across this modern parable:

It was the biggest meeting of Paul's life, and it had gone well. He could not wait to tell his wife and his boss. As he rushed out of the Brooklyn office building with the rest of the team, they noticed a vacant cab — a rare sight during rush hour.

Eager to get to the airport to catch their flight home, they bolted towards the cab, yelling to get the drivers attention. As they made their way across the sidewalk, they inadvertently knocked over a small produce stand. The rest of the team seemed oblivious until Paul stopped and turned around to go back. From beside the taxi the others called out to Paul, "Come on, you'll miss your flight."

"Go ahead without me," Paul replied as he made his way back across the street toward the sidewalk covered in produce. At that moment, he realized that the woman who had been behind the produce stand was blind. She was just standing there crying softly with tears running down her face. "It's okay, it's okay," Paul said to her as he got down on his hands and knees and began picking up the fruit and vegetables. There were 100 people passing in each direction, but nobody else stopped to help. They just scurried off to wherever they were going. When the fruit was all back up on the stand, Paul began neatly organizing it, setting aside anything that was spoiled. He now turned to the woman and asked, "Are you okay?" She nodded through her tears. Then, reaching for his wallet, he took out some bills and passed them to the woman, saying, "This money should cover the damages."

With that, Paul turned and began to walk away. "Mister," the woman called after him. Paul paused and turned around. "Are you Jesus?" "Oh, no," he replied. The woman nodded and continued, "I only ask because I prayed for Jesus to help me as I heard my fruit falling all over the sidewalk." Paul turned to leave again, only now his eyes began to fill with tears. For a long time he wandered around looking for a taxi. After finally finding one, he sat in bumper-to-bumper traffic all the way to the airport. He had missed his flight, and because it was Friday night, all the other flights were full. Paul spent the night in a hotel by the airport. This gave him time to think. He couldn't get one question out of his head: When was the last time someone confused me for Jesus?

The moral: our job is not to fill the pews with members but to fill the world with disciples.

Blessings, Msgr. Tom Owens
(stmatt2014@gmail.com)

*Let me sing of my friend,
the vineyard.*



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