



## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### January 28, 2018

#### Saturday, January 27

4:30PM Walter J., Walter B. & Betty Pope  
Margaret Storti (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

#### Sunday, January 28

7:30AM Francis Beck  
9:30AM Mary DiSante  
Jack Heron

11:30AM Joseph & Florence Pergine

#### Monday, January 29

8:15AM Richard Wolfrom

#### Tuesday, January 30

8:15AM Mark Ambler

#### Wednesday, January 31

8:15AM Hugh Sheridan

#### Thursday, February 1

8:15AM Judith DiCiurcio

#### Friday, February 2

8:15AM Carol Macrini  
Joe Lotito

#### Saturday, February 3

8:15AM St. Matthew Parishioners  
4:30PM James Graham  
Garry Cohen

#### Sunday, February 4

7:30AM Rev. James E. McVeigh  
9:30AM William Friel  
11:30AM Michael, Tony & William A. Moore Jr.  
Angelo R. Bello

**Pray for the Sick:** 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 Blaszczak, Patrick Kelly, Sean McGonagle, Mary Pierce, Brian Dunlevy, 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, Roseann Sirianni Lare, Theresa Steinhauser, 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, David Foults, David Smerecki Sr., Gina Hauserman, A Blind Woman, Debbie Adams, Joe Januzelli, Owen Reichner, Patty Tomczak, Bob Manning, Joe Spence, Charles Gehringer, Tom Mattia, Walter J. Lasota Jr.



Frank Falcone



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, Lt. Col Jeffrey Matthew

#### CELEBRANTS MASS SCHEDULE

1/27 4:30 Fr. McKeaney

1/28 7:30 Msgr. Ricci 9:30 Fr. Ryan 11:30 Msgr. Owens

#### *A request from the Pastor*

As Pastor, my primary responsibility is to help you grow as disciples of Jesus and to equip you to go and make disciples of others. I am excited to share with you that our parish is participating in a parish survey conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute. The **Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey** allows parishioners to reflect on their own spiritual growth and faith life and identify the ways in which the parish effectively supports that growth. The web-based survey will be accessible online and in paper form from **Feb 5 to March 5, 2018**. At the completion of the survey, **our parish will receive an aggregate report of the results. We will NOT have access to individual survey responses.** This survey offers us a unique and important opportunity to learn about issues of importance to families in a confidential and professional manner. We will use these results to 1) look at opportunities to support parishioner growth in discipleship and 2) create goals and action plans to achieve that growth. Once the survey link is open and the paper copies are available, I am encouraging you to respond as soon as you can. We hope to hear from as many people as possible. Your assistance is greatly appreciated and I thank you in advance for your help with this!

Gratefully,  
Father Tom Heron

**CEMETERIES:** Please note the scheduled clean-up for St. Matthew and St. Benedicts cemeteries will be on **January 26, 2018**.

**Food Bank:** Our food bank is in need of peanut butter, jelly, jars of applesauce, baked beans, tuna and canned fruit. Please leave items in the vestibules of the church.

**Saint Matthew Early Childhood Center  
Open House and Registration  
Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018  
9:00 AM and 6:00 PM**

We invite you to visit with us and see for yourself the pride, energy, and sense of family that our students, parents, faculty and staff share and how SMECC would be the right decision for you and your family.

For more information, please call 610-828-0755 or email [cceccdaycare@gmail.com](mailto:cceccdaycare@gmail.com)  
**Spaces are very limited.**



**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, **February 13** 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)



St. Matthew Parish is offering a one day pre-Cana program on **Saturday, March 3, 2018** from 8:30am – 4 pm followed by Mass at 4:30PM. Cost \$200 per couple. Couples from all parishes are welcomed. Contact Helene at [hclegg100@aol.com](mailto:hclegg100@aol.com) to register for the class.

**St. Patrick's Day Beef n Beer Saturday March 17, 2018**

Volunteers needed to plan and coordinate a celebration. Please come to a planning meeting 7pm Parish Center Hall, **Wednesday January 31.**

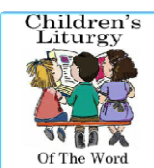
**POOR MAN'S SUPPER:**

We will have a Poor Man's Supper in our Parish Center on Wednesday, **February 21 at 6:30 pm.** A simple meal of soup and bread will be served. There is no cost – however, all those attending will be asked for a free will donation. Hoping you will join us for this annual Lenten event.



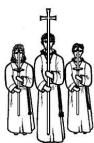
**Youth Group News:** The Youth Group will meet again on **Monday, February 5th, 2018 at 6:30pm** in the Parish Center to begin our plans for the Lenten Season.

We are still getting a lot of positive feedback for performing a Living Stations this Easter Season, work will begin in February.



**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.

E-mail [stmatthewrectory@verizon.net](mailto:stmatthewrectory@verizon.net).

**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 February 6 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'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. 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).

"The Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head" (Matthew 8:20) For many, the line between having their need for shelter met and being homeless is a thin one. Next Spring, the Young Adults of Saint Matthew plan to team up with Habitat for Humanity in a home build project in Bridgeport. There is no experience required, no minimum hours of building, no minimum monetary donation. If you are interested in joining the team, please reach out to Tony. The team is open to adults of all ages.

**ST MATTHEW'S SENIORS will meet every third Wednesday of the month.** February's meeting will take place on **February 21<sup>st</sup>**, in the Parish Community Center at **12:30pm**. We will have a short business meeting and lunch (\$5). **Also, Membership dues (\$10) will be collected for 2018.** ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND! Any questions, please call Pat Hanna@ 610-272-3610 or Kitty McNally@ 610-825-9291.

## We are a Stewardship Parish

January 21, 2018

### Collections

Offertory.....	\$9,852.00
E-Giving.....	\$2,551.00
R & D.....	\$1,188.00
Christmas.....	\$355.00
Catholic Relief.....	\$1,913.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$15,859.00</b>

**Thank you for your generosity!**

### Upcoming 2nd Collections:

Feb. 4-5 Catholic Charities - envelopes sent home

Feb. 14 - Ash Wednesday

Feb. 17-18 - Care of Aging Priests

### TWO-YEAR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TO RESTORE ST. MATTHEW CHURCH IN PREPARATION OF THE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

#### Masonry restoration of Steeple

& Outside of Church .....	\$592,513.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$592,513.00</b>



**ELECTRONIC GIVING: Parish Giving** is convenient for you and there is **NO COST** for you to participate. To register

[www.parishgiving.org](http://www.parishgiving.org) or [www.stmatthewparish.com](http://www.stmatthewparish.com)



**LEAVE A LIVING LEGACY... PLEASE REMEMBER ST. MATTHEW PARISH IN YOUR WILL.**

### PARISH STATISTICS FROM 2017

During the past year. Our parish has grown in quality and quantity through the outpouring of Sacramental grace and our cooperation with the Holy Spirit. Here are the statistics for St. Matthew's for 2017:

**New Families Registered: 196**

**Baptisms: 113**

**Weddings: 31**

**First Communions: 35**

**Confirmed: 68**

**Funerals: 82**

There are other signs of the growth of our parish the many organizations, works of charity, social activities, including the Spaghetti Dinner and prayer life that abound. All these events give a broad picture of the vibrant life of our parish. May the Lord continue the good work He has begun in us!

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK OPEN HOUSE

Holy Rosary Regional Catholic School would like to invite you to attend an Open House on Sunday, **January 28, 2018 from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Take a tour of our building, meet with teachers and members of the Home and School Association and find out what our wonderful school has to offer your family! All are welcome.



**Super Bowl Hoagie Sale:** Conshohocken Knights of Columbus Council #1603 is having a hoagie sale on **Saturday, February 3 and Sunday, February 4.** The cost is \$7.00 per hoagie. Order forms will be in the back of the church. **Please pre-order your hoagies this weekend.** You can pick up the hoagies after all the Masses on Feb. 3 & 4 make sure you pick up after the requested Mass on your order form. All proceeds will benefit church restoration.

**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: **February 13 & March 13, 2018.** 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).

### MARDI GRAS & VALENTINE POLKA DANCE

All are invited to a Mardi Gras and Valentine's Polka Dance Party at the TK Club at 521 East Hector Street in Conshohocken on **Sunday February 11th** from Noon to 5 pm to support St. Mary Polish American Society. This event will feature live Polka music, delicious Polish food, a 50/50 drawing and other games of chance, a basket raffle, and baked goods for sale. Families are welcome, as there will be games for children with plenty of prizes! Admission is \$10 in advance and \$15 on the day of the event. Admission for children is \$7 each and free for children under the age of 6. Please buy tickets by Wednesday January 31st, to purchase the correct amount of food. For tickets, please email [stmaryconshy@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryconshy@gmail.com) or call Dorothy Swedkowski at 610-630-0861.



**40 Days for Life** –February 14– March 25 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 21 coordinated campaigns:

- 13,998 babies saved from abortion
- 170 abortion workers converted
- 90 abortion centers closed

**ST. MATTHEW'S SCHEDULED DAY IS FEBRUARY 27<sup>TH</sup> 8AM – 5PM** at Planned Parenthood – 12<sup>th</sup> & Locust Sts. – Philadelphia. Signup sheets are in back of Church. One hour of your help we can make this a successful campaign for St. Matthew Parish.

**Young Adult Retreat:** Young adults aged 22-35, single or married, are invited to take time to examine your relationship with God and others on the weekend of **Feb. 9-11** at the Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point, N.J. Cost is \$130 /person. Register at [capemaymarianists.org](http://capemaymarianists.org) or call (609)884-3829.

## **FR. TOM HERON'S WEEKLY REFLECTION**

*Jesus didn't waste any time. After calling the first group of disciples, He immediately set to work proclaiming the Kingdom of God. The reader of Mark's Gospel gets the distinct impression that Jesus had a mission to accomplish. He knew who He was, what He was about, and where He was going.*

*The passage we hear today is the first of a series of incidents in what has been described as a typical day in the public ministry of Jesus. The scene is a synagogue in Capernaum. It is the Sabbath day. Jesus began to teach. Mark does not tell us the content of Jesus' teaching. He does tell us that the people were astonished by His teaching.*

*The people of Capernaum had heard teachings before. Every Sabbath they would gather to hear one of the scribes explain God's Word found in Scripture or in the oral tradition. There was something different about Jesus' teaching, however. "He taught with authority and not like the scribes."*

*The rabbis taught on the authority of Moses. Their teaching consisted of repeating the opinions of the great masters of the Scriptures. They didn't have to be creative or imaginative. Some of them so stressed the traditions of the elders that, in Jesus' judgment, they failed to do justice to God's will.*

*There was something different about Jesus' teaching. There was power in it. It was a fresh, vibrant interpretation of God's word. It suggested a new vision, an exciting way of viewing the world and life. The hearer could readily accept that the Kingdom of God was indeed at hand. One could all but touch it in hearing Jesus' word and by being in His presence. It is no wonder that the people were spellbound by what He said.*

*Jesus' power was evident in another way. Teaching wasn't the only activity Jesus would do on this Sabbath day in Capernaum. A man with an unclean spirit suddenly appeared. A noisy, shrieking voice disrupted the synagogue service.*

*Sensing the presence of God in Jesus, the demon felt threatened. He knew who Jesus was and realized that Jesus had come to destroy Satan's grip on people. What we witness here is a battle for control. The demon wanted no interference with his control over this unfortunate man.*

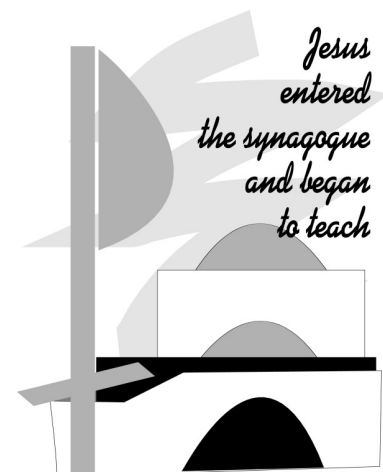
*In addition, the demon would like to control Jesus. He wanted to put a quick stop to Jesus' activity. With loud cries and defiant questions he tried to keep Jesus at a distance. He did not want Jesus' powerful Word to free the tortured man from demonic possession.*

*Jesus witnessed this with great calm. His unique authority and extraordinary power were in control. Without magic, the Lord rebuked the unclean spirit sharply. "Be quiet! Come out of the man!" Jesus' word was sufficient.*

*It was this Word that the wind and sea obeyed. With just a Word, Jesus freed people from sickness and sin. A Word from Jesus would disarm the most hostile opponent and uplift the most neglected person.*

*When we are overcome with darkness and depression, Jesus' Word in Scripture gives light and hope. This Word speaks comfort and consolation when we are in the grip of sickness or disease. Jesus' forgiving Word is available to us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Word Himself nourishes us in the Eucharist.*

*Satan's power is still evident today. Many temptations entice us. Sin still holds us in its grip. Jesus' Word, when it lives in our hearts, will render temptation and sin powerless. The person of faith is a new creation - free to serve God and neighbor.*



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