

ST. MATTHEW PARISH

APRIL 15, 2018



PARISH STAFF
REV. J. THOMAS HERON
PASTOR
REV. GASPAR GENUARDI
PASTOR EMERITUS
REV. MSGR. ROBERT
GRUDOWSKI
PASTOR EMERITUS
MSGR. THOMAS OWENS
DEACON JOSEPH CARR
PAULETTE TRAINER
BUSINESS MANAGER
MARY KAY MCKENNA
COORDINATOR OF PARISH
MINISTRIES

MASS SCHEDULE
SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:30 PM
SUNDAY: 7:30 AM
9:30 AM
11:30AM
DAILY MASS
8:15 AM
HOLY DAYS
VIGIL 7PM
8:15 AM
12 NOON
CONFESSION
SATURDAYS 3:30 – 4:15 PM

219 FAYETTE ST. CONSHOHOCKEN, PA 19428
(610) 828-0424 X 4, Fax: (610) 825-5168
E-MAIL: STMATTHEWRECTORY@VERIZON.NET
WEBSITE: WWW.STMATTHEWPARISH.COM
ST. MATTHEW CEMETERY: (610) 828-0424 x5
ST. BENEDICT CEMETERY: (610) 828-0424 x5

**CONSHOHOCKEN CATHOLIC SCHOOL EARLY
CHILDHOOD CENTER:** (610) 828-0755
DIRECTOR: **CAROL KEARNEY**

NEW PARISHIONERS

WE WELCOME ALL NEW MEMBERS TO OUR PARISH
FAMILY. FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE PLEASE REGISTER
ON THE WEB AT WWW.STMATTHEWPARISH.COM

"WE, THE PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW PARISH DESIRE TO GROW IN FAITH AND IN UNION WITH JESUS CHRIST AND WITH ONE ANOTHER. THROUGH WORSHIP, PRAYER, ECUMENICAL OUTREACH, EDUCATION, AND ACTION, WE SEEK TO RESPOND TO THE CHALLENGES OF THE GOSPEL IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE STRIVE TO BECOME A PLACE OF WELCOME AND RECONCILIATION TO EACH PERSON WHO COMES TO US; A PEOPLE OF FAITH, EMPOWERED BY LOVE TO REACH OUT IN SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT GOD WILL ASSIST US AND BLESS US AS WE STRIVE TO REALIZE THIS VISION."

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

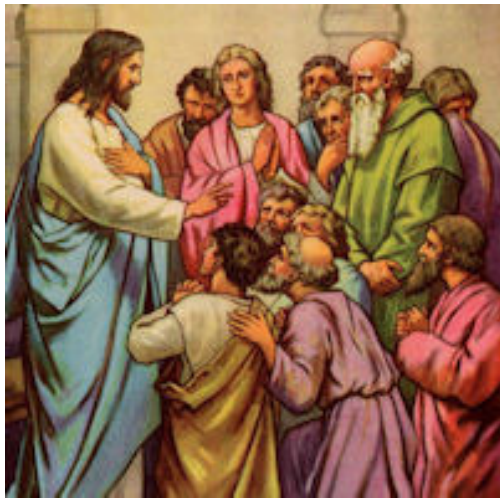
1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD SUNDAYS OF THE
MONTH AFTER 11:30 MASS TO
REGISTER FOR BAPTISM GO TO
WWW.STMATTHEWPARISH.COM

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

YOU MUST SUBMIT A WEDDING FORM
AT WWW.STMATTHEWPARISH.COM
TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

BEFORE SURGERY ARRANGE TO BE
ANOINTED AFTER MASS OR CONTACT
THE HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN



The Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018

Saturday, April 14

4:30PM Mae Whalen
Richard Alexy
Peter Orlor

Sunday, April 15

7:30AM Sr. Jean Streibig
9:30AM Dec'd members of the
Pierogrossi Family
11:30AM Anna & George Zisk

Monday, April 16

8:15AM Katherine & James Morley

Tuesday, April 17

8:15AM John & Mary Tinneny

Wednesday, April 18

8:15AM Lloyd Laskey
Hal Zwieback

Thursday, April 19

8:15AM Walter Lasota

Friday, April 20

8:15AM Joseph Albanese
Lorraine Charlesworth

Saturday, April 21

4:30PM James & Elizabeth Bowe

Sunday, April 22

7:30AM Anna & Michael Brown
9:30AM Nancy Clemens (16th Anniversary)
Scott Hartman
11:30AM Theresa M. Lalicata
Rita Rowe

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

EMILIA BELLO -JONES, ANGELINE
WILLIAMS, GERALD LESTER, JAMES J.
FOX, GENEVIEVE BOWE RUSSELL

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 Blaszcak, 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, 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, Anna Marie Ferrier, Mary Stoffel, Jeri McClennen, John Boccella, Jim Bokoski, Hans Pawling, Margie Burghart, Debbie Miller Hannon, Robert Berk, Emma Forlini, Derek Dean, Baby Noah Marchetti, Roseann Sirianni Lare, Theresa Steinhauser, Gregory Mazzochetti, Teresa Sensinger, Theresa Rozecki, Minnie Olearsky, Veronica Lilick, Jessie Bonkowski, Marlin McCarthy, Grace McCracken, Joe Lipinski, David Foults, David Smerecki Sr., A Blind Woman, Debbie Adams, Joe Januzelli, Owen Reichner, Patty Tomczak, Joe Spence, Charles Gehringer, Theresa Wagner, Bishop Joe Cistone, Fr. Bill Kelly, Debbie Beto, Michael O'Callaghan, Charles Kelley, Jeannie McGrath, Renee Marinelli, George Dean, Audrey Mastrocola

PRAY FOR THE MILITARY



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, Senior Master Sgt. Curt W. Zeiders III, Edward Soback, 2nd Lt. Ryan D'Ambrosio, 2nd Lt. Eraina D'Ambrosio, Lt. Col Jeffrey Matthew

CELEBRANTS MASS SCHEDULE

4/14 4:30 Fr. Ryan
4/15 7:30 Msgr. Owens 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Fr. Heron
4/21 4:30 Msgr. Owens
4/22 7:30 Fr. Ryan 9:30 Msgr. Owens 11:30 Fr. McKeaney
4/28 4:30 Fr. Heron
4/29 7:30 Msgr. Owens 9:30 Fr. McKeaney 11:30 Fr. Heron

This Sunday we celebrate the Presentation of the Candidates for First Eucharist at the 9:30 Mass. Please pray for these children and their families as they receive the nourishing presence of Our Risen Lord for the first time April 22 and 29th.

First Holy Communion News
Congratulations to the following children who are receiving First Holy Communion on April 21 & April 22, 2018

4:30 Mass: David Fabrizio

9:30 Mass: Danna Castillo, Brissia Castillo, Colin Coonahan, Christopher Davis, Caitlin Hector, Courtney Lamey, Paige Lumpkin, Kevin Mansfield, Danny Parkinson, Braydon Stewart, Kyle Tenthoff.

11:30 Mass: Shawn Bergey, Jr., Giavanna Bono, Kevin Crawford, Weston Fittipaldi, Jack Foster, Marissa Goffredo, Sophia Jacquinto, Bree LoMonaco, Gwendolyn McAleese, Lilly Ann Roberts, Logan Sholly, Liam Ward.

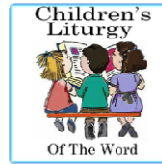
Many Blessings!



CCD/PREP

Please renew your registration as soon as possible. Renewal forms available in CCD office and sent home for those already in program.

Parents REGISTRATION FOR FIRST GRADE AND NEW STUDENTS FOR 2018 HAS BEGUN. VISIT THE ST. MATTHEW WEBSITE CLICK ON LINK



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.**



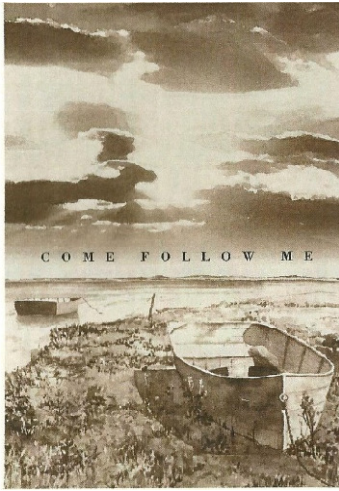
Helene at hclegg100@aol.com to register for the class.



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

May 15th Volunteer at Cradles to Crayons 6 PM Please contact Tony or Erin for more information.

We are a Stewardship Parish	
April 8, 2018	
Collections	
Offertory.....	\$9,933.00
E-Giving.....	\$1,865.00
R & D.....	\$2,284.00
Holy Land Sanctuary	\$111.00
Misc.....	\$60.00
Easter	\$1,568.00
Total.....	15,821.00
Thank you for your generosity!	
Upcoming 2nd Collections:	
Catholic Home Missions – May 5 th & 6 th	



THE LAFFERTY FAMILY & THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. MATTHEW REQUEST THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE AT THE MASS OF THANKSGIVING CELEBRATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD OF THEIR BROTHER, UNCLE AND PASTOR FR. TOM HERON ON SUNDAY, THE TWENTIETH OF MAY TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN AT ELEVEN-THIRTY O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN THE PARISH HALL

CONCERT BY MARK BANI AT TWO O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON IN THE CHURCH.

40TH ANNIVERSARY DESSERT TABLE: If you would like to make a dessert for Father Heron's 40th Anniversary on May 20th please contact the parish center stmatthewrectory@verizon.net or 610-828-0424 x 4. Desserts can be dropped off on May 19th after the 4:30 Mass in the Parish Hall. Thank you.



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 May 1 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

Food Bank: Our food bank is in need of boxes of spaghetti, baked beans, tuna and canned fruit. Please leave items in the vestibules of the church.

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



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, **May 8** 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

ST MATTHEW'S SENIORS will meet every third Wednesday of the month. Our April meeting will take place on **April 18th**, 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! Please remember to bring food for St Vincent De Paul Society, helping to serve the food bank. Any question or concerns, please call Kitty McNally @ 610-825-9291 or Pat Hanna @ 610-272-3610.



PICK UP FOR JEWELRY PURCHASED WILL BE ON APRIL 15TH AFTER THE 11:30 MASS FROM 12:30 – 1:00 PM IN THE PARISH HALL.



ELECTRONIC GIVING: Parish Giving is convenient for you and there is NO COST for you to participate. To register www.parishgiving.org or www.stmatthewparish.com

CLOTHING DRIVE: St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive is scheduled for **May 5, 2018** on Third Ave. from 9am- 2pm. Start putting your items away now!



Month of May

In honor of Mary we will say the Rosary and have Benediction **every Monday evening in the month of May** at 7PM with Deacon Joe Carr. Please join us!

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 2nd Tuesday of each month: **May 8, 2018 & June 12.** Bus leaves 9:00 AM from 11th & Fayette, 9:15 AM from 3rd & Fayette, 9:30 AM from St. Mary's. Call Joe (610-825-4596).

St. Matthew Newsletter: If you would like to receive the St. Matthew Newsletter go to www.stmatthewparish.com and scroll down to the bottom you will see Sign Up for Our Newsletter and click on SIGN UP. Fill in the information and you will receive a copy once a month via e-mail.



To all who helped, donated, contributed and attended the events this year at St. Matthew Parish. The Spaghetti Dinner, Poor Man's Supper, St. Patrick's Day Beef and Beer and Park Lane Jewelry. The hospitality committee will resume in September. If you have any ideas for events and would like to join the committee all are most welcome.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Plymouth Fire Company is sponsoring its second annual TRIVIA NIGHT! Friday, **April 20, 2018 PM.** Contest begins 8PM at the firehouse; doors open 7:30 PM. \$20 per ticket in advance- \$20 at door. For teams of 4-6. Adults only. BYOB (We reserve the right to ID all patrons.) Great food! Prizes! To order tickets, please go to our website (www.plymouthfireco.com) or see our Facebook page. Electronic Registration closes at midnight on 4/19/2018.

Mothers of Children with Disabilities Retreat: Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at Malvern Retreat House, Sr. Suzanne Mayer, IHM will direct a retreat for mothers and grandmothers who are raising children with disabilities and also those who have adult children with disabilities. Fr. Jim Olson will be the celebrant for Mass. There will be time to pray, reflect, and chat with other mothers. To register on line go to www.opdarchphilly.org. For more information please contact Malvern Retreat House at 610-644-0400 or the Office for Persons with Disabilities at 215-587-3530.

Events at Malvern Retreat House....

Sr. Sheila Galligan, IHM will be directing an Evening of Reflection on Thursday, May 3rd, 6-9pm at Malvern Retreat House. The theme is: *Forgiveness, the Best Revenge*. Register by calling 610-644-0400 or online at www.malvernretreat.com

Fr. Matt Guckin will be directing a 24-hour Young Adult Retreat, ages 18 to 35 yrs., May 11-12. Megan Mastroianni, Archdiocese of Philadelphia Office of Young Evangelization will be the featured speaker.

Prayer and Praise under the Stars, Holy Hour, Reconciliation, outside firepit and uplifting music. "*Our Continual Conversion to Christ*" is the theme. Register early at 610-644-0400 or online at www.malvernretreat.com

SAVE THE DATE – THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY OF HOLY SAVIOUR PARISH – is sponsoring an overnight trip to see the Phillies play the Pittsburgh Pirates on July 7th. The game is at 4:00 PM at PNC Park in Pittsburgh. The cost is \$150.00 which includes the game ticket, bus transportation and overnight accommodations. The bus will leave from Holy Saviour Parking Lot at 8:00 AM on July 7th. For reservations please contact Mike Angelucci. michaelangelucci@verizon.net or 610 213 1196.

FR. TOM HERON'S WEEKLY REFLECTION

“I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is an Offering for our sins.”



There is a story about Saint Francis of Assisi. Before his conversion he was an arrogant, fun-loving young man who despised the wounded and sickly and had a particular revulsion for lepers. After his conversion, he met a leper whose eyes were diseased and flesh was decaying. Francis' initial reaction was to turn away, yet for some unexplained reason, he turned back to the leper. Later he wrote that God drew him to this leper and let him in on an important secret. Francis discovered that in avoiding the leper he was avoiding his own sickness of spirit. Or, in other words, his own sinfulness.

Today's readings address this idea of sinfulness - yours and mine. We all sin whenever we break one of God's commandments. When we take God's Name in vain. When we curse, swear, miss Mass, fail to honor our parents, give in to lust, steal, gossip, and spread false rumors, are envious, jealous, when we are inconsiderate and unkind and hurt one another. These patterns of sinfulness tear down our community instead of building it up.

Saint Peter pointed out to the people of his day that their sin was being involved in Jesus' death. Those who heard Saint Peter were uncomfortable, uneasy. So are we when someone points out our sins. What can we do? The Gospel is clear: repent, go to Confession. That is easy to say. It is not always easy to do. Why is that? Because we are ashamed, not so much of our sin but of having to repent. Our pride gets involved in a most demonic twist of thinking. We harden our hearts in our justifications. It was just a little sin. Everybody does it.

And then we get to the point that we will refuse to change, to give up that sin, even when we know what we are doing is wrong.

We all have things in our lives we need to confess. Unresolved guilt is one of the great problems that weighs us down. It shows itself in physical disorders, sleeplessness and difficulties in building relationships with one another. Most people today are not even aware that they have a problem with sin. This is because they are confused about what sin is and, as a result, are not aware of their need for forgiveness.

Sin is brokenness in our lives. It is any transgression against the law of God and against the teaching of Jesus. It manifests itself any time we use another person or when we have not lived up to our full potential as children of God.

There is a story about the teacher who asks a little girl a question. “Do you know anything about sterling silver?” The girl answers, “Sure, it's valuable. You know, it shines.” The teacher then asked, “Why does the silver shine so much?” “Because someone polishes it all the time.” “Suppose the sterling silver was placed in a home where it was never polished. What would happen then?” “It would turn dark.” “Do you mean the silver would no longer have any value?” The girl answers, “Oh no, there is still value. You just can't see it.” God sees the silver underneath the darkness created by our sinfulness. Confession is the polish He gives us to use to make ourselves shine again. Yes, God sees us as His children. God cares for us and desires that we shine rather than be dimmed by sin.