

ST. MATTHEW PARISH

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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

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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 Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 22, 2018

- 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
- Monday, April 23
8:15AM John Gutwald
- Tuesday, April 24
8:15AM Jessica Schank (1st Anniversary)
- Wednesday, April 25
8:15AM Audrey DeFrancesco
- Thursday, April 26
8:15AM Evelyn L. Chavarria
- Friday, April 27
8:15AM Joseph DeLuca
- Saturday, April 28
4:30PM Marie Golas
- Sunday, April 29
7:30AM Sr. Jean Streibig
9:30AM John DiDonato (1st Anniversary)
11:30AM Carmen Cancelliere

CELEBRANTS MASS SCHEDULE

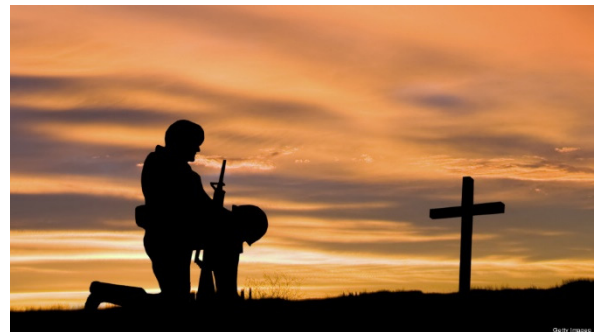
- 4/21 4:30 Msgr. Owens
4/22 7:30 Fr. Ryan 9:30 Msgr. Owens 11:30 Fr. McKeane
4/28 4:30 Fr. Heron
4/29 7:30 Msgr. Owens 9:30 Fr. McKeane 11:30 Fr. Heron



PRAY FOR THE DECEASED
RACHEL M. SARNOSKI

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, 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, Tom Moore



PRAY FOR THE MILITARY

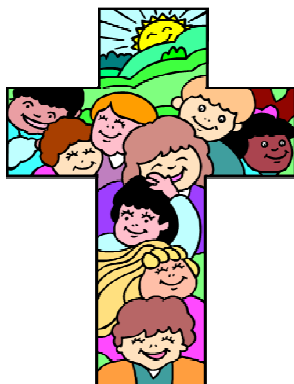
Staff Sgt Daniel Furtak, Lt. Michelle R. McNally, SSKC Terence J. McNally Jr., Sgt. Robert Bonneau, Andrew Midgett, Lt. Col Evah McGinley, The 108th Wing McGuire AFB, Petty Officer George Horning Jr., 1st Lt. Stanley J. Reimer III, SR Brett Pellicciotti, Corporal Thomas Mazzochetti, Robert Catapano U.S. Army 101st Airborne, Michael Bondra, Senior Airman Jacob Shoemaker, Senior Master Sgt. Curt W. Zeiders III, Edward Sobeck, 2nd Lt. Ryan D'Ambrosio, 2nd Lt. Eraina D'Ambrosio, Lt. Col Jeffrey Matthew

First Holy Communion News
Congratulations to the following children who are receiving First Holy Communion on April 29, 2018

9:30 Mass: Miranda Gross, Colten Hambrick, Charlotte LaNoce, Elizabeth LaNoce, Cole Mancini, McKaela Nace

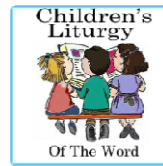
11:30 Mass: Grace Dean, Dylan Dippolito, Nathaniel English, Jack Gordon, Kendall Mamrosch, Silvio Palatano, Harper Reilly, Cole Sudders, Madelyn Trofa, Caroline Vuotto, Owen Waters, Brianna Zummo

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.**



St. Matthew Parish is offering a one day pre-Cana program on **Saturday, October 27, 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 hcleqq100@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.

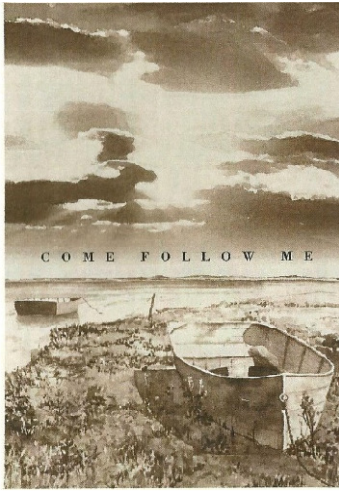
We are a Stewardship Parish

**April 8, 2018
 Collections**

Offertory.....	\$9,336.00
E-Giving.....	\$1,865.00
R & D.....	\$856.00
Holy Land Sanctuary	\$111.00
Mother's Day Flowers.....	\$60.00
Easter	\$149.00
Total.....	\$12,377.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Upcoming 2nd Collections:
 Catholic Home Missions – May 5th & 6th



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

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 May meeting will take place on **May 16th**, 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 question or concerns, please call Kitty McNally @ 610-825-9291 or Pat Hanna @ 610-272-3610.



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.

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.

Find Your Greatness: Four Habits That Will Transform Your Life

What are your habits? Are they helping you become the best version of yourself? Come learn about four simple habits you can develop that will lead you to becoming the person God created you to be. Based on Matthew Kelly's book "*The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic*" this half-day event will help you reach your full potential. Come join us for a very special experience that will be spiritually enriching and entertaining.

Speaker: Dr. Allen Hunt from Dynamic Catholic; Sunday, April 29, 2018, 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm Location: Saint Stanislaus Parish, 51 Lansdale Ave., Lansdale, PA; To learn more and to purchase tickets, visit the website: www.DynamicCatholic.com/Lansdale or call 859-980-7900

The 2019 Mass Book will open in July. For your convenience, there will be Mass Intention forms in the back of church. Follow the instructions on the form and place in the collection basket or email your request to stmatthewrectory@verizon.net or 610-828-0424 X4. Financially it should open in the Fiscal Year which is July.

FR. TOM HERON'S WEEKLY REFLECTION



There is a story told about the famous Wallenda family. They were performing their famous incredible tightrope feat called the human pyramid at Cobo Hall in Detroit.

The feat consisted of four men walking across the high wire supporting three more men standing on poles that were mounted to the walker's shoulder. Above those three men was a woman seated in a chair. This night, as the pyramid inched across the wire, Dieter Wallenda's knees began to quiver. He yelled out: "I can't hold on any longer," and suddenly the entire pyramid collapsed. Practically all in the family fell to the floor suffering permanent injuries. A few held on to the high wire until they were rescued.

Many parents can sympathize with Dieter Wallenda. They feel as if the entire weight of their family is resting on their shoulders—and many times it is.

Today, for the Church, this is Good Shepherd Sunday and if we think about it, we will see how much the role of the Good Shepherd resembles the role of the good parent.

First of all, the role of the Good Shepherd is sacrificial. He lays down His life for His sheep. Practically all mothers model this sacrificial love and put the needs of the family first. As the humorist Dave Barry observed: "If a mother has to choose between catching a fly ball and saving an infant's life, she will choose to save the infant's life without even considering if there is anyone on base."

When you bring a child into the world, you have a duty to that child to be there for that child—regardless of what it may mean in terms of your own happiness—sacrificial love.

Second, the love of the Good Shepherd is individual. "I know my sheep—they know me. I call them by name."

God loves us as individuals and when God looks at us He doesn't see a mass of humanity. He sees Ann and George, Michael and Margaret, Andrew and Joan. The good parent takes time to go one-on-one with each of their children and gets to know them as individuals. I know a woman who had five children. She would take time to speak at length with one of them on Monday, another on Tuesday, and so on. Once, when one of her sons was struggling away from home with a difficult situation, he wrote to his mother, "Mom, what I wouldn't give right now for a Tuesday evening!" It takes time to go one-on-one but the child who gets that kind of personal attention will surely turn out to be a credit to his or her family.

Third, the love of the Good Shepherd is unconditional. When we were still sinners God loved us and died for us. No conditions. God turns no one down.

Here is where many miss the mark. Many do not know how to express unconditional love because they were never loved that way themselves. There was always an "if" connected with the love they received:

If you make us proud, we'll love you.

If you get good grades, we'll love you.

If you accept our values, we'll love you.

Always an "if."

For sure you set boundaries but when the child oversteps, you show displeasure with the behavior, not with the child. Like the Good Shepherd, a parent's love is sacrificial, individual, unconditional. A parent's love for his or her children must be a reflection, a pale one perhaps, but still a reflection of God's love for us: sacrificial, individual, unconditional.

Let's tune in to the sound of God's voice. Let's walk in the paths He has shown us.

That way we will all have the strength to do our duty as parents.