

# ST. MATTHEW PARISH

## APRIL 8, 2018



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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](http://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**

1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup>, AND 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAYS OF THE  
MONTH AFTER 11:30 MASS TO  
REGISTER FOR BAPTISM GO TO  
[WWW.STMATTHEWPARISH.COM](http://WWW.STMATTHEWPARISH.COM)

### **SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**

YOU MUST SUBMIT A WEDDING FORM  
AT [WWW.STMATTHEWPARISH.COM](http://WWW.STMATTHEWPARISH.COM)  
TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

### **SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**

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



April 8, 2018

Saturday, April 7

8:15AM J. Paul Sigg  
4:30PM Joey Pliszka  
Richard Wolfrom

Sunday, April 8

7:30AM Alexandra Pierce  
9:30AM Collins & Zinni Family &  
Walter Lesniewski (6<sup>th</sup> Anniv)  
11:30AM James T. Wintz Jr.

Monday, April 9

8:15AM Richard Wolfrom

Tuesday, April 10

8:15AM Laura Jean Lukens &  
Jack Gallen

Wednesday, April 11

8:15AM Dec'd members of Gehringer  
& McAvoy Families  
Karen Purcell

Thursday, April 12

8:15AM John Baranowski

Friday, April 13

8:15AM Samantha McKenna  
Dorothy Heron

Saturday, April 14

4:30PM Mae Whalen  
Richard Alexy  
Peter Orler

Sunday, April 15

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

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED**

RACHAEL MINNICK, ROSEMARIE HYLINSKI,  
CHRISTOPHER CASSIDY, JACK & MARIE KELLY,  
HARRY UNDERCOFFLER, MARY DEMEDIO

**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, 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, Sal Spera, Veronica Lilick, Jessie Bonkowski, Marlin McCarthy, Angeline Williams, 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



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, Senior 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**

4/7 4:30 Fr. Ryan  
4/8 7:30 Fr. Kennedy 9:30 Msgr. Owens 11:30 Fr. McKeaney  
4/14 4:30 Fr. Ryan  
4/15 7:30 Msgr. Owens 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Msgr. Ricci  
4/21 4:30 Msgr. Owens  
4/22 7:30 Fr. Ryan 9:30 Msgr. Ricci 11:30 Fr. McKeaney  
4/28 4:30 Fr. Ryan  
4/29 7:30 Msgr. Ricci 9:30 Fr. McKeaney 11:30 Fr. Heron

**First Reconciliation Class 2018**

Colin Coonahan  
 Christopher Davis  
 David Fabrizio  
 Caitlin Hector  
 Paige Lumpkin  
 Kevin Mansfield  
 Danny Parkinson  
 Braydon Stewart  
 Kyle Tenthoff  
 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  
 Miranda Gross  
 Courtney Lamey  
 Colten Hambrick  
 Charlotte LaNoce  
 Elizabeth LaNoce  
 Cole Mancini  
 McKaela Nace  
 Grace Dean  
 Dylan Dippolito  
 Nathaniel English  
 Jack Gordon  
 Cameron Hamilton  
 Kendall Mamrosche  
 Silvio Palatano  
 Harper Reilly  
 Cole Sudders  
 Madelyn Trofa  
 Caroline Vuotto  
 Owen Waters  
 Brianna Zummo  
 Thomas Hannon  
 Ashley Hill  
 Jacqueline Hill

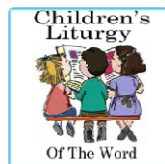
The following children were confirmed and received Our Risen Lord for the first time at the Easter Vigil. **Thomas Hannon, Ashley Hill, Jacqueline Hill.**

**CCD/PREP**

First Eucharist Sessions begin Monday evening **April 9, 2018 in Church, 6:30 pm.**

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 [hclegg100@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:tony.moral2@gmail.com) or Erin Garrett at [erin.garret@gmail.com](mailto:erin.garret@gmail.com).  
**April 10<sup>th</sup>** 8 PM Trivia Night at the Boathouse  
**May 15<sup>th</sup>** Volunteer at Cradles to Crayons 6 PM  
 Please contact Tony or Erin for more information.

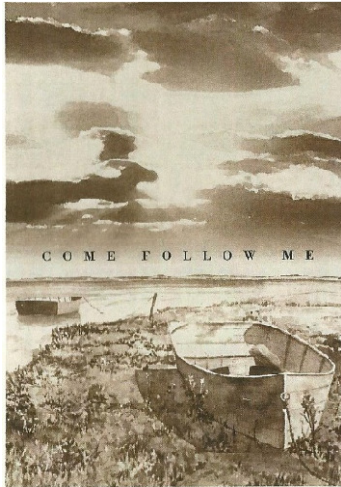
**We are a Stewardship Parish**

**April 1, 2018  
 Collections**

Offertory.....	\$14,468.00
E-Giving.....	\$1,700.00
R & D.....	\$309.00
Holy Land Sanctuary .....	\$1,206.00
Misc.....	\$543.00
Easter .....	\$13,101.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$31,327.00</b>

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**Upcoming 2nd Collections:**  
 Catholic Home Missions – May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>



THE LAFFERTY FAMILY & THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. MATTHEW  
REQUEST THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE AT THE MASS OF  
THANKSGIVING CELEBRATING THE 40<sup>TH</sup> 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

LUNCHEON TO FOLLOW IN THE PARISH HALL

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

**40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DESSERT TABLE:** If you would like to make a dessert for Father Heron's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on May 20<sup>th</sup> please contact the parish center [stmatthewrectory@verizon.net](mailto:stmatthewrectory@verizon.net) or 610-828-0424 x 4. Desserts can be dropped off on May 19<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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, **April 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)

**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 15<sup>TH</sup> 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](http://www.parishgiving.org) or [www.stmatthewparish.com](http://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!

**St. Matthew Newsletter:** If you would like to receive the St. Matthew Newsletter go to [www.stmatthewparish.com](http://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.

## Reflections from my Rocking Chair



Dear friends,

*I yield my column today to the Easter message of Pope Francis. (abridged to accommodate the space allowed)*

*“My brothers and sisters, Jesus is risen from the dead! This message resounds in the church the world over, along with the singing of the Alleluia: Jesus is Lord; the Father has raised him and he lives forever in our midst.*

*“Jesus had foretold his death and resurrection using the image of the grain of wheat. He said:’ Unless a grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it*

*dies, it bears much fruit (John 12:24). This is precisely what happened: Jesus, the grain of wheat sown by God in the furrows of the earth, died, killed by the sin of the world. He remained two days in the tomb; but his death contained God’s love in all its power, released and made manifest on the third day, the day we celebrate the Easter of Christ the Lord.*

*“We Christians believe and know that Christ’s resurrection is the true hope of the world, the hope that does not disappoint. It is the power of the grain of wheat, the power of that love which humbles itself and gives itself to the very end, and thus truly renews the world. This power continues to bear fruit today in the furrows of our history, marked by so many acts of injustice and violence. It bears fruits of hope where there are deprivation and exclusion, hunger and unemployment, where there are migrants and refugees, and victims of the drug trade, human trafficking and contemporary forms of slavery.*

*“Today we implore fruits of peace upon the entire world, beginning with the beloved and long-suffering land of Syria. This Easter, may the light of the risen Christ illumine the consciences of all political and military leaders, so that a swift end may be brought to the carnage and that humanitarian law may be respected and that provisions be made to facilitate access to the aid so urgently needed. We beseech fruits of reconciliation for the Holy Land, also experiencing in these days wounds of ongoing conflict that do not spare the defenseless, for Yemen and for the entire Middle East.*

*[The Holy Father goes on to speak of the sufferings of peoples in South Sudan, in Korea, in the Ukraine and in Venezuela, he concludes...]*

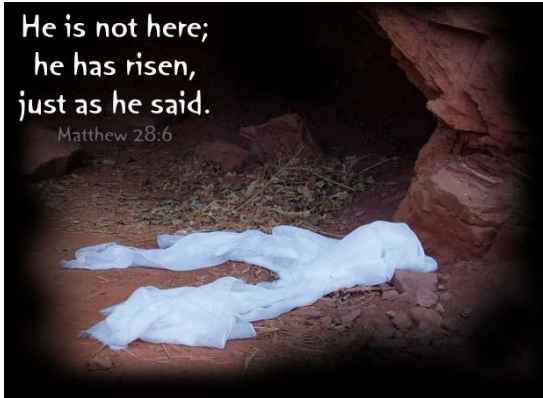
*“May the risen Christ bring fruits of new life to those children, who as a result of wars and hunger grow up without hope, lacking education and healthcare; and to those elderly persons who are cast off by a selfish culture that ostracizes those who are not “productive”. We also implore fruits of wisdom for those who have political responsibilities in our world, that they always respect human dignity, devote themselves actively to the pursuit of the common good and ensure the development and security of their own citizens.*

*“The words heard by the women at the tomb are also addressed to us: “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen” (Luke 24:5 – 6). Death, solitude and fear are not the last word. There is a word that transcends, a word that only God can speak: it is the word of the resurrection. By the power of God’s love, it ‘dispels wickedness, washes faults away, restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners, drives out hatred, fosters concord and brings down the mighty’ (Easter proclamation). Happy Easter to all!” Francis*

**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: **April 10 & May 8, 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).

## FR. TOM HERON'S WEEKLY REFLECTION



*The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith, our hope, our love (#638 CCC). At the heart of our Christian identity is the belief that God has radically changed the universe in the birth, life, passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. Resurrection is the focus of our Easter season, the Great 50 days. Easter is so important that we cannot celebrate it adequately in one day. It takes a week of weeks.*

*The readings today contrast fear and faith. In the Gospel we heard that "the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews." Afraid, cautious, divided, hidden away - what a contrast between how the disciples behave here and what we get from the Acts of the Apostles, "The community of believers were of one heart and one mind ... with power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord." The first Christian community was a church that was alive, active, in touch with the needs of its members. They prayed together, ate together, studied together, sang together, rejoiced together. They were an active church, a celebrating church, a church that believed greatly in fellowship, service, and outreach. No wonder they experienced such phenomenal growth. The motivating force of the early believers to form a community was their lively faith in the resurrected Lord.*

*However, before the disciples' lives were determined by faith, their fears had to be put to rest. Jesus appears to them and reassures them with words of peace and by the warmth of His breath that He is truly alive in body and in spirit. His purpose is not only to reassure them but to send them, encourage them to leave the prison of their fears.*

*What are you most afraid of? Not being loved? We desire to be loved. What a great opportunity we have in the parish to create a community of love. Through prayer, through struggling to understand God's Word, through celebrating the sacraments, through our willingness to serve one another - these are examples of living faith in the power of the resurrected Lord. We need them to be the foundation stones of our lives so that our lives will be full of life and love, full of faith and free of fear. Let us pray at this Eucharist that we may encourage one another to be instruments of forgiveness, examples of peace and witnesses of love in the Risen Lord.*

*Divine mercy means that we are loved in our weakness, our brokenness, our darkness, our sinfulness and once we become aware of God's mercy then we can, with grace and the Holy Spirit, overcome all sinful patterns of living.*