

ST. MATTHEW PARISH

JUNE 3, 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

"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

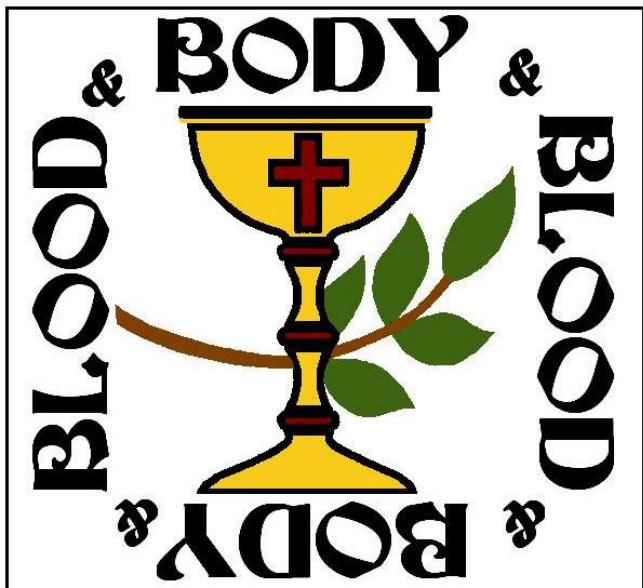
1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD SUNDAYS OF THE
MONTH AFTER 11:30 MASS TO
REGISTER FOR BAPTISM GO TO
WWW.STMATTHEWPARISH.COM

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



CORPUS CHRISTI JUNE 3, 2018

Saturday, June 2

4:30PM Richard Wolfrom(1st Anniversary)
Mary Ann Lewis

Sunday, June 3

7:30AM Mary Ann Yeakel

9:30AM Amy Lynn Smith

11:30AM Mary C. Smerecki &
David Smerecki

Monday, June 4

8:15AM Joseph Speranza
Gertrude & Harvey Keenan

Tuesday, June 5

8:15AM John B. Coonan

Wednesday, June 6

8:15AM Mark Ambler

Thursday, June 7

8:15AM Giuseppe DeFusco

Friday, June 8

8:15AM Stephen Opiela

Saturday, June 9

4:30PM Marie DeSantis
Richard Wolfrom
Angeline Williams

Sunday, June 10

7:30AM Harry Undercoeffler

9:30AM Joseph Sirianni

11:30AM Marie A. Soppick Kelly



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, Baby Noah Marchetti, Roseann Sirianni Lare, Theresa Steinhauer, Gregory Mazzochetti, Minnie Olearsky, Veronica Lilick, Jessie Bonkowski, Marlin McCarthy, Grace McCracken, Joe Lipinski, David Foults, Sr. Debbie Adams, Joe Januzelli, Owen Reichner, Patty Tomczak, Joe Spence, Charles Gehringer, Theresa Wagner, Bishop Joe Cistone, Debbie Beto, Michael O'Callaghan, Charles Kelley, Jeannie McGrath, Renee Marinelli, Tom Moore, Marie Bowman, Monica Farrell, Charlotte Marinari, Francis Van Buskirk

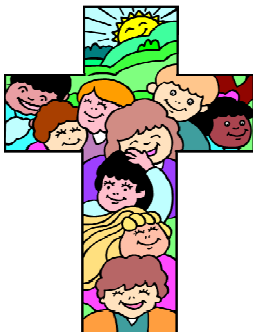


Staff Sgt Daniel Furtak, Lt. Michelle R. McNally, SSKC Terence J. McNally Jr., Sgt. Robert Bonneau, Andrew Midgett, Lt. Col Evah McGinley, The 108th Wing McGuire AFB, Petty Officer George Horning Jr., 1st Lt. Stanley J. Reimer III, SR Brett Pellicciotti, Corporal Thomas Mazzochetti, Robert Catapano U.S. 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

CELEBRANTS MASS SCHEDULE

6/2 4:30 Fr. Heron
6/3 7:30 Msgr. Ricci 9:30 Fr. Ryan 11:30 Msgr. Owens
6/9 4:30 Fr. McKeaney
6/10 7:30 Fr. Ryan 9:30 Fr. Heron 11:30 Msgr. Owens
6/16 4:30 Msgr. Owens
6/17 7:30 Fr. McKeaney 9:30 Fr. Ryan 11:30 Fr. Heron
6/23 4:30 Fr. McKeaney
6/24 7:30 Fr. Heron 9:30 Msgr. Ricci 11:30 Fr. Ryan
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7/1 7:30 Msgr. Ricci 9:30 Msgr. Owens 11:30 Fr. McKeaney

CCD/PREP



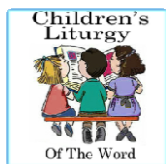
Interested in sharing your faith with our most precious treasure, our children? Volunteer to teach or assist with our Religious Education Program. We meet one hour between the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses Sunday mornings from Sept - March. Consider getting involved with a dedicated staff and a wonderful group of

children. The most important qualification is a love for Jesus and a desire to share it with our young ones.

Contact Mary Kay at 610-828-0424 ext. 6 or mckennamaryk@gmail.com.

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 old 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

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 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. 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

TRASH AT ST. MATTHEW CEMETERY



PLEASE DO NOT DUMP TRASH AT THE CEMETERY – KINDLY TAKE YOUR TRASH WITH YOU. THE ONLY CURE FOR LITTER IS YOU! THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND FOR KEEPING OUR CEMETERIES CLEAN AND FREE FROM TRASH.

The 2019 Mass Book will open in July.

For your convenience, there will be Mass Intention forms in the back of church starting in June. 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.

We are a Stewardship Parish

May 27, 2018 Collections

Offertory.....	\$7,020.00
E-Giving.....	\$2,255.00
R & D.....	\$705.00
Mother's Day Flowers.....	\$5.00
Ascension.....	\$15.00
Candles.....	\$90.00
Total.....	\$10,090.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Upcoming 2nd Collections:
Peter's Pence – June 23rd & 24th



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

www.parishgiving.org or

www.stmatthewparish.com

Philadelphia Catholic Mamas Group - open to all mothers in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia of all backgrounds and ages who seek fellowship and community with one another through weekly prayer meetups, monthly city-based activities, pro-life ministry, and retreats. For more information about upcoming events check out <https://www.facebook.com/philacatholicmamas/> or e-mail Gosia Sanchez at philadelphiacatholicmamas@gmail.com

**Prepare for next Sunday
10th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Genesis 3: 9 -15 || Corinthians 4:13 – 3:20-35 – 35 Mark 3 20 – 35

The first woman, Eve, stands before God making excuses for why she gave fruit from the forbidden tree to Adam: "The serpent tricked me into it." The new Eve stands outside the place. Mary's very presence is a kind of parable. Moved by the obedience of the Mother of God, the Son of God proclaims; "Who is my mother? Whoever does the will of God." Such obedience ultimately drives out Satan.



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 June 5 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



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, **June 12** 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 June meeting will take place on **June 20th**, in the Parish Community Center [at 12:30pm](#). We will have a short business meeting, and lunch (\$5).

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND! Any question or concerns, please call Kitty McNally @ 610-825-9291 or Pat Hanna @ 610-272-3610.

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: **June 12 & July 10.** 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).



All are invited to the 3rd Annual Polka Fest at the TK Club at 521 East Hector Street in Conshohocken on **Sunday June 24th** 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. We would appreciate if people could buy their tickets by Wednesday June 13th, so we can purchase the correct amount of food. For tickets, please email stmaryconshy@gmail.com or call Dorothy Swedkowski at 610-630-0861.

Philadelphia Catholic Scholars Program for Young Men

The Philadelphia Catholic Scholars Program is a residential, college-accredited summer program at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, offering young men in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia a robust introduction to the great intellectual and spiritual heritage of the Church. The PCSP combines rigorous study with a robust participation in the prayer life of the Church – as well as weekend cultural excursions to the art museum and the Cathedral. The PCSP's inaugural session takes place July 10-20, 2018. Young men entering their junior or senior year of high school are invited to apply. More information and application details can be found at: <https://philadelphiacatholicscholars.org/>



Reflections from my Rocking Chair

Dear friends,

I recently attended a symposium at St. Charles Seminary in conjunction with World Communication Day. A three-person panel presented reactions to Pope Francis' annual message, this year entitled "Fake News and Journalism for Peace".

In that document the Pope offers this prayer:

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Help us to recognize the evil latent in a communication that does not build

communion.

Help us to remove the venom from our judgments.

Help us to speak about others as our brothers and sisters.

You are faithful and trustworthy; may our words be seeds of goodness for the world:

where there is shouting, let us practice listening;

where there is confusion, let us inspire harmony;

where there is ambiguity, let us bring clarity;

where there is exclusion, let us offer solidarity;

where there is sensationalism, let us use sobriety;

where there is superficiality, let us raise real questions;

where there is prejudice, let us awaken trust;

where there is hostility, let us bring respect;

where there is falsehood, let us bring truth.

Amen.

At first, we might hope that our public discourse among political leaders, journalists and news outlets (may I hope also in social media), give evidence of the virtues prayed for above. But...a further insight ... I also hope that these same virtues mark our communication with one another in whatever circumstance we find ourselves.

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

Survey Results

This past March we participated in a national survey called the Disciple Maker Index. The purpose of the survey was to reveal through the answers of parishioners what we could do to enhance and uplift the faith life of our parish. We received the results the beginning of May. Our report indicated that a total of 125 parishioners participated in the survey, which admittedly is a small sampling.

May 7, we attended a session to interpret the results and form an action plan for the future. We were able to identify two strengths and two opportunities for growth. From the answers received we are strong in Community and Spiritual Growth providing opportunities to gather together and celebrate feasts with food and music. Through parish retreats, and liturgies as the May Crowning and Pentecost procession we model the deep truths of our faith.

We believe our opportunities reveal a growing population of young parents so a need for family catechesis is emerging. Another area of expansion and outreach is with our Young Adults. Adult Faith Formation has presented itself to encourage their role in evangelization.



ATTENTION

THE SENIOR CITIZENS ARE GOING TO SEE THE READING "FIGHT'N PHILLIES" ON **TUESDAY, JULY 31, 2018**, ALL ARE INVITED! THE COST IS \$42.00 PER PERSON AND INCLUDES GAME TICKET AND BUS TRANSPORTATION. A BUFFET (HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS, BARBECUED SANDWICHES, VEGETABLE LASAGNA, MAC'N CHEESE, BARBECUED RIBS, POTATO SALAD, PASTA SALAD AND FRUIT.) THE BUS LEAVES THE CHURCH AT 5:45PM AND RETURNS AT APPROXIMATELY 9:30/10:00 PM. IF INTERESTED CONTACT **DAVE MINNICK, 610-825-3899** FOR ANY QUESTIONS OR TO SIGN UP.

Fr. Heron's Weekly Reflection



"Accept from the holy people of God the gifts to be offered to Him. Know what you are doing and imitate the mystery you celebrate: model your life on the mystery of the Lord's cross." (Priesthood Ordination Rite- presentation of paten and chalice)

We are all familiar with Mark Twain's *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. One part of the story relates how Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn agreed with each other that they would not tell anybody about the murder they had just witnessed. What is interesting, in the light of the readings for today's celebration, is that to seal their agreement Tom and Huck needed more than a hand shake. So Tom wrote down their oath of silence and they both signed it in blood.

Signing an agreement in blood is an idea that goes back a long way in history and deep into human culture. Moses splashed blood on the altar and sprinkled blood on the Jewish people. This action had profound meaning. It signified the ratification of God's covenant with the Israelites after they had given their verbal assent to God's commandments. Blood has always been a symbol of life. Moses' ritual represented not only the solemn covenant between God and the people but also the sharing of life between them. In the New Covenant Jesus offers His body for us and pours out His blood for us- thereby sharing His divine life with all who would believe in Him. At the Last Supper Jesus told His disciples to remember Him whenever they would gather to **"to break bread and drink the cup."** But Jesus didn't mean to remember Him in the sense of thinking about Him like we sometimes think of the olden days.

In Sacred Scripture **"to remember"** is a holy act. It means to make events or happenings from the past come alive now. What events or happenings? All that Jesus did by way of example for us: helping the poor, healing the sick, forgiving the sinner, reaching out to the outcast. Whenever we come together as Christians for the Eucharist, our faith tells us, assures us, that what we share is the Body and Blood of Jesus Himself. We also share who we are for one another, that we are to be sustenance and support for one another.

We do not become a Christian community by sliding into a pew. Rather, we become a Christian community by welcoming others, by reaching out beyond ourselves to stand in solidarity with the poor and the outcast, by encouraging the diversity within our community.

There are many kinds of hungers: physical, emotional, spiritual. Let's commit ourselves to take time this week to reflect first on how Jesus has satisfied our hungers by giving us His Body and Blood as food for our journey to heaven. Let us also commit ourselves to satisfy the hungers of those around us by responding the first time someone calls, by praying for a friend and for an enemy, by writing the letter we so long avoided, by volunteering our time at a school, a hospital, a soup kitchen, by mentoring a child, by meeting a person we have avoided. Yes, let's work at it and discover new ways to feed others in our community. Only then will we be acting as eucharistic people joined in a covenant sealed by the Blood of Christ. By doing this we make Christ's Body and Blood a most intimate part of ourselves. We become one with Christ and we become one with each other, truly the Body and Blood of Christ, **Corpus Christi**.