

ST. MATTHEW PARISH

DECEMBER 16, 2018



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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."

PARISH STAFF
REV. J. THOMAS HERON
PASTOR
REV. GASPER GENUARDI
PASTOR EMERITUS
REV. MSGR. ROBERT
GRUDOWSKI
PASTOR EMERITUS
MSGR. THOMAS OWENS
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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

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 A WEDDING

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

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



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 15
4:30PM Nancy Clemens & Scott Hartman
Genevieve Bowe Russell

Sunday, December 16
7:30AM Emma Volpe
9:30AM Anthony & Louise Zinni
Peter G. Orler 1st Anniv
11:30AM Samantha Hobson
Mary Catherine Smerecki

Monday, December 17
8:15AM Harvey Borzelleca

Tuesday, December 18
8:15AM Robert Kolkka

Wednesday, December 19
8:15AM James Connell

Thursday, December 20
8:15AM Lorraine Tallan

Friday, December 21
8:15AM Helen Dulin

Saturday, December 22
4:30PM Dennis McGuire
(50th Anniversary)
James DiSante

Sunday, December 23
7:30AM James M. Williams
9:30AM John J. Williams Sr.
11:30AM Mary C. Smerecki

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

NANCY DONOVAN
NICHOLAS MANCINI

PRAY FOR THE SICK



David Talone, JoAnn LaSorsa, Marie Carney, Greg Atkinson, Msgr. Robert Grudowski, Anthony Bonanno, Theresa Lenczewski, Luke Birkhead, Erik Kozlowski, Marlene Salkowski, 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, Baby Noah Marchetti, Theresa Steinhauer, Gregory Mazzochetti, Minnie Olearsky, Veronica Lilick, Jessie Bonkowski, Marlin McCarthy, Joe Lipinski, David Foults, Joe Januzelli, Owen Reichner, Patty Tomczak, Joe Spence, Charles Gehringer, Theresa Wagner, Michael O'Callaghan, Charles Kelley, Jeannie McGrath, Renee Marinelli, Tom Moore, Monica Farrell, Charlotte Marinari, Joan Dobry McCormick, Mary Hannoun, Estelle Budzilowicz, Margaret Palmer, Joseph & Florence Camaioni, Chris Moyer, Nick Donnelly, Edward Spurgeon, Peg Waszena, Louisa Sutera, Alex Petrolati, Lorraine Price, Eleanor Matsko, Karla Daley

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, Sgt. 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, Brenden Torphy

CELEBRANTS MASS SCHEDULE

12/15 4:30 Msgr. Owens
 12/16 7:30 Msgr. Ricci 9:30 Fr. Ryan 11:30 Fr. McKeaney
 12/22 4:30 Fr. Heron
 12/23 7:30 Msgr. Owens 9:30 Fr. McKeaney 11:30 Msgr. Ricci
 12/29 4:30 Fr. McKeaney
 12/30 7:30 Msgr. Ricci 9:30 Msgr. Owens 11:30 Fr. Heron

CCD/PREP



FAMILIES OF ST MATTHEW PARISH

THE CHILDREN OF THE PARISH ARE

INVITED TO LEAD ...AN ADVENT TREE LIGHTING SERVICE, SATURDAY DECEMBER 22 at the closing of 4:30PM Mass.

ALL FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE.

ALL the Children of the parish, from the tiniest to the tallest will present the true meaning of Christmas....and wish for the whitest and brightest Christmas by blessing and lighting the Nativity and the Tree on Fayette Street. (All Candidates preparing for First Eucharist, First Reconciliation and Confirmation should attend the Advent Tree Lighting Service.)



Feast of the Holy Family
Sunday, **December 30th** is the Feast of the Holy Family. Fr. Heron will baptize Joelle Anne during the 11:30 AM Mass to celebrate Holy Family Sunday.



Holy Rosary Review

Advent has been a beautiful celebration for us at Holy Rosary. Outside the main office is a magnificent wooden backdrop depicting that first Christmas. It was skillfully painted by an eighth grade class several years ago. Our talented maintenance supervisor, Tony Mashaintonio, built a rustic replica of that first manger. Beautiful red and white poinsettias flank this crib. In preparation of Christmas Day, our children have been enthusiastically performing good deeds. For each kind act, an eager child places one piece of hay into the manger. Our goal is to fill the crib so that Baby Jesus has a comfortable place to lay on December 25th. The little ones are skipping down the hall to share the news of their good deeds and place their piece of hay into the manger. The older students are not skipping but they too are placing their hay in the crib. This activity is a visual reminder of what Advent is about. The hopeful eyes and loving hearts of our students remind all of us what our own hearts should feel like. How is your Advent going?

Friday, January 18, 2019 March For Life

The annual March For Life in Washington, D.C. is scheduled for Friday, January 18, 2019. Epiphany of Our Lord Parish will be providing a bus for transportation. To reserve your seat or if you have questions, please contact Bernie Toth at (610) 279-2788.



Confirmation: March 30, 2019 11am (Saturday) (Grade 7 only this year)

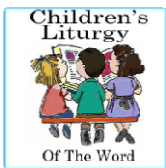


First Reconciliation (Penance) March 11, 2019 6:30pm (Monday)



First Holy Communion April 28 and May 5 at the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses

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.**



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

**We are a Stewardship Parish
December 9, 2018**

Offertory.....	\$8,865.00
E-Giving.....	\$1,973.00
R & D.....	\$401.00
Holy Day.....	\$1,571.00
Christmas&Flowers.....	\$1,040.00
Total.....	\$13,850.00

Thank you for your generosity!

To contact St. Mary Quasi Parish Father Gismondi – St.marylatinmass@gmail.com



The 2019 Calendars are available in the back of the Church. Please take one home with you. Thanks!



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 January 8 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, **January 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. 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: **January 8 & February 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'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. We are having a **Young Adult Christmas Card writing and Advent Social on December 18th** To sign up for this event contact Erin Garrett at erin.garret@gmail.com or join the St. Matthew Conshohocken Young Adults Facebook group. If you have any questions, please contact Tony Moral at tony.moral2@gmail.com



Block Collection and Parish Census

The Annual Block Collection has been mailed. The Collection is an integral part of our commitment to God and our Parish which is accomplished through Stewardship. The Census allows you to tell the Parish about your family, what changes may have taken place and update the records of the Parish. Many, Many thanks to our parishioners who have generously contributed to this appeal and continue to contribute through the year to this annual appeal. The total amount to date is **\$43,031.00.**



TRASH AT ST. MATTHEW CEMETERY

Please do not dump trash at the cemeteries. Kindly take your trash with you. We appreciate your undivided attention to this matter.



ST MATTHEW SENIOR GROUP

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, **December 19th at 12pm.** We are having our Christmas pot luck luncheon. Also, a white elephant! For anyone not familiar with our gift exchange or you would like to add an appetizer, entree or dessert to the menu, please call Kitty McNally 610-825-9291 or Pat Hanna 610-272-3610.

ST. MATTHEW
SPAGHETTI DINNER
SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2019
5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.
IN THE PARISH CENTER HALL
BYOB

PRICE – \$12.00 - ADULTS

CHILDREN 4 to 12 - \$6.00

Under 4 Free

Call Helene at the Parish Center to order tickets.

Or email hclegg100@aol.com

(610-828-0424)

Please put your payment in an envelope marked Spaghetti Dinner along with your name in the Collection Basket or bring it to the parish center.



2019 Charity Eyeglasses Drive

(Save your old eye glasses for the January Drive)

We are a club called Teen Vision that consists of high school and middle school students who live in the surrounding communities. We are running a Charity Eyeglasses Drive to collect used eyeglasses (children and adults). We will distribute the eyeglasses to children and adults in need who live in nearby communities and also in foreign countries such as Liberia in Africa. Our **green collection** bin will be in the back of Church **starting January 1st the drive will run to January 31st**. Thank you for all of your support! For more information please contact eyeglassesdrive@gmail.com.



Walking with Purpose Bible Study for Women

"BEHOLDING HIS GLORY - Christ revealed in the Old Testament" Two sessions Wednesday evenings and Friday mornings,

starting the week of January 30th/February 1st for 9 weeks. If you are interested in joining this year, please contact JudyK at JAKukowski@verizon.net or 610-331-2147. Information on WWP can also be found on their website: <https://walkingwithpurpose.com/>

Comparison Report

The Finance Council wishes to bring this information to your attention, comments and suggestions are welcome.

<u>Offering report 2017</u>		<u>Offering report 2018</u>		<u>Difference</u>
July	\$ 43,983.85	July	\$ 42,362.24	-\$ 1,621.61
August	\$ 57,303.68	August	\$ 43,939.04	-\$ 13,364.64
September	\$ 50,244.65	September	\$ 40,502.47	-\$ 9,742.18
October	\$ 55,522.69	October	\$ 51,061.08	-\$ 4,461.61
November	\$ 52,600.08	November	\$ 42,451.00	-\$ 10,148.08
Total	\$ 269,654.95	Total	\$220,315.83	-\$ 49,339.12

Block Collection 2017- 2018 \$ 41,887.00 (September 2017 – January 2018)

Block Collection 2018 -2019 \$ 42,061.00 (Donation total as of 11-27-2018)



Advent Penance Service, Monday, December 17 at 7PM

Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24

4:00 PM – Church – Fr. Heron

4:00 PM – Hall – Fr. McKeaney

7:00PM – Church – Msgr. Owens

Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25

7:30 AM – Fr. McKeaney

9:30 AM – Msgr. Ricci

11:30 AM – Msgr. Owens