

ST. MATTHEW PARISH

DECEMBER 9, 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 A WEDDING

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

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



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 8
8:15AM St. Matthew Parishioners
4:30PM Martin Brady
Jane Graham

Sunday, December 9
7:30AM Cathy Palmer
9:30AM Richard Wolfrom
11:30AM Edward Szaetek

Monday, December 10
8:15AM Warren & Esther Patterson

Tuesday, December 11
8:15AM Roseanne Bilardo

Wednesday, December 12
8:15AM Mary & Michael Foley
Maureen Foley Helwig

Thursday, December 13
8:15AM John Baranowski
Michael A. Masciantonio

Friday, December 14
8:15AM Rosalia Schlueter

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

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

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

MARYANN MARCHESE

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 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, 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 Sutura, 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

12/8 4:30 Msgr. Ricci
 12/9 7:30 Fr. Heron 9:30 Fr. McKeany 11:30 Msgr. Owens
 12/15 4:30 Msgr. Owens
 12/16 7:30 Msgr. Ricci 9:30 Fr. Ryan 11:30 Fr. McKeany
 12/22 4:30 Fr. Heron
 12/23 7:30 Msgr. Owens 9:30 Fr. McKeany 11:30 Msgr. Ricci
 12/29 4:30 Fr. McKeany
 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.)



Tuesday, January 1, 2019, 12 Midnight
Event: Midnight Mass for New Year's and the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God (holy day of obligation)

The Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul invites you to celebrate the New Year and the feast of Our Lady at Midnight Mass. This Solemn Mass will take place in the Cathedral Chapel.

Location: Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia

Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 7pm
Event: St. Genevieve Parish Pro-Life Lecture

The pro-life community rightfully focuses on Roe v. Wade. But whether Roe is reversed or not, our pro-life goal won't be achieved unless we convert the culture, the work primarily of the laity. The lecture will focus on the role of the laity & offer suggestions on the ways we can best work to convert the culture, especially on life issues.

Speaker: Marie Joseph, Founding Executive Director of Legacy of Life Foundation & Women's Crisis Pregnancy Centers.

Location: St. Genevieve Parish Church, 1225 Bethlehem Pike, Flourtown, PA 19031

To Learn More Contact: St. Genevieve Rectory-215-836-2828 or rectory@stgensparish.com.

Christmas Concert

St. Helena Church in Blue Bell would like to invite St. Matthew parishioners to our Christmas Concert "Christmas Songs to Remember, Honor, and Celebrate" on Sunday, **December 16, 2018** at 4 PM in St. Helena Church at 1489 DeKalb Pike. The concert is free. A free will offering will be graciously accepted. There will be a dinner following in the Empress Room at a cost of \$15.00. Any question, please feel free to call Theresa Smith at 215-646-7636 or email theresacsmith@verizon.net



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



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

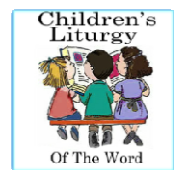


First Reconciliation (Penance) March 11, 2019 6:30pm (Monday)



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.**

**We are a Stewardship Parish
 December 2, 2018**

Offertory.....	\$9,863.00
E-Giving.....	\$2,858.00
R & D.....	\$510.00
Holy Day.....	\$15.00
Religious Retirement.....	\$2,061.00
Christmas&Flowers.....	\$511.00
Total.....	\$15,818.00

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 **\$42,881.00.**



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.



Holy Rosary Review

Welcome St. Matthew's in Conshohocken to our Holy Rosary Regional Catholic School Bulletin update. Each week we will share some anecdotes about life at Holy Rosary. This past week we completed our Stockings for Soldiers project. With the help of our always generous families, Lowes, the Plymouth Police Department, the Epiphany of Our Lord Religious Education Program, and a few anonymous donors, we were able to prepare 500 stockings for shipping overseas! Our stockings were filled with candy, granola and power bars, beef jerky, sunflower seeds and several other goodies. Additionally, our students created handmade cards for each stocking. These cards were embellished by crayons, markers and lots of glitter. They were truly festive masterpieces with beautiful, heartfelt messages written by the children. The stocking stuffing party held after school would have made Henry Ford proud. The assembly line of children packing the stockings ran very efficiently. With only five adults overseeing the operation, our middle school students completed this task in only an hour and a half. I believe the soldiers themselves would have been equally proud of our students' efforts. Next year we will shoot for 1,000 stockings for the soldiers!

HOLY ROSARY REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION 2019-2020

Monday, January 14, 2019 8:00-10:00 AM

Wednesday, January 16, 2019 5:00-7:00 PM

Thursday, January 17, 2019 1:00-3:00 PM

* Child must be at least age 4 by 9/1/2019 to register for Pre-K.

Child must be at least age 5 by 9/1/2019 to register for Kindergarten.

Child must be at least age 6 by 9/1/2019 to register for Grade 1.

To complete the application process, the parent/guardian will need to provide copies of the following: Birth Certificate Certificate of Baptism. If your child has received additional sacraments, we must have their complete dates Immunization Record. K-8 Registration Fee – \$100 per student (nonrefundable); Pre-K4 Registration Fee - \$100 per student (nonrefundable - includes supplies and snacks for the year) Letter of subsidy payment from your pastor, if applicable. Custody Papers, if applicable. If your child has an IEP, please submit the Evaluation Report and most recent IEP. If you have any questions regarding registration, please feel free to email Beth Sheldon at bsheldon@holyroaryregional.com or by phone at 610-825-0160. Thank you.

Host an exchange student and learn about the world! AFS is looking for wonderful host families willing to open their homes and hearts to an outstanding teenager. As a current AFS volunteer, I know how this experience will be rewarding for the student and your whole family. AFS is a non-profit organization supported by volunteers who work towards the mission of making our world more peaceful through promoting cultural understanding through exchange. If you would like to host a student, please visit www.afsusa.org/host or email jgreenwell@afsusa.org.

Senior Holiday Luncheon

Wednesday, **December 12th** 12:00 p.m.

Conshohocken Community Center at the Fel

Enjoy a delicious meal while spending time with community members and friends!

FREE Admission. Compliments of Borough Council

To register, please call the Community Center at the Fel at 610-828-3266.

Wigilia Advent Social - St. Mary's Hall (at the corner of Elm and Oak Streets in Conshohocken) Sunday



December 16 at 12:30 pm (following the 11 am Mass). This event is co-sponsored by St. Mary's Quasi-Parish and St. Mary Polish American Society and will feature some of the traditional foods enjoyed at a Polish Christmas Eve Wigilia. There will also be a basket raffle, blessed opłatki wafers available to take home, and pre-ordered babka and pierogi available for pick-up. Admission is \$15 and \$6 for children 18 or under. Family rate of \$45.00 for larger families (parents & children). Pre-ordered cinnamon and cheese babka are available for \$15 each and frozen potato pierogi are available for \$9 a dozen. To purchase tickets for the Wigilia Advent Social and order babkas and pierogi, please email stmaryconshy@gmail.com or call Dorothy Swedkowski at 610-630-0861.

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.

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