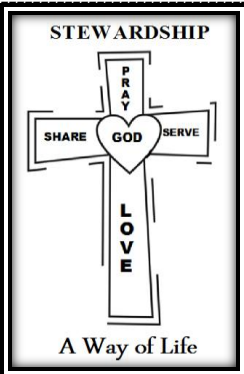


**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
APRIL 7, 2019**



GOSPEL REFLECTION: This entire scene is a conspiratorial “set-up” to trap Jesus. Jewish law dictated that adultery was to be punished by death for both parties. However, the Roman occupation had forbidden the Jewish authorities to carry out the death penalty. By bringing the woman to Jesus they sought to place him in a no-win situation. If he upheld the Jewish law and ordered the death penalty, then he was flaunting Roman law. If he did not uphold the law then he could be branded as a false teacher. They thought it was a perfect trap! // But where is the man with whom the woman was committing adultery? When he is not also brought forward for judgment as any legitimate accusation would demand, Jesus senses the trap being set for him. He realizes that those accusing the woman must have somehow been involved in setting her up so that she could be “caught committing adultery.” In Jewish law, accessories to a crime were equally guilty and subject to the same penalty. When Jesus says to the gathering, “If there is one of you who has not sinned ...,” he’s letting them know that he’s aware of their part in this crime and what judgment is due them also! If they persist with their accusation, they’ll also be tried as accessories! So they quietly walk away. // Jesus’ words to the woman sum up his message throughout the gospel: “Neither do I condemn you, go away, and don’t sin any more.” As with others in the gospels, Jesus recognizes that the woman has indeed sinned, but he does not condemn her for it. By telling her not to sin any more he is calling her to conversion. He is saying, yes, you’ve made mistakes, but you can do better and I’m challenging you to try.



“For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ...” (Philippians 3:8) The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts, our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and

our treasure to support Church needs helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for our own honor. Last Week You contributed: Sunday: \$2,706.50; (Attendance: 291 Parishioners). Thanks! Expenses: \$4,992.76 (Salaries, Utilities, Oil, Propane, Insurance, Equip. Contracts). **Please pray that all Parishioners will attend Mass regularly and receive the Sacraments weekly!**

**ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST PARISH
MINERSVILLE, PA**

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SAINT MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST WELCOMES ALL

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church; no matter what your current family or marital situation; no matter what your past or present religious affiliation; no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, ethnicity, etc.; you are Invited, Welcomed, Accepted, Loved and Respected at Saint Matthew the Evangelist Parish!

SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR: Sr. Meg Cole (610-332-0442 x2019)

VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR: Wendy S. Krisak (Direct:1-800-791-9209)

WEEKDAY MASS AT 8:00 AM (unless indicated otherwise)

- MON – Intentions of Anne and Bill Shlesinger by Alicia Poslosky
- TUE – For the graces necessary for salvation for all future generations
- WED – For the Canonization of Fr. Walter Cizek by Alicia Poslosky
- THU – Joseph Romanko (1st Annv) and Elaine by Katherine Chelak
- FRI – Julia Malec by Family
- SAT – 4:00 PM – George Pytko by Son, George and Daughter, Joanne
- SUN – 8:30 AM – Tim Stine (Birthday) by Family
10:30 AM – Living and Deceased Parishioners

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: May Jesus, who suffered and died on the cross, take unto Himself: **CHRISTA GRAEFF**, a former member of St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish, and a member of our parish family, who died Saturday, March 30, and whose funeral mass was at our Church Thursday, April 4. May Mary, Mother of Divine Mercy, comfort Christa’s family and friends.

THE WEEKLY CALENDAR: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, APRIL 7 – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

8:00 AM and 10:15 AM. Make Confession a part of your Lenten devotions!

COMMUNITY CONFESSIONS: 3:30 PM, St. Matthew the Evangelist Church. Prepare spiritually for Easter by making a good Confession! Four Priests available.

FAMILY PRAYER CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS (FPC): Jesus told us to ask the Harvest Master to send laborers into his harvest. May the prayers of our participating families bear fruit. **ROSE KUEHN** will host the FPC for vocations this week. Please sign up in the Church vestibule.

LENTEN CHARITIES: 1) ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY: Your donation of **ALL TYPES OF CANNED MEATS** will allow the **SVDP Society** to aid the needy of our area. Volunteer to help our **SVDP Society Outreach and God’s Bountiful Table**. Call Edward Butler at 570-544-2739 to volunteer. **2) CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RICE BOWL: ENCOUNTER ONA** – We encounter Ona in Gaza, where despite lack of economic opportunity, people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. How do your daily choices impact others throughout the world? How can your choices support the dignity of workers? Visit csrricebowl.org for more. Our Parish’s **CRSRB contribution: Fourth Sunday of Lent: \$621.50.** **3) MARY’S SHELTER BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN:** All bottles were taken and are due by April 28, Divine Mercy Sunday. Proceeds benefit pregnant, homeless young women and their children at **Mary’s Shelter, Reading and Bethlehem. THANKS FOR CARING ABOUT MOTHERS IN NEED!** **4) SISTERS’ LENTEN GIVING TREE:** Thanks for taking all the crosses. Please return the suggested items for the benefit of retired women religious who have given their lives to God in service to His church. **RETURNS DUE PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14.**

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: Stoning is not just an ancient act of violence. Each day in our homes we throw stones of ridicule, criticism, name calling and put-downs. All of it is deadly. Hear Jesus in today’s gospel: “Whoever is without sin can throw the first stone.” Rid your home of violence. Stop verbal stoning!

PRO-LIFE REFLECTION: As people faithful to God, many of us see abortion as a religious issue. It is, however, primarily a civil rights issue. Our constitution guarantees the “right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.” It does not exclude the unborn. Join pro-life now!

LENTEN VOTIVES: (1) SANCTUARY: Intentions of Adele Grabusky (100th Birthday) by Daughter, Mary. (Sanctuary Vigil open dates: June 30, July 7, 28, August 4, 11, 18, 25, September 1, 8, 15, 29, October 6, November 24, December 8) **(2) ALTARS: BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:** Special Intention by Stan and Sally Gober; IMO Donald and Aldona Butler by Edward; IMO Julia Malec by Family; IMO Stanley Graf, Sr. by Barbara, Mary Beth, Evelyn and Maureen. **DIVINE MERCY:** IMO Chrissy Graeff by John, Megan and Zayn; IMO Chrissy Graeff by Tom, Krista, Maegan and Matthew Stewart; IMO Chrissy Graeff by Barb and Dave Sincavage; IMO Chrissy Graeff by Millie Magic. **(3) BEFORE: ST. JOSEPH:** Special Intention. **ST. FRANCIS:** Special Intention. **ST. ANNE:** IMO Thomas and Leona Donlen by Family. **REREDOS NICHE:** Special Intention. Call 570-544-2211 to memorialize votives.

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST HAM BINGO: 1:00 PM, Good Shepherd Building Cafeteria. Admission \$5.00. 20 games, specials and raffles! Food and beverages will be available. Donations of desserts/ baked goods would be appreciated! Thank you for helping our parish! See you and your family!

ASSUMPTION BVM SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Registrations and tours for grades Pre-K to 8 can be done at any time by calling 570-622-0106.

YOU ARE NEEDED: Holy Week begins this coming weekend. There are special services on Palm Sunday (Vigil), Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday. Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Cantors, Servers, and Procession Participants will be needed! These solemn services can only be celebrated fittingly with your involvement! Your help is respectfully asked and truthfully needed! Please help when your assistance is sincerely requested! THANK YOU!

MONDAY, APRIL 8 – BIBLE STUDY CLASS: 2:00 PM, Parish Center. Discussing Liturgy for Palm Sunday, April 14. All are welcome! Call Arlene (570-385-0248) for more information.

CONFIRMATION INTERVIEWS: Parents of our candidates, please call the Rectory (570-544-2211) ASAP!

2019 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL KICK-OFF: 6:00 PM Mass celebrated by Bishop Alfred A. Schlert, St. Ambrose Church. Light fare and refreshments served after Mass. All parishioners are invited to attend! RSVP by e-mail to baa@allentowndiocese.org or call 800-831-4443. Thank you for all you do for our Diocesan Bishop's Annual Appeal!

TUESDAY, APRIL 9 – ST. MATTHEW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM: 1) 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM, Good Shepherd Building 2) Parents, remember to bring your children to Mass; take them to Confession! 3) Mass attendance cards are in the Church Vestibule. 4) Our Coordinator of Religious Education is Miss Novack (570-544-2211).

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 – LENTEN DEVOTIONS: 1) EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR AND CONFESSIONS FOLLOWED BY STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND BENEDICTION: Exposition and Confessions begin at 4:00 PM. Stations of the Cross at 6:00 PM. Do something for God this Lent: Spend some time with your Eucharistic Lord!

GOD'S BOUNTIFUL TABLE: 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM, Fr. Anthony J. Ricipito Annex (570-544-6484).

LUNCH AND LEARN SERIES: 12:00 Noon, Luther Ridge, Pottsville. Speaker: Eileen Barlow, Schuylkill County Ombudsman. Topic: Elder Care and Elder Abuse. Call Stacie (570-621-7200) to RSVP.

"HEALING OUR CHURCH" DISCUSSION GROUP: At Bishop Schlert's request, Diocesan Parishes have been conducting small group discussions to prayerfully reflect on Scripture, the abuse crisis, and our journey forward as true followers of Christ. In keeping with this goal, our Parish and St. Michael the Archangel Parish continue to recruit parishioners to attend these discussions. They will be held in St. Michael the Archangel Parish Meeting Room: **Today, 6:30 PM and Wednesday, April 17, 6:30 PM.** You are welcome to attend the remaining sessions. Become a part of our discussion group. Bring a friend. **Call Sister Catherine Therese (570-544-4741).**

THURSDAY, APRIL 11 – "SOUNDS OF THE SPIRIT" CONTEMPORARY CHOIR REHEARSAL: Call Greg (570-544-2355) to join.

MONTHLY ROSARY: 6:15 PM in our Church. Rosary is second Thursday of each month. Please join us!

FRIDAY, APRIL 12 – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 7:45 AM. Prepare spiritually for Easter by making a good Confession!

DAY OF ABSTINENCE: All who are 14 years old and older are bound to abstain totally from eating meat today.

HEART OF A PRIEST: RELIC PILGRIMAGE OF SAINT JOHN VIANNEY'S INCORRUPT HEART: St. Clare of Assisi Church.

12:00 Noon, Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert, Bishop of Allentown; 1:30 PM, Novena to St. John Vianney and Veneration of the Relic every half-hour; 5:45 PM, Recitation of the Rosary, praying for priests through St. John Vianney's intercession, with Rev. Adam C. Sedar, Secretary for Clergy; 6:00 PM, Stations of the Cross with Rev. Msgr. David L. James, Vicar General; 7:00 PM, Solemn Vespers with Bishop Schlert. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Everyone is invited to attend!

SATURDAY, APRIL 13 – HOLY WEEK: The Church Year's Holiest Week begins with our main Palm Sunday Liturgy and Procession at 4:00 PM today. Please make time to attend this Mass and all the major Liturgies of Holy Week and Easter. Show your love for God by your attendance! Pastoral Note: **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 3:00 PM.**

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD, APRIL 14 – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM.

THE FAMILY PRAYER CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS (FPC): VINCE AND DARLA FABIANI will host the FPC this week. Call 570-399-5056 or the Rectory (570-544-2211). Please sign up in the Church vestibule.

ST. MATTHEW'S TRAVELERS' CAPE COD BUS TRIP MEETING: 1:30 PM in our Church.

SECOND COLLECTION: (1) INSURANCE: Your contribution will help us pay the insurance premiums for our Parish Buildings. (2)

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES' RICE BOWL: Please place your Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowl envelope in the Second Collection all Lenten Sundays including Easter Sunday. All other Parish and Diocesan envelopes should be placed in the First Collection. Thank you!

(3) Please help your parish by catching up with any missed envelopes. **THANK YOU!**

MINISTERS AT MASS FOR PALM SUNDAY

	<u>OFF. PROC.</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>
SAT 4:00 PM	Pytko Family	Michael Novack Al Boris	Alicia Poslosky	Eades Family
SUN 8:30 AM	Stine Family	Abigail Adams Elaine Stine	Sr. Mary Jane Dunleavy	Eric Andruchek Jordan Berdanier Kaitlyn Koury
10:30 AM	Parishioners	Sharon Kolenick Theresa Kroznuski	Jason Clark	Nolan Plesnarski

COMING EVENTS: PLEASE BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

APRIL 16 – ALZHEIMER'S CARE GIVER SUPPORT GROUP: 6:00 PM, Providence Place, Pottsville. Program is free. Light refreshments served. Contact Ashley Vigoda (570-628-6950), Program Director, for more information.

APRIL 17 – HOMEMADE EASTER KIELBASA SALE: \$8.00 per 2 pound frozen link. Call the Rectory (570-544-2211) ASAP to order. PICK-UP IS 4:00 PM TO 6:00 PM TODAY IN THE PARISH CENTER! Date and time, tentative!

APRIL 24 – GOD'S BOUNTIFUL TABLE: Every other Wednesday, the Parish St. Vincent De Paul Society prepares and serves a walk-in meal from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM at the Fr. Anthony J. Ricipito Annex for those who are in need. **Delivered meals are also available for people with disabilities.** For additional information call Edward Butler (570-544-2739) or the Annex (570-544-6484) every other Wednesday.

APRIL 25 – CONFIRMATION: Bishop Alfred A. Schlert will administer Confirmation to the Candidates of the Parishes of Most Blessed Trinity, Tremont, St. Matthew the Evangelist and St. Michael the Archangel, Minersville at 4:30 PM in our Church.

MAY 9 – MONTHLY ROSARY: 6:15 PM in our Church. Rosary is second Thursday of each month. Please join us!

ST. MATTHEW'S TRAVELERS' ADVENTURES! YOUR PAYMENT IS YOUR RESERVATION! JULIE(570-544-5231), MILLIE(570-628-5413).

APRIL 15, MAY 6, JUNE 17, JULY 15, AUGUST 19, SEPTEMBER 16, OCTOBER 21, NOVEMBER 18, DECEMBER 9 – MOHEGAN SUN CASINO: Cost \$25; Rebate \$30. Leaves Minersville Quandel's 8:30 AM; Giant in Cressona 8:00 AM.

MAY 13-17 – CAPE COD AND BOSTON: 5 days, 4 nights, \$659 per person, double occupancy includes: 4 Nights lodging, 4 breakfasts, 3 dinners, National Shrine of Divine Mercy, evening of entertainment, Tours of Provincetown, Chatham, Boston and Quincy Market, Plymouth and Plymouth Rock, Historic Sandwich, Hyannis area, including Kennedy Memorial and Main Street, Hyannis Harbor Cruise with view of Kennedy Compound, Cape Cod Canal visitor's center, Foxwoods Casino, Souvenir Gift, Luggage Handling, All taxes and meal gratuities, motorcoach transportation.

JUNE 10 – ATLANTIC CITY RESORTS CASINO BUS TRIP: Cost \$35; Rebate \$25. Departs Quandel's Lot 8:00 AM; Giant in Cressona 8:15 AM; Departs Atlantic City 6:00 PM. *(By the sea, by the sea, by the beautiful sea, you and me, how happy we can be!)*

EASTER FLOWERS AND VIGILS: We would appreciate your help in decorating our Church and its Altars with flowers (\$10 donation would be helpful) and vigils (\$5 offering per candle) for Holy Week and Easter. Remember to write your intention(s) on the flower envelope. Vigil arrangements can be made by calling the Rectory (570-544-2211).

THE EDWARD T. MALESKAS SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Former members of the former Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, Minersville, can request a tuition aid/scholarship application for the 2019-2020 school year for Catholic elementary and high school students and Catholic or secular college students. Contact the trustee, Rev. Msgr. Daniel J. Yenushosky, at djyen1977@gmail.com.

See Parish website for more detailed information.