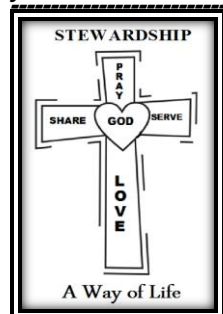


**THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 26, 2018**



Meditation: Do you brush aside or resist the hard sayings of Jesus? Many were attracted to Jesus because he offered them something irresistible -- God's loving-kindness and mercy made manifest in his wonderful works of healing, deliverance, and miraculous feeding of the five thousand. Despite these signs, many stumbled, when Jesus made divine claims. Jesus' discourse on "eating his flesh and drinking his blood" (see John 6:51-59) which pointed to the Last Supper, caused offence to many of his followers. Jesus claimed to be the very life of God come down from heaven and that no one could live this life without submitting to him. Even the apostles admitted that this was a "hard saying". This expression meant that it was not just hard to understand, but hard to accept. Jesus pressed the issue with his beloved disciples because he wanted to test their faith and loyalty. Jesus assures his disciples that it is his heavenly Father who invites and who gives the grace to follow even in the "hard sayings". Jesus knew that some would not only reject him and his word, but would do so hostilely, even betraying him to his enemies. // Real faith seeks understanding. That is why God gives us the help of the Holy Spirit to enlighten the eyes of our mind to understand his truth and wisdom (Ephes. 1:17-18). Jesus offers his life-giving word and Spirit to those who believe and who submit to his authority. Peter's profession of loyalty was based on a personal relationship with Jesus. Through the gift of faith Peter knew that Jesus was the Messiah, the Holy One of God, and he believed in his words. Faith is a response to God's revelation. It's the key to seeing God work in our lives with power. Do you believe, as Peter did, that Jesus can change your life because he has the words of everlasting life? Ask the Lord to increase your faith that you may grow in your relationship with him and in the knowledge of his love for you. // "Lord Jesus, you have the words of everlasting life. Help me to cast aside doubt and fear and to embrace your word with trust and joy. I surrender my life to you. Be the Lord and Captain of my heart, my will, my thoughts and my actions. May there be nothing which keeps me from you and your love."



"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve.. As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." (JOSHUA 24:15)

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a partner in the work of the Lord. A partner is a person who invests time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports the parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it! Last Week You Contributed: Sunday: \$2,373; General Repair: \$345; Expenses: \$5,440.12 (Salaries, Utilities, Office Supplies, Insurance). Thanks to those who attended mass (240 out of 861 parishioners). **Pray that all Parishioners will attend Mass and receive the Sacraments!**

**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 – Elizabeth Hoover by Jack Hudock
- TUE – Joseph Gober by Family
- WED – Mary and Agnes Sincavage by Family
- THU – Eva Milauskas by Anna Weissmiller
- FRI – Intentions of Rose Ann and Theresa by Parents
- SAT – 4:00 PM – Joseph and Thelma Bonk by Daughter Carleen and Family
- SUN – 8:30 AM (Recited) – Living and Deceased Parishioners
10:30 AM – Bill and Dolores Parulis by Family



155 parishioners (32.36% of our 478 households) have donated \$20,525. It would be great to increase our participation rate to show that our parish cares! Thanks to all who have already contributed! Your gifts allow our diocese to address the needs of the disadvantaged within its five counties. EVERY GIFT COUNTS, NO MATTER HOW SMALL. Gifts can be made anytime by placing your pledge form in our Sunday collection basket, dropping it off at the Rectory, or by using the Appeal's Donation site at FaithHopeCharityGives.org. THANKS!

THE WEEKLY CALENDAR: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. (Cf. Ps 86 (85): 1-3)

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 26 –

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM.

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. Thanks to ALICIA POSLOSKY (8:30 AM) for hosting the FPC for vocations. Sign up for November and December in Church.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: Even though many found the teachings of Jesus "difficult", He did not back down. In our families, it is important to say what is difficult to hear, to speak the truth with kindness, to correct with love and guide with understanding.

PRO-LIFE REFLECTION: Jesus commanded us to love the least, not abandon them to destruction. We must stop aborting babies. Our nation's future depends upon it. Pray to end abortion. Join pro-life today!

FRATERNAL CHARITY: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY: We need all types of BABY FORMULA for our SVDP Society's outreach and God's Bountiful Table. Call 570-544-2739 to volunteer.

VOTIVES: (1) **SANCTUARY:** IMO Joseph and Thelma Bonk by Daughter, Carleen and Family. (2) **ALTARS:** BVM: IMO Mary Skavinsky; IMO Lewis Carroll by Sisters, Rita and Teresa; Special Intention by Stan and Sally Gober; IMO Aldona Butler by Edward. **DIVINE MERCY:** IMO James Moore by Family; IMO David Moore by Family; IMO Francis Leister, Sr. by Dolores Leister; IMO Maria Bartush Groff by Anna Mae Clark Family. (3) **BEFORE: ST. JOSEPH:** Special Intention. **ST. LUCY:** Special intention by Father Leo. **ST. ANNE:** IMO Thomas and Leona Donlen by Family. **SAINT POPE JOHN PAUL II:** Special Intention. **ST. STANISLAUS WINDOW:** IMO Stiney Skavinsky. Call the Rectory (570-544-2211) to memorialize Vigils.

FOOD PREPARATION: 9:30 AM, Parish Center. Help us make PIEROGI.

MONDAY, AUGUST 27 – SEPTEMBER VISITATION OF THE SICK: Begins today.

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS: 5:00 PM, Our Lady's Chapel of St. Patrick Church. Last Monday of each month. Veneration of a First-Class Relic of Saint Pauline Visintainer, Patron Saint of Diabetics, to follow. Call 570-622-1802 for information.

FOOD PREPARATION: 9:00 AM, Parish Center. Help us make PIEROGI.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28 – ST. MATTHEW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PROGRAM: FACULTY MEETING: 6:00 PM today, Good Shepherd Building. 2) Classes resume September 11. 3) **2018-2019 REGISTRATION:** Cost: First Child \$65.00; Second Child \$50.00; Third Child \$40.00; Fourth Child Free. **There will be a \$10.00 late fee per family for payments received after August 31, 2018.** 4) **MASS ATTENDANCE CARDS:** are in the Church Vestibule. They are used all year long! Parents, remember to bring your children to Mass (only 3 children were at Holy Day Mass); see that they receive the Sacraments before summer ends! 5) **We are in need of a caring persons to be teacher's aides.** Contact our CRE, Miss Novack (570-544-2211).

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29 – DEVOTIONS TO ST. PEREGRINE: 8:00 AM Mass. St. Peregrine, help cancer patients and their caregivers!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30 – “SOUNDS OF THE SPIRIT” CONTEMPORARY CHOIR REHEARSAL: Call Greg (570-544-2355) to join.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31 – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 7:45 AM.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 3:30 PM.

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 2 – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 8:00 AM, 10:15 AM.

THE FAMILY PRAYER CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS (FPC): THERESA AND FRANK GRIGALONIS (10:30 AM) will host the FPC this week. Call 570-399-5056 or sign-up in the Church Vestibule. We need volunteers for October and November.

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS: 10:30 AM Mass. Better late than never! All school age children are invited to bring their backpacks, which they use to carry their books and lunches to school, for a special back to school blessing.

MISSION APPEAL COLLECTION: Rev. Avitus Kazi Siriwa, AJ (Apostles of Jesus), will be speaking at all weekend Masses. The Apostles of Jesus is the first Religious Missionary Institute of Priests and Brothers founded in Moroto, Uganda (East Africa) in 1968 by two Italian Missionaries for the evangelization of Africa and the World. Currently, over 400 Apostles of Jesus members are serving in different countries all over the World. Some of the mission territories are: Botswana, Cuba, Ethiopia, Kenya, Papua New Guinea, Sudan, South Sudan, South Africa, Tanzania and Uganda. Some Ministries that could benefit from your support are: Education of orphans and disadvantaged children, formation of Priests and Brothers, Pastoral Ministry, health care initiatives, self-sustaining agricultural projects. To learn more about the Apostles of Jesus, visit: www.apostlesofjesusmissionaries.com. **Please support the Mission Appeal by placing the Envelope found in the back of your Sunday Envelope Box in the SECOND COLLECTION.**

SECOND COLLECTION ENVELOPE: (1) **UTILITIES:** Your donation will help pay for light, water, sewer, heating tapes, and the maintenance of all parish heating units, etc.. (2) **Please catch up with any missed envelopes.** Consistent and generous support helps your church meet its financial obligations and better serve you!

MINISTERS AT MASS FOR 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	<u>OFF. PROC.</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>
SAT 4:00 PM	Bonk Family	Theresa Kroznuski	Barbara Sincavage	Osborne Family
SUN 8:30 AM	Parishioners	Linda Butensky	Deacon Henninger	Schwalm Family
10:30 AM	Parulis Family	Rosalie Novack	Jason Clark	Kuehn Family

COMING EVENTS: PLEASE BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

SEPTEMBER 3 – CASTLE GREEN GROTTO ANNUAL LABOR DAY MASS: 10:00 AM, 950 Valley Road, Minersville/Heckscherville Highway. Refreshments will be served after Mass. Plenty of parking. Bring your lawn chairs. Call Mary Anne (570-544-3658) with questions.

SEPTEMBER 9 - SPECIAL VOLUNTARY DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION: MARY'S SHELTER: Mary's Shelter was founded as a viable alternative to abortion by women and men who believe that every living person, including the unborn, are children of one Heavenly Father who creates all in his infinite goodness and wisdom. **Please support Mary's Shelter by placing the Envelope found in your Sunday Envelope Box that is marked September 2 "Mary's Shelter" in the SECOND COLLECTION. This is to avoid two Diocesan Collections on the same day!**

SEPTEMBER 9 - CYO BASKETBALL: Open to St. Matthew students in grades 3-8 (first and second graders MAY be eligible if necessary) Parochial school enrollment or religious education classes along with weekly mass attendance is required for eligibility. **You and your children's' participation is necessary to keep our parish youth organization functioning!** Please call Jodi (570-640-9015) or email jmk827@hotmail.com to register. No registration fee. **Deadline is today!**

SEPTEMBER 10 – OFFICE OF SENIOR SERVICES' ATLANTIC CITY RESORTS CASINO BUS TRIP: BENEFITS SPECIAL NEEDS FUND! Cost \$35; Rebate \$25. Departs Quandels Lot 8:00 AM; Departs Atlantic City 6:00 PM. Call 570-544-523 or 570-628-5413.

SEPTEMBER 11 – DIOCESAN RED, WHITE, AND BLUE MASS: All Police, Firefighters, First Responders, Legal Professionals, Health Care Workers, and their Families are invited to join Bishop Alfred A. Schlert as he celebrates the First Red, White and Blue Mass 6:30 PM at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena. Please wear your uniforms.

SEPTEMBER 12 – GOD'S BOUNTIFUL TABLE: Every 2nd and 4th 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. Ricapito Annex for those who are in need. **Delivered meals are available for people with disabilities ONLY.** For additional information call Edward Butler (570-544-2739) or the Annex (570-544-6484).

SEPTEMBER 13 – MONTHLY ROSARY: 6:15 PM in our Church. Rosary is second Thursday of each month.

SEPTEMBER 15 – ST. PATRICK PARISH 9TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING: Registration begins 9:00 AM; shot gun start at 10:00 AM. Mountain Valley Golf Course, Barnesville. \$75 per person includes: greens and cart fees, luncheon, on course refreshments. Plenty of prizes and contests. Call Dave Donlin (570-573-1841) to register or for more information.

SEPTEMBER 16 – BASKET RAFFLE: Shop and Drop September 15. Parish Center. (Times to be announced.) Your participation in the past has been outstanding! We hope that it will continue this year! A few people have asked for suggestions for the baskets/gifts. A list of basket options has been posted on the bulletin board in the back of the Church. Updates concerning drop offs/collection will be listed in the bulletin. Call Arlene Quesada (570-385-0248 or 570-640-4730) if you need any help, or for information regarding your gifts and donations. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

SEPTEMBER 16, 17, 18 – ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST ANNUAL 40 HOURS DEVOTIONS: Vigil (\$5 each) and Floral Memorializations (\$10 each) can be made by contacting the Rectory (570-544-2211). We would appreciate your help in adorning our Church's Altars with Vigils and Flowers during this special time when Jesus is present on our Altar.

SEPTEMBER 29 – 3RD ANNUAL SPIRITUALITY DAY: 9:15 AM to 1:00 PM, St. Michael the Archangel Parish. Cost \$10. Mini-retreat day with theme: "Who Are We; What Shall We Do?". Presenter: Rev. Eric J. Gruber, Pastor, St. John Fisher Church, Catasaqua. Pre-registration required by calling Jean (570-544-6853).

OCTOBER 1 – DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN FIRST ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT: Saucon Valley Country Club. Proceeds benefit Seminarian and Catholic School Education. Contact Michele Mullikin (610-871-5200 x2282 or mmullikin@allentowndioocese.org) for info.

OCTOBER 6-15 – ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH 10 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI AND ROME: \$4,300 per double occupancy. Includes: air fare, hotels, group transportation in Italy, 8 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 6 dinners. **On October 14th at St. Peter's Square in Rome, Pope Francis will Canonize Blessed Pope Paul VI and Blessed Oscar Romero!** For information call 570-429-0701. Flyers are in Vestibule.

OCTOBER 7 – NATIONAL PIEROGI DAY: More information is upcoming.

NOVEMBER 20 – THANKSGIVING FOOD SALE: More information to follow.

DECEMBER 19 – HOLIDAY KIELBASA AND PIEROGI SALE: Details coming soon.

ST. MATTHEW'S TRAVELERS' ADVENTURES! N.B. YOUR PAYMENT IS YOUR RESERVATION!

CALL: JULIE(570-544-5231), MILLIE(570-628-5413).

SEPTEMBER 17, OCTOBER 15, NOVEMBER 19: MOHEGAN SUN CASINO: Cost \$25; Rebate \$30. Leaves R&J 8:00 AM; Leaves Minersville Quandel's 8:30 AM; Departs Casino 4:00 PM.

SEPTEMBER 24 – 27, 2018 – WILDWOOD ITALIAN STYLE: A TOUCH OF ITALY AT THE JERSEY SHORE: \$439 per person, 4 days, 3 nights. Package includes: 3 nights motel, 3 full breakfasts, 3 dinners including one dinner at Pasta Pesto Italian Restaurant, one \$20 meal voucher at an AC Casino, one special Italian buffet dinner at Duffinetti's Restaurant with entertainment, visit to an Atlantic City Casino with bonus package, visit to Smithville Village, visit to Cape May, visit to Wildwood's Boardwalk, Tasting Tour of Cape May Winery. Baggage handling, hotel taxes, and meal gratuities included.

DECEMBER 10 – SANDS-BETHLEHEM CASINO: Cost \$25. More information to follow.