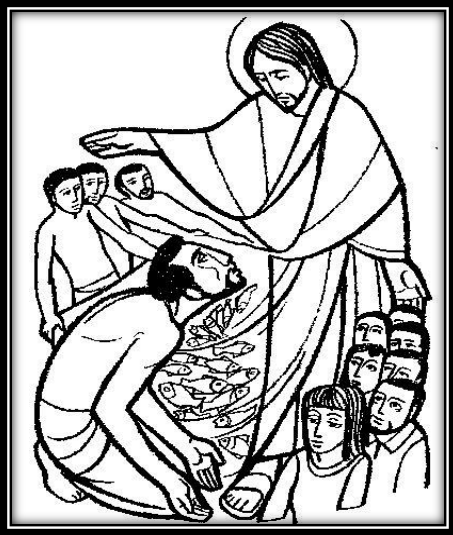
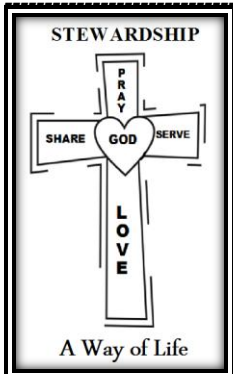


**THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 10, 2019**



GOSPEL REFLECTION: The theme that comes through this week's readings is one of "being called." The first reading is the call of the prophet Isaiah (Is 6:1-8). Isaiah experiences a vision of the glory of God and is humbly reminded of his own deficiencies: he believes himself to be "a man of unclean lips." As such, he is certainly unfit to speak on behalf of God as his unclean lips would taint whatever message he may speak. But his lips are cleansed by God who then asks, "Whom shall I send?" Demonstrating a complete conversion of heart and mind, Isaiah immediately replies, "Here I am, send me!" // This first reading provides a perfect balance to the gospel. Jesus is being closely pressed by the crowd when he asks a nearby fisherman to take him just off shore to preach without being overwhelmed by the crowd. Seemingly at random, he has selected the boat of the fisherman Peter. Having finished preaching for the day, Jesus tells Peter to set out into deeper water and put out his fishing nets. Peter is certainly not keen on the idea! Out of some interest or good nature he had agreed to allow this preacher to use his boat for a while, but now this country bumpkin is trying to tell him how to fish! Just to prove Jesus wrong, Peter agrees to go through the futile exercise and is overwhelmed by the enormous catch of fish. Like Isaiah in the first reading, Peter is suddenly acutely aware of his own deficiencies. "Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man." Like Isaiah, he recognizes that he has just seen the glory of God revealed and he feels unworthy to be part of the experience. But Jesus reassures him, "Do not be afraid," and calls Peter to follow.



"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'" (Isaiah 6:8) Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or say a word of encouragement to a

friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. The next time you hear God calling, have the courage to walk through the door and say "Here I am, Lord." Last Week You contributed: Sunday: \$2,861.50; Utilities: \$401 (273 Parishioners attended Sunday Mass). Thank You! Expenses: \$4,388.25 (Salaries, Utilities, Oil, Insurance). **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 - 11:00 AM - Catherine and Michael Gober by Daughter, Katherine Chelak
2:00 PM - (York Terrace) Mark Rosenberger by Blanche Sabol and Family
- TUE - Adolph and Eileen by Daughter, Alicia Poslosky
- WED - Martin Wojciechowski by Chester and Maria Bartush
- THU - John Sokola by Family
- FRI - James Moore (2nd Annv) by Family
- SAT - 4:00 PM - Anna Rokosky by Son, Tom
- SUN - 8:30 AM - Josephine Laudeman by Michelle and Family
10:30 AM - Living and Deceased Parishioners

PASTORAL NOTE: The following Mass dates are open: February 24, 25, 26, March 8, 13, 14, 18, 19, 21, 22, 25, 26, 28, 29, April 8, 9, 10, 15, 17, 20, 29, 30, May 1, 22, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, June 3, 4, 5, 6, 30. Call the Rectory (570-544-2211).

THE WEEKLY CALENDAR: O Come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, FEBRUARY 10 - SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM. Make Confession a regular part of your life!

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. ALICIA POSLOSKY (10:30 AM) will host the FPC for vocations this week. Sign up for March, April and May in Church vestibule.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: In today's gospel Jesus asked Simon to start by "going a short distance." Later he asked Simon to "go into deeper water." The first step toward reconciliation is usually a "short distance" which gives us the courage to go further "into deeper water." Reconciliation starts with the first short step!

FRATERNAL CHARITIES: 1) **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY:** We need ALL TYPES OF HAMBURGER HELPER to feed the needy of our area. Call 570-544-2739. Volunteers, especially men, are needed for God's Bountiful Table. 2) **ANNUAL MINERSVILLE AREA HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE:** Donations, both monetary and non-perishable goods, can be made in care of: Ed Butler, 529 Lytle Street, Minersville. Call Ed (570-449-2739) for more information. **RUNS UNTIL FEBRUARY 23. Helping the disadvantaged is truly the spirit of every season of the year! THANK YOU!**

PRO-LIFE REFLECTION: People cry over animal abuse commercials, so why don't people cry for babies who are aborted? They are just as helpless as the animals, but they are humans- flesh and blood. Today's society has misguided sympathies. Stop the war on women now, end abortion. Join pro-life today!

VOTIVES: (1) **SANCTUARY:** IMO Agnes Sincavage by Son, David. (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:** IMO Ewa Wojcik (Birthday) by Granddaughter, Maryann Weachock; IMO Donald and Aldona Butler by Edward; Special Intention by Stan and Sally Gober; Special Intention. **DIVINE MERCY:** IMO Frank and Sophie Kuchta by Family; For the Health of CoCo by Helen; IMO Frank Kuchta by Family; IMO Sophie Kuchta by Family. (3) **BEFORE: ST. JOSEPH:** Special Intention; IMO Jozef Wojcik (Birthday) by Granddaughter, Maryann Weachock. **ST. FRANCIS:** Special Intention. **ST. THERESA** IMO Ewa Wojcik (Birthday) by Granddaughter, Maryann Weachock. **SAINT POPE JOHN PAUL II:** IMO Jozef Wojcik (Birthday) by Granddaughter, Maryann Weachock. Call 570-544-2211.

FLOWERS: We gratefully acknowledge the flowers in front of the BVM Altar IMO M/M Dante Cola by Daughter, Jeanine Cola. Call 570-544-2211 to arrange flowers. (No floral memorials will be accepted during the coming Lenten season.)

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT SPAGHETTI DINNER: 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM, St. Patrick Church. Cost: Adults \$8; Children \$3.50. Eat-in or take-out. Call 570-622-1802.

NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL DESIGNER PURSE BINGO: Doors open 11:30 AM; Bingo begins 1:00 PM. \$25 entrance fee. Homemade foods and desserts. BYOB. Call Diane (570-294-0551) for more information.

NEW TEEN MINISTRY FOR SCHUYLKILL COUNTY: 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Sunday's through March 24. St. Clare Parish Hall. Schuylkill Catholic Young Church is the new Schuylkill County regional youth ministry of the Diocese of Allentown. Teens are invited to participate in the upcoming "Alpha" series, which includes free dinner. Have questions about faith? Want to discuss the meaning of life, Jesus, spirituality and so much more? Want to plug into a community? Dinner; watch an ALPHA video, and have small group discussion each night in a fun and engaging way for youth. RSVP to Annie Sarlo: annie@allentowndiocese.org.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11 - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK: In commemoration of THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES, there will be **Communal Anointing of the Sick** within today's 11:00 AM Mass. **REQUIREMENTS FOR RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** (1) You must be a baptized Catholic in the state of grace who has attained the use of reason (children who have not made their first Communion and infants are generally not anointed). (2) Your health must be **impaired** by sickness or advancing age. Practically speaking, you can and should be anointed: (a) If you are suffering from a chronic (long lasting) illness. (b) If you are about to undergo major surgery. (c) If you are suffering from depression or any form of mental illness. Call 570-544-2211 to register. Mass and Communal Anointing will also be celebrated at 2:00 PM for the Catholic residents of The Meadows at York Terrace Nursing Home.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12 – VISITATION OF LOCAL NURSING HOMES: Until done. Anointing of the Sick will be administered.
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, FEBRUARY 13 – DEVOTIONS TO ST. PEREGRINE: 8:00 AM Mass. St. Peregrine, help cancer patients and caregivers!

GOD'S BOUNTIFUL TABLE: 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM, Fr. Anthony J. Ricipito Annex (570-544-6484). CONGRATULATIONS: Our St. Vincent de Paul Society's God's Bountiful Table is celebrating ten years as a parish and community ministry today! Approximately 10,000 meals have been served thus far! We are proud of the good work extended in our parish's name to the poor and needy of our area! Thank you for serving our parish and community faithfully for ten years!

LUNCH AND LEARN SERIES: 12:00 Noon, Luther Ridge, Pottsville. Speaker: Kathy Farr-Parker. Topic: The A, B, C's and D's of Medicare. Call Stacie (570-621-7200) for information and to RSVP.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14 – "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.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15 – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 7:45 AM. IS CONFESSION A PART OF YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE?
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16 – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 3:30 PM. WHEN DID YOU LAST GO TO CONFESSION?
HOMEMADE CHICKEN POT PIE: \$7.00 per quart. Take-out only. Pick-up 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM, St. Michael the Archangel Parish Center. Call Debbie (570-544-2070) for tickets.

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, FEBRUARY 17 – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM.
THE FAMILY PRAYER CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS (FPC): CATHY AND EMILY CARPENITO (10:30 AM) will host the FPC this week. Call 570-399-5056 or the Rectory (570-544-2211). We also need volunteers for March (10, 24), April (14, 21), and May (19).
SECOND COLLECTION ENVELOPE: (1) GENERAL REPAIR: Your contribution will help defray the cost of general maintenance. (2) Please catch up with any missed envelopes. Consistent/generous support helps your church meet its financial obligations and serve you!

MINISTERS AT MASS FOR 6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	<u>OFF. PROC.</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>
SAT 4:00 PM	Rokosky Family	Rosalie Novack	Barbara Sincavage	Skylar Land Nathan Tropp
SUN 8:30 AM	Laudeman Family	Elaine Stine	Deacon Henninger	Logan Perzel Brady Eisenhart
10:30 AM	Parisioners	Mary Ann Harrison	Sharon Kolenick	Carter Melochick Jade Stickell

COMING EVENTS: PLEASE BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
FEBRUARY 22 – BISHOP'S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: The Diocese of Allentown will again be awarding Catholic High School Scholarships to students who wish to attend Nativity BVM High School for the 2019-2020 school year. The Catholic High School Scholarship Program will award a one-year, partial scholarship of \$1000 to the recipient's school. Eighth grade students MUST be registered parishioners in the Diocese of Allentown and enrolled in a Catholic, public or private school. Applications available at our Rectory and are due today.
FEBRUARY 27 – GOD'S BOUNTIFUL TABLE: 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 available for people with disabilities ONLY. For additional information call Edward Butler (570-544-2739) or the Annex (570-544-6484).

MARCH 8, 22, APRIL 5 – LENTEN FOOD SALES: Parish Center. Eat-in or take-out: 12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM. We need servers, deliverers, and clean-up crew. PLEASE VOLUNTEER A FEW HOURS OF YOUR TIME TO HELP OUR PARISH!

MARCH 8 – FISH OR CRAB DINNER: 3:30 PM to 6:30 PM, St. Michael, Minersville. Cost \$10 includes: Haddock or crab, french fries, green beans, coleslaw, roll, beverage and dessert. Eat-in or take-out. Advanced tickets only by calling Jean (570-544-6853).
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST LENTEN DINNERS: Russell Building. New England Clam Chowder, Salad Bar, Macaroni and Cheese, or Baked or Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Homemade Dessert, Beverage, and your choice of Fish or Crab Cake. \$8 to \$17. 570-622-5470.
MARCH 9 – MEN'S LENTEN MORNING OF REFLECTION: 8:30 AM, Cathedral of St. Catherine of Siena (Parish Activity Center), Allentown. Presentations by the Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert and Rev. Bernard Ezaki will begin at 9:15 AM, ending by 11:30 AM. The Sacrament of Confession will be offered as well. To register for this free event visit www.allentowndiocese.org/cfm-spirituality.
MARCH 14 – MONTHLY ROSARY: 6:15 PM in our Church. Rosary is second Thursday of each month.
MARCH 15 – BAKED FISH DINNER: Pick up from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the church hall at Ss. Peter and Paul Church, 131 N. Beech Street, Mount Carmel, PA. Dinner includes baked haddock, our own Pyrohy, homemade coleslaw, green beans, and roll and butter. Advance sale tickets and take out only. Tickets are \$10 per person and must be purchased by Monday, March 11, 2019. Contact the rectory office at 570-339-0650 for tickets. Tickets also available in the church vestibule before Divine Liturgies
APRIL 25 – CONFIRMATION: Bishop Alfred A. Schlert will Confirm the Confirmandi 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.

ST. MATTHEW'S TRAVELERS' ADVENTURES! YOUR PAYMENT IS YOUR RESERVATION! JULIE(570-544-5231), MILLIE(570-628-5413).
MARCH 18 – SANDS-BETHLEHEM CASINO: Cost \$25; Rebate \$35. Leaves Minersville Quandel's 8:15 AM; Giant in Cressona 8:30 AM.
APRIL 15 – MOHEGAN SUN CASINO: Cost \$25; Rebate \$30. Leaves Minersville Quandel's 8:15 AM; Giant in Cressona 8:30 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.

ANNOUNCED MASSES: The following Mass Intentions to be said at their earliest convenience were given to: **(1) MSGR. WILLIAM HANDGES: IMO HELEN BRENNAN** requested by Rosemary and Andy Guidas, Bill, Kelly, and Bonnie (2), Veronica Cutler, Grandchildren Lauren and Chris Tarantino, Carmine and Kathryn Tarantino; **IMO HELEN TOBIN** requested by Dr. David and Annette Van Sickle, M/M Francis Melochnick, M/M Dominic D'Amare, M/M Francis Frantz, Leo and Irene Molochnick, Thomas Molochnick, Helen and Charles Florida; **IMO STINEY MICHELCAVAGE** requested by Rev. and Mrs. Paul Schaediger, Haffeyes: Jim, Kathy, Bridget, and Abby, M/M Phil Kurilla and Son, Kay Wilson; **IMO JOSEPH TERLECKAS** requested by Marian and Richard Twigg, Robert and Ann Marie Ward; **IMO JOHN HONOROWSKI** requested by Mrs. C. Honorowski and Family; **IMO HELEN SNITZER** requested by Helen M. Sunday; **IMO LOUISE HERBERT** requested by Joseph Lohin, Michael and Mary Rowcotsky, M/M William Parker, M/M Russell Gavalis, M/M Leo Viola; **IMO CAPTAIN DAVID BORIS** requested by Mary and Vince Lurwick, Kids of Scotland School c/o Carmen and Becky DeSanti, Scott and Denise Krater, Norm and Kathy Aggon and Family, Ann Aggon and Greg Aggon, Aggon Family; **IMO PAUL BOTEK** requested by Mary Botek and Daughter, Anthony and Rose Downey, Anna C. Adamson; **IMO LOUISE HOUSER** requested by Gladys Spangler, Pauline Andrews and Helen Aponick, Mike and Nancy Homa, Betty Lenosky and Joe Dudresky, Mary Guwca; **IMO GENEVIEVE KADINGO** requested by M/M James Pleva, M/M John Federovich; **IMO JULIANNE JANOWSKI** requested by Paul and Rose Goodman (2); **IMO CASSIE JONES** requested by Bill and Anna Watson. **(2) REV. FRANCIS GRUNDOWSKI: IMO JOHN SZEKERES** requested by Mary Weachock, Sandra Wasilus and Sandra Wyslutsky, M/M Wally Slifka, Anna Zekeres and Family; **IMO WILLIAM GUYESKI** requested by Jerry Foran, M/M Joseph Melochick; **IMO MARY MAMMIMO** requested by Bill Herbert; **IMO JOHN DUDASH** requested by Sophie Genovese, Mary Ann Genovese and Steve Spleen; **IMO RITA OLEMO** requested by Josephine Smith, Marie Verba; **IMO SOPHIE SLIFKA** requested by Bob Pincavage and Mary Lou; **IMO FRANK AND SOPHIE SLIFKA** requested by sister-in-law, Anna Slifka (5); **IMO THOMAS BARTUSH** requested by Karen and Penny Pennypacker; **IMO GENEVIEVE MIHALSKI** requested by Helen and Tina DiSarro; **IMO EMILIA T. GILBERT** requested by Frank Raczka, Bonnie, Pam, and Karen.

HEALING OUR CHURCH DISCUSSION GROUPS COMING IN LENT: Catholics throughout the Diocese of Allentown are invited to attend small-group discussions, moderated by fellow parishioners, and designed to encourage reflection and conversation about the clergy abuse crisis. *Healing Our Church* is a program from RENEW International, a Catholic nonprofit organization. Bishop Alfred Schlert has called the parish-based small-group discussions "an opportunity for all of us to prayerfully reflect on scripture, on the abuse crisis, and on our path forward as a Roman Catholic Family of Faith." Discussions [Topics: Facing the Truth and the hurt caused; Healing our wounds; Rebuilding the Church; Why do I remain Catholic? (participants will be encouraged to read a short book which Father Leo will provide); What we believe; We are the Church] will take place during the six weeks of Lent.
PARISH COORDINATING TEAM: We need 3 to 6 members ASAP, assuming a 3-month commitment (February-April). Training session provided. Call the Rectory (570-544-2211) if you are interested.