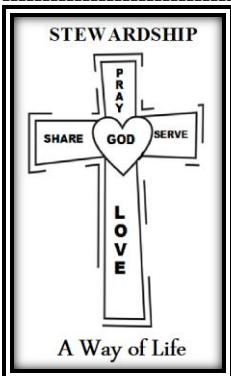


**THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 17, 2019**



GOSPEL REFLECTION: We are perhaps more familiar with the Beatitudes from the Gospel of Matthew in which the kingdom of heaven is promised to those who are "blessed" because of their afflictions.

Rather than the Sermon on the Mount from the Gospel of Matthew, the Gospel of Luke presents the same event and teaching as the sermon on the plain as it occurs on "a piece of level ground." This version may appear a little more confronting than the Matthew version. Rather than the afflicted being "blessed," they are to be "happy." It seems odd that anybody should be happy to be poor, hungry, mourning, or reviled and we would certainly regard these as states of sadness and difficulty; not times for rejoicing at our good fortune! However, this gospel in particular frequently reminds us that God does not think, feel, and behave as we might expect. God's actions are frequently contrary to the expectations of society. The Gospel of Luke makes it plain that the reign of God will upend the structures of society. The lowly will be raised and the mighty will be brought low. It is in this context that the poor, the hungry, and the outcast are regarded as happy. Their happiness comes from the reassurance that although they are rejected and dismissed by society, they are indeed the most favored of God. Whatever the world dishes up to such as these, they can rejoice in the knowledge that in the reign of God their fortunes will be reversed and they will be favored. However, just as the fortunes of the poor and afflicted will be reversed for the better, those who are rich, well fed, happy, and well regarded will also have their fortunes reversed. Alas to them! Their comfort and joy leaves no room for the generosity of God!



*"Blessed are you when people hate you, ... exclude and insult you, and denounce your name... on account of the Son of Man." (Luke 6:22) All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time, the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations. Last Week You contributed: Sunday: \$3,030; Fuel: \$438 (283 Parishioners attended Sunday Mass). Thank You! Expenses: \$12,102.59 (Salaries, Utilities, Oil, Taxes). **Please pray that all Parishioners will attend Mass regularly and receive the Sacraments weekly!***

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**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 – Helen and Dorothy Maletz by Family
- TUE – Intentions of M/M Charles Poslosky Family by Alicia
- WED – Donald J. Butler, Sr. by Edward
- THU – Sophia and Ambrose Wentz by Skibiell Family
- FRI – Holy Souls in Purgatory and those who have nobody to pray for them by Alicia
- SAT – 4:00 PM – Michael Novack by Family
- SUN – 8:30 AM – Holy Souls in Purgatory closest to God by Alicia Poslosky
10:30 AM – Living and Deceased Parishioners

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

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: May Jesus, the Divine Physician, take unto Himself: **RITA PAULOSKY**, a former member of the former St. Francis of Assisi Church, and a member of our parish family, who died Wednesday, February 13, and who will be buried from our Church Saturday, March 2; and **ANN FABRIZIO**, a former member of the former St. Barbara Church, and a member of our parish family, who died Thursday, February 14, and who will be buried from our Church Monday, February 18. May Mary, Mother of Our Savior, comfort their families and friends.

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THE WEEKLY CALENDAR: Lord, be my rock of safety, the stronghold that saves me. For the honor of your name, lead me and guide me. (Ps 30: 3-4)

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, FEBRUARY 17 – 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. **CATHY AND EMILY CARPENITO (10:30 AM)** will host the FPC for vocations this week. Sign up for April and May in Church vestibule.
FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: Don't look very far when you hear today's gospel speak of poverty, sorrow, or exclusion. These things happen in families. Children feel "insulted" when they are constantly criticized. Spouses "hunger" for affection. Grandparents feel "excluded" by divorce and custody decisions. Parents "weep" because they feel alienated from their children.

FRATERNAL CHARITIES: 1) **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY:** We need ALL TYPES OF CEREALS 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: Abraham Lincoln said: "To sin by silence when they should protest, makes cowards of men... No law can give me the right to do what is wrong." Pray to end abortion and euthanasia.

VOTIVES: (1) **SANCTUARY:** IMO John Magic by Wife, Millie. (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 Helen D. Maletz (100th Birthday) by Son, Father Leo; For the Health of CoCo by Helen; Special Intention by Stan and Sally Gober; Special Intention. **DIVINE MERCY:** Special Intention; IMO Donald J. Butler, Sr. (Birthday) by Edward; IMO Aldona and Donald Butler, Sr. (Happy Valentines Day) by Edward. (3) **BEFORE: ST. JOSEPH:** Special Intention. **ST. FRANCIS:** Special Intention. **ST. ANNE:** IMO Josephine Laudeman (Birthday) by Son, William, Jr. and Family. **Call 570-544-2211 for votives.**

FLOWERS: We gratefully acknowledge the flowers adorning the Divine Mercy Altar IMO Josephine Laudeman by Michelle and Family.

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 18 – BIBLE STUDY MEETING: 2:00 PM, Parish Center. Discussing Liturgy for the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: 1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Corinthians 15: 45-49; Luke 6: 27-38. Call Arlene (570-385-0248). All are welcome!

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19 – 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).

MARCH VISITATION OF THE SICK: Begins today until completed. Call the Rectory (570-544-2211) to add someone to our sick-list.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20 – PASTORAL NOTE: Thank you to Msgr. William Handges who will celebrated 8:00 AM Mass today.
DEVOTIONS TO ST. PEREGRINE: 8:00 AM Mass. St. Peregrine, help cancer patients and caregivers!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21 – “SOUNDS OF THE SPIRIT” CONTEMPORARY CHOIR REHEARSAL: Call Greg (570-544-2355) to join.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22 – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 7:45 AM. **IS CONFESSION A PART OF YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE? 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**.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23 – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 3:30 PM. **WHEN DID YOU LAST GO TO CONFESSION?**

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, FEBRUARY 24 – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM.
THE FAMILY PRAYER CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS (FPC): SCOTT AND PATRICE SCHWALM will host the FPC this week. Call 570-399-5056 or the Rectory (570-544-2211). We also need volunteers for April and May.

BREAKFAST BUFFET: 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM, St. Nicholas Hall, Primrose. Adults: \$9; Children under 12: Free. Sponsored by St. Nicholas Holy Name Society. Call 570-544-6807 for more information.

MEATLOAF DINNER: 11:00 PM to 2:00 PM, Saints Peter and Paul Church Dining Room, Minersville. Cost: Adults: \$10; Children 12 and under \$5. Dinner includes: Homemade meatloaf, real mashed potatoes / gravy, string beans, roll and butter, dessert (beverage with eat-in). Eat-in or take-out. Advanced tickets only by calling Yvonne (570-544-6987).

SECOND COLLECTION ENVELOPE: (1) PARISH MAINTENANCE: Your contribution will help defray the cost of improvements for all Parish Buildings and Grounds. **(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 7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	OFF. PROC.	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS
SAT 4:00 PM	Novack Family	Nicole Forney	Al Boris	Skylar Land Nathan Tropp
SUN 8:30 AM	Poslosky Family	John Andruchek	Jason Clark	Logan Perzel Brady Eisenhart
10:30 AM	Parishioners	Theresa Kroznuski	Mary Ann Harrison	Carter Melochick Jade Stickell

COMING EVENTS: PLEASE BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

FEBRUARY 25 – THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS: 5:00 PM, Our Lady’s Chapel of St. Patrick Church, Pottsville. Veneration of a First-Class Relic of Saint Pauline Visintainer, Patron Saint of Diabetics, to follow. Call 570-622-1802.

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. 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).

MARCH 2-3 – CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL INCLUDING BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS: Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered home mission territory because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support funds programs, such as religious education, seminary formation, and lay ministry training, to build vibrant faith communities right here in the USA. **Please be generous!** www.usccb.org/homemissions.
KINDLY USE THE HOME MISSION ENVELOPE FOUND IN YOUR ENVELOPE BOXES DATED MARCH 10 TODAY!

MARCH 8, 22, APRIL 5 – LENTEN FOOD SALES: Parish Center. Traditional Lenten Fare (Pierogi, Haluski, Bleenies, Meatless Soups). Eat-in or take-out: 12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM. **Your donation of home baked goods would be appreciated for our dessert table and can be brought to the Parish Center (570-544-5485) between 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM.** 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 Confirmation 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.

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, 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 8:15 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.
JUNE 10 – ATLANTIC CITY RESORTS CASINO BUS TRIP: Cost \$35; Rebate \$25. Departs Quandels 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).

HEALING OUR CHURCH DISCUSSION GROUPS COMING IN LENT: During Lent, many parishes across the Diocese of Allentown will be offering Healing Our Church, a program of small-group discussions about the clergy sexual abuse crisis. Healing Our Church was created by RENEW International at the request of Bishop Alfred Schlert as an opportunity for the lay faithful of the Diocese to have a time for discussion and reflection, moderated by fellow parishioners. “Healing Our Church is 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,” said Bishop Alfred Schlert. “We want people to be able to express their thoughts, feelings and concerns about this issue in the prayerful comfort of their own parish environment.” These 6 weekly discussions will take place beginning the week of March 4, 2019, and ending the week before Holy Week, coinciding with the six weeks of Lent. We invite you to register for these discussions online by visiting www.allentowndiocese.org/healingourchurch. If you have any questions, please contact the Secretariat for Catholic Life and Evangelization by email at cle@allentowndiocese.org or by calling (610) 289-8900, Ext. 2021.