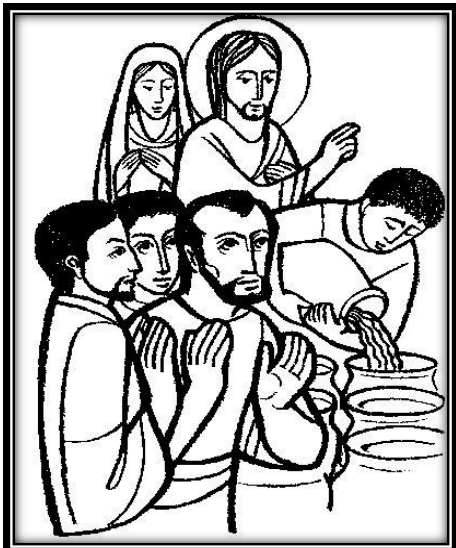
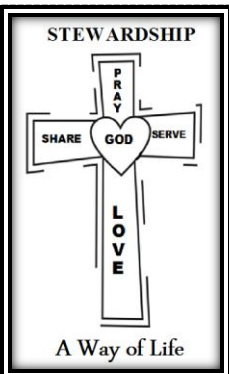


**THE SECOND SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
JANUARY 20, 2019**



**GOSPEL REFLECTION:** Today's first reading from Isaiah is one of several references in the Old Testament that use wedding imagery—bride and groom—to describe the relationship between God and the people of Israel. The imagery is never that of an "old married couple" but rather young lovers entering into a new life together full of hope; full of romance; and full of passion. This image of God and the people as bride and groom would not have been lost on the first audiences of today's gospel passage. Immediately, they would have recognized the significance of Jesus' first outing in public ministry being at a wedding feast—at the coming together of God and God's people. // The interplay between Jesus and his mother is very interesting in this gospel event. In this particular gospel it is one of only two occasions that Mary is mentioned: this event at the beginning of Jesus' ministry and then at the foot of the cross as he is crucified. Mary does not ask Jesus to do anything. She simply states, "They have no wine," but one can almost hear the motherly tone with which it was said. I'm sure Jesus was left in no doubt that he was expected to do something about it. When he tries to avoid the issue, Mary apparently ignores his objections and instructs the servants to do whatever Jesus tells them. No fuss; no argument. How do mothers do it?



*"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." (1 Corinthians 12:7)* St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan? How are you helping to build God's kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you

don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you, feel His love, peace and joy! Last Week You contributed: Sunday: \$2,296; Fuel: \$401 (263 Parishioners attended Sunday Mass). Thank You! Expenses: \$6,849.53 (Salaries, Equipment Repair, Utilities, Maint. Contract, Oil). **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 – John Dobles by Daughter, Carol
- TUE – Lewis and Theresa Lesnefski
- WED – Gloria Thomas by Alicia
- THU – William F. Youngs by Doreen
- FRI – Intentions of Stefanie Gary (Birthday) by Alicia Poslosky
- SAT – 4:00 PM – Bernard and Edith Lescavage by Children
- SUN – 8:30 AM – Stephen Rada by Wife, Phyllis and Family  
10:30 AM – Living and Deceased Parishioners

**WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING MASSES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2019**

**THE WEEKLY CALENDAR: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!**  
**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JANUARY 20 – SACRAMENT OF**

**RECONCILIATION:** 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM. Make regular Confession a part of your life!

**BLESSING OF MARRIED COUPLES:** In light of today's Gospel, Wedding Feast at Cana, we will bless married couples at all weekend Masses.

**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. **JACK HUDOCK (8:30 AM)** will host the FPC for vocations this week. Sign up for March and April in Church vestibule.

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:** At Cana we get a good insight into Mary's parenting style. She did not plead, argue, demand or manipulate. She merely pointed out the situation and trusted her son would make the best decision.

**FRATERNAL CHARITIES:** 1) **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY:** We need ALL TYPES OF CANNED HEARTY SOUPS 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:** Back in 1990 we naïvely wrote "God forbid that this blight of abortion still exist in 1990..." Still exist? It's worse now than ever. We now have partial-birth abortion, euthanasia, Planned Parenthood selling body parts, and vaccine cell lines created from aborted babies. Are you the one God has sent into the world to bring an end to abortion and euthanasia? Think about it, pray about it, and do something about it. Join Pro-Life today!

**VOTIVES:** (1) **SANCTUARY:** IMO Lewis and Theresa Lesnefski. (2) **ALTARS:** **BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:** Special Intention by Stan and Sally Gober; IMO Aldona Butler by Edward; For the Health of Alana Nush by Tom and Mary Ann Kline; IMO Phyllis McNamara by Barbara, Kathleen, Judy and Brian. **DIVINE MERCY:** IMO John Dobles by Daughter, Carol; For the Health of Katherine Chelak by Dolores Leister. (3) **BEFORE: ST. JOSEPH:** Special Intention. **ST. FRANCIS:** Special Intention; For the Health of John Nush by Tom and Mary Ann Kline. **Call 570-544-2211 for votives.**

**FLOWERS:** We gratefully acknowledge the flowers adorning the Divine Mercy Altar IMO Aldona Butler by Son, Edward. **Call 570-544-2211 for floral arrangements.**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 21 – BIBLE STUDY MEETING:** 2:00 PM, Parish Center. Will discuss liturgy for weekend of January 27: Neh. 8: 2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Cor. 12:12-30:12-14; Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21. Everyone is welcome! Please call Arlene (570-385-0248).

**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 for information.**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 22 – DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN:** In all USA Dioceses, January 22 shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. **Mass should be celebrated with violet vestments.**

**FEBRUARY VISITATION OF THE SICK:** Beginning today until completed. All shut-in parishioners will be brought Holy Communion and receive the Anointing of the Sick. Call the Rectory (570-544-2211) to have someone added to our sick call list.

**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, JANUARY 23 – DEVOTIONS TO ST. PEREGRINE:** 8:00 AM Mass. St. Peregrine, help cancer patients and caregivers!

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 24 – "SOUNDS OF THE SPIRIT" CONTEMPORARY CHOIR REHEARSAL:** Call Greg (570-544-2355) to join.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 25 – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** 7:45 AM. MAKE CONFESSION A REGULAR PART OF YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE!

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 26 – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** 3:30 PM. WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU WENT TO CONFESSION?

**THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JANUARY 27 – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM.  
**THE FAMILY PRAYER CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS (FPC):** BRANDON AND ALI AUCKER (8:30 AM) will host the FPC this week. Call 570-399-5056 or the Rectory (570-544-2211). We need volunteers for March and April! **THANK YOU!**

**DIOCESAN COLLECTION: CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES:** Today, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people here at home and abroad. Today please give generously to the CRSC and **help Jesus in disguise.** Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief). **Use the CRS Envelope found in your box.**

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK:** *Students from Nativity BVM High School will speak at Mass this weekend. Our Catholic values and morals make us who we are. They lead each of us to a purpose driven life. Learning about the traditions of our Catholic faith and how to make good moral choices all contribute to creating successful students and adults. The reinforcement of these values in our classrooms, hallways and on our playing fields builds an unshakable moral foundation. Please consider enrolling your children in our regional elementary school, ASSUMPTION BVM SCHOOL (570-622-0106), and NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL (570-622-8110). You won't be sorry, the investment is worth it!* **ASSUMPTION BVM OPEN HOUSE: 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM. Faculty members, administration, available to answer questions. Registrations for the 2019-2020 school year have started. All are welcome! Call 570-622-0106 for information and tours anytime.**

**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? Then you should check out ALPHA Youth. We will eat dinner, watch an ALPHA video, and have small group discussion each night in a fun and engaging way for youth. See you there! Please RSVP to Annie Sarlo: [annie@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:annie@allentowndiocese.org).

**FOOD PREPARATION: 9:30 AM, Parish Center. Help us prepare potatoes. You will find great joy in volunteering!**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHUYLKILL COUNCIL 431 - FREE THROW SHOOTING CONTEST:** Registration begins 4:00 PM. Nativity BVM High School. All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 (Birth certificate required for proof of age.) are invited to participate. An awards ceremony and pizza party will follow at the high school right after the contest. Call 570-617-1714 or 570-622-3960 for more information.

**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 support helps your church meet its financial obligations! **Catch up deadline for 2018 envelopes is January 31, 2019.**

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**MINISTERS AT MASS FOR 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
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	<u>OFF. PROC.</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>
SAT 4:00 PM	Lescavage Family	Theresa Kroznuski	Gloria Paltanavage	Eades Family
SUN 8:30 AM	Rada Family	John Andruchek	Deacon Henninger	Jordan Berdanier
				Eric Andruchek
10:30 AM	Parishioners	Sharon Kolenick	Alicia Poslosky	Bella Kuehn
				Gabriel Kuehn

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**COMING EVENTS: PLEASE BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**JANUARY 28 – FOOD PREPARATION: 9:00 AM, Parish Center. Help us make PIEROGI. The more the merrier!**

**JANUARY 29 – SUPER BOWL PARTY PACKAGE:** Tickets cost \$10 each. Winning ticket will receive: 50 inch TV, Gift Cards to Tony's Market, Craft Haus, and Write Craft. **DRAWING IS TODAY!** Call Vince Genovese (570-544-4149) for tickets. Benefits Minersville Public Library.

**FEBRUARY 2 – CONFIRMATION RETREAT:** 10:00 AM, St. Ambrose Church, Schuylkill Haven.

**FEBRUARY 10 – 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 for more information.

**FEBRUARY 13 – 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).

**FEBRUARY 14 – MONTHLY ROSARY:** 6:15 PM in our Church. Rosary is second Thursday of each month.

**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.**

**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!**

**ST. MATTHEW'S TRAVELERS' ADVENTURES! YOUR PAYMENT IS YOUR RESERVATION! JULIE(570-544-5231), MILLIE(570-628-5413).**  
**MAY 13-17, 2019 – 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.

**2018 CHURCH CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:** Should you need one, kindly call the Rectory (570-544-2211).

**FUNDRAISING: JUNE 1, 2018 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018:** Bus Trips Profit: \$7,000; Turkey Bingo Profit: \$3,996.56; Gross Income: Lasagna Dinner: \$1,805; Summer Food Fest: \$9,007.80; Basket Raffle: \$4,459.25; Pierogi Fest: \$1,939; Holiday Food Sale: \$4,475; Expenses: \$4,003.34. Net Profit: \$17,682.71. **THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR OUR PARISH!**

**THANK YOU: To our Parish CYO for your \$500 donation to help with recent boiler repairs at the Good Shepherd Building! Keep up your good work with the Catholic youth of our parish!**

**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 will take place during the six weeks of Lent. Watch for more information, including how to sign up, soon.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS:** We gratefully acknowledge your kindness and generosity which allowed us to decorate our church so beautifully during the Christmas Holidays (Unless otherwise noted each donation was \$10): IMO Stanley Brilla by Catherine Brilla (\$20); IMO M/M Charles Butensky, M/M Mark Bluis, Patricia Wiscourt, Ryan Wiscourt by Robert and Luana Butensky (\$30); IMO Donald and Aldona Butler, Joseph and Amelia Swartz, Mike and Loretta Melusky, George and Celie Miller, Leo Verbos by Donald Butler (\$20); IMO Donald and Aldona Butler, Joseph and Amelia Czwarc by Ed Butler (\$20); IMO M/M Angelo Moran, M/M Herman DiSarro by M/M Leon DiSarro (\$50); IMO M/M Herman DiSarro by Tina DiSarro; IMO Dutcavich Family, Supsinskas Family, All Religious who served at St. Francis Parish and School by Gloria Dutcavich (\$50); IMO Bob and Ann Huntzinger, Mercedes Ann Essler, Grava Family, Norman, Lois, and Bob Essler by Ron and Denise Essler Family; IMO Joseph and Margaret Hribick, Kevin Hribick, Mary Hallis, Louise Houser by M/M Robert Houser; IMO Marlene Pogash, Anna Drye by M/M Robert Pogash (\$20); IMO Enoch and Anna Purcell, John and Helen Lazarchick by Joe and Janet Purcell (\$20); IMO John Sligh, Sr. by M/M Keith Purcell; Intentions of Edward Yakobosky; IMO Michael Homa by Nancy and Lisa (\$20). **(T.B.C.)**