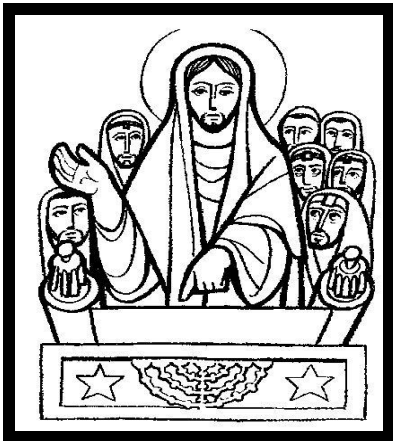
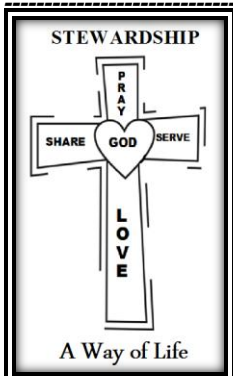


**THE THIRD SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
JANUARY 27, 2019**



**GOSPEL REFLECTION:** This week marks the beginning of the liturgical use of the gospel of Luke that will be featured throughout this year. The choice of passage to begin our journey with Luke is most appropriate. We have the first four verses of the gospel in which the writer makes his purpose clear. We then skip over all the infancy narrative and pick up again in chapter 4 of the gospel where Jesus makes his first public appearance. // Jesus returns to the synagogue in which he has worshiped all his life. He is given the scroll of Isaiah to read and reads the first two verses of Isaiah, chapter 61. But in the middle of this passage he flips back to chapter 58 of Isaiah and reads an additional line, "to set the downtrodden (oppressed) free." This event in Nazareth is sometimes referred to as Jesus' inauguration or declaration of mission. The inclusion of the additional verse from Isaiah signals very clearly the way in which Jesus will be portrayed throughout this particular gospel. The gospel of Luke is characterized by the focus of Jesus' mission on the outcast; the oppressed; the downtrodden. // The gospel of Luke is often described as a gospel of compassion. Throughout the gospel we see Jesus enact the verses from Isaiah—bringing good news to the lowliest of society; inviting the least to share in the reign of God. In fact, having read from the scripture, Jesus' very simple homily on the text is "This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen." Jesus declares himself to be acting out and fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah. This short extract from Isaiah that Jesus adopted as his own "mission statement" is indeed a mission statement for all Christian people. This is what we too are called to do.



"Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared..." (Nehemiah 8:10) Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and

to generously share our blessings with those who are in need without expecting anything in return. Last Week You contributed: Sunday: \$1,193; General Repair: \$178 (118 Parishioners attended Sunday Mass). Thank You! Expenses: \$3,039.69 (Salaries, Equipment Repair/Maint., Utilities, 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 - Jan and Jozefa Smiszek by Family
- TUE - Joseph Skibiell by George and Ann Marie Wycheck
- WED - Intentions of Charlene and Marcia Makara (Birthday) by Alicia
- THU - Victoria Souky (Estate)
- FRI - Living and Deceased Members of Parish Memorial Society
- SAT - 9:00 AM - Francis Leister by George Pytko (Log Book)  
4:00 PM - Michael and Mary Botek by Tom and Mary Ann Kline
- SUN - 8:30 AM - Living and Deceased Parishioners  
10:30 AM - A.J. Drebitko (Birthday) by Leo and Sharon Kolenick

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

**REQUIESCAT IN PACE:** May Jesus, the Word Made Flesh, take unto Himself **MARY STANCHICK**, a former member of the former St. Francis of Assisi Church, and a member of Our Parish Family, who died Monday, January 13, and who was buried Friday, January 18. May Mary, Mother of Our Savior, comfort Mary's family and friends.

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**THE WEEKLY CALENDAR: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendor, strength and honor in his holy place. (Cf. Ps 96 (95): 1,6)**

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JANUARY 27 - SACRAMENT OF**

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

**DIOCESAN COLLECTION: CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES:** This week, we take up The CRS Collection to help **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies provide relief and support to struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief). **Use the CRS Envelope found in your box.**

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

**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.*

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:** In today's gospel Jesus was "praised by all" except at home in Nazareth where the "eyes of all were intently on him." Acceptance can be hard to find at home due to unreal EXPECTATIONS. Jesus challenges us to "proclaim liberty" to anyone "oppressed" or "captive" by our EXPECTATIONS.

**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:** "If a woman plans to terminate her pregnancy, she commonly refers to the life within her as the 'fetus'. But if she intends to deliver and love and care for the little child, she affectionately calls him 'my baby'." (Dr. James C. Dobson) Changing the words do not change the fact that it is a living baby. Join Pro-Life today!

**VOTIVES: (1) SANCTUARY:** IMO John and Josephine Smiszek by Family. (Sanctuary Vigil open dates: February 3, 10, 17, 24, March 17, 24, April 14, 21, May 26, June 16, 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28, August 4, 11, 18, 25, September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, October 6, 27, November 17, 24, December 8, 15, 22, 29) **(2) ALTARS: BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:** Special Intention for Joseph and Pat Skibiell (Wedding Anniversary) by Mom; IMO Donald and Aldona Butler by Edward; IMO Clementine R. Weachock (Birthday) by Niece, Maryann Weachock **(2) DIVINE MERCY:** IMO George Miller (100<sup>th</sup> Birthday) by Edward Butler; Special Intention by Stan and Sally Gober. **(3) BEFORE: ST. JOSEPH:** Special Intention. **ST. FRANCIS:** Special Intention. **SAINT POPE JOHN PAUL II:** Special Intention for Joseph Skibiell (Birthday) by Mom. Call 570-544-2211 to memorialize votives.

**FOOD PREPARATION: 9:30 AM, Parish Center. Help us prepare potatoes.**

**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.

**NEW TEEN MINISTRY FOR SCHUYLKILL COUNTY:** 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Sunday's through March 24. St. Clare Parish Hall. *Schuykill 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](mailto:annie@allentowndiocese.org).

**MONDAY, JANUARY 28 – FEBRUARY VISITATION OF THE SICK:** Continuing this week 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 add someone to our sick call list.

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

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 29 – 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).

**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.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30 – DEVOTIONS TO ST. PEREGRINE:** 8:00 AM Mass. St. Peregrine, help cancer patients and caregivers!

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 31 – "SOUNDS OF THE SPIRIT" CONTEMPORARY CHOIR REHEARSAL:** Call Greg (570-544-2355) to join.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1 – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** 7:45 AM. **MAKE CONFESSION A PART OF YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE!**

**EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR:** Immediately following today's 8:00 AM Mass, there will be Eucharistic Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction. Come and pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life from our Parish and Diocese.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2 – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** 3:30 PM. **WHEN DID YOU LAST GO TO CONFESSION?**

**FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD: Mass, 9:00 AM. "In obedience to the Old Law, the Lord Jesus, the first-born, was presented in the temple by his Blessed Mother, and his foster father. This is another 'epiphany' celebration insofar as the Christ Child is revealed as the Messiah through the canticle and words of Simeon and the testimony of Anna the Prophetess. Christ is the light of the nations, hence the procession and blessing of candles on this day (CANDLEMAS). The Presentation of the Lord concludes the celebration of the Nativity and with the offerings of the Virgin Mother and the prophecy of Simeon, the events now point toward Easter. [Blessed candles have a special significance. In the first place, they remind us that we ought to acquire the three divine virtues: faith which illuminates, hope which warms, and charity which inflames; for candles give light, warmth, and comfort. Furthermore, they suggest to us Christian love of neighbor; for as the burning taper, while warming us to charity, wastes itself, so too should we enlighten our fellowmen by our good works, and at the same time spend ourselves by our deeds of charity and works of neighborly love for others. As the flame of the candle, no matter how we hold it, always burns upward, so too should all our wishes and efforts be directed from the lower to the higher. Our thoughts should be in heaven. Finally, a burning taper reminds us of the uncertainty and fleetness of human life; for when a candle is lighted it begins to waste, and steadily consumes itself, bearing a lively resemblance to human life: at the moment of our birth we began to die, and our life is gradually wasting away amid the din and struggle of life's birth.] Blessed Candles are in the Sanctuary (offering \$5 per box).**

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

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, FEBRUARY 3 – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM.

**THE FEAST OF ST. BLAISE: St. Blaise enjoyed widespread veneration in the Eastern and Western Churches due to many cures attributed to him. According to tradition, he was Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia and was martyred by the Roman Emperor Licinius. From the 8th century, he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with the illnesses of the throat. On this day it is customary to bless the throats of the faithful with two candles tied together with a red ribbon to form a cross. The Rite of Blessing of Throats takes place within the mass. The priest places the candles around the throat of whoever seeks the blessing, using the formula: "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: in the name of the Father, the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen." In honor of St. Blaise, the blessing of throats will take place within today's Masses! HAND ON THIS TRADITION TO YOUR FAMILYS' CHILDREN!**

**THE FAMILY PRAYER CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS (FPC): MARGE WALASAVAGE (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 and April! THANK YOU!**

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

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<b>MINISTERS AT MASS FOR 4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>				
	<b>OFF. PROC.</b>	<b>LECTORS</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	<b>SERVERS</b>
<b>SAT 4:00 PM</b>	Botek Family	Michael Novack	Jack Ruscavage	Skylar Land Nathan Tropp
<b>SUN 8:30 AM</b>	Parishioners	Sister Mary Jane	Marian Rhoads	Logan Perzel Brady Eisenhart
<b>10:30 AM</b>	Drebitko Family	Marge Walasavage	Deacon Henninger	Carter Melochick Jade Stickell

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

**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. 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).

**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!**

**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 M/M Joseph Melenchick, M/M Leonard Rhoads, Sr. by M/M Gary Rhoads (\$25); IMO Russ Rothermel, Vincent Pothering, Albenia Hoover, Russell and Anne Rothermel by Linda Rothermel (\$20); IMO Leslie W. Rutecki, Joseph and Margaret Rutecki by Edward J. Rutecki; IMO John J. Sabadish, Annie Sabadish, Deceased of Kralick and Kushmanick Families by Elizabeth Sabadish; IMO Anna Sabadish by Lynn Sabadish; IMO M/M Andrew Sabados, George and Robert Honyara, Frances Donoris, Laverne Sabados by Joe and Judy Sabados (\$20); IMO Eileen Schultz, M/M Joseph Schultz by David M. Schultz (\$20); Intentions of Ann Searles; IMO Gloria H. Hribick, Peter Senich, Sedusky, Hribick, Kulchinsky, and Senich Families by M/M Greg Senich (\$20); IMO Agnes and Mary Sincavage, Jennie Gut, Peter Washinsky, Sr. by M/M David Sincavage; IMO Clem Smulktis, Arlene and George Rizzardi, Rita and Joseph Haley, Bette and Clarence Smulktis by Mary Smulktis; Intentions of M/M Tom Socko; IMO Alphonse Stabinski, Sophie Stabinski, Helen Drey, Gary Drey by Ray and Karen Stabinski (\$20); IMO Stiney and Mary Skavinsky, Magdalene Skawinsky by M/M Robert Stremick; IMO Russ Rothermel, Jr. by M/M Stephen Toth; Intentions of Barbara Vivic; IMO Joseph Walacavage, Thomas Purcell, Ann Marie Foran, Joseph Casey by Gene and Jean Walacavage (\$20); IMO Marie and Peter Verba, Mary and John Weachock by Carol Weachock; IMO Fred Wenner by Wife, Carleen; IMO Scott Wenner by Mother, Carleen; IMO Leonard Yurkonis, Michael Yurkonis, Steven Caruano, Mary Caruano by Angie Yurkonis; IMO Joseph and Betty Wentz, Clarence and Madaline Aucker, Clarence Aucker, Jr., Nancy Ditzler, Raymond Aucker by M/M Joseph Aucker; IMO Verna and Mike Bosack, Sr., Sophia and Gertrude Bosak, Florence and Eugene Gilchrist, Stephen and Raymond Bosack, Deceased Bosack Family by Michael Bosack, Jr. (\$50); Deceased of Joseph J. Hudock Family by John F. Hudock (\$20); IMO Stan Kosinski, Mike and Ann Kosinski, John and Ann Malenich, Jack and Peg Farrell by Helen Kosinski; IMO Harry and Julia Macready, Mary, Ann, Irene, Bertha, John, Mickey, George, Charles Malenich, Stan Kosinski, Rose Malenich by Rose Mary Kosinski; Intentions of M/M David Kroznuski; Deceased of Kuchta, Sinkovich, and Yakobosky Families, Frank and Sophie Kuchta by Francis N. Kuchta (\$40); IMO M/M William Laudeman by Lois Laudeman; IMO M/M William Laudeman by Son, Robert and Family; IMO John and Victoria Marzinsky, George Gussick by Butch and Carolyn Marzinsky (\$20); IMO James Moore, Sr., David Moore by Family (\$20); IMO Raczka and Lipsky Families by Joan Raczka; IMO Stephen A. Rada, Melvin and Marget Conway, Sophie Gallo by Phyllis Rada; IMO Scott Renninger, Elizabeth Burns, Joseph and Elizabeth Holland by M/M Ronald Renninger (\$20); IMO Elizabeth and Anthony Trotsky, Frank and Helen Ruscavage, Stanley and Helen Zitka by Jack and Betty Ruscavage (\$20); IMO Charles and Elizabeth Schwalm, Patricia O'Brien by Scott and Patrice Schwalm and Family; IMO Connie and Mark Bluis, Tim Stine by M/M Fenton Stine (\$20); IMO M/M Charles Stablum, Birch and Gary Witman, M/M Mario Stablum by Craig Witman Family; IMO Helen and Alphonse Kozluskey, Lisa Ann Clements, Sally and Andrew Ceganick, Magdalene and Anthony Kazlauskas by Ed Kozluskey (\$40); IMO Betty Reed by Daughter, Linda Butcavage and Family; IMO Ryan Wiscount by Mom and Dad; IMO Sue Lyons by Joe and LeeAnn; IMO David and Ann Brennan, Elizabeth and Anthony Marchowsky, Wayne Marchowsky, Michael and Mary Gretskey by Gail Brennan; IMO Arthur J. Morten by Frances Morten and Family (\$20); IMO Anna and Leo Kolenick, Sr., Andy and A.J. Drebitko by Sharon and Leo Kolenick (\$20); Intentions of Shirley Kostek; IMO Edward and Veronica Darosh by Teresa Miller; IMO M/M Alex Butcavage and Family, Bolich and Pleva Families by Arlene Quesada (\$50); IMO Victoria Fetterolf by Schank Family; IMO Mary and Stiney Skavinsky, Baby Skavinsky, Mary and Albert Skavinsky, Mary and Anthony Defalco, Magdalene Skavinsky by Rita Skavinsky (\$50); IMO Sami Stripe, Joseph and Anna Kostick by Shirley Willinsky; IMO Tony and Rose Phillips, Tom Paltanavage, Maria Bartush Groff by Gloria Paltanavage (\$30). (end) Thank you to all our floral memorial donors!