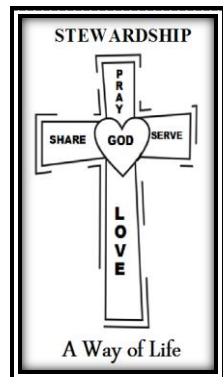


**THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
NOVEMBER 11, 2018**



**GOSPEL REFLECTION:** We would normally hear or read the second half of this week's gospel as a stand alone example of generosity and faith—often without the section that immediately precedes it. Whilst the actions of the widow are certainly worthy of comment, when we read it in the context of the condemnation that immediately precedes it, the widow's offering is placed in a different light. Jesus condemns the scribes who parade their wealth and seek trappings of earthly power and glory: being recognized and greeted as they walk the streets; taking the front seats in synagogue; and expecting to be seated in the place of honor at banquets. Whilst parading their wealth and feasting at banquets, they are also swallowing up the property of widows—taking advantage of those in need. We often hear widows and orphans named in the scriptures as those in need. Widows and orphans (and strangers in the land) are marked out for special attention in the Torah. They are named as deserving of special care—the lost and broken of society. So despite holding a special place in Jewish Law and tradition, the widows are being taken advantage of by the scribes, who are taking over their property for their own gain. One of the duties of the scribes was to administer the proper payment of Temple taxes. The treasury referred to in the passage is the Temple treasury. Rather than a great act of generosity, we can now see the widow's payment of Temple tax as a burdensome, heart-wrenching obligation to pay the very last coins she had to a corrupt, uncaring system. We usually read praise into Jesus' comments about the widow's offering, but it can also be read as moral outrage at the system that demands this woman pay all that she possesses to the Temple.



*"I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living."* (MARK 12:43-44) Jesus gets right to the point – we are all called to give money to support the mission of the Church, regardless of our circumstance. No gift is too small or insignificant! Giving money to support the mission of our local parish is a matter of our faith, just like praying and participating in parish ministries. When you make a financial offering, is it from your "first fruits" or from what is "left over"? Last Week You Contributed: Sunday: \$2,676; Utilities: \$416. Thank You! Expenses: \$5,936.14 (Salaries, Insurance, Equipment Repair, Utilities, Propane). 298 Parishioners attended mass. **Please pray that all Parishioners will attend Mass and receive the Sacraments weekly!**

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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 – Seminary Purgatorial Society
- TUE – Anthony and Anna Vessotskie by Alphonse and Jerry
- WED – Gerald Murphy by Family
- THU – Intentions of Dave and Barb
- FRI – Melvin Conway by Phyllis Rada and Family
- SAT – 4:00 PM – Joan Appleby by Daughters, Lynda Gage and Mary Jane Appleby
- SUN – 8:30 AM – Living and Deceased Parishioners  
10:30 AM – Joseph and Albenia Malusky by Helen, Ang, and Allison

**III BANS OF MARRIAGE:** Matthew Melusky (SMTE) and Holly Behney (SMTE)  
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**2018 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: Every gift counts, no matter how small. \$20,388.78 (goal); 164 donors (34% of Parish); \$21,055 (contributed/pledged). Thanks to all contributors!**

**THE WEEKLY CALENDAR: Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord (Cf. Ps (88) 87:3).**

**THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, NOVEMBER 11 –**

**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 for hosting the FPC for vocations. Sign up for March and April in Church vestibule.

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:** The widow in today's gospel gave only a little, but it counted for a lot. In our homes there are many LITTLE MOMENTS which can have great significance and glue the family together. Seize the moments.

**FRATERNAL CHARITY: 1) ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY: We need HOT AND COLD CEREALS for our SVDP Society's outreach and God's Bountiful Table. Call 570-544-2739 to volunteer your time and your talent. 2) MAKE-A-DIFFERENCE DAY: Your donation of personal and hygiene products, detergents, sandwich bags, are needed and can be dropped off in the Church vestibule. Thank you for your generosity!**

**PRO-LIFE REFLECTION:** "Nothing we do to defend the human person, no matter how small, is ever unfruitful or forgotten. Our actions touch other lives and move other hearts in ways we can never fully understand in this world. Don't ever underestimate the beauty and power of the witness you give in your pro-life work." (Archbishop Charles Chaput) Join pro-life today!

- VOTIVES:** (1) **SANCTUARY:** IMO Theresa (Socko) Sweat (3<sup>rd</sup> Annv) by Ann Marie. (2) **ALTARS: BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:** Special Intention by Stan and Sally Gober; IMO Margaret Homa by Son, Matthew; For the Health of Missy Radziewicz by Helen and Coco; IMO Aldona Butler by Edward. **DIVINE MERCY:** IMO Mary and Stiney Skavinsky (Wedding Annv) by Family; For the Health of Karyn Mazur by Ang Malusky. (3) **BEFORE: ST. LUCY:** Special Intention by Father Leo. **ST. JOSEPH:** Special Intention. **ST. THERESA:** For the health of Dave. **ST. FRANCIS:** Special Intention; For the Health of Wally Slifka by Helen and CoCo. **REDOS NICHE:** For the Health of Dave. Call 570-544-2211 to memorialize votives.

**FLOWERS:** We gratefully acknowledge the flowers in front of the BVM Altar IMO All Those Buried from Our Parish since All Souls Day 2017 requested by Gloria Dutcavich. Call 570-544-2211 to arrange flowers for our Church's Altars.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12 – DECEMBER VISITAION OF THE SICK:** Beginning today until completed. Call the Rectory (570-544-2211) to have someone added to our list.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13 – ST. MATTHEW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:**  
1) 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM, Good Shepherd Building. 2) **MASS ATTENDANCE CARDS:** are in the Church Vestibule. They are used all year long! Parents, bring your children to Mass; see that they receive Confession regularly! 3) To contact our Coordinator of Religious Education, Miss Novack, call 570-544-2211.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 – DEVOTIONS TO ST. PEREGRINE:** 8:00 AM Mass. St. Peregrine, help cancer patients and caregivers!

**ORDER DEADLINE: ASSUMPTION BVM SCHOOL CHRISTMAS GERTRUDE HAWK CANDY SALE:** Call 570-622-0106 to place an order. Support our school!

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15 – "SOUNDS OF THE SPIRIT" CONTEMPORARY CHOIR REHEARSAL:** Call Greg (570-544-2355) to join and for rehearsal times.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16 – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** 7:45 AM. Make room for Confession in your busy schedule!

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17 – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** 3:30 PM.  
**CRAFT, VENDOR AND FOOD SALE:** 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Nativity BVM High School. Sponsored by the Nativity Green and Gold Booster Club. Call Diane at 570-294-0551 for more information.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:** 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. St. Mary Catholic Church, Hamburg. Crafts, ornaments, jewelry, decorations, raffle tickets, theme baskets, and more! Homemade food available. Free admission. Sponsored by St. Mary Women's Guild.

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:** May Jesus, who blessed the Wedding Feast at Cana with the performance of His first Public Miracle, abundantly bless **MATTHEW T. MELUSKY** and **HOLLY M. BEHNEY**, both from our Parish, who will be married here at 1:00 PM today! **MAY GOD BE WITH YOU AND GUIDE YOU AS YOU ASSUME YOUR NEW VOCATION!**

**THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, NOVEMBER 18 – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** 8:00 AM, 10:15 AM.  
**THE FAMILY PRAYER CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS (FPC):** **JOHN AND JANET MICKOSEFF (4:00 PM)** will host the FPC this week. Call 570-399-5056 or sign-up in the Church Vestibule. We need volunteers for March and April! **THANK YOU!**

**POVERTY RELIEF FUND COLLECTION:** The Diocesan Poverty Relief Fund finances local projects and organizations that help the needy in the five counties of our Diocese. Please use the special envelope found in your envelope box. Thank you for caring for the poor and needy within our own Diocese! **YOUR GENEROSITY WILL HELP THEM!**

**NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE:** 1:00 PM, for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents. Meet faculty, staff, students, parents, advisors, coaches and board members; take a tour of our campus; learn about tuition assistance opportunities. No pre-registration is required. Call Jenn (570-622-8110) for more information.

**SECOND COLLECTION ENVELOPE: (1) GENERAL REPAIR:** Your contribution will help defray the cost of general maintenance. **2) Please catch up with any missed envelopes. Thank you for your generosity!**

**MINISTERS AT MASS FOR 33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

	<u>OFF. PROC.</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>
SAT 4:00 PM	Appleby Family	Al Boris	Mary Ann Harrison	Nathan Tropp Skylar Land
SUN 8:30 AM	Parishioners	Jack Hudock	Jason Clark	Logan Perzel Brady Eisenhart
10:30 AM	Malusky Family	Nicole Forney	Deacon Henninger	Jude Plesnarski Kieran Plesnarski

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

**NOVEMBER 22 – SCHUYLKILL COUNTY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TURKEY DINNER:** Schuylkill County Residents in need of a Thanksgiving Day meal will be delivered a complete turkey dinner (turkey, filling, yams, gravy, vegetable, cranberry sauce, bread, dessert). If you, or someone else, needs a meal, call 570-773-0627, 570-516-9514 or 570-628-3333. Leave your name, address, apartment number, town, phone number, number of meals needed, and any other pertinent information or E-mail [kofc431@yahoo.com](mailto:kofc431@yahoo.com). Must be home to receive meal. Call to volunteer your help.

**NOVEMBER 26 – BIBLE STUDY MEETING: 2:00 PM, Parish Center. Call Arlene (570-385-0248). Everyone is welcome to attend!**

**NOVEMBER 28 – FIRST PENANCE: 6:00 PM in our Church.**

**GOD'S BOUNTIFUL TABLE:** Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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. 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).

**NOVEMBER 30 – DECEMBER 2 – DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN "COME AND SEE WEEKEND":** Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, Philadelphia. The young men (age 14 and older) of our diocese are invited. Weekend includes: Mass and time with our Seminarians; a time for prayer, adoration and reflection; sightseeing in Philadelphia; a visit to the shrine of St. John Neumann. Call 610-437-0755.

**DECEMBER 1-2 – BLESSING OF CHOCOLATES IN HONOR OF ST. NICHOLAS:** At all Masses for Parish children.

**DECEMBER 2 – SPECIAL CYO MASS: Our parish children and their coaches will attend today's 10:30 AM Mass. We thank our coaches for all the good they do for our children. We appreciate their gift of time and talent! God bless everyone involved in our Catholic Youth Organization! THANKS FOR CARING ABOUT OUR PARISH CHILDREN!**

**DECEMBER 2 – 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.

**DECEMBER 4 – ANNUAL CHILDRENS' ST. NICHOLAS DAY PARTY:** Magic show and refreshments, 6:30 PM, Good Shepherd Cafeteria. All Parish children and Parish volunteer workers' grandchildren are welcome to meet St. Nicholas!

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

**DECEMBER 19 – HOLIDAY FOOD SALE: Homemade frozen pierogi (\$7 per dozen) and homemade frozen fresh kielbasa (\$8 per two pound link). Pick-up is today at the Parish Center. PRE-ORDERS ONLY. Call NOW, Monday through Friday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM (570-544-2211). PREPARE FOR THE HOLIDAYS EARLY!**

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

**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.

**DECEMBER 5 – FREE DAY IN NEW YORK CITY:** Cost \$45. Departs: Quandel's Minersville 6:30 AM; Giant in Cressona 6:45 AM; New York City 6:00 PM. Enjoy a Broadway Show or check out Central Park!

**DECEMBER 10 – SANDS-BETHLEHEM CASINO:** Cost \$25. There will be an opportunity to see the Christmas City Lights in their glory and visit Historic Holy Ghost Church in South Bethlehem!

**MAY 13-17, 2019 – CAPE COD AND BOSTON:** Includes Chatham, Plymouth, a trip to Foxwoods Casino, and more! Price and other information, including itinerary, coming soon.

**SEMINARY PURGATORIAL SOCIETY:** Enrollees are remembered during the month of November each year in two Masses offered by all diocesan priests; in the daily Masses, Communion, prayers of our Diocesan Seminarians; in the daily prayers of our parochial school children. The Offering is \$25 for an INDIVIDUAL or a HUSBAND and WIFE. For an enrollment, contact the Rectory (570-544-2211). We would encourage your participation because it supports our Seminaries and helps to educate Future Priests!

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND VOTIVES: We would appreciate your Floral Memorials (\$10) and Votive Memorials (\$5) for the adornment of our Church during this coming Christmas Season. Envelopes for Flowers can be found in your Sunday Envelope boxes. Please return them and make arrangements for Vigils at your earliest convenience. Or, call 570-544-2211 for information.**

**AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY:** In need of volunteers to drive cancer patients in our community to and from their treatment appointments. All you need is a good driving record, access to a safe and reliable vehicle, valid driver's license, auto insurance, and a little time. To learn more about how you can get involved and help make a difference in someone's life, call the American Cancer Society (800-227-2345, cancer.org).

**FYI:** The Parish is in arrears \$126,741.00 to the Diocese for monthly assessments. The decreasing Sunday Collections, the diminish-ment in fundraising, aging population, fixed incomes, deaths, decreasing contributions to the memorial fund, low interest on sav-ings, etc.. are all contributing factors. Therefore, we ask you most sincerely and humbly to use your Sunday Church Envelopes and to support ALL parish fundraising to the best of your ability. **There are no other debts for which our Parish is liable!** We are grateful for all the sacrifices that you make to support your parish! It is a sad reality that expenses never seem to diminish!