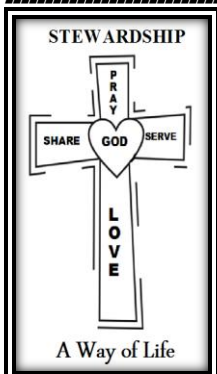


**THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 18, 2018**



GOSPEL REFLECTION: The whole of chapter 13 in the Gospel of Mark is devoted to a discourse about the future. In the section preceding this week's passage, Jesus has foretold the destruction of the Temple and the fall of Jerusalem. He has also predicted war on a massive scale and the persecution of his followers. Now, in this passage, Jesus predicts the return of the Son of Man and the fulfillment of the kingdom of God. // Why does the gospel include such an extended description of the collapse of the world as it was? Because that's exactly what was going on around the community of this gospel writer! This gospel is understood to have been written somewhere in the period 70-75 CE. In the year 70 CE the city of Jerusalem was besieged by Roman troops who stormed the city and destroyed it. As a sign of complete disdain for the people of Jerusalem and a mark of overwhelming victory, the Romans burnt and completely destroyed the Temple in the heart of Jerusalem. For the entire Jewish community, this was absolute devastation. The destruction of the Temple surely marked the coming of the end times—the day of judgment and completion of this world. The community gathered around this gospel writer were no less affected. On top of this, the Roman Emperors were reaching new heights (or depths) in their persecution of the followers of Jesus. // In the midst of this despair and fear, the followers of Jesus are challenged to remember the teachings of the one they follow. This passage is written for them as an encouragement to not give up in the face of what appears to be overwhelming odds. It is a call to hope. Although we can understand the context in which it was originally written, we are also challenged to apply its message of hope and perseverance to our own lives.



"And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory." (MARK 13:26)
We will all have that day when we are standing before God and our life is played out like a movie. When this happens and God asks each of us, "What have you done with the gifts that I have given you?" How will you respond? Last Week You contributed: Sunday: \$2,260; Fuel: \$482. Thank You! Expenses: \$2,962.07 (Salaries, Equipment Repair, Utilities, Propane, Liturgical Supplies). 280 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 – Diane Warcola by Mother, Bertha
- TUE – Deceased members of M/M Nicholas Dunleavy, Sr. Family by Sr. Mary Jane Dunleavy
- WED – Stanley Souky (Estate)
- THU – Joseph and Elizabeth Holland by Family
- FRI – David Moore (35th Annv) by Family
- SAT – 4:00 PM – Anna Rokosky by Son, Tom
- SUN – 8:30 AM – Charles and Elizabeth Schwalm by Scott and Patrice Scwalm Family
10:30 AM – Living and Deceased Parishioners

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: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer

**THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, NOVEMBER 18 –
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 8:00 AM AND 10:15 AM.**

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, or if you forgot your envelope, please drop it in the collection next week. Thank you for caring for the poor and needy within our own Diocese! **YOUR GENEROSITY WILL HELP THEM!**

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 JOHN AND JANET MICKOSEFF (4:00 PM) for hosting the FPC for vocations. Sign up for March and April in Church vestibule.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: Today's gospel teaches us UNCERTAINTY is normal. There are some things in life which "no one knows ... only the Father." Marriage and parenting are full of uncertainty for like the fig tree in the gospel, the people we love grow and change.

FRATERNAL CHARITY: 1) ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY: We need all types of HAMBURGER HELPER 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: To sin by silence when they should protest, makes cowards of men. No law can give us the right to do what is wrong. Abortion is an unjust and wrong law. How many of us have stayed silent regarding the atrocity of abortion while millions of our precious unborn babies are being slaughtered in their mother's wombs? Speak out and join pro-life today.

VOTIVES: (1) SANCTUARY: IMO Diane Warcola by mother, Bertha. **(2) ALTARS: BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:** Special Intention by Stan and Sally Gober; For the health of Judy Graver by Helen and CoCo; IMO Michael J. Warhola by Family; IMO Aldona Butler by Edward. **DIVINE MERCY:** IMO Anna T. Warhola by Family; IMO Mary and Stiney Skavinsky by Family. **(3) BEFORE: ST. LUCY:** Special Intention by Father Leo. **ST. JOSEPH:** Special Intention. **ST. FRANCIS:** Special Intention; For the health of Waldo by Helen and CoCo; For the health of Jessica by Gene and Jean. **Call 570-544-2211 to memorialize votives.**

FLOWERS: We gratefully acknowledge the flowers in front of the BVM Altar IMO David Moore (35th Annv) requested by Family. **Call 570-544-2211 to arrange flowers.**

NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: 1:00 PM, for 7th and 8th 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.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19 – ST. MATTHEW'S TRAVELERS' MOHEGAN SUN CASINO BUS TRIP: Cost \$25; Rebate \$30. Leaves R&J 8:00 AM; Leaves Minersville Quandel's 8:30 AM; Departs Casino 4:00 PM. Call Julie (570-544-5231) or Millie (570-628-5413) ASAP to reserve your seat.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20 – 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.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20 – 2019 MASS BOOK OPENS: 11:00 AM, today and tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21 – DEVOTIONS TO ST. PEREGRINE: 8:00 AM Mass. St. Peregrine, help cancer patients and caregivers!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22 – THANKSGIVING DAY: What better way to show our gratitude to Almighty God for His countless blessings upon us and our country than by attending today's 8:00 AM Mass! **Please bring a canned food item for the poor as your offering today.** A **THANKSGIVING DAY PRAYER:** Heavenly Father, on Thanksgiving Day we bow our hearts to You and pray. We give You thanks for all You've done especially for the gift of Jesus, Your Son. For beauty in nature, Your glory we see for joy and health, friends and family, for daily provision, Your mercy and care. These are the blessings You graciously share. So today we offer this response of praise with a promise to follow You all of our days. *Amen.* **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

PASTORAL NOTE: The Rectory office will be closed **Thursday and Friday** in observance of Thanksgiving.

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. Must be home to receive Meal.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23 – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 7:45 AM. Make room for Confession in your busy schedule!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24 – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 3:30 PM.

THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, NOVEMBER 25 – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM.

THE FAMILY PRAYER CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS (FPC): Robert and Marina Stremick (8:30 AM) 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!**

SECOND COLLECTION ENVELOPE: (1) **PARISH MAINTENANCE:** Your contribution will help defray the cost of improvements for all Parish Buildings and Grounds. (2) Check your Envelope Boxes for the envelopes you might have missed. Thank You!

MINISTERS AT MASS FOR CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

	<u>OFF. PROC.</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>
SAT 4:00 PM	Rokosky Family	Mary Ann Harrison	Theresa Kroznuski	Nathan Tropp Skylar Land
SUN 8:30 AM	Schwalm Family	Elaine Stine	Teresa Miller	Logan Perzel Brady Eisenhart
10:30 AM	Parishioners	Brandon Aucker	Sharon Kolenick	Jude Plesnarski Kieran Plesnarski

COMING EVENTS: PLEASE BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

NOVEMBER 26 – BIBLE STUDY MEETING: 2:00 PM, Parish Center. Studying the Liturgy for the First Sunday in Advent: 1st Reading – Jer 33:14-16; 2nd Reading – Thes 3:12-42; Gospel: Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36. Call Arlene (570-385-0248). Everyone is welcome!

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

GOD'S BOUNTIFUL TABLE: Every 2nd and 4th 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. 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).

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 14 – MINERSVILLE AREA HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE: Its purpose is to provide economically disadvantaged individuals with food during the Christmas Season and into the New Year. All monetary donations can be mailed to The Minersville Area Food Drive Committee, 529 Lytle Street, Minersville, PA. Non-perishable food items are still very much needed and would be appreciated. For information, contact Chairman Edward Butler (544-2739).

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).

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: 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.

THANK YOU: To all the good people who helped with last Saturday morning's Mass of Remembrance and Brunch: Liturgical Ministers, Cooks, Servers, clean-up crew. Thanks for caring for our bereaved!

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.

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!