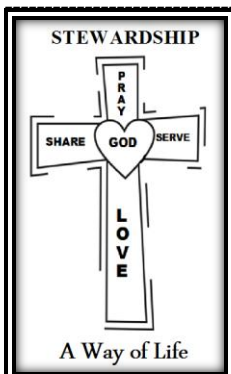


**THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE
NOVEMBER 25, 2018**



GOSPEL REFLECTION: This week marks the end of the liturgical year. Next week, with the first week of Advent, we begin the new liturgical cycle. It is fitting that the Church concludes the liturgical year with the celebration of Christ the King. The conversation between Jesus and Pilate displays a lot of word play on the part of Jesus and quite a lot of confusion on the part of Pilate. The confusion stems from different perceptions of what it means to be a king. For Pilate, part of the most powerful political and military rule in the ancient world, the idea of a king was a threat. Claiming kingship was claiming authority and power that would inevitably lead to challenging the authority and power of Rome and, more directly, its representative in Palestine—Pilate. Jesus, of course, had a completely different idea about ushering in a kingdom. He does indeed declare that he is a king and that is what leads us to today's feast of Christ the King. However, his intention is not to claim a position of power and authority. When we think back to Jesus' teachings about the kingdom of God, we recall that he declares the people of highest status—the first—in the kingdom to be the lowliest of this world. It is the poor, the sick, the outcast, the children, and the widows who will hold the highest places in the kingdom of God. In a kingdom like that, what does it mean to declare oneself king? The confusion about what it means to be a king that is captured in this interaction between Jesus and Pilate is the same confusion that we saw among the disciples as they came to terms with exactly what it means to be the Messiah.



"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." (LUKE 21:28) We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await his second coming. In this Advent season, use the sacrament of Reconciliation to strengthen your

relationship with Jesus. It's never too late. Last Week You contributed: Sunday: \$2,689; General Repair: \$324. Thank You! Expenses: \$4,748.71 (Salaries, Church Envelopes, Oil, Office Supplies); \$40,000 (Diocesan Assessments. Money from our savings was used to pay for these Assessments.) 300 Parishioners attended mass. **Please pray that all Parishioners will attend Mass and receive the Sacraments weekly!**

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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 – Intentions of Bridy and Luke DiCello by Barbara Vicic
- TUE – Gladys and Jerry Vicic by Barbara
- WED – Francis and Helen O'Connor by Molly and Helene
- THU – Aunt Mary and Uncle Tony by Joe and Rta
- FRI – Anna Dobles by Daughter, Carol
- SAT – 4:00 PM – Anna Rokosky by Son, Tom
- SUN – 8:30 AM – Joseph G. Hydock by Wife, Eileen
10:30 AM – Living and Deceased Parishioners

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: May the angels lead into paradise **THOMAS P. BOULTON**, a former member of the former St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, Pottsville, who died Friday, November 16, and who was buried Wednesday, November 21. May Mary, Mother of Mercy, obtain comfort from Jesus, her Son, for Thomas's family and friends.

THE WEEKLY CALENDAR: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honor. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25 – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 8:00 AM, 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 Robert and Marina Stremick (8:30 AM) for hosting the FPC for vocations. Sign up for March and April in Church vestibule.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: When we are young, our parents "tell us about Jesus" and we believe what our parents believe. At some point we must leave our parents faith and ask Pilate's question: "Are you the King?" Pilate is just asking these questions on our behalf.

FRATERNAL CHARITY: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY:

We need all types of CANNED MEATS AND VEGETABLES for our SVDP Society's outreach and God's Bountiful Table. Call 570-544-2739 to volunteer your time and your talent.

PRO-LIFE REFLECTION: Just because something happens to be legal does not make it moral, ethical or right. Abortion is perhaps one of the most dramatic examples of a situation where something is legal, but is very much a sin against God and affront against mankind. Fight the pro-death forces today. Tomorrow your life may depend on it. Speak out and join pro-life today.

VOTIVES: (1) **SANCTUARY:** IMO Mary Andrusko and Gerrie Andrusko by Gloria Dutcavich. (2) **ALTARS: BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:** Special Intention by Stan and Sally Gober; For the health of Judy Graver by Helen and CoCo; IMO Anna Dobles by Daughter, Carol; IMO Aldona and Donald Butler by Edward. **DIVINE MERCY:** IMO Leonard Yurkonis by Wife and Daughters; IMO Michael J. Warhola by Family; IMO Michael Yurkonis by Mom and Sisters; In thanksgiving for prayers answered for daughter, Kelly by Joe and Judy Sabados. (3) **BEFORE: ST. ANTHONY:** Special intention. **ST. ANNE:** In thanksgiving for intention of grandson, Tyrus by Joe and Judy Sabados. **ST. LUCY:** Special Intention by Father Leo. **ST. JOSEPH:** Special Intention; IMO Anna T. Warhola by Family. **SACRED HEART:** Special intention of Judy by Joe and Judy Sabados; Intention of our granddaughter, Ariana by Joe and Judy Sabados. **ST. FRANCIS:** IMO Francis O'Connor (Birthday) by Daughter, Mollie and Family; For the health of Waldo by Helen and CoCo; For the health of Jessica by Gene and Jean. **ST. THERESA:** For the health of Dave. Call 570-544-2211 for votives.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26 – CHRISTMAS VISITATION OF THE SICK: Beginning today until completed. Call the Rectory (570-544-2211) to add someone to our sick list.

FIRST PENANCE INTERVIEWS: Parents please call 570-544-2211 ASAP!

BIBLE STUDY MEETING: 2:00 PM, Parish Center. Studying 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 welcome!

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 more information.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27 – 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 28 – FIRST PENANCE:
6:00 PM, our Church. May God bless these children of our Parish who will make their FIRST CONFESSION: RICHARD CHAPMAN, KALLISTA HUBIAK, MAKENNA KILLIAN, ISABELLA PLESNARSKI, JACIE SCHOFFSTALL, ALEXA SUKEENA, LUKE TOTH. Please remember to keep these children, our Parish's treasure, in your prayers.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28 – DEVOTIONS TO ST. PEREGRINE: 8:00 AM Mass. St. Peregrine, help cancer patients and caregivers!

GOD'S BOUNTIFUL TABLE: 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM, Fr. Anthony J. Ricipito Annex (570-544-6484). Volunteer help needed!

ASSUMPTION BVM HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER: Poinsettia 6.5 inch pot multiple blooms (red, white, or pink) - \$10; Twenty inch Douglas Fir Wreath (decorated with a bow and Christmas balls in traditional red and green) - \$25. **Orders (Call 570-622-0106 ASAP) and money are due today!** Flowers and Wreaths can be picked up December 7 and 8 at Pod and Petal, 17 North Centre St., Pottsville.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29 – "SOUNDS OF THE SPIRIT" CONTEMPORARY CHOIR REHEARSAL: Call Greg (570-544-2355) to join.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30 – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 7:45 AM. Make room for Confession in your busy schedule!

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.

HALUPKI AND HAKUSKI SALE: Pick-up today 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM, St. Michael Church, Shenandoah. Cost: halupki \$2.50 each; haluski \$6.00 per quart. Pre-orders only by calling Theresa at 570-467-3894.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1 – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 3:30 PM. Prepare for Advent by making a good Confession!

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 2 – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM.

THE FAMILY PRAYER CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS (FPC): Linda Rothermel (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!**

BLESSING OF CHOCOLATES: For our Parish children at our weekend Masses to honor **St. Nicholas, Patron Saint of Children, whose Feast Day is December 6. GOOD ST. NICHOLAS PROTECT OUR CHILDREN!**

BIRTHRIGHT'S GIVING TREE: A special tree will be placed in our Church's Sanctuary. Ornaments on the tree list items needed by mothers and children in want in our county. **Please buy or make these items and return your gifts UNWRAPPED to the Church by December 16.** Your gifts will be given to Birthright of Frackville and distributed during the Holiday Season.

CHRISTMAS WAFERS / PLOTKELES / OPLATKI: Are available in the Vestibule to help you preserve the custom of the Christmas Eve Holy Supper. The offering per pack is \$4.00. **Only 100 packs are available!** Preserve this beautiful Holiday Tradition!

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!

GIFT CARD BINGO: Doors open 11:30 AM; Bingo starts 1:00 PM. Nativity BVM High School. Gift cards from various business and restaurants, food and refreshments. Call Diane (570-294-0551) for information.

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.

SEVENTH ANNUAL MURPHY JEWELERS BINGO: Doors open 11:00 AM; Bingo starts 1:00 PM. St. Nicholas Hall, Primrose. \$25. Call 570-527-0899, 570-544-2800, or 570-544-4581 for tickets. Benefits St. Nicholas School.

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) Check your Envelope Boxes for the envelopes you might have missed. Thank You!

MINISTERS AT MASS FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

	<u>OFF. PROC.</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>
SAT 4:00 PM	Rokosky Family	Raina Land	Deacon Henninger	Olivia Osborne Erica Osborne
SUN 8:30 AM	Hydock Family	John Andruchek	Deacon Henninger	Connor Schwalm Scott Schwalm
10:30 AM	Parishioners	Sharon Kolenick	Deacon Henninger	Kaitlyn Koury Nolan Plesnarski

COMING EVENTS: PLEASE BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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!

HOLIDAY SIP AND SHOP: 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Providence Place, Pottsville. Wine tasting with Red Shale Winery, over 40 vendors, hors d'oeuvres, pictures with Santa, Chinese Auction, live radio broadcast. A shuttle will be running to and from JFK swimming pool.

DECEMBER 8 – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: Mass is at 7:00 PM (Vigil), and 9:00 AM. Confessions will be heard fifteen minutes before both Masses.

DECEMBER 12 – 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. 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).

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.

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 your floral memorials can be found in your Sunday Envelope boxes. Please return them ASAP. Make arrangements for Vigils at your earliest convenience by calling the Rectory (570-544-2211)