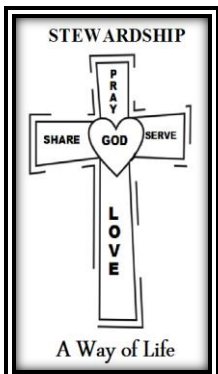


**THE THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 4, 2018**



GOSPEL REFLECTION: Generally, in the gospels, the scribes are shown as antagonistic towards Jesus and when we begin this passage we may be expecting a trap being laid by the scribe. In Jewish tradition, a lot of teaching occurs through a question and answer style and often the question is related to a particular teaching from Torah. Here, the scribe approaches Jesus as a teacher, a rabbi, and poses a question just as he would to any other worthy teacher. He asks which of the commandments Jesus regards to be foremost. This could be an opening question to any teacher and one would expect it to be the start of a long conversation. Neither of the commandments Jesus quotes come from the Ten Commandments with which we are most familiar, but, rather, they come from other parts of Torah (the Law). His qualification of the first commandment—to love God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength—is a way of capturing the whole person. What Jesus is saying is to love God completely and utterly with your whole person. Then he follows up and adds another commandment—“You must love your neighbor as yourself.” The scribe agrees with Jesus’ teaching and adds that these are far more important than offering sacrifice. This is a pretty controversial statement from a scribe! Sacrifice has been the official form of prayer practiced in the Temple for a very long time and he suggests that love of God and love of neighbor are far more important! It is because of this understanding about the priority of love over religious practice—the hallmark of the kingdom of God that Jesus proclaims—that Jesus pronounces the scribe to be “not far from the kingdom of God.”



“And ‘to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices.’ (MARK 12:33) Of all the gifts that God gives us the one He wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of love, not out of obligation. Using our talent in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it’s more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy and forgiveness. Last Week You Contributed: Sunday: \$2,421; Parish Maintenance: \$432; Holy Day: \$360. Thank You! Expenses: \$1,916.62 (Salaries, Water, Insurance, Equipment Maint.); School Subsidy: \$3,638.59. 267 Parishioners attended mass. **Please pray that all Parishioners will attend Mass 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 Malec by Family
- TUE – Michael Dyszel by Valerie and Renee Eippert
- WED – 7:00 AM – Mary Consugar by Robert and Kathryn Tebin (Log Book)
- THU – 7:00 AM – Helen Brennan by Dave and Carol Dinich (Log Book)
- FRI – David Boris by Adrienne Ruscavage (Log Book)
- SAT – 4:00 PM – Alphonse and Sophie Stabinski by Ray and Karen Stabinski
- SUN – 8:30 AM – Mary and Stiney Skavinsky (Wedding Annv) by Daughter, Rita
10:30 AM – Living and Deceased Parishioners

II BANNES OF MARRIAGE: Matthew Melusky (SMTE) and Holly Behney (SMTE)
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REQUIESCANT IN PACE: May the angels lead into paradise: **JOSEPH L. SKIBIEL**, a former member of the former St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish, and a member of our parish family, who died Sunday, October 28, and who was buried from our church Saturday, November 3; and **DORA DANDO**, a former member of the former St. Barbara Parish, who died Tuesday, October 30, and who will be buried from our church Tuesday, November 6. May Mary, Mother of Mercy, obtain comfort from Jesus, her Son, for their families and friends.

2018 BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL: Every gift counts, no matter how small. \$20,388.78 (goal); 164 donors (34% of Parish); \$21,030 (contributed/pledged). Thanks to all contributors!

THE WEEKLY CALENDAR: Foresake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

THE THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, NOVEMBER 4 –

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 **MARY JANE APPLEBY (8:30 AM)** for hosting the FPC for vocations. Sign up for March and April in Church vestibule.

ANNUAL TURKEY BINGO: Doors open at 12:00 Noon; Bingo starts at 1:00 PM. Good Shepherd Cafeteria. Admission \$5.00. Donations of baked goods would be appreciated and should be brought directly to the Cafeteria today. Just place your name on these items. Food and refreshments will be available. Hope to see you there! GOBBLE! GOBBLE! GOBBLE!

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: In a family children are taught to be respectful if they want to be respected, to share, if they want their fair share, and to listen if they want to be heard. Family life teaches us to love others as we love ourselves.

FRATERNAL CHARITY: 1) ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY: We need CANNED MEATS 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!

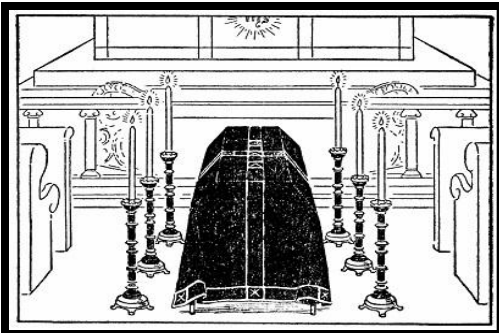
PRO-LIFE REFLECTION: You can’t walk with God and hold hands with Satan at the same time. You can’t be a true Christian and support abortion and euthanasia at the same time either. Join pro-life today!

VOTIVES: (1) SANCTUARY: IMO Jan Malec by Family. **(2) ALTARS: BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:** Special Intention by Stan and Sally Gober; IMO Magdalene Skavinsky by Family; IMO Joseph Dallago by Family; IMO Aldona Butler by Edward. **DIVINE MERCY:** IMO Anthony and Anna Vessotskie by Alphonse and Jerry; IMO Andrew S. Messaros by Class of 1952; IMO Anna Warhola by Dallago Family; IMO Joseph Dallago by Family. **(3) BEFORE: ST. LUCY:** Special Intention by Father Leo. **ST. JOSEPH:** Special Intention. **ST. THERESA:** For the health of Dave. **POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II:** For my deceased family by Stella Gottschall. **ST. FRANCIS:** Special Intention. **REREDOS NICHE:** For the Health of Dave. Call 570-544-2211 for votives.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME: Ended 2:00 AM. Did you turn your clocks back one hour?

BABA’S OLD-FASHIONED ANNUAL FALL TURKEY DINNER: 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Hillcrest Hall. Cost: Adults \$10.95; Children (6-12) \$5.95. Eat-in or take-out. Menu includes: Oven roasted turkey with gravy, homemade filling, mashed potatoes, buttered corn, cranberry sauce, cole slaw, roll, dessert, beverage (with eat-in dinner). Sponsored by Saints Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Church. Call 570-544-6987 for information.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6 – 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



**May all the deceased rest
in God's eternal peace!**

- Ann Rokosky (11-5-17)*
Julia Bertasavage (11-27-17)
Guy Antonio (12-12-17)
John Mickey (12-14-17)
Anne T. Sabadish (12-15-17)
David Homa (12-30-17)
Josephine Laudeman (1-2-18)
Sharon Plesnarski (1-8-18)
William Turner (1-9-18)
Theresa Lesnefsky (1-20-18)
Josephine Roscoe (2-3-18)
Francis Leister (2-7-18)
Bernard Walasavage (2-9-18)
Christopher Wameling (2-9-18)
Vincent Petkaitis (2-20-18)
Joanne Whiteash (3-14-18)
Mark Stefan (3-27-18)
Laverne Sabados (4-6-18)
Josephine Brozana (4-11-18)
Stanley Poslosky (4-25-18)
John Kopinetz (5-19-18)
Melissa Beadle (5-21-18)
Barbara Antonio (7-4-18)
Ann Siminitus (7-11-18)
David Cazonie (7-16-18)
Charles Keller (7-18-18)
Elaine Landers (9-15-18)
Andrew Messaros (9-21-18)
Scott Wenner (9-24-18)
Arlene Letko (10-2-18)
Josephine Drazenovich (10-3-18)
Anna Warhola (10-20-18)
Joseph L. Skibiak (10-28-18)

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. Call to volunteer your help.

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 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.

children to Mass; see that they receive Confession regularly! 3) To contact our Coordinator of Religious Education, Miss Novack, call 570-544-2211.

ELECTION DAY: "In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation," according to the U.S. Catholic bishops (*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, No. 13). We urge all eligible parishioners to participate in today's election. The insights of the Scriptures and Catholic social teaching are important guides for our decisions about issues and candidates. We urge you to become informed about the issues and how Catholic teaching guides us, and to examine the positions of candidates in light of Catholic teaching. For more information about Catholic teaching and civic responsibilities, visit faithfulcitizenship.org.

PORK AND SAUERKRAUT DINNER: 12:00 Noon to 6:00 PM, St. Michael the Archangel Parish Center. Cost: Adult \$9; Children under ten \$4. Eat-in or take-out. Dinner includes: Pork and Kraut, mashed potatoes, applesauce, green beans, roll, beverage and dessert. Call Jean (570-544-6853) for tickets.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7 – DEVOTIONS TO ST. PEREGRINE: 8:00 AM

Mass. St. Peregrine, help cancer patients and their caregivers!

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

PRIESTS' WORKSHOP: Father Leo will attending both today and tomorrow.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8 – RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE: 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Good Shepherd Cafeteria. **DONATE YOUR BLOOD, GIVE LIFE!**

MONTHLY ROSARY: 6:15 PM in our Church. 2nd Thursday of each month.

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9 – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 7:45 AM. Make room for Confession in your busy schedule!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10 – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 3:30 PM.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE AND SOCIAL: 10:00 AM Mass (followed by brunch [invitation only] in our Parish Center).

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Crafts, ornaments, jewelry, decorations, bargain table, theme baskets, baked goods and more! Food available including hot roast turkey, hot dogs, and more. Call 570-622-5470 for more information.

FIRST ANNUAL VENDOR AND CRAFT SHOW: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Ashland. Homemade food and baked goods also available! Call 570-875-1521 for more information.

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM.

THE FAMILY PRAYER CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS (FPC): ALICIA

POSLOSKY 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) **FUEL:** Your contribution will help defray the cost of heating oil for all parish buildings. (2) **Please catch up with any missed envelopes.** Thank you for your generosity!

MINISTERS AT MASS FOR 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

		OFF. PROC.	LECTORS	E. M. of H. E.	SERVERS
SAT	4:00 PM	Stabinski Family	Raina Land	Deacon Henninger	Nathan Tropp Skylar Land
SUN	8:30 AM	Skavinsky Family	Sr. Mary Jane Dunleavy	Deacon Henninger	Logan Eizenhart Brady Perzel
	10:30 AM	Parishioners	Marge Walasavage	Deacon Henninger	Jude Plesnarski Kieran Plesnarski

COMING EVENTS: PLEASE BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

NOVEMBER 14 – ORDER DEADLINE: ASSUMPTION BVM SCHOOL CHRISTMAS GERTRUDE HAWK CANDY SALE: Call 570-622-0106. Support our school!

NOVEMBER 17 – 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 (570-294-0551) for more information.

NOVEMBER 17, 18 – 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!

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,