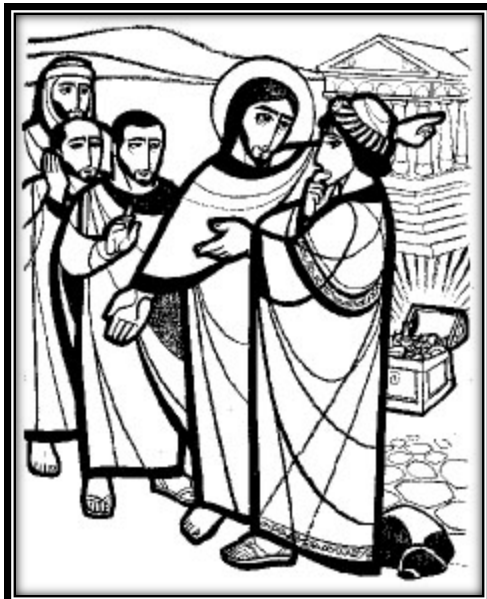
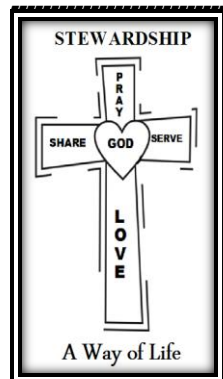


**THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 14, 2018**



GOSPEL REFLECTION: Jesus reminds us in this gospel that to join him in bringing about the reign of God requires absolute commitment and a willingness to give up that which is most precious to us. The rich man who approached Jesus was genuine in his desire to fulfill all the requirements of the Law to attain eternal life. Jesus quoted to him all the commandments that deal with right relationships with others. The man is able to tick these off and assure Jesus that he has been doing this since childhood—a pretty big claim in the first place! Then Jesus “looked steadily at him and loved him”—he looked on him with the eyes of love; the eyes that see to the heart of a person, and in that look knew what was most important to the man. Jesus could tell by his dress no doubt that the man was wealthy and so it is this aspect of the man’s life that Jesus chooses to challenge him about. This gospel shouldn’t necessarily be read as a condemnation of wealth—rather, it is the man’s inability to surrender his wealth that Jesus challenges. Jesus sees to the heart of the man and asks if he is willing to give up that which is most important in his life. The man is unable to do what Jesus asks of him and goes away sad. Why sad? He’s sad because he knows that he has been tested and failed. He knows that what he genuinely desired was within his reach but he needed to let go of his position, his status, his wealth, to be able to grasp what he desired in both hands.



“It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” (MARK 10:25) Jesus uses tough language that we may not want to hear. But, we are all called to be generous with all our gifts. Not just the ones we pick and choose, but all our gifts: our time in prayer to God, our talent in participating

in parish ministries and our treasure supporting our local parish and other charities. Last Week You Contributed: Sunday: \$3,239; Utilities: \$511; Thank You! Expenses: \$6,006.39 (Salaries, Utilities, Insurance, Maint. Supplies, Propane). 274 Parishioners attended mass. **Please pray that all Parishioners will attend Mass and receive the Sacraments weekly!**

Father Leo (3). Call 570-544-2211 to memorialize votives.

PENNY PARTY GAME: Doors open 12:00 Noon; Prize raffles begin 1:00 PM. Citizen’s Fire Co., Branchdale. More than 300 prizes that will come right to your seat. Chances will start at only 1 cent each depending on the value of the item.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15 – MOHEGAN SUN CASINO: Cost \$25; Rebate \$30. Call 570-544-5231 or 570-628-5413 ASAP for information.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16 – 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.

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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 – Louise Kishel by Daughter, Joan Roberts
- TUE – Catherine Drazenovich (Estate)
- WED – M/M Joseph and Frances Martin by Daughter, Eileen
- THU – Grigalonis and Skibiel Families by Frank and Theresa
- FRI – David and Catherine Rowlands by Family
- SAT – 4:00 PM – John and Elaine Butcavage by Steve and Margaret Mary Motsney (Log Book)
- SUN – 8:30 AM – Mary S. Skavinsky (Birthday) by Marina and Bob Stremick
- 10:30 AM – Living and Deceased Parishioners

THE WEEKLY CALENDAR: If you, O Lord, Should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is forgiveness, O God of Israel. SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, DIOCESAN PATRONAL FEAST: MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 8:00, 10:15 AM.

ENROLLMENT MASS: 10:30 AM. We congratulate these sons and daughters of our Parish preparing for CONFIRMATION: ERIC ANDRUCHEK, KAITLYN KOURY, BRAYDEN MIKLESAVAGE, TYLER NOVACK, BROCK POLINSKY, GAVIN STINE, KAYLEI WENTZ. We also congratulate those preparing for FIRST PENANCE / HOLY COMMUNION: RICHARD CHAPMAN, KALLISTA HUBIAK, MAKENNA KILLIAN, ISABELLA PLESNARSKI, JACIE SCHOFFSTALL, ALEXA SUKEENA, LUKE TOTH. Please remember to keep these children in your prayers as they prepare to encounter Christ in His life-giving Sacraments!

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 EDWARD J. RUTECKI (8:30 AM) for hosting the FPC for vocations. Sign up for January and February in Church.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: Having possessions is an illusion. In today’s gospel Jesus told the young man to give up his need to control and put his trust in God. He couldn’t let go! In families our need to control destroys relationships. We can lead, teach and encourage, but we can’t control anyone but ourselves.

FRATERNAL CHARITY: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY: We need CANNED TUNA 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: This can be applied to abortion and euthanasia: “It’s the action, not the fruit of the action, that’s important. You have to do the right thing. It may not be in your power, may not be in your time, that there will be any fruit. You may never know what results come from your action. But if you do nothing, there will be no result.” (Gandhi) Join pro-life today!

VOTIVES: (1) SANCTUARY: IMO Mary S. Skavinsky by Rita Skavinsky. (2) **ALTARS: BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:** Special Intention by Stan and Sally Gober; IMO Genevieve Ferenchick; For the health of Walter Slifka by Helen and CoCo; For the health of Karen Nazur by Angela Malusky. **DIVINE MERCY:** IMO Anthony Pytko by Dolores Leister; IMO Stanley Pytko by Dolores Leister; Intention of Mary (Birthday) by Tessie Balulis; Intention of Jerry (Birthday) by Tessie Balulis. (3) **BEFORE: ST. ANNE:** Good health for Kasia by Dolores. **ST. ANTHONY:** Intention of Nick (Birthday) by Tessie Balulis. **ST. LUCY:** Special Intention by Father Leo; For the health of Father Leo by Tessie Balulis. **ST. JOSEPH:** Special Intention; IMO John P. Weachock (Birthday) by Maryann Weachock. **ST. THERESA:** Special Intention; For the health of Dave. **POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II:** Special Intention. **ST. FRANCIS:** Special Intention; Special intention for Kelly Wheeler by Parents, Joe and Judy Sabados; Special intention for Tyrus by Grandparents, Joe and Judy Sabados. **REDOS NICHE:** For the Health of Dave. **ST. PETER:** IMO Aldona Butler by Edward; IMO John P. Weachock (Birthday) by Maryann Weachock. **ST. PAUL:** IMO John Kryscio and Frances Ludwig by friend, Father Leo (2). **HOLY OILS:** IMO Blanche Kryscio and Helen Rutecky by friend, Father Leo (2). **ST. STANISLAUS MURAL:** IMO Veronica Anthony, John Kopinetz, and Celie Miller by friend, Father Leo (3). **ST. BARBARA MURAL:** IMO Fr. Joseph Shelonis, Fr. Victor Anselmi, and Fr. David Chabin by friend,



Faith-Hope-Charity

Goal: \$20,388.78.
Pledged: \$20,885.
Given: \$19,821.75.
% of Families (478):
(163 Donors) 34.03%.
You can make a gift any time by placing your pledge form in the collection basket or by visiting the Appeal website at FaithHopeCharityGives.org. THANKS!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17 – DEVOTIONS TO ST. PEREGRINE: 8:00 AM Mass. St. Peregrine, help cancer patients and their caregivers!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18 – “SOUNDS OF THE SPIRIT” CONTEMPORARY CHOIR REHEARSAL: Call Greg (570-544-2355) to join or for rehearsal times. New members welcome!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19 – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 7:45 AM.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20 – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 3:30 PM.

THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, OCTOBER 21 – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM.

DIOCESAN COLLECTION: WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: Today, with Catholics of the world, we are called to offer, at this Eucharistic celebration, our prayers and our generous financial support, through The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, to continue the mission of Jesus. Today we “speak up” through our prayers and personal sacrifices for our brothers and sisters in the Missions. As little as... > \$25 helps support a catechist for a month in Latin America > \$75 provides for the work of religious Sisters in Africa > \$100 assists children in schools in Asia. As always, your prayers are your most treasured gift to the Missions. Your *financial help* offered today, **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**, support mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who are Christ’s witnesses to a world so in need of His healing love and peace. Give this World Mission Sunday.

PIEROGI PREPARATION: 9:30 AM. Parish Center. Can you give us an hour of your time

OCTOBER MASS COUNT: As directed by Bishop Alfred Schlert, a tally of those attending Mass this weekend, and next, must be taken *in all parishes* to provide information for future pastoral planning. Attend Mass this weekend and be counted!

THE FAMILY PRAYER CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS (FPC): KATHERINE CHELAK (8:30 AM) will host the FPC this week. Call 570-399-5056 or sign-up in the Church Vestibule. We need volunteers for January and February! **THANK YOU!**

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!

MINISTERS AT MASS FOR 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	<u>OFF. PROC.</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>
SAT 4:00 PM	Butcavage Family	Rosalie Novack	Barbara Sincavage	Eades Family
SUN 8:30 AM	Skavinsky Family	Jack Hudock	Jack Ruscavage	Eric Andruchek
10:30 AM	Parishioners	Mary Ann Harrison	Sharon Kolenick	Jordan Berdanier
				Carter Melochick
				Jade Stickell

COMING EVENTS: PLEASE BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

OCTOBER 22 – PIEROGI PREPARATION: 9:00 AM. Parish Center. Please help!

OCTOBER 24 – 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).

OCTOBER 27-28 – SPECIAL VOLUNTARY DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION: HURRICANE RELIEF: Hurricanes Florence and Michael have left much devastation in their wakes. Their effects have crippled areas of Florida, Georgia and the Carolinas with flooding, especially in western areas of these states which are generally not affected by hurricanes. It will take months, if not years, for these areas to recover because of the damage to public infrastructure, homes and agriculture. To aid in the recovery, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has called for a special collection to be taken up across the United States. Bishop Schlert has authorized this collection for this weekend. **Please use a plain envelope. Include your name, envelope number, and “Hurricane Relief” on it. Be Generous!**

OCTOBER 29 – THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS: 5:00 PM, Our Lady’s Chapel of St. Patrick Church. Last Monday of each month. Veneration of a First-Class Relic of Saint Pauline Visintainer, Patron Saint of Diabetics, to follow. Call 570-622-1802 for information.

NOVEMBER 4 – 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. **NON-PERISHABLE GROCERY ITEMS (CANNED GOODS, PAPER PRODUCTS, HOUSEHOLD CLEANING ITEMS, etc.) are needed for the Bingo Prizes and can be left in the specially marked bins in the Church Vestibule. Place your name on the items. You have already received a letter in the mail with the necessary information. Call Theresa (570-544-4316).**

NOVEMBER 8 – MONTHLY ROSARY: 6:15 PM in our Church. Rosary is second Thursday of each month.

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

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 19 – HOLIDAY KIELBASA AND PIEROGI SALE: Details coming soon.

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-BETHEHEM 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!

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!