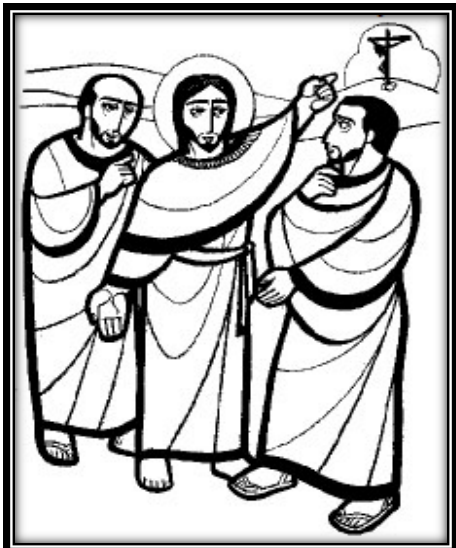
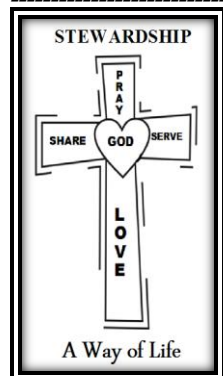


**THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 21, 2018**



GOSPEL REFLECTION: James and John are effectively calling “shotgun” on the best seats at the table! When they ask to sit at the left and right hand of Jesus, they are asking Jesus to name them as his deputies. They’re looking to secure for themselves positions of power and authority. The only problem is that they have a completely messed up idea of what it means for Jesus to enter into his glory. For several weeks now, we have been exploring a theme from the Gospel of Mark that follows a physical journey towards Jerusalem as well as a symbolic and theological journey towards what is going to occur in Jerusalem—Jesus’ arrest, crucifixion and resurrection. // Throughout this journey, Jesus has been trying to prepare the disciples for what is to come and educate them about what it really means to be a disciple of his. Three times Jesus tells the disciples explicitly what lies ahead. Each time the disciples fail to grasp what Jesus tells them. Despite occasional glimpses of insight, the disciples still believe that Jesus is going to rise up as a political or military figure. In a complete dismissal of this sort of thinking, Jesus declares quite forcefully that leadership of this sort is not what he intends for himself, nor for those who follow him. // Leadership in the Jesus model is about being of service to others; it is not about prestige and acclamation. Many of the best leaders are those who do not have any title of leadership or authority. Their leadership and authority come from what they do and how they do it. They inspire others to follow their example. They don’t demand it; they don’t bully; they don’t play power games. People simply want to follow their example.



“For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (MARK 10:45) If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God’s love and mercy? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from “I want more” to “thank you God for everything you have given me, I have enough

to share”. This change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others. Last Week You Contributed: Sunday: \$2,868; Fuel: \$459; Thank You! Expenses: \$4,781.50 (Salaries, Utilities, Equipment Maint., Taxes). 289 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 – Cyril Whiteash by Family
- TUE – Gerald Malusky by Helen, CoCo, Ang and Allison
- WED – Alex Valibus by Alphonse and Jerry
- THU – Rev. John Pavlosky (Estate)
- FRI – Fr. Anthony Niemotko for his service to the church
- SAT – 4:00 PM – Paul Botek, Jr. by Mother, Joan
- SUN – 8:30 AM – Ryan Wiscount by Family
10:30 AM – Living and Deceased Parishioners

THE WEEKLY CALENDAR: To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me. (cf. Ps 17 (16): 6, 8)

**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 we are called to be part of the Church’s missionary efforts, supporting mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who provide loving service to those most in need. As Catholics around the world — here at home and in the Missions — gather at the Eucharist around the table of the Lord, let us... PRAY for the Church’s worldwide missionary work OFFER financial HELP through The Society for the PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH for vulnerable communities throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands. Please be generous and give this World Mission Sunday.

OCTOBER MASS COUNT: As directed by Bishop Schlerf, a tally of those attending Mass this weekend (and next) must be taken to provide information for future pastoral planning. **ATTEND MASS AND BE COUNTED!**

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 KATHERINE CHELAK (8:30 AM) for hosting the FPC for vocations. Sign up for January and February in Church.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: “Advice” books abound on marriage and parenting. Jesus tells us in today’s gospel the real secret: satisfying relationships depend on how well we sacrifice our needs to serve others. It is not about “getting,” it’s about “giving” ourselves. If you feel like you are a servant to your children and spouse, then you are doing it right.

FRATERNAL CHARITY: 1) ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY: We need CEREALS (hot or cold) 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, detergent, sandwich bags, are needed and can be dropped off in the Church vestibule. Thank you for your generosity!

PRO-LIFE REFLECTION: “Christians have a duty to be politically active... to speak up about the issues that affect the common good...when we go into the voting booths, we don’t cease to be members of the Church! If we don’t shape public policy according to moral truths, why do we believe that moral truth at all?” (Fr. Frank Pavone, Director, Priests for Life) Join pro-life today!

VOTIVES: (1) SANCTUARY: IMO Josephine and Stanley Graf, Sr. by Barbara, Mary Beth, Evelyn, and Maureen. **(2) ALTARS: BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:** Special Intention by Stan and Sally Gober; IMO Mary Skavinsky by Family; IMO A. Butler by Edward; IMO John P. Weachock (Annv) by Maryann Weachock. **DIVINE MERCY:** IMO Alex Valibus by Alphonse and Jerry; IMO John P. Weachock (Annv) by Maryann Weachock; IMO Fr. Ignatius Szal, Fr. John Bambrick by Friend, Father Leo (2). **(3) BEFORE: ST. ANNE:** IMO Msgr. John McPeak by Friend, Father Leo. **ST. ANTHONY:** IMO Fr. Michael Lawrence by Friend, Father Leo. **ST. LUCY:** Special Intention by Father Leo. **ST. JOSEPH:** Special Intention. **ST. THERESA:** Special Intention; For the health of Dave. **POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II:** Special Intention. **ST. FRANCIS:** Special Intention. **REREDOS NICHE:** For the Health of Dave. **SACRED HEART:** IMO William Laudeman, Sr. (7th Annv) by Son, William, Jr. and Family. Call 570-544-2211.

PIEROGI PREPARATION: 9:30 AM, Parish Center. Please help!

FLU SHOT CLINIC: 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM, St. Michael the Archangel Parish Center. Sponsored by Rite Aid of Minersville. Free with most insurances. Please bring your Medicare and prescription cards.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22 – PIEROGI PREPARATION: 9:00 AM, Parish Center. Please lend us a hand! Come and enjoy the fellowship!



Faith-Hope-Charity

Goal: \$20,388.78.
Pledged: \$20,910.
Given: \$19,846.75.
% 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!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23 – 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, OCTOBER 24 – 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). Please volunteer your time.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25 – "SOUNDS OF THE SPIRIT" CONTEMPORARY CHOIR REHEARSAL: Call Greg (570-544-2355) to join or for rehearsal times. New members welcome!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26 – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 7:45 AM.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27 – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 3:30 PM.

THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, OCTOBER 28 – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM. When was the last time you went to Confession?

BREAKFAST BUFFET: 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM, St. Nicholas Hall, Primrose. Adults: \$9; Children under 12: Free. Sponsored by St. Nicholas Holy Name Society. Call 570-544-4581 for more information.

THE FAMILY PRAYER CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS (FPC): LINDA AND JOSEPH BUTCAVAGE (10:30 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) **PARISH MAINTENANCE:** Your contribution will help defray the cost of improvements for all Parish Buildings and Grounds. 2) Please catch up with any missed envelopes. Thank you for your generosity!

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!**

MINISTERS AT MASS FOR 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	<u>OFF. PROC.</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>
SAT 4:00 PM	Botek Family	Al Boris	Deacon Henninger	Eades Family
SUN 8:30 AM	Wiscount Family	Sr. Mary Jane Dunleavy	Marian Rhoads	Eric Andruchek
10:30 AM	Parishioners	Nicole Forney	Beth Tropp	Jordan Berdanier
				Carter Melochick
				Jade Stickell

COMING EVENTS: PLEASE BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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 1 – ALL SAINTS DAY: Mass: 7:00 PM (eve), 8:00 AM, 7:00 PM. This is a Holy Day of Obligation!
NOVEMBER 2 – ALL SOULS' DAY: 1) Mass: 8:00 AM, 12:00 Noon, 7:00 PM. 2) We respectfully remind you to return your All Souls Day Remembrance Offering. The persons listed on your Remembrance Offering Envelope will be remembered at today's 12:00 Noon Mass and throughout the month of November. 3) **All Souls' Day Vigils:** In a recent mailing you received a form for memorializing votive candles in remembrance of your deceased loved ones. Please return your memorializations as soon as possible.

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 4 – 19TH ANNUAL CHINESE AUCTION: Doors open 10:00 AM; Auction begins 1:00 PM. St. Nicholas Hall, Primrose. Donation \$5. "Browse & Bid" Saturday, November 3, 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Theme baskets, many other prizes, homemade foods, and more! Call 570-544-2800 or 570-544-4581 for more information.

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).

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.

NOVEMBER 14 – 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 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 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 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 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-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 13-18, 2019 – CAPE COD AND BOSTON: Includes Chatham, Plymouth, a trip to Foxwoods Casino, and more! Price and other information, including itinerary, coming soon.