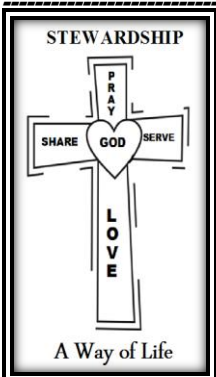


**THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 28, 2018**



GOSPEL REFLECTION: This passage from the Gospel of Mark draws to a close a significant section of the gospel. It stretches from 8:22 to this passage, 10:52. Like other examples in the Gospel of Mark, the stories at the beginning and end of the section are related and shed light on what they surround. Like this passage, the event at the beginning of the section is an account of the healing of a blind man. Contained within the two healings of blindness, as we have seen over the last six weeks, is an extended lesson on discipleship. Within this section, Jesus speaks about his upcoming death on three occasions and each time the disciples display their own form of blindness when they fail to understand what Jesus is trying to tell them quite explicitly. In this section, we have heard that discipleship involves suffering and hardship; it means placing one's own needs last and the needs of others first; and that discipleship is all about faith. // In this healing of blind Bartimaeus, we see all the hallmarks of what Jesus has been trying to teach the disciples in the preceding episodes. As a blind man, Bartimaeus would be regarded as "imperfect"—incomplete—and consequently in a permanent state of uncleanness. He would not be allowed to live within the bounds of normal society, nor have contact with people. So it is that Jesus encounters Bartimaeus on the side of the road, outside the city walls as he is leaving Jericho. Learning that it is Jesus passing by, Bartimaeus calls on Jesus to help him and the crowd tries to shut him up and remind him of his status. But Jesus calls Bartimaeus to him and, placing the needs of the other first, asks "What do you want me to do for you?" When Bartimaeus makes his request, Jesus announces that it is his faith that has saved him and his sight is restored. Bartimaeus, like a good disciple, then follows Jesus on the road.



"And Jesus said to him, 'Go your way; your faith has made you well.' And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way." (MARK 10:52) Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to see it. Many people think that miracles don't happen anymore. But, if you focus on the positive, not the negative, focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem common and you will see God's active presence in your daily life. Last Week You Contributed: Sunday: \$2,422; General Repair: \$338; Thank You! Expenses: \$9,862.86 (Salaries, Water, Oil, Equipment Maint., Candles, Office Supplies). 282 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 – Leo Maletz, Sr. by son, Father Leo
- TUE – John Consugar by Family
- WED – 7:00 PM – Alma Paulosky by Frank and Theresa
- THU – John Sokola by Family
7:00 PM – Living and Deceased Parishioners
- FRI – Living and Deceased Members of Parish Memorial Society
12:00 Noon – Holy Souls
7:00 PM – Souls on All Souls Day Envelopes
- SAT – 4:00 PM – Joseph Barnetsky (10th Annv) by Family
- SUN – 8:30 AM – Living and Deceased Parishioners
10:30 AM – Scott Bedford by Family

I BANNES OF MARRIAGE: Matthew Melusky (SMTE) and Holly Behney (SMTE)

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: May the angels lead into paradise ANNA T. WARHOLA, a member of the former St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish, and a member of our parish family, who died Saturday, October 20, and was buried from our church Thursday, October 25. May Mary, Mother of Mercy, obtain comfort from Jesus, her Son, for Anna's family and friends.

THE WEEKLY CALENDAR: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, OCTOBER 28 – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 8:00 AM AND 10:15 AM.

SPECIAL VOLUNTARY DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION:

HURRICANE RELIEF: For the benefit of the victims who suffered horrific devastation due to Hurricanes Florence and Michael. If you forgot this week, please use a plain envelope. Include your name, envelope number, and "Hurricane Relief" on it and bring it with you next week to Church. Please be generous!

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 LINDA AND JOSEPH BUTCAVAGE (10:30 AM) for hosting the FPC for vocations. Sign up for February 17 in Church vestibule.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: When Jesus asked the blind man "What do you want from me?" he asked for sight. If Jesus asked you the same question, what would you say? Okay, that is your prayer.

FRATERNAL CHARITY: 1) ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY: We need CANNED HAMS 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: Speak for those who cannot speak for themselves, God's precious unborn babies. We are not attempting to create any new laws; we just want the current laws against murder applied to all people, born and unborn.

VOTIVES: (1) SANCTUARY: IMO Leo Maletz, Sr. by son, Father Leo. **(2) ALTARS: BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:** Special Intention by Stan and Sally Gober; IMO Nancy, Matthew, Mark; IMO Jennie Gut; IMO Veronica Ferenchick. **DIVINE MERCY:** IMO Peter and Genevieve Ferenchick; IMO John Andruchek, Sr.; IMO Aldona Butler by Edward; For the Health of Karyn Mazur by Angela Malusky. **(3) BEFORE: ST. LUCY:** Special Intention, For the intentions of Julia Kubich by Father Leo **(2). ST. JOSEPH:** Special Intention. **ST. THERESA:** Special Intention; For the health of Dave. **POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II:** Special Intention. **ST. FRANCIS:** Special Intention; IMO Joseph and Wanda Senawaitis; For the Health of Waldo by CoCo and Helen. **ST. ANTHONY:** For the Health of Dave by Theresa Schoffstall. **ST. BARBARA:** For the Health of Wally. **REREDOS NICHE:** For the Health of Dave. **SACRED HEART:** IMO Joseph Barnetsky (10th Annv) by Family. Call 570-544-2211 for votives.

PIEROGI PREPARATION: 9:30 AM, P.C. Prepare potatoes to make pierogi.

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.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29 – NOVEMBER VISITATION OF THE SICK: Beginning today until completed. Call 570-544-2211 to have someone added to our visitation list.

PIEROGI PREPARATION: 9:00 AM, Parish Center. Make Pierogi.

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 information.



2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal
Faith-Hope-Charity

Goal: \$20,388.78.
Pledged: \$20,930.
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 30 – 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.

HALLOWEEN, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31 –THE VIGIL OF ALL SAINTS DAY: Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 PM. Confessions are at 6:30 PM.
DEVOTIONS TO ST. PEREGRINE: 7:00 PM Mass. St. Peregrine, help cancer patients and caregivers!
TRICK OR TREAT: Parish children are welcome to visit the Rectory between 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM for a treat!

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1– HOLY DAY: Today we follow the time honored tradition of our Church in remembering all the faithful departed, both Canonized Saints and Un canonized, who are now enjoying the benefits of eternal life and whose company we hopefully will one day join! **MASS:** 8:00 AM, 7:00 PM. We need volunteer Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors for all Holy Day Masses! Please call 570-544-2211. **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** 7:45 AM, 6:30 PM.

ALL SOULS DAY, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2 – IN COMMEMORATIONE OMNIUM FIDELIUM DEFUNCTORUM: 1) **MASS:** 8:00 AM, 12:00 Noon, 7:00 PM. **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** 7:45 AM, 11:30 AM, 6:30 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 7:00 PM 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. Candles will be lit today and burned until consumed. 4) **Visiting a Cemetery:** An indulgence is granted the Christian faithful who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, if only mentally, for the dead. This indulgence is applicable only to the souls in

purgatory. This indulgence is a plenary one from November 1 through November 8 and can be gained on each one of these days. On the other days of the year, this indulgence is a partial one. **PASTORAL NOTE: An indulgence is the remission in the eyes of God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose culpable element has already been taken away. The Christian faithful who are rightly disposed and observe the definite, prescribed conditions (+Have the intention of gaining the indulgence; +receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist near the prescribed action of the indulgence within several days before or after the prescribed action of the indulgence, though the same day is best, if possible; +Pray 6 Our Fathers, 6 Hail Marys and 6 Glory Bes for the Intentions of the Holy Father;+Perform the prescribed action of the indulgence;+be free from all attachment to sin including venial sin), gain remission through the effective assistance of the Church, which, as the minister of redemption, authoritatively distributes and applies the treasury of the expiatory works of Christ and the saints. An indulgence is either plenary or partial, that is, it frees a person either from all or from some of the temporal punishment due to sins. RIP!**

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR: Immediately following today's 8:00 AM Mass, there will be Eucharistic Exposition, Adoration, and Reposition. Come and pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life from our Parish and Diocese. **PASTORAL NOTE: We encourage parishioners to spend time in prayer in Eucharistic Adoration for this worthwhile intention!**

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

THE THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, NOVEMBER 4 – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM.

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).**

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS: Remember to turn your clocks back one hour at 2:00 AM this morning!

THE FAMILY PRAYER CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS (FPC): MARY JANE APPLEBY (8:30 AM) will host the FPC this week. Call 570-399-5056 or sign-up in the Church Vestibule. We need volunteers for February 17! THANK YOU!

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) Please catch up with any missed envelopes. Thank you for your generosity!

MINISTERS AT MASS FOR 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	OFF. PROC.	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS
SAT 4:00 PM	Barnetsky Family	Theresa Kroznuski	Al Boris	Nathan Tropp Skylar Land
SUN 8:30 AM	Parishioners	John Andruchek	Deacon Henninger	Logan Perzel Brady Eisenhart
10:30 AM	Bedford Family	Sharon Kolenick	Maria Bartush	Jude Plesnarski Kieran Plesnarski

COMING EVENTS: PLEASE BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- NOVEMBER 8 – MONTHLY ROSARY:** 6:15 PM in our Church. Rosary is second Thursday of each month.
- RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE:** 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Good Shepherd Cafeteria. DONATE YOUR BLOOD, GIVE LIFE!
- 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 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, 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. **(LOOK AT WHAT GOOD WORK THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DO!)**
- 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 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).

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.