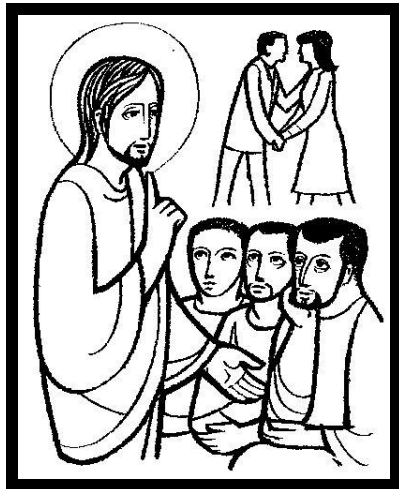
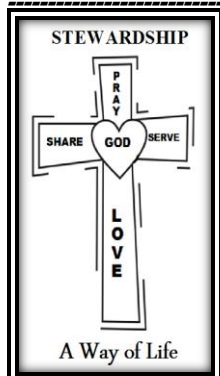


**THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 7, 2018**



GOSPEL REFLECTION: In the Western world today, somewhere between one-third and one-half of marriages end in divorce. It's a statistic that we hear wheeled out as a sign of the collapse of family values in our society. However, the reverse statistic is also true: somewhere between one-half and two-thirds of marriages are lasting ones. In the last 30-40 years, divorce has transformed from being a shameful scandal to an accepted, even commonplace, fact of life. It would be uncommon not to know someone affected by divorce. Despite those who argue that divorce is too "easy", it is an emotional and difficult decision for couples to reach and has rippling impacts on children, extended families and friends. // When the Pharisees in the gospel asked Jesus about the law regarding divorce, they really weren't interested in divorce; they wanted to check Jesus' orthodoxy—how he stood in relation to traditional teaching. Rather than respond to them directly, Jesus asks them first of all to name the teaching to which they refer. He then explains that Moses only wrote the instruction because the people were so unwilling to listen to God's way. // For the second time in the last few weeks, the gospel shows Jesus welcoming children and praising their attitude as the way to the kingdom of God. Children of the time had no status and were regarded as literally the property of their father. When Jesus laid his hands on the children and gave them his blessing, this was the action of a father "claiming" the child as his own. To welcome the kingdom like a little child is to enter into living the kingdom of God without any claim to position or status; to recognize our complete dependence on others; to let go of our ideas of who is important and who is not; to allow ourselves to be "claimed" by Jesus.



"So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name." (GENESIS 2:19)
The creation story reminds us of two important points. First, since the start, God has put the

entire world into our care. Second, stewardship has been around since the beginning of mankind, it isn't something recently invented by the Church. Just as past generations built our Church, it is now our responsibility to continue to nurture and develop these gifts for future generations. Last Week You Contributed: Sunday: \$2,931; Thanks! Expenses: \$4,882.09 (Salaries, Utilities, Liturgical Supplies, Maint. Supplies, Office Equip.). 293 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 – Adolph and Eileen Poslosky by Daughter, Alicia
- TUE – Rev. Anthony Ricapito for his service to the Church
- WED – Intentions of Joseph and Patricia by Parents
- THU – Michael and Martha Franko by Family
- FRI – Rev. Walter Cizek by Alicia Poslosky
- SAT – 4:00 PM – Rose and Tony Phillips by Children
- SUN – 8:30 AM – James and Sophie Genovese by Maryanne and Vincent
10:30 AM – Living and Deceased Parishioners

REQUIESCANT IN PACE: May the angels lead into paradise: **ARLENE LETKO**, a former member of the former St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish, and a member of our parish family, who died Tuesday, October 2, and who will be buried from our Church, Tuesday, October 9; and **JOSEPHINE DRAZENOVICH**, a former member of the former St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish, and a member of our parish family, who died Wednesday, October 3, and who will be buried from our Church, Monday, October 8. May Mary, Mother of Mercy, obtain comfort from Jesus, her son, for their families and friends. **ET LUX PERPETUA EIS!**

THE WEEKLY CALENDAR: The disciples devoted themselves with one accord to prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus. (Cf. Acts 1:14)

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, OCTOBER 7 –

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 DENNIS and DIANE FRANK (10:30 AM) for hosting the FPC for vocations. Sign up for November in Church.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: In today's gospel Jesus encourages married couples to throw away the marriage rule book. Rules are for those with "hardened hearts." Married couples are called to be a sacramental reflection of God's faithful and selfless love a place where people live and love beyond rules and formulas.

FRATERNAL CHARITY: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY: We need all types of HAMBURGER HELPER for our SVDP Society's outreach and God's Bountiful Table. Call 570-544-2739 to volunteer your time.

PRO-LIFE REFLECTION: "The state has an interest (responsibility) in protecting the poor, the elderly and disabled persons. The lives of the disabled and elderly must be no less valuable than the lives of young and healthy ... The difficulty in defining terminal illness and the risk that a dying patient's request for assistance in ending his or her life might not be truly voluntary justifies the prohibitions on assisted suicide we uphold here." (Chief Justice William Rehnquist) Join pro-life today!

VOTIVES: (1) SANCTUARY: IMO Mary Szekeres (Annv) by Ann Marie. **(2) ALTARS: BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:** Special Intention by Stan and Sally Gober; IMO A. Butler by Edward; IMO Joseph Dallago by Family; IMO Andrew Messaros by Mike and Lynn Dudash. **DIVINE MERCY:** IMO Bernard and Edith Lescavage by Children; For my family and friends by Stella Gottschall; For the Health of Tom and Mary Regina Mundy by Theresa Schoffstall and Family; For the Health of Carl and Toni Weist by Theresa Schoffstall and Family. **(3) BEFORE: ST. LUCY:** Special Intention by Father Leo. **ST. JOSEPH:** Special Intention. **ST. THERESA:** Special Intention. **POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II:** Special Intention. **ST. FRANCIS:** Special Intention. **ST. ANTHONY:** For the Health of Justine Wrona by Skibiell Family. Call 570-544-2211 for votives.

PIEROGI FEST: In celebration of National Pierogi Day (October 8) we are selling OUR OWN HOMEMADE PIEROGI, cooked or frozen (\$7 per dozen), eat-in or take-out, after today's Masses ONLY in our Parish Center. We would be grateful for your donations of baked goods which can be brought to the Parish Center beginning at 8:00 AM today. Thanks! See you there!

6th ANNUAL TRAVIS NEWTON MEMORIAL CHINESE AUCTION: Doors open 10:00 AM; Auction starts 1:00 PM. New Minersville Fire Company. Call 570-617-0974.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8 – OCTOBER VISITATION OF THE SICK: Continues.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9 – ST. MATTHEW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM: 1) 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM, STUDENTS ALL REPORT TO THE PARISH CENTER. 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 CRE, Miss Novack, call 570-544-2211.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10 – 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.



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!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11 – “SOUNDS OF THE SPIRIT ”CONTEMPORARY CHOIR REHEARSAL:

Call Greg (570-544-2355) to join or for rehearsal times. New members welcome!

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12 – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 7:45 AM.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13 – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 3:30 PM.

ROSARY RALLY: 12:00 Noon; assemble at St. Michael the Archangel Parish Center, Sunbury Street, Minersville. Join with other churches of Schuylkill County in praying the Rosary and asking Our Lady of Fatima for solutions to today's problems. There is strength in numbers as we beg Our Lady for guidance and protection. Call Sr. Catherine (570-544-4741) for more information.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, DIOCESAN PATRONAL FEAST: MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH-SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 8:00,10:15 AM.

FIRST PENANCE/FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION ENROLLMENT

MASS: 10:30 AM (grades 3 and 8).

THE FAMILY PRAYER CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS (FPC): EDWARD J. RUTECKI (8:30 AM) will host the FPC this week. Call 570-399-5056 or sign-up in the Church Vestibule. We need volunteers for November and December!

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!

MINISTERS AT MASS FOR MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

	<u>OFF. PROC.</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>
SAT 4:00 PM	Phillips Family	Raina Land	Gloria Paltanavage	Eades Family
SUN 8:30 AM	Genovese Family	Sr. Mary Jane	Teresa Miller	Eric Andruchek
				Jordan Berdanier
10:30 AM	Parishioners	Brandon Aucker	Deacon Henninger	Carter Melochick
				Jade Stickell

COMING EVENTS: PLEASE BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

OCTOBER 20, 21 – DIOCESAN COLLECTION: WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: Today is a day that leads us to the heart of our Christian faith – leads us to mission! Your generosity on World Mission Sunday supports the work of priests, religious and lay leaders in the Missions who share our faith with those most in need. This year we can even “chat” with our chief missionary, Pope Francis, and learn more about his missions and missionaries. Learn more at www.ChatWithThePope.org. Chat – Pray – Give this World Mission Sunday.

OCTOBER 20-21, 27-28 – OCTOBER MASS COUNT: As directed by Bishop Schlert, a tally of those attending Mass these two weekends must be taken *in all parishes* to provide information for future pastoral planning. Attend Mass this weekend! Be counted!

OCTOBER 21, 22 – PIEROGI PREPARATION: Sunday: 9:30 AM; Monday: 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: FLORENCE RELIEF: Hurricane Florence has left much devastation in her wake. The effects have crippled areas of 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 Alfred Schlert has authorized this collection for this weekend. **Please use a plain envelope. Include your name, envelope number, and “Florence Relief” on it. Please 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 will receive a letter in the mail with more information. Questions, call Theresa (570-544-4316).**

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

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).

OCTOBER 15, 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!

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!

2019 WEDDINGS: Call the Rectory (570-544-2211) as soon as possible to begin preparations for your blessed event!