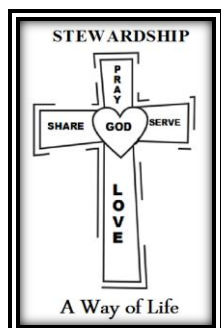


**THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 16, 2018**



SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY by Dianne Bergant: Classified as one of the Servant Songs, Isaiah 50: 4-9 resembles a personal lament. Despite all the suffering that he is forced to endure, the author is confident that God is on his side. This is a remarkable statement since suffering was generally thought to be deserved recompense for some transgression. There is no suggestion that God will take the suffering away. Instead, God is present with the afflicted one, and the suffering itself is no cause for shame. In fact, suffering actually strengthens the one who laments. The righteous one knows that even in suffering, God is there as an advocate. // Psalm 116: 1-6, 8-9 is an individual prayer of thanksgiving. The ancients believed that death was an elemental force that could take possession of people, undermining their lives and draining them of vitality. Any ailment was considered some form of death. After the psalmist's suffering is reported, the mood shifts from one of despair to one of grateful praise. God is acclaimed as gracious, just, and merciful. These covenant qualities are the very qualities that inspired the psalmist's confidence and devotion. The psalmist illustrates God's power in three ways: the soul or life force is freed from death; eyes are freed from tears; feet are freed from stumbling. It is no wonder that the psalmist breaks out in a song of thanksgiving. // In Mark 8:27-35, Jesus asks what people are saying about him. Some believe he is John the Baptist; others that he is Elijah; still others that he is one of the other prophets- all religious figures who have already died. Speaking in the name of the others, Peter proclaims that he is the Christ, the Messiah, the anointed one of God. Hearing this, Jesus elaborates on the character of his messiahship. He will be a messiah like the Son of Man, the enigmatic figure who will come on the clouds at the end of this age. To this he adds that he will suffer and die, an aspect not part of the ancient messianic traditions. Peter's rebuke exemplifies this. Jesus persists, adding that his followers will also suffer. This is indeed a hard saying.



"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." (MARK 8:34) When we truly believe that all we have is a gift from God, then we must be willing to give up some things so that we can share our blessings as God intended. Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being

responsible for our own life, but the lives of others as well. Last Week You Contributed: Sunday: \$2,266; Insurance: \$345; Expenses: \$2,678.57 (Salaries, Utilities, Equipment Maint./Repair). 246 Parishioners attended mass. Thanks! **Pray that all Parishioners will attend Mass and receive the Sacraments regularly!**

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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** – 8:00 AM – Anna Siminitus by George Pytko and Sister, Joanne
6:00 PM – For the parents of the late baby, Leo James Verbos, by Edward Butler
TUE – 8:00 AM – Captain David Boris by Christ Wnunk and Mike Murphy (Log Book)
6:30 PM – John and Margaret Daley Family by Edward Butler
WED – John and Martha Rodgers by Family
THU – John and Anna Dobles by Daughter, Carol
FRI – Mary Callery (Estate)
SAT – 4:00 PM – Living and Deceased Parishioners
SUN – 8:30 AM – Connie Stine Bluis (Birthday) by Family
10:30 AM – Andy Drebitko by Leo and Sharon Kolenick

THE WEEKLY CALENDAR: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel. (Cf. Sir 36:18)

**THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 16 –
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM.**

ANNUAL FORTY HOURS CELEBRATION DAY I: (1) Eucharistic Exposition immediately after 10:30 Mass to 7:00 PM. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament At 7:00 PM. (2) Late Memorializations of Vigils (\$5 each) and Flowers (\$10 each) can still be made by contacting the Rectory (570-544-2211). We would be grateful for this help in adorning our Church's Altars. Your gifts will be acknowledged in next week's bulletin. Thanks for caring! (3) Eucharistic Adoration Sign-Up Sheets are in the Church Vestibule. THERE ARE STILL OPEN SLOTS. We need at least 2 people for each half-hour interval of Adoration. Please honor our Eucharistic Lord by your presence! (4) The Parish Forty Hours Offering Envelope is with your September envelopes. We would be grateful for your support of this spiritual endeavor. THANK YOU!

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 RAY AND KAREN STABINSKI (8:30 AM) for hosting the FPC for vocations. Sign up for November in Church.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: If we want to be happy at home we must commit ("lose ourselves") to our family. If we try to be independent from others ("save ourselves") we end up lonely and alone. Happiness is found in commitments. The gospel is true: We save our life by losing it!

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

PRO-LIFE REFLECTION: We are all guilty. Abortion continues to be legally practiced today because most Christians do nothing about it. Our silence is killing millions of unborn babies all over the world. Join pro-life today!

FORTY HOURS VOTIVES: (1) **SANCTUARY:** IMO Jack Consugar by Family. (2) **ALTARS:** BVM: IMO John and Anna Dobles by Daughter, Carol; Special Intention by Stan and Sally Gober; IMO Glen Sninsky; IMO M/M Joseph Dallago by Family. **DIVINE MERCY:** IMO Charles and Casimir Grabusky by Mary; IMO Galinis/Grabusky Family by Mary; IMO Msgr. C.J. Klevegan by Mary; IMO Dr. A.J. Land by Mary. (3) **BEFORE: ST. JOSEPH:** Special Intention; IMO Michael J. Warhola by Family. **ST. LUCY:** Special intention by Father Leo. **ST. ANNE:** In honor of Adele Grabusky by Mary. **ST. ANTHONY:** IMO Donald and Aldona Butler by Edward. **SAINT POPE JOHN PAUL II:** Special Intention. **REREDOS NICHE:** IMO John Sokola by Mary Ann, Brian and Neil. **ST. BARBARA:** IMO Nell Graf Hughes by Barbara Graf Family; IMO Charles Youse by Barbara Graf Family. **ST. THERESA:** Special intention. **Call the Rectory (570-544-2211) to memorialize Vigils.**

FORTY HOURS FLOWERS: We gratefully acknowledge these Floral Memorializations (\$10 unless noted): IMO Margaret Homa by Son, Matthew; IMO Michael J. Warhola by Family; IMO M/M Joseph Dallago by Family; IMO Francis and Helen O'Connor by Daughter, Helene; In Thanksgiving by Katherine; IMO Stephen Chelak by Wife, Katherine; IMO Catherine and Michael Gober and Deceased Family by Katherine (\$15); IMO Donald and Aldona Butler by Edward; IMO Francis Leister by Dolores and Family; IMO Stanley Graf, Jr., Stanley Graf, Sr., Phyllis and James McNamara by Barbara Graf and Family (\$30). **Call the Rectory at 570-544-2211 to arrange for floral memorializations.**

BASKET RAFFLE: Doors open 9:30 AM; Auction starts 2:00 PM, Parish Center. Food will be available for purchase: Beef Barbeque sandwich/chips; Pulled Pork sandwich/chips; and Potato Kugel (Babka). Pierogi (already cooked but frozen) will be available for purchase \$7/dozen. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Faith-Hope-Charity

You can make a gift anytime by placing your pledge form in the collection basket or by visiting the Appeal website at FaithHopeCharity.Gives.org. EVERY GIFT COUNTS, NO MATTER HOW SMALL. 156 parishioners (33.57% of our 478 house-holds) have given \$20,575 (Over 100% of our goal, \$20,388.78!). Thanks to all who supported the 2018 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL. Your gift allows our diocese to help the disadvantaged in our midst. We encourage everyone's support! The greater our participation, the more we demonstrate that we are a parish that cares!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 – ANNUAL FORTY HOURS CELEBRATION DAY II: Adoration from 9:00 AM until 6:00 PM. Mass at 6:00 PM. Confessions at 7:45 AM and 5:30 PM and after Mass if needed. Spend some time with your Eucharistic Lord!

MOHEGAN SUN CASINO TRIP: Cost \$25; Rebate \$30. Leaves R&J 8:00 AM; Leaves Minersville Quandel's 8:30 AM; Departs Casino 4:00 PM. Call Julie (570-544-5231) or Millie (570-628-5413).

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 – ANNUAL FORTY HOURS CELEBRATION DAY III: Adoration from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Benediction at 6:15 PM followed by Mass attended by our Religious Education children. Confessions 7:45 AM, 5:30 PM and after Mass if needed.

ST. MATTHEW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM: 1) *Students report to Parish Center at 6:00 PM; Pick-up after Mass at Church.* 2) **MASS ATTENDANCE CARDS:** are in the Church Vestibule. They are used all year long! Parents, please bring your children to Mass; see that they receive Confession regularly! 3) Contact our CRE, Miss Novack (570-544-2211).

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 – DEVOTIONS TO ST. PEREGRINE: 8:00 AM Mass. St. Peregrine, help cancer patients and their caregivers!

EMBER DAYS OF FASTING AFTER THE FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS: Bishop Schlert has encouraged all Catholics within the Diocese of Allentown to observe these traditional Ember Days, September 19, 21, 22, by partial abstinence (eating meat only at the principal meal) and fasting (at the principal meal and the two smaller meals) for the intentions of victims, their families, and survivors of clergy sexual abuse. **MAY GOD HEAL THEM!**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 – “SOUNDS OF THE SPIRIT” CONTEMPORARY CHOIR REHEARSAL: Call Greg (570-544-2355) to join or for rehearsal times. New members welcome!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 7:45 AM.

ST. JOHN'S CURIOSITY SHOP/YARD SALE: 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM today, 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon tomorrow, Russell Building, Pottsville. Various items, toys and games, jewelry, kitchen items, books, candles, vases, craft items, and much more. Food and refreshments available. Call 570-622-5470.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 3:30 PM.

ST. PATRICK CHURCH THEME BASKET AND PRIZE AUCTION: 12:00 Noon to 6:00 PM today, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM with drawing starting at 2:00 PM tomorrow, Parish Center, Pottsville. 570-622-1802.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 23 – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 8:00, 10:15 AM. **THE FAMILY PRAYER CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS (FPC):**

HELENE O'CONNOR (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) **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.** Consistent and generous support helps your church meet its financial obligations and better serve you! **THANK YOU!**

MINISTERS AT MASS FOR 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	<u>OFF. PROC.</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>
SAT 4:00 PM	Parishioners	Al Boris	Mary Ann Harrison	Osborne Family
SUN 8:30 AM	Bluis Family	Abigail Adams	Sr. Mary Jane Dunleavy	Schwalm Family
10:30 AM	Drebitko Family	Rosalie Novack	Deacon Henninger	Kuehn Family

COMING EVENTS: PLEASE BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

SEPTEMBER 26 – 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).

SEPTEMBER 27 – PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP: 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, St. Patrick Parish Center, Pottsville. Call Debbie at 570-622-1802 to register.

SEPTEMBER 29 – 3RD ANNUAL SPIRITUALITY DAY: 9:15 AM to 1:00 PM, St. Michael the Archangel Parish. Cost \$10. Mini-retreat day with theme: "Who Are We; What Shall We Do?". Presenter: Rev. Eric J. Gruber, Pastor, St. John Fisher Church, Catasaqua. Pre-registration required by calling Jean (570-544-6853).

OCTOBER 1 – DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN FIRST ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT: Saucon Valley Country Club. Proceeds benefit Seminarian and Catholic School Education. Contact Michele Mullikin (610-871-5200 x2282 or mmullikin@allentowndiocese.org) for info.

OCTOBER 5 – HARVEST FEST: St. Mary Church, Hamburg. Today, 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM; Tomorrow, October 6, 12:00 PM to 9:00 PM (Polka Mass at 4:30 PM). Food, fun, music, and activities for all ages! Lots of indoor and outdoor activities. Located in Tilden Township (only 2 miles from Cabela's). For directions or more information call 610-562-7657 (www.stmaryhamburg.org).

OCTOBER 6-15 – ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH 10 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI AND ROME: \$4,300 per double occupancy. Includes: air fare, hotels, group transportation in Italy, 8 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 6 dinners. **On October 14th at St. Peter's Square in Rome, Pope Francis will Canonize Blessed Pope Paul VI and Blessed Oscar Romero!** For information call 570-429-0701. Flyers are in Vestibule.

OCTOBER 7 – NATIONAL PIEROGI DAY: More information is upcoming.

OCTOBER 11 – MONTHLY ROSARY: 6:15 PM in our Church. Rosary is second Thursday of each month.

NOVEMBER 20 – THANKSGIVING FOOD SALE: More information to follow.

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).

SEPTEMBER 24 – 27, 2018 – WILDWOOD ITALIAN STYLE: A TOUCH OF ITALY AT THE JERSEY SHORE: \$439 per person, 4 days, 3 nights. Package includes: 3 nights motel, 3 full breakfasts, 3 dinners including one dinner at Pasta Pesto Italian Restaurant, one \$20 meal voucher at an AC Casino, one special Italian buffet dinner at Duffinetti's Restaurant with entertainment, visit to an Atlantic City Casino with bonus package, visit to Smithville Village, visit to Cape May, visit to Wildwood's Boardwalk, Tasting Tour of Cape May Winery. Baggage handling, hotel taxes, and meal gratuities included.

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 10 – SANDS-BETHLEHEM CASINO: Cost \$25. More information to follow.

ANNOUNCED MASSES: The following Mass Intentions to be said were given to: **REV. AVITUS KAZI SIRIWA:** IMO Aloysious Tobin requested by James and Eileen Sheehan and Family, M/M Leo Molochnick, Kit Cutler; **IMO Julia Reppe** requested by Dawn R. Woratyla; **IMO Louise Herbert** requested by Joseph Lohin; **IMO Joseph Paduch, Sr.** requested by George and Patti Thur, Harry and Jean Forney, Robert Pincavage, Mary Ann and Tom Harrison (2); **IMO Diane Warcola** requested by Uncle Ed, Mary Ann Ondisco, Sally Brensinger and Cecilia Elison, M/M Joseph Skibiel, Sr., Ronald and Darlene Stabinsky Family, Jennie Sekellick, Gail Brennan; **IMO Llewellyn (Dan) Gilbert** requested by Vince and Joan Albo, Frank Raczka, Jr. and Family; **IMO Mary Consugar** requested by Charles and Anna Nush.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY: In need of volunteers to drive cancer patients in our community to and from their treatment appointments. All you need is a good driving record, access to a safe and reliable vehicle, valid driver's license, auto insurance, and a little time. To learn more about how you can get involved and help make a difference in someone's life, call the American Cancer Society (800-227-2345, cancer.org).