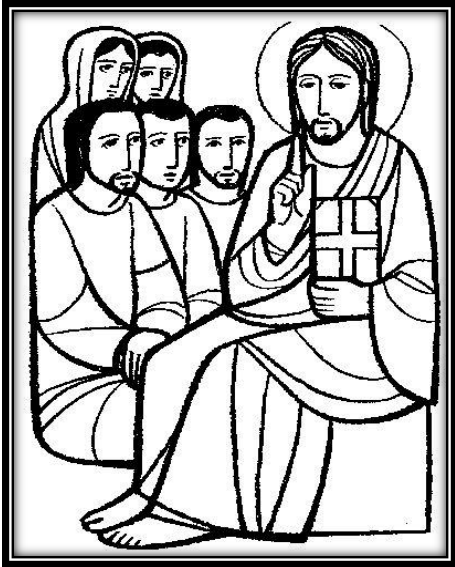
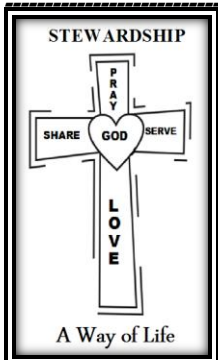


**THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**



GOSPEL REFLECTION: The first part of today's gospel deals with the disciples' jealousy at someone else "cashing in" on Jesus' name and authority. It is a continuation of their limited understanding about the message and ministry of Jesus. They still cling to an idea that Jesus is going to rise up in power against the forces of Rome and, in the aftermath, they are going to be sitting pretty as associates of this powerful figure. The disciples have been blinded by their dreams of glory and forgotten that the real story is that people are being cured and having demons cast out. Rather than celebrating the healing that is occurring in Jesus' name, the disciples are jealous that it's someone else who is getting the credit. Jesus assures them, and us, that any good work being undertaken genuinely in his name is to be welcomed. It is a reminder to us that sometimes we look down on the work of others because "they're not one of us", or "they're not doing it our way". // The second portion of the gospel is one of the really challenging teachings of Jesus. Drawing on the image of the community as being a whole body, the teaching suggests that it is better to remove the part of the body/community that is causing sinfulness than have the whole body/community perish. It is a concept we are familiar with in modern medicine: sometimes it is necessary to remove diseased tissue to prevent the spread of disease. We are reminded that if we surround ourselves with negative people and negative influences, we too will become negative. If we separate ourselves from negative influences and surround ourselves with positive ones then the positive aspects of our lives will flourish.



"Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." (MARK 9:41)

Does your life reflect the life of Jesus? Remember, we were made in His image. We tend to forget this. When others see you, do they see the face of Jesus? When you look at

others, do you see the face of Jesus in them? Last Week You Contributed: Sunday: \$2,897; Parish Maintenance: \$498. Thanks! Expenses: \$3,799.25 (Salaries, Utilities, Equipment Repair, Maintenance Supplies, Insurance). 292 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** – Clement and Madeline by Daughter, Marie
- TUE** – Intentions of Steve Kietsock by Alicia Poslosky
- WED** – John Maletz and Lorraine Cygan by Nephew, Father Leo
- THU** – Jill Kuehn by Family
- FRI** – Living and Deceased Parishioners of Parish Memorial Society
- SAT** – 4:00 PM – Living and Deceased Parishioners
- SUN** – 8:30 AM – Edward Siminitus by Family
10:30 AM – Joseph Conshue by Family

REQUIESCANT IN PACE: May the angels lead into paradise: **ANDREW MESSAROS**, a former member of the former St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish, and a member of our parish family, who died Friday, September 21, and who was buried from our Church, Saturday, September 29; and **SCOTT WENNER**, a former member of the former St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish, and a member of our parish family, who died Tuesday, September 25, and who will be buried from our Church, Monday, October 1. May Mary, Mother of Mercy, obtain comfort from Jesus, her son, for their families and friends. **ET LUX PERPETUA EIS!**

THE WEEKLY CALENDAR: All that you have done for us, O Lord, you have done with true judgment, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 30 –

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 **LINDA and JOE BUTCAVAGE (10:30 AM)** for hosting the FPC for vocations. Sign up for November in Church.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: The words in today's gospel, "Whoever gives a cup of water in the name of Christ will not lose their reward" hits us at home. As parents, we gain our "reward" when we bring water to a frightened child in the middle of the night, or Kool Aid to parched five-year olds, or hold ice chips to the fevered lips of a spouse. It is that simple and that sacred. In our homes, we give until it hurts "in the name of Christ."

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

PRO-LIFE REFLECTION: Wake up America! Toleration of abortion is compromise; ignorance of abortion is complicity; inaction regarding abortion is approval. We must abolish abortions. Join pro-life today and offer to help at a local pregnancy care center.

VOTIVES: (1) SANCTUARY: IMO John Maletz and Lorraine Cygan by Nephew, Father Leo. **(2) ALTARS: BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:** Special Intention by Stan and Sally Gober; IMO Aldona Butler by Edward; IMO Fr. Ignatius Szal (Annv) by Dennis and Diane Frank. **(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; Special Intention by Dennis and Diane Frank. **ST. STANISLAUS MURAL:** For the Skibiel, Sumoski, and Wentz Families (3). Call 570-544-2211 to memorialize votives.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1 – OCTOBER VISITATION OF THE SICK: Begins today.

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2 – 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 3 – DEVOTIONS TO ST. PEREGRINE: 8:00 AM Mass. St. Peregrine, help cancer patients and their caregivers!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4 – FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI: 1) MASS: 8:00 AM at the former St. Francis of Assisi Church. After Mass we will venerate the relic of St. Francis of Assisi, who is Patron: against fire; of animals; Catholic Action; dying alone; ecology; environment; families; lacemakers; merchants; peace; zoos. **Pastoral Note:** The Church will open at 7:15 AM. **2) ANNUAL BLESSING OF PETS: 5:30 PM,** former St. Francis of Assisi Church to honor St. Francis of Assisi. **Small pets and animals should be hand-held;** large animals should be leashed and held in the center aisle. Everyone is welcome. There will also be an opportunity to venerate the relic of St. Francis. **(COME PREPARED FOR ANY "PRESENTS" YOUR PETS MIGHT DONATE!) ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PRAY FOR US!**



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 FaithHopeCharityGifts.org. EVERY GIFT COUNTS, NO MATTER HOW SMALL. 163 parishioners (34.03% of our 478 households) have given \$20,865 (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!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4 – "SOUNDS OF THE SPIRIT" CONTEMPORARY CHOIR REHEARSAL:

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5 – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 7:45 AM.

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR: Following today's 8:00 AM Mass, there will be Eucharistic Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction. Pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life from our Parish and Diocese. **Come and especially pray for victims of abuse within our Church!**

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).

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6 – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 3:30 PM.

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 ASAP. Flyers are in Vestibule.

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, OCTOBER 7 – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 8:00, 10:15 AM.

PIEROGI FEST: In celebration of National Pierogi Day (October 8) we will be 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. To pre-order call 570-544-2211. Baked goods will also be available. (We ask donations of your pastry creations. They can be brought to the Parish Center beginning at 8:00 AM today.)

THE FAMILY PRAYER CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS (FPC): DENNIS and DIANE FRANK (10:30 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) **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.** Consistent and generous support helps your church meet its financial obligations and better serve you!

MINISTERS AT MASS FOR 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	<u>OFF. PROC.</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>
SAT 4:00 PM	Parishioners	Theresa Kroznuski	Deacon Henninger	Eades Family
SUN 8:30 AM	Siminitus Family	Elaine Stine	Teresa Miller	Eric Andruchek Jordan Berdanier
10:30 AM	Conshue Family	Sharon Kolenick	Jamie Kuehn	Carter Melochick Jade Stickell

COMING EVENTS: PLEASE BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

OCTOBER 10 – 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 11 – MONTHLY ROSARY: 6:15 PM in our Church. Rosary is second Thursday of each month.

OCTOBER 13 – 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.

OCTOBER 14 – FIRST PENANCE/FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION ENROLLMENT MASS: 10:30 AM (grades 3 and 8).

OCTOBER 14, 15, 21, 22 – PIEROGI PREPARATION: Sunday: 9:30 AM; Monday: 9:00 AM. Parish Center. Please help!

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 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).

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!

2018 DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS TO DATE: 1) Catholic Relief Services: \$952.32; 2) Catholic Home Missions Appeal including Black and Indian Missions: \$954.00 ; 3) Shrines of Our Faith in the Holy Land: \$824; 4) ORB Collection: \$4,816.65; 5) Holy Father, Peter's Pence: \$1,312.00. 6) Central and Eastern Europe: \$822.42; 7) Mission Co-Op: \$1,009.80; 8) Mary's Shelter: \$1,126.31. Thank you for your generosity. **YOU ARE GOOD PEOPLE! THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONCERN FOR "THE GREATER CHURCH"!**

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!