

Families and the Gospel (Mark 4:26-34)
 Parenting is a lot like the story of the farmer in the gospel parable today. All growth is the Lord's work. We have no control over the process. In fact, the farmer doesn't even understand it, for the seed grows even when he sleeps. As parents, we can influence our children, but nothing we do can guarantee results.

The Pastoral Care Department at UPMC Altoona is looking for Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (Eucharistic Ministers) for current openings on Saturdays. If you have a desire to bring Jesus to the sick and suffering Catholic hospital patients, please contact Tony Conrad at 814-889-4323.

BIBLE CAMP TO BEGIN ON MONDAY, JUNE 17TH FROM 6 – 8 PM in the Saint Joseph Social Hall. Don't forget to bring a red T-shirt in your child's size. Chrissy Shura will silk screen the Bible Camp theme on the front of each T-shirt, so it is important that you bring them with you on the first day.

Each family will need to sign a consent form for photographs, since we post them on the parish Facebook site.

Please contact Sister Linda (llamagna@dioceseaj.org) if you want to attend or help (814) 742-7075.

There is a class for Adults which is offered at the same time as Bible Camp so that parents and interested parishioners are able to attend while the children are in Vacation Bible School

The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament has the entire exhibit of Eucharistic miracles prepared by Blessed Carlo Acutis (1991-2006) and portions of the exhibit will be displayed in the side chapels of the Cathedral. A second miracle has been approved in the cause of Sainthood for Carlo Acutis. He will be the first millennial saint in the Catholic Church.

Summer Mass Attendance: There is a website www.masstimes.org where you can find a catholic church as you are traveling. Please use it so you *don't miss a Sunday celebration of the Eucharist.*

Monica's Tears: Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Altoona, hosts an hour of adoration with the recitation of the rosary *every Thursday night from 6 pm to 7 pm* to pray for our loved ones who have left the practice of the Catholic faith. Everyone is welcome, please join us.

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God's Holy Remnant



"Through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how."

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THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil."
 2 Corinthians 5:10

We are all accountable for all of the gifts God has given us – our time, our talent and our treasure; everything we have and everything we are. Each of us is accountable not only for our own life but for the lives of others as well. One day God will ask each of us what did we do with the gifts we were given. How will you respond?

**SAINT MATTHEW
 ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Office Hours:
 Monday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
 Wednesday & Friday 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

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Elementary to High School Classes: (Grades K-11):
 Sunday mornings 9:00 am to 10:15 am (weekly during the school year)

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 Finance Council - Dennis Rozick (814) 684-5511
 Cemetery Committee - Shirley Hall (814) 931-0657

Saint Matthew Catholic School
"serving our community since 1869"
Principal: Pauline Wiley
School Phone: (814) 684-3510
School web-site: www.stmatthew-school.org

We welcome all visitors. If you live in the area, please call the Parish Office to register and become an active member of our parish family.

If you would like to have a MASS celebrated for the deceased members of your family, or friends, or for special intentions, please stop by or call the parish office.



June 16, 2024
The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday at 5:30 pm
 Sunday at 7:30 am
 Sunday at 10:30 am
Weekday Mass Schedule: Wed., Thurs. & Friday at 8:00 am
Holy Day of Obligation Mass Schedule: 9:00 am & TBD
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday at 12:30 pm
 or anytime upon request.
Saint Joseph Church in Bellwood: Saturday at 4:00 pm or Sunday at 9:00 am and the Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated on Saturday at 3:30 pm.

Mass Schedule & Intentions
June 15, 2024 – June 23, 2024

- Sat. 5:30 pm** Francis Hagg – wife, Martha and daughter, Ann
- Sun. 7:30 am** Father's Day Mass Intentions
- Sun. 10:30 am** Bill Vyhonsky – Judy & Shawn
- Mon. 8:00 am St. Joseph - Bellwood
- Tues. 6:00 pm St. Joseph - Bellwood
- Wed. 8:00 am Carl Isenberg – Family
- Thurs. 8:00 am John & Marty Rhoades – Aye Tepsic
- Fri. 8:00 am Adolph & Marie Engelman - Estate
- Fri. 8:30 – 9:30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction**
- Sat. 5:30 pm** Raymond Hogue – JR & Susie Gurekovich
- Sun. 7:30 am** Jack Brantner – John Romano
- Sun 10:30 am** For the People – Pastor

Sanctuary Candle for the week of June 16th is for the Poor Forgotten Souls in Purgatory.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

Weekdays J Ieraci

Lectors – June 22/23, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm R Bunch, B Lambert, A Cavallucci

Sun. 7:30 am A Lynn, S McNelis

Sun. 10:30am M Welker, A Langenbacher, S Cowher

Extraordinary Ministers Eucharist June 22/23, 2024

Sat. 8:00 pm † P Lambert, M Raffetto, K Raffetto

Sun. 7:30 am † L Grove, B Rozick, M Rozick

Sun. 10:30am † L Wright, M Morse J Terosky

Altar Servers: June 22/23, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm H Narehood, B Ciampoli

Sun. 7:30 am TBD

Sun. 10:30 am B Wright, E Hewitt

Financial Report – June 9, 2024

Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection \$5,984 \$19(children)

Weekly (Sunday) Collection Goal \$5,700

Beginning July 1, 2023 and Ending June 30, 2024

Year to date Sunday Collection Income \$ 265,078

Year to date Sunday Collection Goal \$ 286,000

Yearly Collection Goal for Sundays \$ 296,400

2024 Year to date Bingo Net Income \$ 18,271

Second Collection \$ 265

SMS Catholic School Envelopes \$ 70

Religious Education Envelopes \$ 0

Good Samaritan \$ 135

2024 Catholic Ministries Drive TARGET \$ 29,219

CMD Donations for 2024 \$ 43,902

Please remember that one can have a lot of money but still live a really poor life and one can have no money at all and live a really rich life, that's because what makes a person truly rich is not how much they have but how much they give.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR ILL AND HOMEBOUND (June 1 to Dec. 1, 2024) Charlie and Anna Cannistraci, Jack Futrick, Cindy Hampton, Dieter Hartssock, Shannon Riley, Mike Ronan, Harry Sickler, Dorothy Smyder, Patie Walsh, Rachel Harshman Wiggins, Esther Zane *Please contact the office to add or remove someone to the prayer list.*

Calendar Items for 2024-25 please submit as soon as possible. Chair persons are reminded that if their schedule changes then it is their responsibility to update the calendar.

Stewardship Reflection As we enter back into Ordinary Time, our readings today remind us that heaven is our true home and that we cannot make it there without God's assistance. In our First Reading, the prophet Ezekiel foretells the coming of the Kingdom of God. It is through a newly planted cedar that God will bear fruit. As he says, "Birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it...And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the lord, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree."

We can see that Jesus is the cedar that will become refuge for all people. He will humble the proud, lift up the lowly and produce good fruit in the weakened. It is God who does the wondrous works. As Christian disciples, we hope to reside in the branches of heaven, along with our family and friends. We cannot do this on our own. As our other readings mention, it is through the total surrender, complete faith and actively living out our faith as a witness to Christ that we can hope in eternal life.

As we settle in Ordinary Time, let us not become complacent, but keep our hearts and minds fixed on the Kingdom of God.



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

For everything, Dad, we thank you...
Always coming through,
Teaching us every day,
Helping us on our way,
Encouraging us in all we do,
Remaining strong, steady, and true!

God our Father, In your wisdom and love you have created us and called us your own. Bless our Fathers, that they may be strengthened as Christian Fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. In moments of joy, rejoice with them. In times of struggle, give them your courage and perseverance. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor and appreciate them always with a spirit of profound respect. May the example and prayer of St. Joseph inspire them to live their vocation with courage. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our faith community would like to extend an invitation to all Fathers and Father figures in our parish to receive a small token of our appreciation for Fathers' Day. If you were not able to attend Mass this weekend you can pick up your gift in the gathering space.

The faithful of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to outdoor ***Masses every Sunday evening at 7 pm at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies and concluding on Sunday, September 1.*** Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel.

Special Masses this Summer in Loretto:

July 21st – Mass for Married Couples

August 4th – Mass for Young People – Return to College, Work, Military

TBA "Welcome to the Heralds of the Good News" Priests from India

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORMS for those beginning/continuing their college education are available in the gathering space. Scholarship monies are for vocational, associate and bachelor degree programs. Students are required to submit an application each year. There are separate forms for vocational

scholarships. Completed forms should be returned to the parish office by **June 23, 2024.**



Help Change a Life! The Knights of Columbus, St. Gregory Council is sponsoring a **Baby Bottle Campaign** to help raise funds for to purchase a new ultrasound machine at the ELM (Every Life Matters) Center, Tyrone's pregnancy support center. ***Please return your donation this weekend.***

The Carmelite Community of the Word Sisters will sponsor a gathering of solidarity and prayer for the Little Sisters and Brothers of the Incarnation and the people of Haiti in anticipation of the Feast of Mother of Perpetual Help, the Patroness of Haiti on **Sunday, June 23, 2024 from 2-5 pm** on the grounds of the CCW Incarnation Center, 394 Bem Road, Gallitzin, PA. The current situation of violence and turmoil that plagues Haiti is horrific with no end in sight making it impossible to visit in person. Join us for a time of prayer, spiritual connection and conversation. Reservations are requested by June 19th in order to insure adequate seating and light refreshments. Call 814-886-4098 email communityofficeCCW@gmail.com

SUMMER REMINDER: MASS ATTIRE

Each Sunday we gather as a parish community to praise and thank our great God, to experience His Loving mercy and place our needs before Him. We are guided by His Word and nourished by His own Body and Blood. Our awe reverence for God – and respect for our fellow parishioners – is expressed verbally and non-verbally, including the way in which we dress for this special occasion. Parishioners of all ages are reminded that, although the church has no set dress code, appropriate dress for Mass includes clean, conservative and modest clothing, expressing our heart's devotion to God and our desire to strengthen (vs distract from) the faith of those around us.

