

Families and the Gospel (Mark 6:1-6)

Today's gospel is so familiar, it hurts! The hometown folks could not accept the presence of God in Jesus. After all, they had watched him grow up. We can easily make the same mistake if we do not see God present in the ordinary routines of our family. "The Lord be with you" is a statement of fact. Believe it. Live it.



Saint Matthew School needs your help to clean the classrooms. Beginning **July 8th thru 16th**, the classrooms need to be cleaned from top to bottom before the carpets get cleaned. This is a good opportunity for parents of our school children to fulfill volunteer hours or a student in need of community service hours. Please contact the school at 814-684-3510 and tell us if you have time to help us. We will be working from 9 am to 2 pm Monday thru Thursday, but can work with you if you are unavailable during the day.

PARISHIONERS OR VISITORS INTERESTED IN UNDERSTANDING THE MASS THROUGH THE VIDEO PRESENTATIONS of Dr. Edward Sri (A biblical Walk through the Mass) are invited to come to the St. Joseph Parish Social Hall, Bellwood, PA after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays. If you have questions, contact Sr. Linda at 814-742-7894

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.

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.*

PLEASE NOTE: The church carpets will be cleaned on Monday, July 8th. Therefore, access to the sanctuary will be limited until Tuesday, July 9th.

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.

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.

Battle Scars



"A prophet is not without honor except in his native place." Mark 6:4

THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

"As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me, 'Son of man, I am sending you...'" Ezekiel 2:2-3

God has a plan for each of us. He calls us to do something for Him. But, He doesn't leave us on our own to figure it out. He gives us the resources we need to do His work. Are you listening for God's call? When you hear it, do you get on your feet and do the work He asks of you? Do not be afraid. God doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called. Answer His call.

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Office Hours: 0

Monday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Wednesday & Friday 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

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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.



July 7, 2024

The Fourteenth 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
July 6, 2024 – July 14, 2024**

Sat. 5:30 pm Steve & Rose Marie Rozick - children
Sun. 7:30 am Ann Searer – Annette and Bob
Sun. 10:30 am For the People – Pastor

Mon. 8:00 am St. Joseph - Bellwood
Tues. 6:00 pm St. Joseph - Bellwood
Wed. 8:00 am Descendants of the McNaughton Family – JR & Susie Gurekovich
Thurs. 8:00 am Ted Williams – Joyce Biggins & Family
Fri. 8:00 am Bertha & John Yenter, Jr. - Estate
Fri. 8:30 – 9:30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction

Sat. 5:30 pm Stephen Ray - Children
Sun. 7:30 am Carl Isenberg - Family
Sun 10:30 am Adolph & Marie Engelman – Estate

Sanctuary Candle for the week of July 7th is in memory of Ann and Richard Searer requested by daughter, Annette Lynn.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

Weekdays D Cunningham

Lectors – July 13/14, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm R Bunch, D Strayer, J Ieraci
Sun. 7:30 am S Zakrzwski, K Pearson
Sun. 10:30 am S Cowher, MJ Gunter, A Langenbacher

Extraordinary Ministers Eucharist July 13/14, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm † K Raffetto, M Raffetto, P DelBaggio
Sun. 7:30 am † M Rozick, B Rozick, K Hoyne
Sun. 10:30 am † S Stoner, M Morse, L Wright

Altar Servers: July 13/14, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm H Narehood, Ciampoli
Sun. 7:30 am TBD
Sun. 10:30 am G Brasher, D Brasher

Financial Report – June 30, 2024

Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection \$5,349 \$14(children)
 Weekly (Sunday) Collection Goal \$5,700

Beginning July 1, 2023 and Ending June 30, 2024

Year to date Sunday Collection Income \$ 277,946
 Year to date Sunday Collection Goal \$ 296,400

Yearly Collection Goal for Sundays \$ 296,400

2024 Year to date Bingo Net Income \$ 20,062
 Second Collection \$ 0
 SMS Catholic School Envelopes \$ 20
 Religious Education Envelopes \$ 35
 Good Samaritan \$ 3

2024 Catholic Ministries Drive TARGET \$ 29,219
 CMD Donations for 2024 \$ 45,835

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, Bonnie Carper, James Franchio, Jack Futrick, Cindy Hampton, Vicky Hayes, Dieter Hartsock, Shannon Riley, Mike Ronan, Harry Sickler, Dorothy Smyder, Patie Walsh, Lee Wertz, Rachel Harshman Wiggins, Esther Zane

Stewardship Reflection Our readings today portray three figures that experienced challenges – Ezekiel, St. Paul and Jesus. It is a reminder for us that, even in our weakest and toughest moments, God has a plan.

As Christian stewards, we are not always accepted. It might be because of what we believe in, the principles we stand for, how we spend our time and money, what we choose to participate in or not, or even how we raise our families.

Today, as we hear about these three figures in the Scriptures, let us reflect on our lives. Recall that God loves us more than we could ever imagine. There is not a moment that goes by that He does not have us in mind. He has a specific plan for our lives. Therefore, may we encounter life's challenges, our weaknesses and moments of feeling unwanted with confidence in Christ.

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

The historic Prince Gallitzin Chapel House, in Loretto, PA next to the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine, will be open on the following Sunday afternoons from 3:00 – 6:00 9 pm for self-guided tours, pilgrimages and visits: **July 21, August 4 and 18**



Bishop Mark Bartchak has appointed **Rev. Michael A. Pleva**, Pastor of our parish, St. Matthew, and St. Joseph Parish in Bellwood effective July 16, 2024. Father Michael was formerly assigned (January 2023) as Administrator of our parish and St. Joseph. ***Congratulations!***

Religious Ed. Registration forms for 2024-25 are available in the gathering space and on the parish website. You may also register your child after all weekend Masses up to July 21st for Kindergarten to 11th grade. Early Registration up to July 21st cost is \$30 per child, \$50- two or more children, and \$60 three or more children. Please consider registering your child to assist in planning and the purchase of materials. Questions please contact Lauren wright at 814-312-0969 or lwright@dioceseaj.org

St. Monica Church Annual Parish Picnic will be held on **Sunday, July 7th** in Chest Springs. Turkey dinners will be served from 11 am to 2 pm - Cost is \$15.00. Basket Auction, Bake Sale, Book Sale, and Games.

Visitation Parish will be sponsoring an Irish Evening with **Full Kilt** on **July 13th from 7 pm to 10 pm** in the Visitation Parish Hall at 1127 McKinley Avenue, Johnstown, PA . Tickets are \$20.00. Tickets can be purchased by calling Kristyn Amendola at 814-248-2942 or kamendola528@gmail.com.

2024 Annual St Joan of Arc Church Turkey Dinner & festival Fund Raiser- Route 53 in Frugality PA near Prince Gallitzin Sate Part on **Sunday, July 21st** from 11 and to 3 pm. East-in or take –out. Cost is \$14.00.

There will be an Anointing Mass on Sunday, **July 14th at 2 pm** at Saint John Cathedral in Johnstown. PA All who are afflicted with serious and chronic illnesses along with their caregivers are encouraged to attend to obtain special blessings.



NATIONAL Eucharistic Pilgrimage

May 17 - July 16, 2024

You can use the interactive map found at this site: <https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/> to explore each of the four unique routes of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage.

Rest in Peace - Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Anne Williams, mother of Lori Little. May God grant her eternal peace in His kingdom and her loved ones comfort and strength.

Please note the new web address to access the parish website on the front of the bulletin. Unfortunately, the website has not been accessible for a month. Due to a connection between the school and the parish website and our domain name being dropped, the new web address is the only option to access our website.

Fatima Devotions: THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS, TOR are having a Fatima Family Festival on Saturday July 13, 2024 from 2 pm to 6 pm. The monthly Fatima Devotions will take place at 6:30 pm at the Immaculate Conception Chapel on the campus of St. Francis University.

DOROTHY DAY TAG SALE! Saturday, July 20th at 8AM at the Auxiliary Gym on St. Francis University campus.