

**Families and the Gospel** (John 6:51-58)  
 In today's gospel Jesus speaks of eating his flesh and blood. Parents can identify with this, for they often feel devoured by all the demands of family life. This is unavoidable for children grow in the soil of sacrificial love. Parenting is not part time work. It is a consuming lifetime commitment.

**Bishop Mark Bartchak and The Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years of marriage in 2024 (and their families) to attend the ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY LITURGY.** Couples may attend **Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>** in Altoona at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or **Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>** in Johnstown Saint John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00 PM. Most Rev. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Reservation forms must be completed and set to the Diocese by **Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**. Registration forms are available in the church office.

The Diocese of Altoona- Johnstown has an immediate opening for a Human Resources Director to manage the overall function of the HR office. For a complete listing of responsibilities and qualifications, please go to General Employment Opportunities-Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Human Resources (dioceseaj.org). Resumes may be sent to [Lmcevoy@dioceseaj.org](mailto:Lmcevoy@dioceseaj.org).

*Thank you* to all those involved in organizing, set-up, food preparation, games, and clean-up for our Parish Picnic. A good time was held by all. Your efforts were not overlooked. Anyone interested in participating in next years' picnic, please contact the parish office.

**Rest in Peace** - Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jeanne Raffetto Tentis, sister of Mark Raffetto, Sr. May God grant her eternal peace in His kingdom and her loved ones comfort and strength.

**Prayer for the Beginning of the School Year**  
 God of wisdom and might,  
 We praise you for the wonders of our being,  
 for mind, body, and spirit.  
 Be with our children as they begin  
 a new school year.  
 Bless them and their teachers and staff.  
 Give them strength and grace as  
 their bodies grow;  
 wisdom and knowledge  
 to their minds as they search  
 for understanding;  
 and peace and zeal to their spirits.  
 We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
 Amen.

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**GOD'S GIFT TO US IN THE FLESH!**



The crowds argued among themselves. "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"  
 John 6:51

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**THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP  
 AS A WAY OF LIFE**

*"Watch carefully then how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise..."*  
 Ephesians 5:15

A wise person recognizes that all we have and all we are comes from God. A wise person thanks God continually throughout the day for all His many blessings. A wise person realizes that God has blessed us for a reason and that He wants us to help Him build His kingdom of earth.

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**Parish Office Staff:**  
 Financial & Administrative Assistant: Deborah Zakrzwski

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

**Director of Religious Education:** Lauren Wright  
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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)

**OCIA:** Susan Burkholder (814) 684-0352

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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](http://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.*



**August 18, 2024**  
*The Twentieth 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 & 6:00 pm  
**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**  
**August 17, 2024 – August 25, 2024**

**Sat. 5:30 pm** Madeline MacNeil – Aye Tepsic  
**Sun. 7:30 am** Clara Bennetti – Fred Bennetti  
**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 Jim Reed, Jr. – Mary Reed  
 Thurs. 8:00 am For the Holy Souls in Purgatory – Michael Burkholder  
 Fri. 8:00 am Beverly Tinkle – Zakrzwski Family  
**Fri. 8:30 – 9:30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction**  
**Sat. 5:30 pm** James Fleming – Martha Hagg  
**Sun. 7:30 am** Clarence & Anna Hartsock – Helen Dillon  
**Sun 10:30 am** Thomas & Sharon Miller – Dave & Denise Fusco



**Sanctuary Candle** for the week of August 18th is in memory of Frank Smiach requested by the Zakrzwski family.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE**

**Weekdays** R Long

**Lectors – August 24/25, 2024**

Sat. 5:30 pm T Jeffries, D Strayer, B Lambert  
 Sun. 7:30 am S Zakrzwski, B Hiergeist  
 Sun. 10:30 am S Cowher, A Brisbin, I Weber

**Extraordinary Ministers Eucharist August 24/25, 2024**

Sat. 5:30 pm † R Bunch, S Burkholder, C Golden  
 Sun. 7:30 am † S Ronan, R Long, L Grove  
 Sun. 10:30 am † S Thomas, S Stoner, D Castagnola

**Altar Servers: August 24/25, 2024**

Sat. 5:30 pm S Chappell, B Ciampoli  
 Sun. 7:30 am TBD  
 Sun. 10:30 am E Lake, A Lake

**Financial Report – August 11, 2024**

Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection \$4,857 \$12(children)

**Beginning July 1, 2024 and Ending June 30, 2025**

Year to date Sunday Collection Income \$ 33,959

2024 Year to date Bingo Net Income	\$ 24,228
Second Collection	\$ 235
SMS Catholic School Envelopes	\$ 370
Religious Education Envelopes	\$ 55
Good Samaritan	\$ 120

2024 Catholic Ministries Drive **TARGET** \$ 29,219  
 CMD Donations for 2024 \$ 71,737

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY!** 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.



Altar flowers this weekend to celebrate the 66<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Joe and Dot Smyder. *Congratulations!*

**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, Mary Ellen Jones, Tina Kilmartin, Lila Jo Laughlin, Ailani Myers, Shannon Riley, Mike Ronan, Harry Sickler, Dorothy Smyder, Patie Walsh, Lee Wertz, Rachel Harshman Wiggins, Esther Zane

**Stewardship Reflection** Jesus said to the crowds, “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life...” We can hardly blame the crowd for their shock at this statement – eating the Flesh and drinking the Blood of our Lord should cause us a bit of shock. Yet how easy it is to show up at Mass Sunday after Sunday, receiving the Eucharist as simply part of a weekly routine. If we really spent time contemplating the gift our Lord is offering us in this sacrament, we would be awestruck at the love and power in this gift. Through it, our Lord is giving us the very best He has to give – Himself. Not even the greatest theological scholar or the holiest of saints can fully understand this mystery.

The Eucharist is the ultimate inspiration for a stewardship way of life. When we contemplate this gift of God, we will want to make a joyful return to Him. Mass will become anything but routine and we will live each day as His passionate disciples.

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.

The historic Prince Gallitzin Chapel House, in Loretto, PA next to the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine, will be open on **August 18<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 6:00 pm** for self-guided tours, pilgrimages and visits.

**Is God Calling you to become a Deacon?** You are invited to join Bishop Mark and Deacon Michael Russo at the Bishop’s Night of Vocations on Wednesday, **October 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 7 pm at the US Hotel Tavern, Hollidaysburg. Reservations are required and can be made by contacting Jessica at 814-361-2000. Deadline is September 2<sup>nd</sup>. For more information on the permanent Diaconate please visit online at [www.dioceseaj.org/Diaconate/](http://www.dioceseaj.org/Diaconate/) by call Deacon Michael at 814-288-3036.



**Religious Ed. Registration forms for 2024-25** are available in the gathering space and on the parish website. Last day to register your child is **Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**.

Religious Education classes start Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Questions please contact Lauren Wright at 814-312-0969 or [lwright@dioceseaj.org](mailto:lwright@dioceseaj.org)

**Heart of Faith: Foundations of Catholicism** taught by Fr. Timothy, TOR at St. John Vianney Parish in Johnstown, PA starting on **August 20<sup>th</sup>** on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 9 pm for 6 weeks. Cost is \$35.00. **To register for this class** call the Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry at 814-361-2000 or email [www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry](http://www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry)

**Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)** sessions begin **Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm** in the Gathering Space. If you or someone you know are interested in learning more about our Catholic Faith, please come join us. For more information, call Sue Burkholder at 814-684-0352.

**40 HOURS DEVOTION** at Our Lady of the Alleghenies Parish in Lilly (608 Main Street on the following days: **Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament along with a Devotional Service each evening at 7:00 pm. Fr. Timothy Harris, T.O.R. will be the guest Presider and Homilist each evening. Confessions will be offered at the end of each Devotional Service. *All are welcome.*

Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Women’s Conference “Jesus Approaches: What Contemporary Women Can Learn about Healing, Freedom & Joy from the Women of the New Testament”, this event will be held on **Saturday, September 28, 2024 from 8:30 am to 4 pm**, at Saint Benedict Parish in Johnstown. Winning author, Liz Kelly, will be the main speaker. This event is free and open to all but RSVP is required for lunch count. A love offering will be taken. Please email [michael.russo@tatlanticbb.net](mailto:michael.russo@tatlanticbb.net) to register or call St. Benedict Rectory at 814-266-9178.

Holy Name Parish, Ebensburg is inviting parishes to their upcoming speaker series with **Fr. David Michael Moses on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**. Fr. David is from the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and is very popular on social media and works extensively for Pro-Life Efforts.

**On September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, Fr. Dan Reehil from the Diocese of Nashville will be giving a parish mission.** He was a former Wall Street banker who had an amazing reversion experience back to the Catholic Church. He is now the exorcist for the Diocese of Nashville.

**On Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, Jessica Cox will be giving a talk on her Catholic Faith.** This remarkable woman is a motivational speaker, martial artist, and airplane pilot and she does all this with no arms.

Please mark your calendars now and take part in these three missions.

Tim Francis, is a national speaker out of Fort Worth, Texas, that presents parish missions on the Eucharistic Miracles and how the science has led people to faith. He will be speaking at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral on **Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>** following the 6 pm Mass from 7:30 to 10:00 pm and **Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**, following the 5 pm Mass from 6:30-9:00 pm. He will also be speaking on **Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>** at Saint Francis University in the Immaculate Conception Chapel. His promotional materials are attached and the website is [www.sciencetestsfait.com/pa](http://www.sciencetestsfait.com/pa)