

Families and the Gospel (John 6:60-69)
 Even though many found the teachings of Jesus “difficult,” He did not back down. In our families it is important to say what is difficult to hear, to speak the truth with kindness, to correct with love and guide with understanding.



Thank you for all that you do for our St. Matthew School Students!! The faculty and students at St. Matthew School wish to Thank you for your kind and generous donations of supplies and gift cards to help us during this school year. We are so blessed and grateful and we appreciate all that you do to support our school.

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 8th** in Altoona at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or **Sunday, September 15th** 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 27th**. 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.

Rest in Peace - Please pray for the repose of the soul of Allan Daniels, Husband of Linda Daniels. May God grant him eternal peace in His kingdom and his loved ones comfort and strength.



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 25th**.

Religious Education classes start **Sunday, September 22nd**. Questions please contact Lauren Wright at 814-312-0969 or lwright@dioceseaj.org

COMING TO COMMITMENT



"Master, to whom shall we go?"

John 6: 68

THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Joshua 24: 15

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a partner in the work of the Lord. A partner is a person who invests time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports the parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!

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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.



August 25, 2024

The Twenty-First 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 24, 2024 – September 1, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm James Fleming – Martha Hagg
Sun. 7:30 am Clarence & Anna Hartssock – Helen Dillon
Sun. 10:30 am Thomas & Sharon Miller – Dave & Denise Fusco
 Mon. 8:00 am St. Joseph – Bellwood
 Tues. 6:00 pm St. Joseph – Bellwood
 Wed. 8:00 am Jim Reed, Sr. – Mary Reed
 Thurs. 8:00 am Maddie MacNeil – Aye Tepsic
 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 Jeanne Raffetto Tentis – Mark & Karen Raffetto
Sun. 7:30 am Holy Souls in Purgatory – Michael Burkholder
Sun 10:30 am For the People - Pastor



Sanctuary Candle for the week of August 25th is for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

SCHEDULE

Weekdays S McNelis

Lectors – August 31/Sept. 1, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm J Ieraci, J Rumberger, D Cunningham
Sun. 7:30 am D Zakrzwski, S McNelis
Sun. 10:30 am S Cowher, W Rimmer, K Auman-Gooding

Extraordinary Ministers Eucharist Aug. 31/Sept. 1, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm † L Morrison, M Raffetto, K Raffetto
Sun. 7:30 am † M Rozick, B Rozick, R Long
Sun. 10:30 am † J Terosky, L Wright, S Thomas

Altar Servers: August 31/Sept. 1, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm G Vaughn, B Ciampoli
Sun. 7:30 am TBD
Sun. 10:30 am D Castagnola, B Wright

Financial Report – August 18, 2024

Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection \$5,178 \$18(children)

Beginning July 1, 2024 and Ending June 30, 2025

Year to date Sunday Collection Income \$ 39,155

2024 Year to date Bingo Net Income	\$ 24,667
Second Collection	\$ 222
SMS Catholic School Envelopes	\$ 177
Religious Education Envelopes	\$ 5
Good Samaritan	\$ 15

2024 Catholic Ministries Drive TARGET	\$ 29,219
CMD Donations for 2024	\$ 72,476

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 in memory of Clarence and Anna Hartsock requested by Helen Dillon.

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 Our readings today challenge us to reflect on how we are living as disciples of Christ. They offer us examples of how we should be living, and they present us with an opportunity to make a radical changes in our lives – reminding us to serve only our one Lord and to serve our spouse and our family faithfully.

With these readings in mind, we must strive each day to live intentionally as disciples of Christ. It starts with commitment – incorporating personal daily prayer and increasing that prayer week by week, incorporating prayer into our marriages and families, frequenting the sacraments, and serving others. Through this time with the Lord and service to those around us, He will reveal where to go next.

Today, let us pray for the strength to live our lives as Joshua proclaimed, “As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

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.

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 2nd** 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 2nd. For more information on the permanent Diaconate please visit online at

www.dioceseaj.org/Diaconate/ or by call Deacon Michael at 814-288-3036.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) sessions will be held this **Wednesday, August 28th 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 8th to Tuesday, September 10th**. 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.*

Celebration of the Birth of Mary on Monday, **September 9, 2024** at St. Catherine of Siena Shrine in Duncansville, PA Mass at 7:45 am and 12:05 pm with the Rev. Jeremy Mohler as the celebrant and homilist. 5:30 Mass and Rosary Procession at the Shrine with our pastor, Rev. Michael Pleva as the celebrant and homilist. Please bring a lawn chair. Continuous Rosary between Masses. **THEME: Mary Helping Hand to All Nations**

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 14th** following the 6 pm Mass from 7:30 to 10:00 pm and **Sunday, September 15th**, following the 5 pm Mass from 6:30-9:00 pm. He will also be speaking on **Monday, September 16th** at Saint Francis University in the Immaculate Conception Chapel. His promotional materials are attached and the website is www.sciencetestsfaith.com/pa

St. Benedict’s Parish in Johnstown will present “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@atlanticbb.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 4th 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 23rd and 24th 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 7th 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.

Strength in Christ: Trust-Surrender-Joy The Third Annual Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Women’s Conference will be hosted at Mount Aloysius College – Bertschi Center in Cresson, PA on October 12, 2024. The Featured speaker is Katie Prejean McGrady who is a wife, mom, award-winning author, international speaker, podcaster, and daily radio show host. She was also a breakout speaker at the National Eucharistic Revival Congress this Summer. **Registration deadline is October 1st. Cost to attend is \$20.** The day’s activities run from 9 am to 4 pm. Lunch included and the Sacrament of Reconciliation available. Registration materials are available at the Diocese website and in the parish office.