

Families and the Gospel (Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23)

In today's gospel, Jesus warns, "what comes from within can defile" a person. Families need to worry about "outside influences" but also about "inside influences." The values our children carry for a lifetime are learned at home. Habits of the Hearth are the most powerful influences on a child. That is the good news! That can also be the bad news!



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.

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas - The regular monthly meeting will be held Wednesday, September 4th at 6:00 pm in Harkin's Hall. Catholic women ages 18 yrs. and older are welcome. For more information, call Amy Brisbin at 814-931-4702.

Refreshment Weekend: "The Sweet Ministry"

– Sign-up sheets are currently in the Gathering Space for those willing to serve as a host for refreshment weekend. Each Mass will need at least two hosts. All items are set-up in advance, all you need to do is help to distribute the refreshments and clean-up. Individuals and families are welcome so please add your name for the day and time that best suits your schedule.

On **September 21 and 22** we will be honoring the members of our **Saint Matthew Diamond Club** as we celebrate the gift of those members of our Parish who are 75 years of age or older. Father Michael will offer a blessing at each Mass. Then plan to attend the reception afterwards to personally thank the Diamond Club members of inspiring and blessing our community.

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

Please prayerfully consider donating to the

Catholic University of America. Established by Pope Leo XIII and the U.S. Bishops in 1887, it is the National University of the Catholic Church. This university claims 1/3 of the US Bishops and 12,000 priest and religious as alumni. By giving to the national Collection, you will help support more than 6,000 students who are seeking a faith-filled education at an institution that supports cutting-edge research in multiple fields Please place your donation/envelope with your weekly Sunday offering the weekend, **September 7/8, 2024.**

Rest in Peace - Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patie Walsh, wife of Mike Walsh. May God grant her eternal peace in His kingdom and her loved ones comfort and strength.

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Authentic Holiness



"Nothing from without defiles, but what comes from the heart, this can defile." Mark 7: 15

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THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

"Be doers of the word and not hearers only..."

James 1: 22

It's easy to understand the definition of stewardship – living a grateful and generous life. The hard part is doing it! How do your actions reflect God's word? Do you share your time in prayer with God? Do you use your talent to help those in need? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?

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Finance Council - Dennis Rozick (814) 684-5511
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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.



September 1, 2024

The Twenty-Second 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 31, 2024 – September 8, 2024

- 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
- Mon. 9:00 am** St. Joseph Bellwood (Mass for Labor Day)
- Tues. 6:00 pm** St. Joseph – Bellwood
- Wed. 9:00 am** Michael Tree Family – Estate
- Thurs. 8:00 am** Raffetto Family – Mark & Karen Raffetto
- Fri. 8:00 am** Barb & Rick Stever – Mike & Kathy Narehood
- Fri. 8:30 – 9:30 am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction
- Sat. 5:30 pm** Adrian Eberhart – Jeff Eberhart Family
- Sun. 7:30 am** Patie Walsh – Mary Jane Cornelius & family
- Sun 10:30 am** Phyllis Good – Knights of Columbus



Sanctuary Candle for the week of September 1st is for a special intention requested by Cindy and Jack Zane.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

Weekdays D Cunningham

Lectors – Sept. 7/8, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm G Miller, D Cunningham, J Ieraci
Sun. 7:30 am A Lynn, S McNelis
Sun. 10:30 am M Welker, H Quinn, L Wright

Extraordinary Ministers Eucharist Sept. 7/8, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm † P Lambert, C O'Rourke, T Scordo
Sun. 7:30 am † M Rozick, B Rozick, S Zakrzewski
Sun. 10:30 am † D Castagnola, M Morse, J Terosky

Altar Servers: Sept. 7/8, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm E Narehood, G Vaughn
Sun. 7:30 am TBD
Sun. 10:30 am B Wright, E Hewitt

Financial Report – August 25, 2024

Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection \$5,201 \$20(children)

Beginning July 1, 2024 and Ending June 30, 2025

Year to date Sunday Collection Income \$ 44,376

2024 Year to date Bingo Net Income	\$ 25,165
Second Collection	\$ 217
SMS Catholic School Envelopes	\$ 287
Religious Education Envelopes	\$ 35
Good Samaritan	\$ 305

2024 Catholic Ministries Drive **TARGET** \$ 29,219
 CMD Donations for 2024 \$ 73,146

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 are for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

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, Lee Wertz, Rachel Harshman Wiggins, Esther Zane

Stewardship Reflection Our readings today call us to pause for a moment and consider how we respond to God's love for us each day. It begins by rising each day with a prayer of thanksgiving, offering our daily tasks as a prayer to the Lord, seeking ways to share our gifts and talents with others, saying a prayer of thanksgiving before meals, sharing words of affirmation to a loved one, or taking time to reflect on how much God loves us and how we can best love Him in return.

This is how we ought to live our lives as Christian stewards – be recognizing our lives as a gift and an opportunity to love God in response to how He has loved us.

So let us look inward at our hearts and ask ourselves why we live our faith the way we do. Let us strive to pray with meaning, attend Mass with attention, serve others out of love for God and recognize just how blessed we are. It is in these simple moments that we love extraordinarily and honor God wholeheartedly.

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 this 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, September 4 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.