

Families and the Gospel (Mark 7:31-37)

Because the deaf man in today’s gospel recognized his disability, he could seek help from Jesus. Deafness abounds in families: in our children (“Oh Dad, not that again”), in parents (“It is just a stage”), and in spouses (“Are you listening?”). Before Jesus can enter your home and heal, you must first recognize your deafness.

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.

Sr Angela Marie Igou, Vocation and Novice Director the for the Sisters Servants of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, will be the guest speaker at the **Tuesday, September 17th Night of Worship sponsored by Holy Spirit Ministry**. The evening prayer will begin at 7 pm, at St Michael Church, Hollidaysburg. Praise and worship music will precede Sr. Angela Marie’s talk. Sister will share her own vocation story and share about her life as a Sacred Heart Sister. Everyone is encouraged to come and learn about vocations, as well as to pray for vocations. All ages are most welcome!

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**.

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Seeing Beyond Appearances



"Immediately the man's ears were opened."

Mark 7: 35

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THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

“Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?” James 2: 5

What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society tells us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first and experience true joy and peace. When we put possessions first, we soon realize we can never have enough and happiness is fleeting. When we put faith over possessions we truly realize it is better to give than receive.

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Sunday mornings 9:00 am to 10:15 am (weekly during the school year)

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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 8, 2024

The Twenty-Third 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
September 7, 2024 – September 15, 2024

- 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
- Mon. 8:00 am** St. Joseph Bellwood
- Tues. 6:00 pm** St. Joseph – Bellwood
- Wed. 9:00 am** Joe Kern – Fred Bennetti
- Thurs. 8:00 am** Stella Gurekovich – JR & Susie Gurekovich
- 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** For the People - Pastor
- Sun. 7:30 am** Raleigh Sunday – Paul Eggie
- Sun 10:30 am** For the Holy Souls in Purgatory – Michael Burkholder



Sanctuary Candle for the week of September 8th is in memory of Rose Schafflhuber requested by Rose and Bill Long.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

Weekdays S McNelis

Lectors – Sept. 14/15, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm S Gavazzi, S Burkholder, J Rumberger
Sun. 7:30 am R Long, D Zakrzwski
Sun. 10:30 am K Naylor, T Naylor, K Auman-Gooding

Extraordinary Ministers Eucharist Sept. 14/15, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm † K Raffetto, M Raffetto, T Scordo
Sun. 7:30 am † K Hoyne, S Zakrzwski, L Gove
Sun. 10:30 am † L Wright, S Thomas, S Stoner

Altar Servers: Sept. 14/15, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm H Narehood, B Ciampoli
Sun. 7:30 am TBD
Sun. 10:30 am B Davis, A Davis

Financial Report – September 1, 2024

Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection \$6,198 \$17(children)

Beginning July 1, 2024 and Ending June 30, 2025

Year to date Sunday Collection Income \$ 50,590

2024 Year to date Bingo Net Income	\$ 25,752
Second Collection	\$ 190
SMS Catholic School Envelopes	\$ 584
Religious Education Envelopes	\$ 120
Good Samaritan	\$ 250

2024 Catholic Ministries Drive **TARGET** \$ 29,219
 CMD Donations for 2024 \$ 74,060

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 was requested to honor the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR ILL AND HOMEBOUND (June 1 to Dec. 1, 2024) Charlie and Anna Cannistraci, Bonnie Carper, Sue Chambers, Donna Cunningham, James Franchio, Jack Futrick, Cindy Hampton, Rick Hampton, Rob 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 “Thus says the Lord: say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not!” Our readings today offer us a message of hope – God is with us and wants to heal us. May this message come ablaze in our hearts so that we might live with unwavering faith.

The prophecy in our first reading and the story in our Gospel overwhelm us with comfort and peace because we have a compassionate God who sees our physical needs. Yet if we reflect further on these readings, we see that God uses these moments of physical healing as opportunities to restore something much deeper – our souls.

This week let us seek God to heal our souls and transform our hearts. Let us pray that our eyes and our ears might “be open” to His workings, words and promptings in our lives.

Fatima Devotions: The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions and the blessing of the new Stations of the Cross and Garden Benches on Friday, **September 13, 2024**, at 6:30 pm in the Sunken Gardens at Saint Francis Friary. (In case of inclement weather, they will be at the Immaculate Conception Chapel on the campus of St. Francis University.)

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) sessions will be held this **Wednesday, September 11 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@tatlanticbb.net to register or call St. Benedict Rectory at 814-266-9178.

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 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.

On Saturday, **October 12th**, **All Saints Parish** in Boswell will be hosting a performance by the famed Tamburitzan folk ensemble from Pittsburgh at North Star High School in Boswell (about 90 minutes from Tyrone). The Tamburitizens help to preserve venerable ethnic cultures from around the world through lively dances, authentic instruments, vibrant costumes, and a variety of languages. The event begins at 2 pm on Oct 12th, cost is \$25 for seniors, \$30 general admission, \$10 for students. Reception after the program at the parish hall is \$20 for all you can eat food from around the world. For tickets please phone the parish office, 814-629-5551 or email the parish secretary Emily Marsh at emash@dioceseaj.org.