

Families and the Gospel (Mark 8:27-35)

If we want to be happy at home, we must commit (“lose ourselves”) to our family. If we try to be independent from others (“save ourselves”), we end up lonely and alone. Happiness is found in commitments. The gospel is true: We save our life by losing it!

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

Seeking Child Care: Hello, my name is Katelyn, and I am seeking child care for my six-month old son. I am a nurse, and I work only a few days a week. I need the care to start in early October. I can be reached on my cell 870-502-2581. Please leave me a message if I am unable to answer your call, along with the best time to reach you back. Serious inquiries greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Most Holy Trinity Parish in Huntingdon, PA is looking for an Administrative Assistant. If you enjoy working with the public and are able to multi-task, we would love to talk with you. For a listing of qualification and responsibilities and to apply online: <https://humanresources.dioceseaj.org/general-emplomnet-opportunities/>

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Defined by Suffering



"Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as humans do." Mark 8: 33

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THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” (Mark 8: 34)

Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for my own life, but for the lives of others as well. We realize that our gifts are not intended for ourselves, rather they are meant to be shared with others. “Taking up my cross” means doing things when someone else needs me and not when it’s convenient for me.

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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

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 15, 2024

The Twenty-Fourth 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 14, 2024 – September 22, 2024

- 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
- Mon. 8:00 am St. Joseph Bellwood
- Tues. 6:00 pm St. Joseph – Bellwood
- Wed. **9:00 am** Andy & Michael Lusardi – Chris, Steve, and Michael Stoner
- Thurs. 8:00 am Phyllis Good – Knights of Columbus
- Fri. 8:00 am Clara Bennetti – Fred Bennetti
- Fri. **8:30 – 9:30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction**
- Sat. 5:30 pm** Eddie & Marty Rhoades – Aye Tepsic
- Sun. 7:30 am** Richard Searer – Annette & Bob
- Sun 10:30 am** Bertha & John Yenter, Jr. - Estate



Sanctuary Candle for the week of September 15th is in memory of Andy and Michael Lusardi requested Chris, Steve, and Michael Stoner.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

Weekdays R Long

Lectors – Sept. 21/22, 2024

- Sat. 5:30 pm J Ieraci, D Strayer, G Miller
- Sun. 7:30 am B Hiergeist, K Pearson
- Sun. 10:30 am S Cowher, DD Murray, A Langenbacher
- Extraordinary Ministers Eucharist Sept. 21/22, 2024**
- Sat. 5:30 pm † P Lambert, S Burkholder, R Buch
- Sun. 7:30 am † S Ronan, R Long, D Zakrzwski
- Sun. 10:30 am † J Terosky, D Castagnola, L Wright

Altar Servers: Sept. 21/22, 2024

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

Financial Report – September 8, 2024	
Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection	\$4,570 \$12(children)
Beginning July 1, 2024 and Ending June 30, 2025	
Year to date Sunday Collection Income	\$ 55,172
2024 Year to date Bingo Net Income	\$ 26,569
Second Collection	\$ 0
SMS Catholic School Envelopes	\$ 584
Religious Education Envelopes	\$ 10
Good Samaritan	\$ 30
2024 Catholic Ministries Drive TARGET	\$ 29,219
CMD Donations for 2024	\$ 74,838
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 <u>what makes a person truly rich</u> is not how much they have but how much they give.	

Adoration Chapel at Saint Mary Convent, 712 Allegheny Street, Hollidaysburg, PA is open Monday through Thursday from 7 am to 11 pm and Friday 7 am to 5 pm for Adoration. Tabernacled Jesus available outside these hours and on holidays and First Friday. First Fridays join us in St. Mary Church next door for Adoration 8:15 am until 6 pm. Come spend time with Jesus.

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, Michael Rozick, Harry Sickler, Dorothy Smyder, Lee Wertz, Rachel Harshman Wiggins, Esther Zane

Stewardship Reflection “You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.” Jesus’ words in our Gospel today challenge us to become imitators of Christ. This is not an easy request. It takes sacrifice, endurance, and commitment. Yet, it is profoundly rewarding.

Jesus encourages us to think, not as human beings, but as God. He is calling us not to look at life in relation to ourselves. Rather, He wants us to be open-minded and look at life in relation to God. This requires acceptance on our part – accepting the will of God and allowing it to mold us into Christ-like people. Jesus re-echoes this message as He addresses His disciples saying, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”

This week let us sit in Jesus’ presence and listen to what He is calling us to at this point in our lives. Let us rise each day with a commitment to follow Him, carry our daily crosses with Him, and live in total gratitude and service to God, family and neighbor.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) sessions will be held this **Wednesday, September 18 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.

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.

Holy Name Parish, Ebensburg is inviting parishes to their upcoming speaker series : **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 emarsh@dioceseaj.org.

The feast day of **Saint Matthew is Saturday, September 21st**. Please make plans to set aside time for prayer, take time to read the gospel of Saint Matthew keeping in mind that Saint Matthew depicts the humanity of Christ and emphasizes his physical sufferings. He makes frequent reference to the fulfillment of prophecies because he wrote to Jews and to Jewish Christians. Do something for the needy: make a monetary donation through the envelope in your church packet, make a donation of clothing or toys to your favorite charity, and/or donate canned goods to the Tyrone Food bank.

St. Demetrius parish in Gallitzin will hold its annual Chicken BBQ Dinner and Fall Festival on Sunday, **September 29th**, in the Parish Activity Center, 714 Foster Street, Gallitzin. Dinner will be served beginning at 11 am and the meal includes a half BBQ chicken, deliciously seasoned and slow roasted over a fire pit, green beans, potato, roll, and a dessert. Dine-in and takeout dinners are available for \$14.00 each. A rummage sale will also be featured, along with baked goods, games, and a basket raffle. It’s fun for the whole family!



A Rosary Rally will be held at the Saint Matthew School parking lot (near the statue of the Blessed Mother) on **Saturday, October 12th at noon** to mark the 107th Anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima Portugal. Please consider participating. Chairs will be provided. Light refreshments afterwards. In case of inclement weather, the rosary will be held in the Gathering Space. Any questions please contact the parish office.

The **Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament** in Altoona will sponsor a Longaberger Basket and Vera Bradley Bingo on Sunday, **September 29th** at 1 pm at Father Kelley Hall, 429 Twenty-fifth Avenue in Altoona. Doors open at Noon. The event supports the ministries offered by the Cathedral to children and teenagers. For more information, please contact the Cathedral Parish Office at 814-944-4603 or pclomens@dioceseaj.org.