

Families and the Gospel (Mark 9:30-37)
 Disagreements are common in families. However, what would you say if Jesus posed the same question “What are you arguing about?” Is it silly and petty? Is it an attempt to impose your will and control on another? Today Jesus tells and his disciples to give it up. We are meant to serve each other, not control.

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.

The CDA Family Activity Committee invites you to join us in the yard behind Saint Matthew’s for our first activity, a fall hike on the Turkey Path behind the church. The hike will be on Sunday, **September 29th, from 11:30 to 1:30 pm.** We will meet right after the 10:30 Mass. The picnic lunch will include walking tacos and hot dogs. Sign-up by texting or calling Amy Brisbin 814-931-4702.

Office of Lay Ecclesial Ministry being offered in October 2024. Christian Prayer and Spirituality taught by deacon Michael Russo, Thursdays from 6-8 pm (8weeks) beginning **October 3rd** with one Wednesday night class in November. The cost of this class is \$35.00 and must be turned in with the Registration Form by **September 26th.** Visit the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown website at www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry, or contact Jessica at 814-361-2000 or jgramling@dioceseaj.org. All are welcome!

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

570-502-2581. 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/>

The Victory of the Servant



“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.”
 Mark 9: 37

THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.”

Mark 9: 35
 Jesus teaches us that we are called to serve one another. Sacrifice is not a word that many people like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is “to make holy,” from the words “sacer” = sacred and “facere” = to make. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

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Monday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
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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)

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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 22, 2024
The Twenty-Fifth 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 21, 2024 – September 29, 2024

- 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
- Mon. 8:00 am St. Joseph Bellwood
- Tues. 6:00 pm St. Joseph – Bellwood
- Wed. 8:00 am Raffetto Family – Mark & Karen Raffetto
- Thurs. 8:00 am William & Hulda Engelman- Estate
- Fri. 8:00 am John Verprauskus & Robert Yochimowitz – Zakrzwski Family
- Fri. 8:30 – 9:30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction**
- Sat. 5:30 pm** Phyllis Good – Knights of Columbus
- Sun. 7:30 am** Joe Kern – Fred Bennetti
- Sun 10:30 am** For the People - Pastor



Sanctuary Candle for the week of September 22nd is in memory of John Hayes requested by Vicky Hayes.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

SCHEDULE

Weekdays J Ieraci

Lectors – Sept. 28/29, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm R Bunch, T Jeffries, A Cavallucci

Sun. 7:30 am K Pearson, S McNelis

Sun. 10:30 am L Wright, M Welker, W Rimmer

Extraordinary Ministers Eucharist Sept. 28/29, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm † M Raffetto, K Raffetto P DelBaggio

Sun. 7:30 am † L Grove, D Zakrzwski, S Zakrzwski

Sun. 10:30 am † S Stoner, S Thomas, M Morse

Altar Servers: Sept. 28/29, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm G Vaughn

Sun. 7:30 am TBD

Sun. 10:30 am E Lake, A Lake

Financial Report – September 15, 2024

Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection \$4,267 \$19(children)

Beginning July 1, 2024 and Ending June 30, 2025

Year to date Sunday Collection Income \$ 59,459

2024 Year to date Bingo Net Income	\$ 27,110
Second Collection	\$ 306
SMS Catholic School Envelopes	\$ 205
Religious Education Envelopes	\$ 5
Good Samaritan	\$ 0

2024 Catholic Ministries Drive TARGET \$ 29,219

CMD Donations for 2024 \$ 75,296

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.

DIOCESAN PRIESTS' MEDICAL AND RETIREMENT COLLECTION: Next week, we ask the faithful to contribute toward the medical insurance and retirement expenses for active and senior priests who were ordained for serving us in the diocese. Your charitable gift, made in honor of the priests who serve us, helps keep these expenses at a manageable level. Thank you!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR ILL AND HOMEBOUND (June 1 to Dec. 1, 2024) Charlie and Anna Cannistraci, Bonnie Carper, Sue Chambers, Jack Futrick, Cindy Hampton, Rick Hampton, Rob Hampton, Vicky Hayes, Dieter Hartsock, Mary Ellen Jones, Tina Kilmartin, Lila Jo Laughlin, Ailani Myers, Shannon Riley, Michael Sharer, Mike Ronan, Michael Rozick, Harry Sickler, Dorothy Smyder, Lee Wertz, Rachel Harshman Wiggins, Esther Zane

Stewardship Reflection Our readings today bring to light the daily struggle between good and evil and how we can combat this struggle through wisdom and gratitude. In our Second Reading, St. James encourages us to seek wisdom from above. "But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits..." When we week the Lord, we will have strength to choose good and the wisdom to properly use what we have received from Him.

When we are caught in the raging war of jealousy, fighting, and pride, and begin to become enslaved to our passions we are ultimately being ungrateful for what we have been given. We overlook the blessing God has given us and the gifts and talents He has entrusted to us.

Today, let us recall that we have an infinitely loving God who cares deeply for us. Consider all that He has blessed you with, and how you can use those blessings for His glory.

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.

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. For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 814-944-4603 or pclemens@dioceseaj.org.

The feast day of **Saint Matthew is 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.

Prayer to Saint Matthew

God of Mercy

You chose a tax collector, Saint Matthew, to share the dignity of the apostles.

By his example and prayers help us to follow Christ and remain faithful in Your service.

We ask this through

Our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son, who lives and reigns

with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen*

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 Tamburitzans 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.

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.