

**Families and the Gospel** (Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48) The words in today's gospel, "whoever gives a cup of water in the name of Christ will not lose their reward" hits us at home. As parents, we gain our "reward" when we bring water to a frightened child in the middle of the night or Kool Aid to parched five-year old, or hold ice chips to the fevered lips of a spouse. It is that simple and that sacred. In our home we give until it hurts "in the name of Christ."

**Celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Francis by attending Mass as Saint Francis University Immaculate Conception Chapel at 12 noon on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.** There will be a Eucharistic Procession through campus. Join in songs and prayer as we celebrate our patron Saint and his great love for Jesus in the Eucharist. All are welcome. The procession should last between 45 minutes to an hour.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup>** with one Wednesday night class in November. The cost of this class is \$35.00 and must be turned in with the Registration Form. Visit the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown website at [www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry](http://www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry), or contact Jessica at 814-361-2000 or [jgramling@dioceseaj.org](mailto: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.

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**Healing Mass:** Holy Spirit Ministry will hold a special healing Mass on **Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 7 pm at St. Michael Church, Hollidaysburg.** This powerful night of hope and healing is for all who are suffering physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Fr. Brad Baldwin, TOR, Fr. David Doff, TOR, Fr. Jeremy Mohler, and other priests con-celebrating. Praise and worship will precede the Mass at 6:30 pm and prayer ministry will follow the Mass. If you are suffering physically, or from an addiction, or hurting or struggling in any way, come and experience the healing power of Jesus and be set free! All are welcome!

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**Freedom on the Spirit**



"Whoever is not against us is for us." Mark 9: 41

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**THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE**

*"Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward."* (Mark 9: 41)

We are made in God's image and likeness. We tend to forget this. When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them? When others look at you, do they see the face of Jesus in you? When we realize that all lives matter to God, then gratitude and generously become easier. Why? Because that's the way we are made! We are one Body of Christ; when one of us is hurting, all of us feel the pain.

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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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**Saint Matthew Catholic School**  
**"serving our community since 1869"**  
**Principal:** Pauline Wiley  
**School Phone:** (814) 684-3510  
**School web-site:** [www.stmatthew-school.org](http://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 29, 2024**

*The Twenty-Sixth 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 28 2024 – October 6, 2024**

**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

Mon. 8:00 am Special Intention  
Tues. 8:00 pm Special Intention  
Wed. 8:00 am Michael Tee Family - Estate  
Thurs. 8:00 am Clara Bennetti – Fred Bennetti  
Fri. 8:00 am Eddie & Marty Rhoades – Aye Tepsic  
**Fri. 8:30 – 9:30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction**

**Sat. 5:30 pm** Jeanne Raffetto Tentis – Knights of Columbus  
**Sun. 7:30 am** William & Hulda Engelman - Estate  
**Sun 10:30 am** Paul Peter Eggie – Paul Eggie



**Sanctuary Candle** for the week of September 29<sup>th</sup> is in memory of John Hayes requested by Vicky Hayes.

Please note that the Sanctuary Candle intention was placed in the bulletin incorrectly last week. The intention was for Richard Searer requested by Annette Lynn.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE**

**Weekdays** R Long

**Lectors – Oct. 5/6, 2024**

**Sat. 5:30 pm** G Miller, J Ieraci, K Chappell

**Sun. 7:30 am** D Zakrzwski, S Zakrzwski

**Sun. 10:30 am** A Langenbacher, M Raffetto, Jr., E Hewitt

**Extraordinary Ministers Eucharist Oct. 5/6, 2024**

**Sat. 5:30 pm** † L Morrison, C Golden, T Scordo

**Sun. 7:30 am** † S Ronan, R Long, K Hoyne

**Sun. 10:30 am** † D Castagnola, S Stoner, J Terosky

**Altar Servers: Oct. 5/6, 2024**

**Sat. 5:30 pm** S Chappell, B Ciampoli

**Sun. 7:30 am** TBD

**Sun. 10:30 am** D Castagnola, L Castagnola

**Financial Report – September 15, 2024**

Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection \$7,683 \$17(children)

**Beginning July 1, 2024 and Ending June 30, 2025**

Year to date Sunday Collection Income \$ 67,158

2024 Year to date Bingo Net Income	\$ 27,568
Second Collection	\$ 260
SMS Catholic School Envelopes	\$ 312
Religious Education Envelopes	\$ 0
Good Samaritan	\$ 0

2024 Catholic Ministries Drive **TARGET** \$ 29,219  
 CMD Donations for 2024 \$ 76,921

**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.

**Etiquette For Mass:** Please remember to “turn off” your cell phone before Mass and **no other electronic devices** should be in use during mass.

**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 this week encourage us to not only be good stewards of all that God has given us but also to rejoice in the good stewardship of others.

We oftentimes look at another’s strengths as our weaknesses whether it be in parish life, in the workforce, or even in our own families. We are left with a bitter heart and a negative attitude when we become jealous of another. Jesus is calling us to cut out those sinful thoughts and attitudes from our lives. The next time we witness someone being a good steward of God’s gifts – rejoice! And continue to examine how you are using your gifts and talents to ensure you are being a good steward of what God has entrusted to you.

This week when we witness other people in our lives using the gifts God has given to them, instead of becoming jealous or critical, say a prayer of thanksgiving and take time to reflect on what God has gifted you and how you can offer it to Him for His glory.



Welcome Father Felix from the Diocese of Bagdogra, India who will celebrate weekend Masses and speak about the needs of his Diocese. In the early part of the twentieth century, when the Tea Gardens in the foothills of Darjeeling required labourers, many Adivasis from Chotanagpur migrated to the Terai Plains and gradually settled down there. The Jesuit Fathers from St. Marys College, Kurseong, looked after the spiritual needs of the Adivasi Catholics, quite regularly. The first Station was established at Gayaganga in 1933 by Fr. A Bossaerts, SJ. The area called the Terai (Siliguri sub-division and part of Kurseong sub-division in the district of Darjeeling) was part of the Diocese of Darjeeling

which was established in 1962. As the number of Catholics and local vocations increased, and for better care of the Faithful, Pope John Paul II divided the Diocese of Darjeeling, and thus the Diocese of Bagdogra was created on 14th June 1997, with Bishop Thomas DSouza as its first Bishop.

There are envelopes in the pews or you can utilize the Missionary Co-op envelope in your semi-monthly packet if you choose to contribute to this Missionary collection.

**DIOCESAN PRIESTS’ MEDICAL AND RETIREMENT COLLECTION:** This 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!

Holy Name Parish, Ebensburg is inviting parishes **on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, as 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.

**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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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. Each **October** the Church in the United States celebrates **Respect Life Month**, and the **first Sunday of October** is observed as Respect Life

Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between.

On Saturday, **October 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 12<sup>th</sup>, 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.



A Rosary Rally will be held at the Saint Matthew School parking lot (near the statue of the Blessed Mother) on **Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at noon** to mark the 107<sup>th</sup> 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.



Traditionally to celebrate the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi on October 4<sup>th</sup> we bless our pets and other animals. This year the blessing will take place on **Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at Noon** on the lawn outside the gathering space. Pet owners are welcome to bring “all creatures big and small” along with leashes, crates and carriers. Even if you don’t have a pet you can join us for this warm-hearted and prayerful celebration.