

Families and the Gospel (Mark 10:46-52)

When Jesus asked the blind man, "What do you want from me?" he asked for sight. If Jesus asked you the same question, what would you say? Okay, that is your prayer.



There will be a meeting for anyone who may be interested in prison ministry on **Tuesday, October 29th at 7 pm** in the gathering space. A sample facilitation will be shared and questions will be answered. If unable to attend, please contact Teresa Jeffries at 814-381-1317.

Christmas Request: Our annual Angel Tree that hold Christmas gift requests for families is set-up on Thanksgiving day. Due to the overwhelming support of our parishioners, we are able to accommodate more families than the number provided by Catholic Charities. If you know of an area family that could use assistance this Christmas, please provide your name and contact number and the name of the family along with a contact number to the church office or Father Michael. All information will be confidential and the family name will not be made public. Referrals are needed by **November 10th** to allow for processing the information. Contact Steve Stoner with any questions at 814-931-7964. Thank you in advance for helping to make this Christmas truly the season of giving.

Active Shooter Seminar presented by Officer Brad Tuskovich at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Port Matilda, PA on Saturday, **November 16, 2024 from 10 am 11 am** RSVP by Monday, November 11, 2024 by called the parish office.

Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Altoona, PA is sponsoring a Holiday Boutique on November 9, 2024 from 8 am to 3 pm. Breakfast and Lunch served as well as photos with Santa. Collectibles & Gifts, bake shoppe, foods, kid's carnival, and baskets galore.

Try Catholic Radio – WJVM 90.3 FM the *Voice of Divine Mercy*

As the holidays approach, please remember the Tyrone Food Bank. Donations can be placed in the Gathering Space.

Wehnwood Community String Ensemble Performance at St. Augustine Parish in Dysart, PA. on Sunday, November 3rd at 3 pm featuring Father Bob Reese. There is no cost and the performance will be approximately an hour in length. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending this joyous event.

SEEING AND BELIEVING LEAD TO GOD



"What do you want me to do for you?"
"Master, I want to see." Mark 10: 51

THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

"And Jesus said to him, 'Go your way; your faith has made you well.' And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way." Mark 10: 52

Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to physically see it. Many people think that miracles don't happen anymore. This is hard, but try to focus on the positive and not the negative things in your life. When you focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem common. You will see God's active presence in your daily life. You will begin to develop an attitude of gratitude

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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.



October 27, 2024
The Thirtieth 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
October 26, 2024 – November 3, 2024

- Sat. 5:30 pm** For the Holy Souls in Purgatory – Anon.
- Sun. 7:30 am** For the People - Pastor
- Sun. 10:30 am** Dick Barrett – Ellie Spangler
- Mon. 8:00 am Mass at St. Joseph
- Tues. 6:00 pm Mass at St. Joseph
- Wed. 8:00 am Sara Castagnola "Birthday Remembrance" – Family
- Thurs. 6:00 pm Vigil Mass for All Saints – St. Joseph
- Fri. 8:00 am Holy Day Mass – St. Joseph
- 9:00 am Raffetto Family – Mark & Karen Raffetto
- 6:00 pm For the People
- Sat. 12 noon** All Souls Day – For Pope Francis Intentions
- 5:30 pm** For all the Faithful Departed
- Sun. 7:30 am** Deceased Members. of the Knights of Columbus – St. Gregory Council
- Sun 10:30 am** Sara & Tony Castagnola - Family



Sanctuary Candle for the week of October 27th is in memory of Sara Castagnola by the Castagnola and Burkle families.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

Weekdays S McNelis

Lectors – Nov. 2/3, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm R Bunch, S Burkholder, T Jeffries

Sun. 7:30 am A Lynn, S McNelis

Sun. 10:30 am S Cowher, MJ Gunter, A Langenbacher

Extraordinary Ministers Eucharist Oct. Nov. 2/3, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm † P Lambert, C Golden, P DelBaggio

Sun. 7:30 am † M Rozick, B Rozick, L Grove

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

Altar Servers: Nov. 2/3, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm G Vaughn, H Narehood

Sun. 10:30 am D Castagnola, L Castagnola

<u>Financial Report – October 20, 2024</u>	
Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection	\$4,763 \$22(children)
<u>Beginning July 1, 2024 and Ending June 30, 2025</u>	
Year to date Sunday Collection Income	\$ 88,581
2024 Year to date Bingo Net Income	\$ 31,741
Collection HURRICANE RELIEF	\$ 6,204
SMS Catholic School Envelopes	\$ 230
Religious Education Envelopes	\$ 100
Good Samaritan	\$ 15
2024 Catholic Ministries Drive TARGET	\$ 29,219
CMD Donations for 2024	\$ 80,134
<i>THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY!</i> 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.	

Monica's Tears: Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Altoona, hosts an hour of adoration with the recitation of the rosary *every Thursday night from 6 pm to 7 pm* to pray for our loved ones who have left the practice of the Catholic faith. Everyone is welcome, please join us.

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, John Lewis, Rose Long, Ailani Myers, Shannon Riley, Michael Sharer, Mike Ronan, Harry Sickler, Dorothy Smyder, Lee Wertz, Rachel Harshman Wiggins, Esther Zane

Each **October** the Church in the United States celebrates ***Respect Life Month***. 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.

Prayer for the Unborn Child

Dear Lord, Reawaken in us respect for every unborn life, make us capable of seeing in the fruit of the maternal womb the miraculous work of your creation, open our hearts to generously welcoming every child that comes into life. Bless all families, sanctify the union of spouses, render fruitful their love.

Accompany the choices of legislative assemblies with the light of your Spirit, so that people and nations may recognize and respect the sacred nature of life, of every human life. Guide the work of scientists and doctors, so that all progress contributes to the integral well-being of the person, and no one endures suppression or injustice. Give creative charity to administrators and economists, so they may realize and promote sufficient conditions so that young families can serenely embrace the birth of new children.

Console the married couples who suffer because they are unable to have children and in Your goodness provide for them. Teach us all to care for orphaned or abandoned children, so they may experience the warmth of your Charity, the consolation of your divine Heart.

Stewardship Reflection

Our Psalm today, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy," sheds lights on our glorious Gospel reading about the healing of the blind man, Bartimaeus.

We can learn a lot from Bartimaeus when it comes to our own personal relationships with Jesus. Many of us struggle with something from which we need healing – physical blindness, illness, addiction, bad habits, anger, sin. In our weakness, do we confidently cry out to Jesus knowing that He will help us?

Oftentimes we begin to, but then a voice in our thoughts tells us to doubt and encourages us to stop trying, like the crowd in our Gospel. Although that voice is persistent and strong, we are called to cry out all the more. If Jesus can hear one voice in a crowd of many, then He can hear our direct prayers to Him in our hearts.

Whatever it is that you desire to be healed from today, confidently cry out to Jesus in prayer. He is listening. And when you hear the voice of doubt, keep praying. Strive to have unwavering faith that Jesus is with you, He hears you and will heal you in this way and His time. Know that the Lord has done great things for us and will continue to do so – so let our hearts be filled with joy.

October is the Month of Mary and the Rosary

The month of October is **devoted to Mary and praying the Rosary**. It is a month during which we need to increase our Marian spirituality. It is good to place a statue or Holy picture of Our Lady and place it at a prominent place in your home. You can decorate it with a bouquet of flowers or in your own creative way. Remember that the Rosary is recited every Wednesday morning after the morning Mass in the Church and before all weekend Masses. Please come and join us and fulfilling Our Blessed Mother's instruction to pray the rosary daily.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

•BASKET RAFFLE IS UNDERWAY! There are an amazing variety of Baskets to choose from this year with something for everyone of all ages. **Tickets are 7 for \$5.00 and are available through Sunday, November 17th.**



●**Fall Harvest Fest on Saturday, November 9th from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.** Saint Matthew Crafters will be available. Lunch will be available featuring potato, pasta, and macaroni salads, haluski, baked goods, and a variety of soups (sold by the quart): chicken noodle, vegetable, sauerkraut chowder, wedding soup, stuffed pepper soup, and chicken corn.

This week we celebrate two special feasts:

ALL SAINTS DAY is Friday, November 1st. This is a Holy Day of Obligation or Opportunity. Vigil Mass will be held at 6 pm on Thursday, Oct.31st at St. Joseph and on Friday at 8 am at Saint Joseph and 9 am and 6 pm on Friday here at St. Matthew. .

ALL SOULS DAY is Saturday, November 2nd. Though this is not a holyday of obligation, this feast offers us the opportunity to remember our beloved family members and friends who have preceded us in death. As autumn days get darker we celebrate the light of Christ's resurrection that gives us hope and comfort. **Mass will be celebrated here at St. Matthew at noon.**

The Saturday 5:30 pm Mass will include our annual Roll Call of the Deceased in which we will give special recognition to parishioners and immediate family members of parishioners who died since last November 2nd .

All Souls Plenary Indulgence requirements for All Souls Day and from November 1st thru 8th can be found in the Gathering Space.

Pope Francis has welcomed the Universal Church in 2025 to set their eyes and hearts on the Hope Jesus Christ offers us as we journey together as pilgrims of faith in a very diverse world.

All the faithful of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown are invited to share an expression of hope in the form of art, photography, or poetry in this upcoming 2025 Jubilee Year.

Deadline of submissions is **November 6th** for entry in the Proclaim Magazine or **December 8th** for entries on display at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona, PA and other Diocesan gathering during the year.

Application forms are in the Gathering Space or contact the parish office.