

Families and the Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

After meeting Jesus, the Magi returned home by “another way.” What in your family needs to be done “another way?” Do you need another way to resolve differences, to communicate or show affection? This is a new year. It’s time to change what isn’t working. Take a tip from some wise men, there’s always “another way.”

2025 Children Envelopes are available in the Gathering Space If you would like your child to participate in type of giving, please take a packet and provide your child’s name and the envelope # on the list provided.

On Monday, January 20, 2025, the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a bowling and pizza party at the Bavarian Hall in Altoona, PA for K-12 students from the St. Joseph and St. Matthew parishes as well as a guest from 1-3pm. Please sign up in the gathering space.

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE MARCH - Sunday January 19, 2025, 12:00 NOON - Prayer Service at St. Matthew Church in Tyrone, followed by the 1.25 mile walk to Oak Grove Cemetery to the grave of Baby Agnes Doe, for another short prayer service. For those that cannot make the walk but want to participate, rosary and the Divine Mercy chaplet will be recited in the Church. A hot luncheon will be served in the parish hall after the march.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT - Journey Through loss is a nine-week program for those who have lost a loved one through death recently or in the past. The program provides the opportunity to share or to listen and offers positive ideas for coping. The next session begins on **Tuesday, January 21**. We will meet weekly from 1:30 to 3:00 pm in the convent building next to St. Michael's Church in Hollidaysburg. All faiths are welcome. For more information or to register contact Mary Petrak at 814-502-6076.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR ILL AND HOMEBOUND(Dec. 1 to June 1, 2025) Sue Chambers, Jack Chambers, Virginia Frantz, Martha Hagg, John Lewis, Rose Long, Mary Jane Shank, Harry Sickler, Dorothy Smyder, Jeff Wevodau, Rachel Harshman Wiggins, Esther Zane

Please note a change in the semi-monthly envelopes due to the cost of shipping charges. If the packet becomes too heavy the rate of shipping and handling is almost doubled. Therefore the intentions for Building, Utilities, Good Samaritan, School, and Religious Education have been combined. It would be appreciated that you clearly mark this envelope so that your intention for your donation, can be respected.

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FROM NIGH TO DAY



"Entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother."
Matthew 2: 11

THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

“... They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” Matthew 2: 11

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope Saint Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ’s wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

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“serving our community since 1869”
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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.



January 5, 2025
The Epiphany of the Lord

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.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

January 4, 2024 – January 12, 2025

Sat. 5:30 pm Rob Hampton – Robert Hampton
Sun. 7:30 am Rosalie & Salvatore Cannistraci –
Mary Jane Cornelius

Sun. 10:30 am Donna Pavlic – John Pavlic
Mon. 8:00 am St. Joseph

Tues. 6:00 pm St. Joseph
Wed. 9:00 am Bertha and John Yenter, Jr.
Thurs. 8:00 am Jack Muraph – Chris & Steve Stoner
Fri. 8:00 am Deceased Mbrs. of Smiach and Zakrzwski families – Zakrzwski family

Fri. 8:30-9:30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction

Sat. 5:30 pm Max & Mary Schnellbaugh – Mike and Kathy Narehood

Sun. 7:30 am Deceased family mbrs. of the Salvatore & Rosalia Cannistraci family – Charlie, Anna, & Brenda

Sun 10:30 am George & Theresa Knab – Rich & Ann Knab



Sanctuary Candle for the week January 5th is for the Special Intention of Jack and Cindy Zane.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

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Weekend Assignments

Lectors – Jan. 11 and 12, 2025

Sat. 5:30 pm G Miller, D Cunningham, D Strayer

Sun. 7:30 am D Zakrzwski, B Hiergeist

Sun. 10:30 am S Cowher, H Quinn, I Maceno

Extraordinary Ministers Eucharist Jan. 11 and 12, 2025

Sat. 5:30 pm † M Raffetto, K Raffetto, T Scordo

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

Sun. 10:30 am † J Terosky, L Wright, S Thomas

Altar Servers: Jan. 11 and 12, 2025

Sat. 5:30 pm E Narehood, H Narehood

Sun. 10:30 am E Lake, A Lake

Financial Report – December 29, 2024

Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection \$5,306 \$10(children)

Beginning July 1, 2024 and Ending June 30, 2025

Year to date Sunday Collection Income \$ 140,544

2024 Year to date Bingo Net Income	\$ 39,177
Second Collection	\$ for Good Sam.
SMS Catholic School Envelopes	\$ 15
Religious Education Envelopes	\$ 90
Good Samaritan	\$ 232

2024 Catholic Ministries Drive **TARGET** \$ 29,219
 CMD Donations for 2024 \$ 88,866

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.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS UNDECORATING

will take place on Sunday, January 12th at 11:30 am, right after the 10:30 Mass.

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Stewardship Reflection

As we continue our celebration of the Christmas Season, we observe today the great Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. The word ‘epiphany’ means manifestation and throughout the Christmas readings we have seen that the newborn King is eager to reveal Himself to all those willing to accept His Presence in their lives. From poor and humble shepherds to the international group of magi featured in today’s Gospel passage, Jesus makes it clear that He offers Himself as a gift to everyone.

We also see throughout the scriptures that God uses what is familiar to us to draw us to Himself, like using a star for the magi. Our Lord speaks to each of us daily, but we must be alert to ‘hear’ and ‘see’ Him in our lives. To become better attuned to the ways God is speaking to us, we must strengthen our spiritual ‘senses’ by spending time with the Lord in prayer.

When we establish a regular, intentional, time for prayer daily, we will find that the Lord continues to speak to us throughout the day. We will more easily recognize the signs He places before us to draw us into a closer relationship with Him. We will begin to see that He is indeed present in our lives at every moment.

Family Ritual – New Year’s Resolutions

Many have stopped making New Year’s resolutions because we’re used to breaking them. But some resolutions are important to make and keep, as well as to improve on. Too often, we’ve become too busy to focus on what matters most. One such resolution is to spend more time with your family. Resolve to give each child in your family at least ten minutes of uninterrupted, focused, one-on-one time every day. Also, try to have at least one “Family Night” a month, if not every week. At mealtimes, put away all electronics and look each other in the eye as you talk about your day. And pray as a family at least once every day. These little resolutions will go a long way toward a stronger family.

House Blessing Kit - In early January, when most people have taken down Christmas decorations and transported trees to the curb, Catholics are still celebrating the Christmas season. Toward the end of the season, the Church celebrates the **Feast of Epiphany**, which commemorates the visit of the magi to the Holy Family. Among the many centuries-old traditions associated with this feast, the annual Epiphany house blessing is one of the most beloved. In years past, priests would visit all of the parishioners during the Christmas season to bless their houses. Since this is virtually impossible for most priests today, lay people usually perform the blessing. **These house blessing kits can be found in the Gathering Space which include the blessing and a piece of chalk.** Holy water is sprinkled in each room of the house. You may already have a holy water bottle from last year or new ones are available. **Begin a new family tradition!** Happy New Year!



This upcoming Jubilee Year is a special time of grace for all Catholics during which we will highlight the hope that we share in Christ and share with each other. Bishop Mark has designated 13 parishes as “Holy Sites” for the Jubilee Year:

- Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona
- Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown
- Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel in Loretto
- Immaculate Conception in Dudley
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Altoona
- Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Lilly
- Our Lady Queen of Angels in Central City
- Our Lady of Victory in State College
- Queen of Archangels in Clarence
- Saint Joseph Mission Church in Carrolltown
- Saint Mary in Shade Gap
- Seven Dolours of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Bean’s Cove
- Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Johnstown

The faithful are invited to visit any or all of those 13 sites as a pilgrimage experience during the Jubilee.

Catholic Charities will be using this Jubilee year 2025 and the influence of Pope Francis to provide training opportunities to understand what poverty looks like in each parish community. January is the month of National Poverty Awareness. Please consider joining a virtual overview of Bridges Out of Poverty: Strategies for Professionals and Communities to have a better understanding of a comprehensive approach to the dynamics that cause and maintain poverty, from the individual to the systemic level. There are two options virtually: **Friday, January 10, 2025 from 10 am to noon or Thursday, January 23, 2025 from 6 pm to 8 pm.** To register please RSVP to: coconnor@dioceseaj.org

Sessions on Respect for Life for both parents and student of St. Joseph and St. Matthew parishes, on Sunday, January 12th from 6-7:30 pm in the St. Joseph Parish hall. Come and learn what the Church holds as truth and know we are all created by God to Become the image and likeness of God.

A retreat for parents and second grade students of St. Joseph and St. Matthew parishes will be held on **Sunday, January 26th** from 11:30 to 1 pm at St. Matthew Harkins hall. This retreat is to prepare our 2nd grade students for First Reconciliation.

A Healing Mass will be celebrated on **Tuesday, January 21st at 7 pm** at St. Michael Church in Hollidaysburg sponsored by Holy Spirit Ministry. Praise and Worship music start at 6:30 pm. This powerful night of hope and healing is for all who are suffering physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Father David Dodd, TOR will be the main celebrant.

Please sign up to help with monthly Refreshment weekend in the gathering space.