

Families and the Gospel - Luke 3:15-16, 21-22
 In today's gospel Jesus was publicly AFFIRMED by his Father: "You are my beloved son, with you I am very pleased." As parents we can become so focused on misbehaviors we overlook the good behaviors. Jesus needed AFFIRMATION and so do our children.

Mass Scheduling for 2025 Mass requests are being accepted. Each family is limited to 3 Mass request per year with one being on a Sunday. All Mass requests for the recently deceased will be placed in the Mass schedule as received.

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 on Sunday **January 19, 2025** at 12:00 noon. We will begin with a Prayer Service in St. Matthew Church 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.

SAVE THE DATE: Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 16-20, 2025 from 6-8 pm

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

Ordinary Time After this weekend's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Ordinary Time begins. Ordinary Time is the ordered or numbered time of 33 or 34 weeks in which no particular aspect of the mystery of Christ is celebrated, but rather the mystery of Christ is honored in all its fullness, especially on Sundays. (Universal Norms #43)

BAPTISM, A FIRST STEP



"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."
 Luke 3: 22

THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...'" Luke 3: 16

The Catholic Catechism states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

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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.



January 12, 2025
The Baptism 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 11, 2024 – January 19, 2025

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
 Mon. 8:00 am St. Joseph
 Tues. 6:00 pm St. Joseph
 Wed. 9:00 am Connie Steinbeiser – Cindy & Larry Nevling
 Thurs. 8:00 am Helen Molnar - CDA
 Fri. 8:00 am Randy Smay – Zakrzwski family
Fri. 8:30-9:30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction
Sat. 5:30 pm Rick Hampton – Robert Hampton
Sun. 7:30 am For the People - pastor
Sun 10:30 am Sara Castagnola & Rose Caruso - Family



Sanctuary Candle for the week January 12th is in memory of John & Josephine Hillard and Jim & Frances Scordo requested by Trish & John Scordo.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

Weekdays D Cunningham

Weekend Assignments

Lectors – Jan. 18 and 19, 2025

Sat. 5:30 pm S Gavazzi, T Jeffries, A Cavallucci

Sun. 7:30 am M Welker, S McNelis

Sun. 10:30 am K Naylor, T Naylor, G Naylor

Extraordinary Ministers Eucharist Jan. 18 and 19, 2025

Sat. 5:30 pm † T Scordo, S Burkholder, L Morrison

Sun. 7:30 am † S Zakrzwski, D Zakrzwski, K Hoyne

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

Altar Servers: Jan. 18 and 19, 2025

Sat. 5:30 pm A Vasbinder, K Shaffer

Sun. 10:30 am G Naylor, C Naylor

Financial Report – January 5, 2025

Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection \$3,498 \$41(children)

Beginning July 1, 2024 and Ending June 30, 2025

Year to date Sunday Collection Income \$ 144,083

2024 Year to date Bingo Net Income	\$ 40,892
Second Collection	\$ 133
SMS Catholic School Envelopes	\$ 460
Religious Education Envelopes	\$ 0
Good Samaritan	\$ 35

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 this Sunday, January 12th at 11:30 am, right after the 10:30 Mass.

Stewardship Reflection

What a treasure trove of stewardship lessons we find in our Gospel reading today on this feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today's Gospel is one we read every year, so it is easy to lose sight of just how incredible it is that Jesus wished to be baptized in the Jordan River by His cousin, John. Stop and contemplate our Lord in all His perfection, waiting quietly and patiently in line with bunch of sinners (like us!) in order to 'lead by example.' His love and humility in serving and self-giving are beyond all telling.

In addition to the gratitude that Jesus' baptism should inspire, we can also study His actions at the Jordan River as a powerful example of the servant-leadership He displays time and again throughout His public ministry. We see in our Lord a style of leadership characterized by humility and leading by example.

Let us be filled with gratitude for our amazing God and be reminded that when we are grateful followers of Jesus and servant-leaders in imitation of Him, the Father will be well-pleased with us, too.



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 this 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 virtual options is: **Thursday, January 23, 2025 from 6 pm to 8 pm.** To register please RSVP to: coconnor@dioceseaj.org

**2025 Jubilee Prayer
Pilgrims of Hope**

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasure of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you or God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

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 join St. Mark/Holy Rosary Parish's bus trip to see Noah - 30th Anniversary Limited Showing at the Sight and Sound Theatre on **Wednesday, April 9, 2025.** The cost of the bus trip includes the 11 am show and 2:15 pm lunch smorgasbord at Hershey Farm Restaurant. \$195.00/adult and \$140.00/child (ages 3-12). Please contact Robyn Murphy 814-931-5683 or Diane O'Leary 814-935-2114 to reserve your seat.

THE ALTOONA CHAPTER OF THE NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY holds a vigil prayer once a month from 8:00 pm -11:00 pm. Volunteers are needed during each hour of the Eucharistic Adoration. Please join other St. Joseph parishioners at Our Lady of Lourdes in Altoona on Friday, March 7, from 9:00-10:00 p.m.

Rest in Peace - Please pray for the repose of the soul of Gary DiDomenico, husband of Jamie DiDomenico. May God grant him eternal peace in His kingdom and his loved ones comfort and strength.