

Families and the Gospel - John 2:1-11

At Cana we get a good insight into Mary's parenting style. She did not plead, argue, demand or manipulate. She merely pointed out the situation and trusted her son would make the best decision.

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.

If you are interested in sponsoring the Sanctuary candle and Altar Flowers for 2025, the sign-up sheet in on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

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.

Ministry Training: Training sessions for Lector, Eucharistic Minister, and Altar Server will be held after each Mass on January 25th and 26th. Please consider how you can serve God and our Parish. If you have questions or need to arrange a different training time walk and Steve Stoner at 814-931-7964.

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.

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.

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

WHAT'S IN A NAME?



"The steward tasted the water now turned into wine." John 2: 9

THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." 1 Corinthians 12: 7

Saint Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan? How are you helping to build God's kingdom here on earth?

Remember that if you don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you. Take time to discern your charisms (gifts from the Holy Spirit). Experience the supernatural Peace and Joy God desires for each of us.

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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 19, 2025
The Second 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.

Mass Schedule & Intentions
January 18, 2025 – January 26, 2025

- 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
- Mon. 8:00 am** St. Joseph
- Tues. 6:00 pm** St. Joseph
- Wed. 8:00 am** For the Holy Souls in Purgatory – Michael Burkholder
- Thurs. 8:00 am** Helen Molnar - CDA
- Fri. 8:00 am** Pat Pecora - Zakrzwski family
- Fri. 8:30-9:30 am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction
- Sat. 5:30 pm** Lee and Fran Wertz – Rick & Ann Knab
- Sun. 7:30 am** Anderchin Family – Stephanie & Dennis Medvich
- Sun 10:30 am** Bonnie Lou Ashcroft – Ron & daughter Bonnie Jean



Sanctuary Candle for the week January 19th is for a Special Intention.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

Weekdays S McNelis

Weekend Assignments

Lectors – Jan. 25 and 26, 2025

Sat. 5:30 pm J Ieraci, T Jeffries, J Rumberger
 Sun. 7:30 am D Zakrzwski, S Zakrzwski
 Sun. 10:30 am DD Murray, W Rimmer, K Auman-Gooding

Extraordinary Ministers Eucharist Jan. 25 and 26, 2025

Sat. 5:30 pm † P Lambert, C Golden, R Bunch
 Sun. 7:30 am † M Rozick, B Rozick, G Baldauf
 Sun. 10:30 am † D Castagnola, L wright, M Morse

Altar Servers: Jan. 25 and 26, 2025

Sat. 5:30 pm E Narehood, B Ciampoli
 Sun. 10:30 am E Hewitt, D Pullara

Financial Report – January 12, 2025

Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection \$7,593 \$10(children)

Beginning July 1, 2024 and Ending June 30, 2025

Year to date Sunday Collection Income \$ 151,686

2024 Year to date Bingo Net Income	\$ 40,892
Second Collection	\$ 231
SMS Catholic School Envelopes	\$ 167
Religious Education Envelopes	\$ 198
Good Samaritan	\$ 70

2025 Catholic Ministries Drive **TARGET** \$ **TBD**
 CMD Donations for 2024 \$ 2,537

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.

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

Stewardship Reflection

Today's readings remind us of the amazing privilege we have, and the serious responsibility it is, to be good stewards of the gifts God has given us. Everything we have is intended to benefit those around us. Because God has made each one of us with unique and differing gifts, the parish family truly does need each of us. It's a wonderful – and at the same time sobering – reality. Our parish family will be vibrant only when all members, young and old, share their gifts with the community. It will suffer if even one member holds back.

Let us take care to listen to our Blessed Mother, as the servants did in our Gospel reading today. The Blessed Mother said, "Do whatever He tells you." Let us examine our lives this week to see if we really are doing whatever He tells us and cooperating with God to make the best use of the gifts He has given us for the benefit of those around us. If we all take this call seriously, He will perform miracles in our families and our parish.

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.

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.

Diocesan Priest on the Eucharist on Saturday, March 29, 2025 from 9 am to 11:30 am at JFK Student Center at Saint Francis University, Loretto, PA featuring Father Jozef Kovacik, Father George Jakopac, and Father Brian Saylor. Register at dioceseaj.org/spring_priest_presentation or by contacting llamagna@dioceseaj.org with questions.



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.

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE MARCH this 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.

Blair County Citizens Concerned for Human Life is sponsoring a march for Life with Us in Washington DC on **Friday, January 24, 2025.**

Bus transportation from the Altoona area: 7:00 am departs from St. Therese Church in Altoona
 7:20 am stopping at St. Mary Church in Hollidaysburg
 7:45 am stopping at Walmart in East Freedom.

Cost: Adults \$15 and Student \$10
 Donations to help with bus expenses are appreciated: Mail to Blair Co. CCHL, 2715 Third St, Altoona, PA 16601
 Bring a bag lunch. Dinner stop on the return trip.
Reserve a seat by calling Pat at 814-946-0681, Roxanne 814-695-8008, or Kathleen 814-591-0248.

PRO-LIFE PRAYER

Good and gracious God, please grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of Life with honesty and love to the people of our time.
 Grant us the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives and the courage to bear witness to it, resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and the glory of you Lord God, the Creator and lover of all life.

AMEN.