

Families and the Gospel - Luke 2:22-40

Family life provides opportunities to grow holiness. We are never perfect on this side of Heaven. Each of us has areas that could be presented to the Lord for purification. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your family in finding those areas and offering them to God.

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.

The Family Activities Committee of Catholic Daughters of America is planning a Paint and Pizza Activity. This activity will be held at Harkin's Hall on **Saturday, February 15th after the 5:30 Mass from 6:15 until 8:15 pm.** Participants will be doing a themed painting on Canvas. All ages are welcome. We will have pizza, snacks and beverages. No need to R SVP. If you have any questions, call or text Amy at 814-931-4072

Bake Sale - CDA members are reminded of our upcoming bake sale the weekend of **February 8/9 after all weekend Masses.** Please bring your donations to the parish office on Friday from 9:30 to 4 pm or the School Library from 12-1:30 pm Saturday, February 8th. Containers for use in packaging will be available

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 7th,** from 9:00-10:00 p.m.

Please join St. Mark/Holy Rosary Parish's bus trip to see Noah – The 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.

2024 Income Tax Statements will be available upon request. See the gathering space where there are envelopes to place your name so that your request can be processed.

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

A LIGHT FOR ALL PEOPLES



"Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace ... for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples."
Luke 2: 29-30

THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

"...they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord..." Luke 2: 22

How seriously do you take being a Catholic? Is "being Catholic" something I just do when I attend Sunday Mass or attend one of my parish functions? It's easy to be Catholic then, it's harder to be Catholic when I am out in the world. Would someone recognize you as a Catholic by the way you act, dress, and talk? How do you present yourself to the Lord and to others?

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"serving our community since 1869"
Principal: Pauline Wiley
School Phone: (814) 684-3510
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.



February 2, 2025
The Presentation 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
February 1, 2025 – February 9, 2025

Sat. 5:30 pm For the People - pastor
Sun. 7:30 am Helen Smith – Marcia Stager
Sun. 10:30 am William Vyhonsky – wife, Judy

Mon. 8:00 am St. Joseph
Tues. No Mass
Wed. 9:00 am Francine Hughes (Health) –
Chris and Steve Stoner
Thurs. 8:00 am Gary DiDomenico –
Mary Poppenwimer & family

Fri. 8:00 am Helen Molnar - CDA Knott and family
Fri. 8:30-9:30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
followed by Benediction

Sat. 5:30 pm John & Marty Rhoades – Aye Tepsic
Sun. 7:30 am Mike Ronan – Mike & Becky Rozick
Sun 10:30 am John Jeffrey Schafer – Michael Schafer



Sanctuary Candle for the week February 2nd is for a special intention.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

Weekdays D Cunningham

Weekend Assignments

Lectors – Feb. 8 and 9, 2025

Sat. 5:30 pm J Ieraci, J Rumberger, D Cunningham

Sun. 7:30 am S McNelis, S Zakrzwski

Sun. 10:30 am H Quinn, A Brisbin, I Maceno

Extraordinary Ministers Eucharist Feb. 8 and 9, 2025

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

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

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

Altar Servers: Feb. 8 and 9, 2025

Sat. 5:30 pm B Ciampoli, G Vaughn

Sun. 10:30 am J Gilliland, B Wright

Financial Report – January 26, 2025

Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection \$4,472 \$12(children)

Beginning July 1, 2024 and Ending June 30, 2025

Year to date Sunday Collection Income \$ 162,737

2025 Year to date Bingo Net Income	\$	6,165
Second Collection	\$	299
SMS Catholic School Envelopes	\$	230
Religious Education Envelopes	\$	235
Good Samaritan	\$	30

2025 Catholic Ministries Drive TARGET	\$	TBD
CMD Donations for 2025	\$	4,036

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.

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the *Voice of Divine Mercy*

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

Stewardship Reflections

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, when Mary and Joseph brought their infant Son to the Temple in obedience of the laws of their Jewish faith. Even knowing their Son was God, they still carefully observed the faith practices of their day, bringing Him to the temple “to present Him to the Lord.” The Holy Parents were good stewards of their child, teaching Him to live in obedience of the practices of their faith from his infancy and throughout His years.

Those of us entrusted with the care of children, whether our own children, godchildren, nieces, nephews, grandchildren, students, etc. – we have a vital role to play in the faith formation of these young ones. We, like the Holy Parents, must steward these children well, forming them in the faith by both instruction and example throughout their lives.

When a privilege and high calling we have as Christian stewards. Let us take those stewardship lessons to heart and present our gifts and our young ones joyfully to the Lord.

The Presentation of the Lord – “Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.” Hebrews 2:18

When we join a support group, there is comfort is sharing our pain with people who have experienced the same thing; they understand what we are going through. The next time you experience suffering, talk to Jesus. He has experienced more suffering than most of us, He understands. Plus, Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves. Only He can fill the hole you feel in your heart.

This Sunday, February 2nd is the celebration of the Presentation of the Lord or Candlemas Day. ***Parishioners are encouraged to have a blessed candle in their household.*** It is appropriate to leave the blessed candle in a prominent place in your home or on a prayer table. This reminds you of Jesus, light of the world, and invites you to prayer. Then when you devote time for personal or communal prayer in your home, you can light the candle to help you focus. Candles provide a powerful spiritual ambiance, which even the secular world recognizes. They can calm the heart and open us up to the light of God. Another way to use blessed candles is to bring them out during severe weather. Traditionally Catholics would always light the blessed candle during a strong storm, invoking the power of God to protect their home. And as is so often the case, Catholic spiritual traditions have a practical element: the candle will be useful if the power goes out.

Additionally, on account of their association with the “Light of the World,” blessed candles are a powerful sacramental to use against evil spirits prowling about. The devil lives in darkness, and so the light of the blessed candle invokes the power of God to keep the devil’s influence at bay.

Monday, February 3rd – The Feast day of Saint Blasé. ***Blessing of Throats*** will take place in honoring the **Feast Day of Saint Blaise, Bishop of Sebaste in Cappadocia**, after all weekend Masses. Saint Blaise was martyred about 316 A.D. While in prison Saint Blasé performed a wonderful cure on a boy who had a fishbone lodged in his throat and who was in danger of choking to death. From this account we have the longtime custom of invoking this Saint for all kinds of throat trouble and the blessing of throats. **Father Michael will have a communal Blessing of Throats at each of weekend Masses and individual blessings will be offered.**

Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown **STRENGTH IN CHRIST Men’s Conference Sunday, March 30, 2025 from 11:30 am -5:30 pm** at Mount Aloysius College, Cresson. Join us for a day that includes lunch, Sunday Mass, talks from local priests, personal testimonies, and a panel discussion with local Catholic men. There is no cost to attend. Visit www.dioceseaj.org to register online. For those unable to register online, paper registration forms can be found in the gathering space. Registration closes March 21st.

Reminder: Announcements for the bulletin should be sent to stmatthewtyrone@gmail.com or dropped off at the office by Thursday in order to be included in the weekly bulletin. Thank you in advance for your attention to this deadline.

Also, if you would like to use church facilities you need to contact the parish office so that your meeting etc. can be placed on the master calendar in the parish office so that spaces are not double booked.

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 lamagna@dioceseaj.org with questions.

The Diocese of Altoona Johnstown has created a specific **“Your Parish Offertory”** giving site at www.dioceseaj.org/giving

At this link the Catholic Ministry page will appear

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- Select Your Parish Offertory – Make a Donation
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- Enter the amount of your donation
- Select – Saint Matthew, Tyrone (126)