

Families and the Gospel - Luke 4:1-13

Jesus “was led by the Spirit in the wilderness.” What is the wilderness in your life to which the Holy Spirit is leading you this Lent? Perhaps there are uncharted areas in your marriage or family relationships. Spend this Lent in your “wilderness” with God. Where is the Spirit leading you?

CCW Lenten Program: Our ultimate goal is to be a Saint. It is our greatest calling and what is desired for us by our Creator. Bishop Robert Baron paints a beautiful and mysterious image of what it takes to be a follower of ‘the One who is, Jesus Christ.’ He lays out three intriguing paths to holiness: Finding the Center; Knowing You’re a Sinner; and Realizing Your Life is Not About You. You are invited to join in this program offered April 7, 14, 21, & 28. It will take place at the Incarnation Center each day from 10 am to 12 noon and at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel from 6 pm – 8 pm. Pre-registration is requested by calling 814-886-4098 or email: CommunityofficeCCW@gmail.com by March 28th

Lenten alms for Mikayla – Mikayla is a 26 year old parishioner of St. Joseph Parish. Mikayla is in urgent need of a multivisceral transplant, which is four organs or more. The organs she needs are the stomach, pancreas, small and large intestine. Depending on how long she is on the transplant list, the liver may be added as well. St. Joseph and St. Matthew Parishes are taking up a special collection to help Mikayla and her family through this lengthy and costly journey. Please consider placing a donation in the collection basket anytime during Lent. Envelopes will be in the gathering space.



Hunger in Our World Almsgiving is central to how we practice Lent. Almsgiving flows from prayer and fasting. We reflect on the needs of the world and how God is calling us to meet those needs through prayer. We make room for the needs of others – and for God’s Holy Spirit to work within us – through fasting - we then give alms. Visit crsricebowl.org for more. Remember to encourage your children and family to use the Rice Bowl this Lent. **The CRS Rice Bowls are available in the gathering space.**

Have you ever wanted to learn how to knit but never had the time or thought it would be too difficult? Now is the perfect opportunity. Take my Knitting for Beginners Class to learn the basics of this fun and productive hobby. Six weeks of classes for \$40 will be offered at St. Matthew’s Parish on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 -2:30 pm, beginning **March 22, 2025**. Participants must be 18 yrs. of age or older. Contact Tammy Terosky at 814-883-1233 (text/phone) to enroll or with any inquiries. Must have a minimum number of participants for the course to be offered. Thank you and happy knitting!



The Knights of Columbus will be having Lenten Fish Fries on the following dates: March 14, 21, 28 and April 4. The time is 4:30 pm – until fish runs out in Harkins Hall. Eat-in or take out is available. Cost is \$13 for adults and \$7 for children. Come and enjoy a fish dinner and some fellowship!

CAN IT BE DONE?



"Completing all his temptations, the devil departed, biding his time." Luke 4: 13

THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

“I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me.”

Deuteronomy 26: 10

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your “first fruits” - the first and best that you have to offer, or do you give from what you have leftover? Second, do you realize that everything you have and that everything you are has been given to you by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

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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.



March 9, 2025
The First Sunday of Lent

Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday at 5:30 pm
Sunday at 7:30 am and 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
March 8, 2025 – March 16, 2025

- Sat. 5:30 pm** Holy Souls in Purgatory – Michael Burkholder
- Sun. 7:30 am** Connie Steinbeiser – Dick Steinbeiser
- Sun. 10:30 am** James Schafer – Michael Schafer

- Mon. 8:00 am St. Joseph
- Tues. 6:00 pm St. Joseph
- Wed. 8:00 am Graeme Thomas Kearney – OLV WOG
- Thurs. 8:00 am John Lewis – Mike & Becky Rozick
8:30-9:30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction
- Fri. 8:00 am Kay Patton & Ann Beachem – Kathy & Mike Narehood
9:00 am Stations of the Cross
6:30 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
- Sat. 5:30 pm** Michael Ronan – Annette & Bob Lynn
- Sun. 7:30 am** For the People - Pastor
- Sun 10:30 am** Tony Castagnola - Family



Sanctuary Candle for the week of March 9th is in memory of Frank Smiach requested by the Zakrzwski Family.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

Weekdays R Long

Weekend Assignments

Lectors – March 15 and 16, 2025

Sat. 5:30 pm D Strayer, J Ieraci, A Cavallucci

Sun. 7:30 am S Zakrzwski, M Welker

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

Extraordinary Ministers Eucharist March 15 and 16, 2025

Sat. 5:30 pm † P Lambert, K Raffetto, M Raffetto

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

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

Altar Servers: March 15 and 16, 2025

Sat. 5:30 pm H Narehood, E Narehood

Sun. 10:30 am G Naylor, C Naylor

Financial Report – March 2, 2025

Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection \$4,519 \$21(children)

Beginning July 1, 2024 and Ending June 30, 2025

Year to date Sunday Collection Income \$ 189,542

2025 Year to date Bingo Net Income	\$	9,623
Second Collection	\$	253
SMS Catholic School Envelopes	\$	445
Religious Education Envelopes	\$	25
Good Samaritan	\$	35

2025 Catholic Ministries Drive TARGET	\$	30,000
CMD Donations for 2025	\$	8,159

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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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR ILL AND HOMEBOUND

(Dec. 1 to June 1, 2025) Andrea Barton, Sue Chambers, Jack Chambers, Helen and Daryll Dillon, Virginia Frantz, T.C. Gheer, Martha Hagg, Cindy Hampton, Rick Hampton, Rob Hampton, Rose Long, Ailani Myers, Mary Jane Shank, Harry Sickler, Dorothy Smyder, Jeff Wevodau, Rachel Harshman Wiggins, Esther Zane

Stewardship Reflections

And so it begins – the holy and, for some, daunting season of Lent. This is the season in our liturgical year when the Church encourages us to increase our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to enter more deeply into the mystery of our Lord's Passion and Death and to celebrate more fully His Resurrection. Our outlook as Christian stewards can help us embrace this season with enthusiasm and even joy.

As grateful stewards ourselves, we can look at these 40 days as "soil" that God is giving us as a gift to grow closer to Him and become more like Him. We can choose to use each of the days intentionally to make a generous response to our God, who sent His only Son to deliver us from the affliction and oppression caused by sin.

If we find this difficult sometimes, then we're doing it right! It means we will have some wonderful 'first fruits' to present to our Lord at the close of the season; we will be prepared to enter into the grace-filled days of the Triduum and we will, through the power of the Holy Spirit, be resurrected as a new creation with our Lord come Easter. Let us begin!

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.

Diocesan Priests 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 Kovacic, Father George Jakopac, and Father Brian Saylor. Register at dioceseaj.org/spring_priest_presentation or by contacting llamagna@dioceseaj.org with questions.

The Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel in Loretto Annual Men's Turkey Dinner will be held on **Sunday, March 16, 2025, 11 am to 3 pm** or until sold out. Turkey dinner with all of the trimmings. Dine in for \$14 or take-out for \$15. Two lines this year for faster takeout service! Please stop by for a dinner!



Your **Lenten Journey booklet, Daily Meditations for Lent: The Word Among Us**, and the Catholic Relief Services **Rice Bowls** are available in the Gathering Space as you prepare for your Lenten Journey.

Our Saint Matthew Lenten Faith Sharing Group will begin on **Tuesday, March 11th**, meeting in the gather space from **6:30 pm until 7:45 pm**. This four-week series will focus on the FAITH we rely on during Lent and the HOPE of Easter. Each session is an independent study so you can miss a week and still participate. Time spent with God is never wasted so please consider taking this journey. You can sign-up in the gathering space to participate or to receive additional information or contact Steve Stoner.

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit at Good Shepherd Catholic Church Friday, **March 21st at noon through Sunday, March 30th at 1pm**. Exposition of Blessed Carlo's relic on display during the March 22nd and 23rd Masses and following the presentation. Learn more about Blessed Carlo Acutis and the Shrine at the Malvern Retreat House by attending a presentation by Jeffrey Daley, Sunday, March 23rd at 3 pm in the Church.

Saint Joseph Lenten Devotions:

Mondays @ 8:30 am Faith Sharing Group facilitated by Sr. Linda

Wednesdays @ 7:30 am Holy Hour with Communion

Thursdays @ 9 am Faith Sharing Group facilitated by Paul Krug

Fridays @ 6 pm Stations of the Cross

Fridays @ 6:30 pm Adult enrichment Class

"THE LIGHTS ARE ON FOR YOU" - A special time set aside for confessions. Next Sunday, March 16 at St. Joseph Parish in Bellwood from 5 - 6 p.m.

Men of God: Are you Irish Catholic? As we celebrate each March, Irish American Heritage Month, do you feel called to embrace more fully your Irish Culture and Catholic Faith? Then the A.O. H. is looking for you! The Ancient Order of Hibernians is the oldest, largest, Catholic Fraternal Organization in America. If interested or want additional information contact Tom Hallinan @ 814-934-7940 or xcrunr1@yahoo.com

Wouldn't it be great to start a new tradition with your Family this Easter? There is a wonderful, Slovak tradition of blessing your Easter Meal by having a priest bless the food on Holy Saturday. These baskets of food are traditionally covered with a beautiful embroidered cloth. One of our parishioners will be making and selling these cloths this Easter season and donating the proceeds to the Catholic Daughters, Court St. Rita. The cost will be \$10 each and there are 6 designs to choose from. Order forms are available in the gathering space. Pictures of the cloths are on the Saint Matthew Facebook Page. The orders will be due **Sunday, March 23rd**. Pickup in the parish office on Wednesday, April 16th and Friday April 18th. You may place your order in a labeled envelope in the collection basket or mail the order to Amy Brisbin, Saint Mathew Church, 1105 Cameron Avenue, Tyrone, PA 16686.