

Families and the Gospel - Luke 9:28b-36
 Jesus “went up the mountain to pray” and he was “changed.” Prayer has the power to change us. This Lent set aside a few minutes each day to pray for members of your family. Pray before each meal and if you are married, spend five minutes in prayer together.

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.

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 offered. Thank you and happy knitting!



Perseverance to Succeed Paul and Lillian have faced many challenges while trying to provide for their family and pursue their dreams in Guatemala. With support for CRS they have been able to overcome these obstacles and grow their business while helping their community along the way in what ways are you being challenged to serve other this lent? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more. *The CRS Rice Bowls are available in the gathering space.*



The Knights of Columbus will be having Lenten Fish Fries on the following dates: March 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.

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"This is my chosen Son; listen to him." Luke 9: 35

THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." Genesis 15: 7 Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing equally in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

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Monday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Wednesday & Friday 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

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Elementary to High School Classes: (Grades K-11):
Sunday mornings 9:00 am to 10:15 am (weekly during the school year)

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Saint Matthew Catholic School
"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.



March 16, 2025
The Second 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 15, 2025 – March 23, 2025

- Sat. 5:30 pm** Michael Ronan – Annette & Bob Lynn
- Sun. 7:30 am** For the People - Pastor
- Sun. 10:30 am** Tony Castagnola - Family
- Mon. 8:00 am St. Joseph
- Tues. 6:00 pm St. Joseph
- Wed. **9:00 am** Luke Francisco – Zakrzwski family
- Thurs. 8:00 am Michael Ronan – a friend
8:30-9:30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction
- Fri. 8:00 am William & Hulda Engelman - Estate
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** John & Marty Rhoades – Aye Tepsic
- Sun. 7:30 am** Connie Steinbeiser – Jeff & Betty Knott and family
- Sun 10:30 am** Lee Wertz – Burke Family



Sanctuary Candle for the week of March 16th is in memory of Tony Castagnola requested by Castagnola & Burkle families

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

Weekdays J Ieraci

Weekend Assignments

Lectors – March 22 and 23, 2025

Sat. 5:30 pm S Burkholder, G Miller, D Cunningham

Sun. 7:30 am A Lynn, B Hiergeist

Sun. 10:30am S Cowher, H Quinn, DD Murray

Extraordinary Ministers Eucharist March 22 and 23, 2025

Sat. 5:30 pm † R Bunch, T Scordo, C Golden

Sun. 7:30 am † M Gough, B Rozick, M Rozick

Sun. 10:30 am † L Wright, I Carter, S Stoner

Altar Servers: March 22 and 23, 2025

Sat. 5:30 pm G Vaughn, K Shaffer

Sun. 10:30 am D Pullara, B Wright

Financial Report – March 9, 2025

Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection \$8,798 \$20(children)

Beginning July 1, 2024 and Ending June 30, 2025

Year to date Sunday Collection Income \$ 198,360

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| 2025 Year to date Bingo Net Income | \$ 10,871 |
| Second Collection | \$ |
| SMS Catholic School Envelopes | \$ 245 |
| Religious Education Envelopes | \$ 115 |
| Good Samaritan | \$ 480 |

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| 2025 Catholic Ministries Drive TARGET | \$ 30,000 |
| CMD Donations for 2025 | \$ 10,659 |

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, Benji Johnson, Ailani Myers, Mary Jane Shank, Harry Sickler, Dorothy Smyder, Jeff Wevodau, Larry Wevodau, Rachel Harshman Wiggins, Esther Zane

Stewardship Reflections

In last week’s Gospel, we followed Jesus into the desert where He fasted and prayed. This week, He leads us up a mountain to witness His Transfiguration. Why these experiences? Because He is preparing us to go with Him in a few short weeks to a hilltop, Golgotha, where He will lay down His life for our sake – and finally He will take us to an empty cave where He triumphed over sin and death once and for all.

Jesus perfectly understands our humanity. He knows we need to experience times of self-denial and testing, in order to arrive at mountain-top moments when we see and feel His glorious presence in our lives. The reason for all of our fasting and prayer and almsgiving during lent is to be reawakened to all God has done for humanity and to all that He has done for each of us personally. While there is nothing sinful in complacency in our daily routine, as Christian stewards we are called to so much more!

We need to train ourselves, or allow Jesus to train us, to say ‘Yes’ to His will and to offer our lives back to Him. In doing so, we too become ‘transfigured.’ This is what it means to live fully awake; this is a stewardship way of life and it is glorious indeed.

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.

Saint Matthew Lenten Devotions:

Tuesday 6:30 pm Lenten Faith Sharing Group

Thursday 8:30 – 9:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction

Friday: 9:00 am Stations of the Cross

6:30 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

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. This **Sunday, March 16** at **St. Joseph Parish** in Bellwood from 1 – 2

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 contained in a basket covered with a beautiful embroidered cloth. One of our parishioners will be making and selling these cloths this Easter season. 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. Orders 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.

Catholic Ministries Drive (CMD) begins this week! Our parish goal for 2025 is \$30,000.

The 2025 Catholic Ministries Drive begins throughout our diocese this weekend. This year’s theme, “Follow Me” (Mt 16:24), invites us into a deeper relationship with Christ, as we share in His mission of love and service, proclaiming the Good News to all.

The annual CMD directly supports 10 ministries through which all fall into one of our three main focuses of evangelization, serving those in need, or formation of our priests and deacons.

This year, more so than others, our world, our nation, our communities, our parishes, and our families need tangible expression of hope.

Please reflect on Bishop Mark’s invitation when it arrives this week. Since our parish has the “YELLOW ENVELOPE” system, parishioners **do not** have to reply to the letter sent by the Diocese. You may still continue to use our monthly CMD envelopes. However, parishioners who prefer to donate online should use the system designed by the Diocese. This year is a time for everyone to move FORWARD IN FAITH!

Lenten Penance Services

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.

Tuesday, March 18th – Holy Rosary Parish, Altoona
@ 6 pm
Wed. March 19th – St. Patrick Parish, Newry 2 6:30
pm
Thursday, March 20th – St. Mark Parish, Altoona 2 6
pm