

Families and the Gospel - Luke 13:1-9

The owner of the fig tree was impatient because the tree did not live up to his expectations. In families there are those who don't live up to our expectations. Imitate the gardener and give them more time and help. Don't cut them out of your life. Love asks us to be connected, not productive.

Serving the Ill and Homebound – Are you aware of an individual who is currently unable to attend Mass and would like to receive the Eucharist in their home? Saint Matthew's ministry to the ill and homebound offers this important Sacrament to those who are permanently homebound or living in a nursing facility as well as those who may be experiencing a temporary health issue. In order to arrange a visit, we must be made aware of the need and be invited by the individual or a family member or friend.

If you know of someone who could benefit from receiving the Sacrament as well as prayer and support, please complete the information form outside of the church office or call Steve Stoner at 814-931-7964. Thank you for helping us bring the joy of Christ to others.

Lenten alms for Mikayla – Mikayla is a 26 year-old parishioner of St. Joseph Parish who is in need of a multivisceral transplant. St. Joseph and St. Matthew Parishes are taking up a special collection to help Mikayla and her family. Please consider placing a donation in the collection basket anytime during Lent. Envelopes are in the gathering space.

Tyrone Community present Sister Robert Anne's Cabaret Class on Friday, April 11th and Saturday, April 12th at 7:30 pm in Harkins Hall. Starring Rebecca Culp accompanied by Eileen Mitchell. Sister Robert Anne is spunky, sassy, sentimental, and devoted and unique. Join her for a fun loving "class" and a light hearted evening of pure fun. Call 814-684-2782 for tickets and information. Tickets are also available at the door.

CRS RICE BOWL More than 340 million people around the world are currently facing some level of food insecurity, with nearly 2 million facing catastrophic hunger – primarily in Gaza and Sudan. Many of these food crises involve overlapping issues. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Donations of small, individually wrapped candy to be placed in the plastic eggs for the Annual Easter Egg hunt would be appreciated. Donations can be dropped off in the gathering space.

Religious Education: There will be a Second grade retreat at 11:45 am to 1:30 pm at St. Joseph Parish on Sunday, March 30th. Lunch will be provided.

FYI: Father Jozef's birthday is Friday, March 28th.



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



It may bear fruit in the future. If not, cut it down.
Luke 13: 9

THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

"...He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" Luke 13: 7
We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts, and return them with increase. Remember, we are called to be generous with all of gifts; especially the one that means the most to you.

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"serving our community since 1869"
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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 23, 2025
The Third 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 22, 2025 – March 30, 2025

- 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
- Mon. No Mass
- Tues. No Mass
- Wed. 8:00 am Karen Kearney – OLV WOG
- Thurs. 8:00 am Regina Kelly – Chris and Steve Stoner
8:30-9:30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction
- Fri. 8:00 am Francine Hughes – Nancy Hughes
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** Joe Narehood – Mom and Dad
- Sun. 7:30 am** For the People - Pastor
- Sun 10:30 am** Wilbur Replogle – wife, Christine



Sanctuary Candle for the week of March 23rd is for a Special Intention.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

Weekdays D Cunningham

Weekend Assignments

Lectors – March 29 and 30, 2025

Sat. 5:30 pm R Bunch, T Jeffries, S Gavazzi

Sun. 7:30 am J Morse, S McNelis

Sun. 10:30am A Langenbacher, MJ Gunter, I Weber

Extraordinary Ministers Eucharist March 29 and 30, 2025

Sat. 5:30 pm † S Ronan, L Morrison, C O'Rourke

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

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

Altar Servers: March 29 and 30, 2025

Sat. 5:30 pm B Ciampoli, V Ciampoli

Sun. 10:30 am M Weber, C Weber

Financial Report – March 16, 2025

Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection \$4,661 \$12children

Beginning July 1, 2024 and Ending June 30, 2025

Year to date Sunday Collection Income \$ 203,032

2025 Year to date Bingo Net Income	\$	11,931
Second Collection	\$	255
SMS Catholic School Envelopes	\$	245
Religious Education Envelopes	\$	15
Good Samaritan	\$	5

2025 Catholic Ministries Drive **TARGET** \$ 30,000

CMD Donations for 2025 \$ 13,847

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

Today's readings capture the essence of God's Lenten message to us, His people, offering words of compassion and mercy as well as warning of the need to repent and make the most of the gift of time He has given us.

Jesus offers the parable of the unfruitful fig tree to further illustrate this truth. The owner of the orchard came searching for fruit on a fig tree he had planted in his orchard. Finding no fruit on the tree after three years, he told the gardener to cut it down. But the gardener intercedes and asks for one more year to cultivate and fertilize the tree in hopes it would bear fruit in the future. The fig tree was not dying, it simply wasn't doing much of anything at all. Can this be said of us and our lives at times as well?

The season of Lent is a time to reflect carefully on the way we spend our time. Do we give first priority to God, tending to our spiritual growth and sacramental life with diligence? Do we give next priority to our loved ones, focusing intentionally on them each day without distractions from phones, screens, or thoughts of work? If not, now is the moment to repent of our waste of time or of misplaced priorities on our use of time. God is merciful but just. Let's turn to Him and ask Him to make our lives fruitful while we still have time to do so.

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.

Rest in Peace – Please pray for the repose of the soul of Leona Haag, Mother of Jean Lehner and Larry Haag. May God grant her eternal rest and her loved ones comfort in their loss.

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

Thursday 6 pm – Lenten Penance Service

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

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

Catholic Ministries Drive Our parish goal for 2025 is \$30,000.

Your sacrificial gift of prayer and treasure will make an immediate and lasting impact on our ministries that focus on evangelization, serving those in need and formation of our priests and deacons.

During Lent, and throughout the year, we are challenged to renew our spiritual devotions and duties – and one of those holy duties is to support our Church. 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. There is no limit to what we can accomplish together in Christ.

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.

Lenten Penance Services

Sunday, March 23rd St. John the evangelist Parish, Altoona @ 4 pm

Thursday, March 27th – St. Matthew @ 6 pm

Thursday, April 3rd

St. Mark Parish Altoona, @ 5:30 pm

St. Catherine of Siena, Duncansville @ 6 pm

Attention St. Matthew Singers! Please consider participating in our choir this upcoming Holy Week. Rehearsals will be held on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the choir loft – March 26, April 2 and April 9. We will prepare music for the April 17th Holy Thursday Mass and for Easter morning at the 10:30 am Mass. Questions? Contact Leslie Estep (info. on front of bulletin). All are Welcome!

Sacred Heart Novena The 60th Annual Novena in honor of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held from **Monday, March 31st to April 8th**. Bishop Mark Bartchak will be the Celebrant and Homilist the opening night of the Novena at 7 pm on March 31st. A complete schedule will be available on the first night of the novena.

Court Saint Rita 3523 is sponsoring a chartered bus trip to New York City from **Monday, August 25th through Wednesday, August 27th**. Trip includes hotel, Broadway show, visit to CDA headquarters, Ellis Island, Statue of Liberty, and 911 Memorial. Contact Amy Brisbin for details and costs at 814-931-4702 or amylbrisbin@gmail.com. Non-refundable deposits are due June 1st.

American Heritage Girls, a Christ-centered character and leadership development dedicated to the mission of building women through service to God, family, community, and county. Meeting on Tuesday, March 25th at 6 pm at Hillside Community Church, 1701 Columbia Ave, Tyrone, PA Contact northernblairahg@gmail.com

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