

Tours of the Altoona Cathedral will be held:

Sunday, September 6th at 1 pm
Thursday, September 17th at 7 pm
Thursday, September 24th at 7 pm
Sunday, September 27th at 1 pm

AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of eligible purchase to our parish. Please go to the following link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-1390606> and you can start helping our church in this very easy way.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will sponsor a day with Dr. Scott Hahn, noted Catholic author and speaker, Saturday, Sept 12, 2015 at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School in Ebensburg. Tickets for the day are \$10 per person which includes refreshments and a boxed lunch. For more information or to purchase tickets contact Laurie at 814-943-1981 ext. 106.

Fall Craft Fair sponsored by Saint Matthew School will be held Saturday, November 7th. Registration forms are available in the vestibule. Cost of a table for Saint Matthew parish member is \$10.00. Register early to reserve your spot!

Birth of Mary Celebration to be held at Saint Catherine of Siena Church and Shrine in Duncansville, this coming Tuesday, Sept. 8th.
Masses: 7:45 am, 12 noon, and 6 pm
Continuous Rosary from 9 am to 5 pm

SCRIP

Please consider purchasing **SCRIP** (Shopping Can Reap Income Potential) gift cards to do your shopping at Martin's, Macy's, Walmart, etc. You might be surprised at the variety and extent of gift cards that are available. Please see Alison Narehood after any weekend mass and get more information on how to be part of this program. **It's a very easy way to help our school!**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is held each Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM in the Gathering Space. For more information, please call Sue Burkholder at 684-0352.

Refreshment Weekend Assistance Needed: Anyone interested in helping out with the monthly Refreshment Weekend please "sign-up" in the gathering space. We need at least 2 people per mass.

Pope Francis' September Prayer Intentions – Opportunities for the Young - That opportunities for education and employment may increase for all young people.

ADULT SPIRITUALITY GATHERINGS will take place on Tuesday evenings, September 29 through November 3, in the Gathering Space. Our reflections/discussion topic will be Pope Francis' encyclical "The Joy of the Gospel". More information next week!

Please remember the Tyrone Food Bank: baby food, pork/beans, grape jelly, tuna, canned tomatoes, chili, beef stew, shampoo, bar soap, deodorant!

**OFF BY HIMSELF,
AWAY FROM THE CROWD**



Then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!" that is, "Be opened!"

Mark 7: 34

**THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP
AS A WAY OF LIFE**

"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?"

James 2: 5

What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society teaches us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith we know that material things really do not matter and we are more willing to share what we have.

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Elementary Classes (Grades K-6): Sunday mornings:

9:00 to 10:15 AM (weekly during the school year)

Middle/High School (Gr. 7-11): Sundays: 6 to 8 PM

(twice a month during the school year)

RCIA: Susan Burkholder (814) 684-0352

Pastoral Council – Michael Ronan (814) 632-8585

Finance Council - Dennis Rozick (814) 684-5511

School Council - Lawrence McKernan (814) 632-7767

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Saint Matthew Catholic School:

Principal: Mrs. Jamie DiDomenico

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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.



September 6, 2015

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekend Mass Schedule:

- Saturday at 5:00 PM

- Sunday at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Weekday Mass Schedule:

- Monday through Friday - 8:00 AM

Holy Day of Obligation Mass Schedule:

- Vigil - 7:00 PM

- 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated on Saturday from 4:00 PM till 4:30 PM or anytime upon request.

Mass Schedule & Intentions:

September 5 – 13, 2015

Sat. 5:00 PM Phyllis Burkholder – Sue and Jerry

Sun. 8:00AM For the People of the Parish - Pastor

10:30AM Eleanor Hughes – Bill Engelman

Mon 9:00 AM Edna & Bill Long, Sr. – Rose & Bill

Tues. 8:00 AM Rose/Ludwig Schafflhuber – Rose/Bill

Wed 8:00 AM Monica Crum – Connie Geraci

Thurs. 8:00 AM Darlene Schoch – Mary Jane Cornelius

Fri 8:00 AM Annabelle Raffetto- Grazierville CCD Class

Sat. 5:00 PM Catherine/Francis Muhlbauer –Dtrs/Fam

Sun. 8:00 AM For the People of the Parish - Pastor

10:30 AM Tony Castagnola - Family

If you would like to have MASS celebrated for special intentions or for the deceased members of your family or friends please stop by or call the parish office.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

Sept. 7th thru Sept. 13th - Lectors

Weekdays – 8:00 AM – A. Searer

Sat. – 5:00 PM – R. Parker, D. Strayer, B. Strayer

Sun. 8:00 AM - A. Searer, H. Quinn, A. Lyyann

10:30 AM - M. Baker, B/K Bauer, M.J.Gunter

Sept. 12/13 – Altar Servers

Sat. – 5:00 PM – R. Jones, R. Ronan

Sun - 8:00 AM - M. Buck, G. Hoy

10:30 AM – S. Hoover, H. Fisher

Sept. 7th thru Sept. 13th

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Weekdays - 8:00 AM – R. Long

Sat. 5:00 PM – K. Raffetto+, M. Raffetto, P. Ray

Sun .8:00AM - C. Igou +, B/S Hall, S. Toney

10:30 AM - M.E.Jones+, Sr. Jane, R. Long

Sept. 12/13 – Music Ministry

Sat. – 5:00 PM – Laura/Molly

Sun. - 8:00 AM – Laura/Erin

10:30 AM – Glory & Praise/Nathan

Sept. \$ Counters - B. Long, M. Baker, V. Frantz

Church Cleaners – Aug. 30th to Sept. 13th

P & D Kreckel, M & S Ronan, P. Davis, N. Swope

Activities for the Week of September 7th

Mon. **9:00 AM Mass – Labor Day**

Tues. **BVM Birthday – St. Catherine of Siena Church**

6:30 PM – School Council (L)

7:30 PM - K of C (H)

Wed. 3:30 PM – Rosary

6:30 PM – RCIA (GS)

Thurs. **6:30 PM – BINGO (H)**

6:30 PM – GP Guitarists - (church)

7:00 PM – GP Vocalists - (church)

7:00 PM – PCGG - (GS)

Sat. TCP in Hall after 3:30 PM

Sun. 9-10:15 AM – K-6 R/E Classes

10:30 AM – Glory & Praise Choir

TCP in Hall – done by 5:00 PM

5-6:00 PM – Gr. 12 (L)

6-8:00 PM – Gr. 7-8, 9-11 HSYM (H)

Please note change in the weekly Bingo Fundraiser for our Catholic School from Friday evening to

Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm.

Financial Report – August 30, 2015

Regular Weekly Collection	\$5,069 (adults) \$46 (children)
My E Offering	\$ 60
Weekly Collection Goal	\$5,850

Beginning July 1, 2015 and Ending June 30, 2016

Year to date Sunday Collection Income	\$47,600
Year to date Sunday Collection Goal	TBD
Collection Goal for Sundays	TBD

Year to Date Bingo Net Income	\$3,012
Catholic School Second Collection	\$ 201
Catholic School Envelopes	\$ 217
Religious Education Envelopes	\$ 52

2015 Annual Catholic Appeal GOAL	\$32,059
Donations as of August 30, 2015	\$40,189

Consider using My E-Offering (see link on the website) and make the processing fee part of your donation.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY!

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2015 You can choose to participate through the Diocese, online giving, or using your “yellow envelope”. Our hope is that you continue to participate in the 2015 Appeal. All contributions received beyond our Parish goal will be used to continue the restoration of our stained glass windows.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR ILL AND HOMEBOUND!

Clinton Bisenger, Matt Bland, Susan Alaska, Wendy Boytim, Sue Chambers, Colleen Cecere, Baby Edwin Coltabaugh, Bobbi Damico, George Damico, Joe Damico, Jim Delozier, Gail Dietze, Sharon Dick, Curtis Dixon, Clint Dixon, Kathleen Eckley, Christina Flanagan, Mary Friday, Catherine Garland, Perry Glace, Tyler Golden, Bernice Gorman, Ava Gwinn, Caylee Folckemer, Carolyn Haag, Francis Hagg, Dan Hahn, Sharon Hahn, Tony Hample, Dorothy & Jim Heaton, John Herist, Josephine Hillard, Richard Holtz, Rob Hughes, Bill Hunter, Peg Irvin, Eva Isenberg, Kitty Johnston, Corrine Jones, baby Kennedy, Mary Jane Korman, Joan Kough, Primo Lusardi, Damian MacNeil Family, Sara Markel, Suzan Martindale, Toni Martinez, Sr Jane Miller, Donald Miller, Grant Miller, Sarah Miller, Anna Patrick, Sarah Payne, Adam Perry, James Reighard, Glace Rider, Halee Ridgeway, Gary Ritchey, Amy Rizzo, Dolly Romano, Leonard Romano, Mae Romano, Shawn Ross, Pauline Scalia, Janice Hahn Schmidt, Maxine Schoch, Richard Searer, Dorothy Sharer, Jerry Spangler, Chris Stoner, Rileigh Sunday, Brenda Sweitzer, Cindy Tanner, Christine Tennis, Paul Timcheck, Honey Wilson, Crystal Wright, Ann Yaniello, Mary Ward, Linda Webb, Margie Welsh.

As a family of believers we pray for all who are suffering but especially our sick & homebound friends and family members. The names of recently added are in italics and underlined.

Please notify the parish office if a name can be removed from the list.

ABSOLUTION FROM ABORTION

In view of the recent statement from Pope Francis regarding absolution from the sin of abortion our bishop Mark L. Bartchak on September 2, 2015 issued the following statement:

In the context of the Jubilee Year of Mercy which begins December 8, 2015, Pope Francis has made recent remarks concerning absolution from the sin of abortion. By authorizing all priests throughout the world, Pope Francis is reminding everyone of the grave nature of the sin of abortion, while underscoring the importance of the sacrament of Reconciliation through which a person with a contrite and repentant heart may encounter the rich mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ. Since 1983, priests in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown have been authorized to absolve from the sin of abortion, which means there is no need to wait for the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Anyone who is burdened by or has questions about the sin of abortion or other serious matters is encouraged to seek the help of any priest in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. The times for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation are readily available at every parish.

MORE ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Traditionally, this time of year we try to recruit new altar servers. This ministry just like many others offers the opportunity to share themselves with, and for, others, as Jesus did. Any person in 4th grade or older can become an altar server. The training will take place on **September 13th at 11:30AM** in the church. Please consider volunteering for this ministry.

Music Ministry News: Beginning this weekend, we will be using the People’s Mass instead of the Mass of Creation that we’ve been using for the past few years. All of the music for this mass can be found beginning on page 178 of the missalette so please feel free to “dog ear” the pages so that the music will be easy to find and everyone can participate.

The Knights of Columbus Council 551 Altoona is hosting the annual **Blue and White Mass**. This mass is to honor all elected officials, doctors, nurses, and safety personnel. This mass is to be held on **Saturday, September 12th at 5 pm** at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona Bishop Mark. L. Bartchak will be the main celebrant.

READERS/COMMENTATORS AND EUCHARISTIC

MINISTERS “Hard Copies” of the new schedule for September 12-13 through January 9-10 are available in the vestibule. Mark your calendars!

The **second collection next weekend** will be the National Collection for the Catholic University of America. The Catholic University of America is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, D.C. It provides an academically rigorous education guided by Catholic intellectual tradition to nearly 7,000 students every year. *More than 4,000 students directly receive scholarship aid from this Collection, including many from our diocese.* PLEASE BE GENEROUS

SISTER KAREN UPDATE Good News! My recent medical test in Pgh confirmed continued remission regarding my cancer. Thus I am now “officially” back to parish ministry, albeit 15 hours/week to assist me in dealing with ongoing mobility issues and fatigue. My plan is to be around the office on Mondays (or Tuesday), Wednesdays and Thursdays, but specific times will depend on evening meetings/activities. Please phone or email me (front of bulletin) if you’d like to stop by so you can be sure of my availability. Continued prayers of *thanksgiving for all your support* and ongoing prayers of *for YOUR concerns*.

GLORY AND PRAISE CHOIR Our first rehearsal for the year ahead will be held this Thursday, September 10, 6:30 Musician, 7:00 for Choir. We will prepare for 10:30 Masses on September 13 and 27. *New members always welcome!*

SAINT MATTHEW PARISH FEAST DAY is Monday, September 21. We will celebrate with a 7:00 PM Mass followed by a Dessert Bar. We will recognize all the Liturgical Ministries in which our parishioners serve so that our weekend and holy day Masses are truly “works of the people”. All Eucharistic Ministers, Readers/Commentators, Music Ministers, Ushers, Servers, Church Sacristans and Cleaners are encouraged to be present. A great way to begin the week of Pope Francis’ visit to the US!