

Family and the Gospel: John 12: 20-33 Relationships come with a price tag. We must be willing to entrust ourselves to another, to let go of our autonomy and die to our independence. It is in dying to our independence that we find interdependence with others.

The Parish Easter Egg Hunt for the children will be held on Holy Saturday, April 3rd, following the 10 am Blessing of Easter Baskets. Participants should gather in the pews. Diocesan COVID guidelines will be followed.

2020 Income Tax Statements are available upon request. In the gathering space there are envelopes to place your name so that your request can be processed.

ARISE Program Resumes Season 5 of the ARISE small group faith sharing opportunity will continue after Easter. The popular community building through faith sharing program was delayed due to pandemic issues. All sessions will be held in the Gathering Space beginning the week of **April 11th through the week of May 16th**. Each of the six sessions runs for about 90 minutes with a guarantee of having your spirits lifted by fellow parishioners.

Please see the bulletin insert for registration details. Registration and study guide payment of \$10 would be appreciated by **March 27th**. Place registration form and payment in an envelope and return via collection or to the church office.

Questions can be directed to Bill Harshman, ARISE Coordinator at 684-1639.

Senior Banquet Planning Meeting March 21 at 11:30 in the Hall. All parents of Junior and Senior high school students are invited and encouraged to attend.

Help Needed - The funeral luncheon committee is looking for more volunteers. This is a great opportunity to do something special for members of our parish. Currently there are two groups that alternate serving luncheons after funerals. The hours are usually 11 am to 2 pm. As a volunteer, you will be called by the team leader when your team has a funeral lunch to serve. Most people on this committee are retired and have a flexible schedules, therefore if a member cannot participate

there is someone to fill in. If interested, call or text Amy Brisbin at 814-931-4702. Thank you!
March Birthdays: *March 24th* - Sister Karen's birthday address: 1223 Four Leaf Lane, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648
March 28th -Father Jozef

Catholic Ministries Drive - Be a Disciple of Hope
Your sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure will make an immediate impact on ministries that care for the poor, strengthen family life, nurture our youth, and provide leadership development for clergy and laity. We are challenged to open our eyes and see those in our midst that bring hope to life.

Our CMD goal for 2021 is **\$34,515**. Remember that our parish utilizes the "YELLOW" envelope system. **Therefore, there is no need for you to respond to the Diocese mailings.**

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FOR WHAT ARE YOU WILLING TO DIE?



"Unless the grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat."

John 12: 24

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

"I will be their God and they shall be my people."
Jeremiah 31: 33
What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.

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Monday 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM
Wednesday & Friday 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Director of Religious Education: Robin Garbinsky
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Elementary Classes: (Grades K-8): Sunday mornings
9:00 am to 10:15 am (weekly during the school year)

High School: (Grades 9-11): Sunday: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
(twice a month during the school year)

RCIA: Susan Burkholder (814) 684-0352
Ministry to the Homebound: Paula Lambert (814) 932-0651
Pastoral Council – Jason Terosky (814) 883-0077
Finance Council - Dennis Rozick (814) 684-5511
School Council - Paul Fleissner (724) 630-1538
Cemetery Committee - Michael Feller (814) 932-1788

Saint Matthew Catholic School
"serving our community since 1869"
Principal: Mr. Terry DeCarbo
Principal's email: tdecarbo@stmatthew-school.org
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.



March 21, 2021
5th Sunday of Lent

Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday at 5:30 PM
Sunday at 10:30 AM

Weekday Mass Schedule:
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 8:00 AM

Holy Day of Obligation Mass Schedule:
- at 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated on Saturday at 6:30 pm or anytime upon request.

*Please remember if these times do not allow you to attend mass you can do so at **Saint Joseph Church** in Bellwood either on **Saturday at 4:00 PM** or **Sunday at 9:00 AM** and also on **Monday at 8:00 AM** and **Tuesday at 6:00 PM** and **the Sacrament of Reconciliation** is celebrated on **Saturday at 3:30 PM**.*

Mass Schedule & Intentions:
March 20 – 28, 2021

Sat.	5:30 pm	Dolores Sickler – CDA Mary Beth Banks – Cathy Igou
Sun.	10:30 am	Norman Tubo – Marlene & Gerry Haldedl Dorothy Sharer – CDA
Mon.	8:00 am	Mass at Saint Joseph Church, Bellwood
Tues.	6:00 pm	Mass at Saint Joseph Church, Bellwood
Wed.	8:00 am	Colby Simkovic – Petterman Family Bill Engelman – Tom & Patricia Forr, JR.
Thurs.	8:00 am	Glenn Stevens – Sue & Dave Redline Primo Lusardi – Martha Hagg
Fri.	8:00 am	Patty Romano – M/M Leonard Romano Marie Zanghi – Estate
Sat.	5:30 pm	Michael Tree Family – Estate In honor of Sister Karen and Fr. Jozef Birthdays
Sun.	10:30 am	For the People - by the Pastor

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

Lector – Weekdays – R Long

Lectors – March 27/28

Sat. 5:30 pm B Lambert, B Zakrzwski S Zakrzwski

Passion: Theresa Jeffries (Nar), T Jeffries (Speaker)

Sun. 10:30 am D Murray, K Auman Bauer, T Naylor

Passion S Cowher (Nar), S Gavazzi (Speaker)

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist – March 27/28

Sat. 5:30 pm † P Lambert, T Scordo, R Bunch

Sun. 10:30 am † J Terosky, D Castagnola, R Long

† Eucharistic minister that will be responsible for going to the tabernacle and also to the choir loft.

Music Ministers – March 27/28

Sat. 5:30 pm Richard/Ella

Sun. 10:30 am Tammy/Nathan

Song sheets will be provided at each Mass

Activities for the Week of March 22 to March 28

Mon. 7:00 pm Reconciliation Service (church)

Wed. 3:30 pm Rosary

Thur. 6:30 pm Bingo (H)

Fri. 9:00 am School Stations of the Cross

6:30 pm Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Sun 9:00 am RE (School and Hall)

Financial Report – March 14, 2021			
Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection	\$5,923	\$32 (children)	
Weekly (Sunday) Collection Goal	\$5,800		
Beginning July 1, 2020 and Ending June 30, 2021			
Year to date Sunday Collection Income	\$	170,505	
Year to date Sunday Collection Goal	\$	214,600	
Yearly Collection Goal for Sundays	\$	301,600	
Year to date Bingo Net Income (2021)	\$	4,598	
Catholic School Second Collection	\$	9	
Catholic School Envelopes	\$	410	
Religious Education Envelopes	\$	0	
Good Samaritan	\$	0	
2021 Catholic Ministries Drive	TARGET	\$	34,515
CMD Donations for 2021	\$	6,795	
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY!			

Rest in Peace - Please pray for the repose of the soul of *Betty Brisbin*, mother of *Debbie Castagnola*. May God grant her eternal peace in His kingdom and her loved ones comfort and strength.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR ILL AND HOMEBOUND

Elizabeth Adler, Sandy Ashcroft, Margaret Baker, Ann Beachem, Shirley Beam, John Belin, Clinton Bisenger, Matt Bland, Melissa & Curt Braun, Larry Brisbin, Jaxon Brown, Michael Brown, Charles Cannistraci, Sara Castagnola, Colleen Cecere, Edwin Coltabaugh, Greta Czap, George Damico, Ryan DelBaggio, Rocco DelBaggio, Harrison DeVore, Sharon Dick, Mary Ann Dietrick, Gail Dietze, Helen Domenick, Sister Karen Duddy, Sister Jane Miller, Sue Evans, Margaret Fink, Catherine Garland, Barb Gaval, Perry Glace, Bob Grimarm, Beverly Gross, Dan Hahn, Sharon Hahn, Earl Harris, Dorothy & Jim Heaton, Deborah Heaton, John Herist, Peggy Hickman, John Hillard, Kathy Hillard, Rob Hughes, Bill Hunter, Joe Ieraci, Peg Irvin, Kitty Johnston, Corrine Jones, Alexis Kensingier, Connie Kollar, Mary Jane Korman, John Lewis, Jerry Lynn Jr., Bob Macie, Mel MacMillin, Carter MacMillin, Shawn Marie, Suzan Martindale, Toni Martinez, Colette McCaffrey, Nemia McElhany, Ellen McGee, Mike & Sue McKean, Erik McMulloch, Michael McNelis, Donald Miller, Frank & Pam Moore, Donna Miller, Sarah Miller, Thomas Miller, Tracy Miller, Helen Molnar, Robert Molnar, Ailani Myers, Joseph Narehood, Alberta Naylor, Denise Neil, Patty Norris, Adam Perry, LeeAnn Spangler Price, Glace Rider, Halee Ridgeway, Gary Ritchey, Joel Rivera, Amy Rizzo, John Romano, Leonard Romano, Lucille Romano, Mae Romano, Delores Schreffler, Sue Scordo, Eddie Sharer, Harry Sickler, Joe Smyder, Jerry Spangler, Evelyn Stever, Marlene Stimer, Mike Stack, Chris Stoner, Molly Sturniolo, Evelyn Toney, Dale VanHorne, Ethan Vila, Mary Ward, Linda Webb, Stephanie Wage, Frank White, Bob White, Sam Whitesill, Kimberly Hovis-Williams, Liam Wirtner, Crystal Wright, Cheryl Wunsch, Ann Yaniello

During Lent certain areas of our church have been altered to express a symbolic message about this special season. For the next three weeks, Father Jozef will provide an explanation in the bulletin and Saint Matthew web/Facebook pages in order to allow each of us the opportunity to share in this spiritual message.

Week Four: Symbolism at Saint Matthew Gathering Space Cross ~ Draped in purple and a crown of thorns, the cross symbolizes Christ’s sacrifice. At the foot of the cross are seven stones, each engraved with one of the deadly sins, and a lifeless urn. We are called to place our sins at the foot of the cross and ask for God’s forgiveness and strength. Just as Jesus defeated sin and death He can transform us with our shortcomings into the people of faith, hope, and love. When you come to celebrate on Easter, please notice how God’s love and the death and resurrection of Jesus have transformed the lifeless font. This is the same transformation we can experience in our own lives.

Stewardship Reflections You are like a grain of wheat. Keeping your time, talent, and treasure, to yourself yields no harvest. With God’s grace we can die to ourselves and bear fruit for His kingdom. When you live for others, the evangelizing mission of Jesus Christ is revealed. Is God calling you to be charitable in a specific way this week?

We are called to detach from our own desires and entrust our lives to all that God has in store for us. As this Lenten season comes to a close, let us strive to partake in the richness God has offered to us through his covenant by more faithfully living out our call to be disciples of Christ, with frequent reception of the sacraments, and heartfelt service to our families and neighbors. *(Stewardship Bulletin Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Feb. 22, 2021)*

LENTEN PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to weekend and weekday Masses, all are invited to the following:

Wednesday: 3:30 pm Rosary

Friday Morning: 9:00 am School Stations of the Cross

Friday Evening: 6:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday: 5:00 pm Rosary before Mass

Reconciliation Service: Monday, March 22nd- 7:00 pm

On March 2, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ issued a statement on the COVID-19 vaccine “The approval of Johnson & Johnson’s COVID-19 vaccine for use in the United States again raises questions about the moral permissibility of using vaccines developed, tested, and/or produced with the help of abortion-derived cell lines. “Pfizer and Moderna’s vaccines raised concerns because an abortion-derived cell line was used for testing them, but not in their production. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine, however, was developed, tested and is produced with abortion-derived cell lines raising additional moral concerns. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has judged that ‘when ethically irreproachable Covid-19 vaccines are not available ... it is morally acceptable to receive Covid-19 vaccines that have used cell lines from aborted fetuses in their research and production process.’[1] However, if one can choose among equally safe and effective COVID-

19 vaccines, the vaccine with the least connection to abortion-derived cell lines should be chosen. Therefore, if one has the ability to choose a vaccine, Pfizer or Moderna’s vaccines should be chosen over Johnson & Johnson’s.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the **Parish Council** please contact Jason Terosky at 814-883-0077 or email jterosky@hotmail.com or the parish office.

As you may know or may not know with the Apostolic Letter **“Patris corde”** (“With a Father’s Heart”), our Holy Father, Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a **“Year of Saint Joseph”** beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on December 8th, 2020 and extending it to the same Solemnity on December 8th, 2021. Mindful of this, we invite you to reflect on one of the most important saints of our Church - Saint Joseph. We don't know much about him except what is mentioned in the Gospels. Joseph lived in Nazareth, was the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster-father of Jesus. Holy Scripture proclaims him as a "righteous or just man," and the Catholic Church has turned to Saint Joseph for his patronage and protection. The Church also dedicates the entire month of March to Saint Joseph and urges believers to pay special attention to his life and example. In the Gospels we will not find any words that Saint Joseph may have spoken. Even though we may look at him as a “silent or quiet saint”, he speaks loudly because when God reached out to him he responded and from his trusting faith and actions we can certainly tell what kind of a person he was. We know that devotion to Saint Joseph has grown significantly throughout the history of the Church. I would like to encourage you to read **“Patris corde”** where pope Francis invites us to increase and strengthen our love for this great saint. May we as God’s beloved children through the intercession of our mother Mary, her husband Saint Joseph cherish and celebrate God’s great love and mercy for us and seek to bring them to all we meet and touch them with the same loving and merciful hand God has touched us. This is the web link http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html)