

Families and the Gospel - Like Jesus in today's gospel, we are seen by others in different ways. Perhaps the name our family gives us is closest to our true identity. They know us best. Who do they say you are?

Outdoor Mass at 7:00 pm each Sunday during the summer months. In case of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated in the **Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel**.

Father John D. Byrnes and the Basilica of St. Michael parish family invite all in the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament before the final outdoor Mass of the summer, in Loretto. Adoration will be on September 3rd in the Basilica of St. Michael from 3 – 6 pm prior to the outdoor Mass.

GIFTS FROM THE HOLY LAND – This weekend
Olive wood carvings are part of a tradition handed down from one generation to another. **Christian Families of Bethlehem** have worked close to 2000 years to protect the Holy sites in Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Nazareth, and to spread the word of Jesus. For about the last 1000 years they used carvings to keep the Bible alive in dimensions. Their mission is to support our fellow Christians in the Holy Land by selling some of their olive wood carvings which are a major source of their income. As a form of payment for these unique gifts they accept cash, checks and credit cards. Father Michael will gladly bless any items you purchase.

Fr. John Slovickovski Pastor of Visitation parish in Johnstown, as part of the celebration of the Jubilee 2025, is promoting and coordinating a pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi, and Orvieto, Italy, which is open to the entire diocese in the month of **June 2025**. This pilgrimage will include visitations to the 4 Major Basilicas of Rome (The Vatican {with an audience with the Pope}, Saint Mary Major, Saint John Lateran, and Saint Paul outside the Walls.) We will also visit the Spanish Steps, the Catacombs, Trevi Fountain, and the Coliseum as well as the basilicas of St. Francis and Saint Clare in Assisi. All of our tour will be guided by a native who is fluent in Italian. If you are considering joining our group, you are asked to contact the Visitation Parish office @814-536-6110. There is no obligation (financial or otherwise) before we make our commitment with the pilgrimage tour company in early 2024 when we will meet with our Pilgrimage tour company. 2025 is an exceptional time to

be in Rome since it will be during a Jubilee Year which is a very special time for a Jubilee occurs only once every 25 years.

Enrichment Days at St Bernardine Monastery on August 30th and September 14th - 7 pm to 8:30 pm. The cost is \$10 per workshop, you must pre-register with payment. Register by calling 814-695-3802. The workshop themes are as follows:
August 30th – The Church and LGBTQ Community
September 14th – The Mass

The Sweetest Ministry - Please consider volunteering to assist at the monthly refreshment weekend socials. Sign-up sheet is in the gathering space.

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"Jesus said, 'You are Peter, the Rock; and upon this rock I will build my church.'" Matthew 16:18

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

“Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?”-Romans 11:35
St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything - He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else's prayer.

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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.



August 27, 2023
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday at 5:30 pm
Sunday at 7:30 am
Sunday at 10:30 am
Weekday Mass Schedule: Wed., Thurs. & Friday at 8:00 am
Holy Day of Obligation Mass Schedule: 9:00 am & TBD
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday at 12:30 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 the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is celebrated on Saturday at 3:30 pm.*

Mass Schedule & Intentions: August 26– Sept. 3, 2023

Sat. 5:30 pm 50th Wedding Anniv.of Bill & Lori Schoch
Sun. 7:30 am Constance Kollar – Catherine Kirsh
Sun. 10:30 am For the People - Pastor
Mon. 8:00 am St. Joseph – Bellwood
Tues. 6:00 pm St. Joseph - Bellwood
Wed. 8:00 am Sara Castagnola – Billy & Rosalie
Cardinale Reed
Thurs. 8:00 am John (Eddie)& Marty Rhoades -Aye Tepsic
Fri. 8:00 am Mae Romano – Louis & Susan Prosperi
Fri. 8:30/9:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat. 5:30 pm Adolph & Marie engellman - Estate
Sun. 7:30 am Michael Tree Family - Estate
Sun. 10:30 am Linda Webb- MaryAnn Turnbaugh

Sanctuary Candle for the week of August 27th is in memory of James W. Baker requested by wife, Margaret Baker.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

Weekdays - R Long

Lectors – September 2/3, 2023

Sat. 5:30 pm R Bunch, G Miller, D Cunningham

Sun. 7:30 am D Zakrzwski, S McNelis

Sun. 10:30 am M Welker, R Morse, P Fleissner

Extraordinary Ministers Eucharist–September 2/3

Sat. 5:30 pm † K Raffetto, T Scordo, P DelBaggio

Sun. 7:30 am † M Rozick, B Rozick, L Grove

Sun. 10:30 am † S Thomas, D Castagnola, L Wright

Altar Servers: September 2/3, 2023

Sat. 5:30 pm H Narehood, B Ciampoli

Sun. 7:30 am TBD

Sun. 10:30 am G Naylor, D Pullara

Activities for the Week: August 28 to Sept. 3

Sat./Sun. Gifts from the Holy Land at all weekend Masses

Wed. 3:30 pm - Rosary (C)

6:30 pm – RCIA (GS)

Thurs. 6:30 pm - Bingo (H)

Financial Report – August 20, 2023

Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection \$4,428 \$25 (children)
Weekly (Sunday) Collection Goal \$5,700

Beginning July 1, 2023 and Ending June 30, 2024

Year to date Sunday Collection Income \$ 40,763
Year to date Sunday Collection Goal \$ 46,600

Yearly Collection Goal for Sundays \$296,400

2023 Year to date Bingo Net Income \$ 27,537
Second Collection for the School \$ 210
SMS Catholic School Envelopes \$ 150
Religious Education Envelopes \$ 0
Good Samaritan \$ 5

2023 Catholic Ministries Drive TARGET \$ 30,406
CMD Donations for 2023 (112%) \$ 38,323

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR ILL AND HOMEBOUND

Elizabeth Adler, Sandy Ashcroft, Margaret Baker, Clinton Bisenger, Matt Bland, Lauren Bochart, Carol Brantner, Larry Brisbin, Jaxon Brown, Michael Brown, Anna and Charles Cannistraci, Sue Chambers, Jordan Coffman, Nancy Damico, Sharon Dannaway, Ryan DelBaggio, Harrison DeVore, Sharon Dick, Cheryl Diebold, Nate Dorman, Sergio Echeverria, Dorothy and Jim Fleming, Catherine Garland, Barb Gaval, T.C. Gheer, Perry Glace, Bob Grimarml, Dan Hahn, Sharon Hahn, Bill Hall, Shirley Hall, John Hayes, Dorothy & Jim Heaton, John Herist, Peggy Hickman, Bill Hunter, Peg Irvin, Kitty Johnston, Steve Johnson, Dennis Kasic, Brian Kelley, Alexis Kensinger, Mike Long, Jerry Lynn Jr., Bob Macie, Mel & Carter MacMillin, Shawn Marie, Suzan Martindale, Colette McCaffrey, Tucker McCloskey, Mike & Sue McKean, Erik McMulloch, Michael McNelis, Donald Miller, Frank & Pam Moore, Donna Miller, Sarah Miller, Tracy Miller, Helen Molnar, Robert Molnar, Ailani Myers, Alberta Naylor, Patty Norris, Lawrence Papi, Adam Perry, LeeAnn Spangler Price, Halee Ridgeway, Shannon Riley, Gary Ritchey, Joel Rivera, Leonard & Donna Romano, Lucille Romano, Suzanne Ross, Delores Schreffler, Sue Scordo, MaryJane Shank, John Scott, Harry Sickler, Dorothy Smyder, Evelyn Stever, Marlene Stimer, Mike Stack, Chris Stoner, Mark Turiano, Dale VanHorne, Ethan Vila, Patty Walsh, Mary Ward, Stephanie Wage, Frank White, Bob White, Sam Whitesill, Rachel Harshman Wiggins, Kimberly Hovis-Williams, Liam Wirtner, George Wolfe, Roberta Woomer, Crystal Wright, Ann Yaniello, Esther Zane.

Stewardship Reflection Jesus poses the same personal question to eac one of us who call ourselves His stewards and modern-day disciples. But do our lives truly reflect Peter’s answer? If we really believe that Christ is the Son of God, sent to save us from our sins and lead us to heaven, then we must say so, not just with words, but with our actions. We must love Him with our whole being and make our very lives a grateful gift of love to Him. This is the beauty and power of a stewardship way of life. (www.CatholicSteward.com 7/10/2023)

Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Women’s Conference “Women Find Strength in Christ” will be held on **Saturday, September 16, 2023**, at Mount Aloysius College in Cresson, PA Speakers are Mary Castner, and Kitty Cleveland. Cost is \$20. Please register online at dioceseaj.org Registration Forms are available in the gathering space.

Prayer for the Beginning of the School Year

God of wisdom and might,

We praise you for the wonders of our being,
for mind, body, and spirit.

Be with our children as they begin
a new school year.

Bless them and their teachers and staff.

Give them strength and grace as
their bodies grow;

wisdom and knowledge

to their minds as they search

for understanding:

and peace and zeal to their spirits.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

RCIA Is there someone you can invite to explore the Catholic faith – someone unbaptized or baptized in a non-Catholic tradition? Perhaps you know a Catholic adult interested in completing their Christian Initiation by receiving the sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation. In Catholic Life, it is necessary to be confirmed in order to be a godparent at Baptism or a sponsor at Confirmation. For more information, call Sue Burkholder (814-684-0352). Meetings are held eah Wednesday at 6:30 pm in the gathering space.



Religious Ed. Registration forms for 2023-24 are available in the gathering space and on the parish website. **Please note:** There is a need for a **4th grade Catechist.**

Need more information or interested, please contact Lauren Wright whose contact information is on the front of the bulletin. **REMEMBER:** Classes begin Sunday, September 10th at 9 am.

Invitation: Please join us for a social on **Sunday, August 27, 2023 at 6 pm** in the Good Shepherd Parish Hall if you are in the process of a divorce, recently divorced or divorced for years. We will meet at Good Shepherd Church, 867 Gray’s Woods Blvd, Port Matilda, PA. Information is also in the gathering space.

Fall classes and workshops provided by the office of Religious Studies and Liturgy Office of Christian Initiation beginning in September are as follows. Note that both class are in person or ZOOM

- Vatican Council II Constitutions taught by Fr. John Slovikovski at Bishop McCort High School in person or via Zoom link on Tuesday from 6-8 pm beginning on September 19th for 8 weeks.
- Catechumenate Team ministry course. Deadline for Registration is September 1, 2023. Registration form available in the parish office.
- Fall workshop: Understanding the Annulment Process held on November 4, 2023 at St. Michael of the Archangel in Loretto, PA Deadline is October 31st and forms in the parish office

Bishop Mark Bartchak and The Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years of marriage in 2023 (and their families) to attend the **ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY LITURGY**. Couples may attend **Sunday, September 10th** in Altoona at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, **September 17th** in Johnstown Saint John Gualbert Cathedral. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00 pm. Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by **Monday, August 29**. Registration form is available in the parish office.



Altar flowers this weekend are in memory of Clarence and Anna Hartsock requested by Helen Dillon.



Flowers in front of the ambo are to celebrate the 90th Birthday of Margaret Baker. *Happy Birthday!*

Rest in Peace - Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Romano. May God grant him eternal peace in His kingdom and his loved ones comfort and strength.

The Church of the Good Shepherd in Tyrone is sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner Benefit on **September 16th for Joleen Kough’s** Medical Expenses. Jolene was hospitalized for 3 months at the beginning of this year and lost her medical coverage. This benefit is to assist her with her outstanding medical bills. Tickets are available in the parish office and cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.