

**Families and the Gospel - Matthew 20:1-16a**  
Today Jesus is saying to us: “Why are you idle? Go into my vineyard.” Family, where “the last will be first,” is the “vineyard” entrusted to us in today’s gospel. Successful families are constructed by “laborers,” who work hard on family relationships, and not by couch potatoes.



A Rosary Rally will be held at the Saint Matthew School parking lot (near the statue of the Blessed Mother) on **Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at noon** to mark the 106<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima Portugal. Please consider participating. Chairs will be provided. Light refreshments afterwards. In case of inclement weather, the rosary will be held in the Gathering Space. Any questions please contact the parish office.

The Diocese of Altoona Johnstown is Sponsoring “**Beginning Again**” speaker series on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at Father Kelley Hall at Saint Therese of the Child Jesus Parish in Altoona from 9 am to 11:30 am. Speakers are Monsignor Stanley Carson, Father John Slovickovski, and Father Aron Maghsoudi. Cost is \$10. Registration forms are available in the gathering space and online.

**SAINT JOSEPH PARISH**  
**“DESIGNER PURSE BASKET BINGO”**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023**  
Doors open at 11:30 am  
Lunch at 12:15 pm  
Bingo starts at 1:00 pm  
Cost is \$50 per ticket. Please call 814-742-7075  
Includes lunch, 10 regular games, ONE Grand Prize Ticket, two cases of cash tickets, bingo dauber. Each basket will include a beautiful purse made by Coach, Michael Kors, Kate Spade or Vera Bradley. Seating is limited. Reserve early!

**FYI:** Due to the great attendance at the 7:30 am Sunday Mass, this Mass time will remain in the schedule indefinitely.

**ANNUAL BLESSING OF ANIMALS**  
Traditionally to celebrate the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi on October 4<sup>th</sup> we bless our pets and other animals. This year the blessing will take place on **Sunday, October 8<sup>nd</sup> at Noon** on the lawn by the church. Pet owners are welcome to bring “all creatures big and small” along with leashes, crates and carriers. Even if you don’t have a pet you can join us for this warm-hearted and prayerful celebration.

**Rest in Peace** - Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margie Adamczyk sister of Paula Lambert. May God grant her eternal peace in His kingdom and her loved ones comfort and strength.

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**Mercy without Measure**



“Are you envious because I am generous? Thus will the last be first, and the first last.” Matt 20:16

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

“Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last”. Matthew 20:16  
You’ve heard the saying “it’s not where you start, but how you finish.” This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live “God-centered” lives and not “self-centered” lives.

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School Council - TBD  
Cemetery Committee - Shirley Hall (814) 931-0657

**Saint Matthew Catholic School**  
**“serving our community since 1869”**  
**Principal:** Pauline Wiley  
**School Phone:** (814) 684-3510  
**School web-site:** [www.stmatthew-school.org](http://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.*



**September 24, 2023**  
Twenty-Fifth 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: Sept. 23 – Oct. 1, 2023**

**Sat. 5:30 pm** Megan Fortney – Jack Kindsey  
**Sun. 7:30 am** Sara Castagnola – Mike & Becky Rozick  
**Sun. 10:30 am** For the People - Pastor  
**Mon. NO Mass**  
**Tues. 6:00 pm** St. Joseph - Bellwood  
**Wed. 8:00 am** Peter Franchio – Steve & Chris Stoner  
**Thurs. 8:00 am** Bertha & John Yenter, Jr. - Estate  
**Fri. 8:00 am** John Romano – Steve & Chris Stoner  
**Fri. 8:30/9:30** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
**Sat. 5:30 pm** Rhoades Family Living & Deceased – Aye Tepsic  
**Sun. 7:30 am** Wilbur Replogle – Christine Replogle  
**Sun. 10:30 am** Mae Romano – Connie & Jim McKnight

**Sanctuary Candle** for the week of September 24<sup>th</sup> is in memory of Michael & Andy Lusardi requested by Steve & Chris Stoner.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE
Weekdays - S McNelis

Lectors – September 30 and October 1, 2023
Sat. 5:30 pm D Strayer, B Lambert, S Burkholder
Sun. 7:30 am S McNelis, R Long
Sun. 10:30am H Quinn, MJ Gunter, K Auman-Gooding

Extraordinary Ministers Eucharist–Sept.30/Oct. 1
Sat. 5:30 pm K Raffetto, M Raffetto, C Golden
Sun. 7:30 am M Rozick, B Rozick, L Grove
Sun. 10:30am J Terosky, L Wright, M Morse

Altar Servers: September 30 and October 1, 2023
Sat. 5:30 pm E Narehood, H Narehood
Sun. 7:30 am TBD
Sun. 10:30 am M Pownall, J Gilliland

Activities for the Week: Sept. 25 to Oct. 1
Wed. 3:30 pm - Rosary (C)
6:30 pm – OCIA (GS)
Thurs. 6:30 pm - Bingo (H)
Fri. SMS In-Service Day
Sat-Sun Respect Life Sunday
9:00 am – Religious Sunday

Remember that approx.. 35 minutes before
weekend Masses the Rosary is recited.
Please consider participating.

Table with financial report data for September 17, 2023, including collection income, goals, and expenses.

Priesthood Sunday: This weekend we
celebrate the gift we have in Father Michael.
Notes and Cards are welcome and can be placed
in the box located in the Gathering Space.

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 Grimarmli, Mike Gurekovich, 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 Snyder, Evelyn Stever, 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 Woome, Crystal Wright,
Ann Yaniello, Esther Zane.
♦As a family of believers we pray for all who are suffering but
especially our sick & homebound friends and family members.
Please notify the parish office for additions and removals.

Stewardship Reflection As stewards, the
way we prioritize our time will often be at odds
with the world’s priorities. Jesus offers us a
glimpse of the “Godly logic” of the Father. The
laborers were relying on human logic and human
calculations. Christian stewards can grumble
and complain too. When we compare ourselves
to others and believe that not everyone is
contributing as much as we are to the parish, the
neighborhood, or even within our family, we do
not think clearly. We must remember that it is a
great privileged to have been called by the Father
to work in His vineyard. Living the stewardship
way of life brings us meaning, depth and
purpose. Let’s embrace this Godly thinking and
thank Him for calling us to this way of life.
(www.CatholicSteward.com 9/18/2020)

Diamond Club Celebration: During each
Mass on September 23 and 24 we will be
celebrating the gift of those Diamond Club members
of our parish family who are 75 years of age and older
and continue to serve as a shining example of
prayerful commitment to Christ and an inspiration for
us all. A special blessing will be offered during Mass
and a reception will follow in the Gathering Space.
Join in sharing this special recognition with our St.
Matthew Family.
Fall workshop provided by the office of Religious
Studies and Liturgy Office of Christian Initiation of
the Diocese of Altoona/Johnstown: Understanding
the Annulment Process held on November 4, 2023 at
St. Michael of the Archangel in Loretto, PA
Deadline is October 31st and forms can be obtained in
parish office
To celebrate National LIFE CHAIN Sunday,
hundreds of thousands of participants silently stand
in peaceful and prayerful witness to their
commitment to love and protect the unborn and their
mothers. LIFE CHAIN challenges the community to
be aware and to care. There will be a LIFE CHAIN
on Sunday, October 1, 2023 from 2 pm to 3 pm
at the Station Mall Medical Center on 17th Street and
9th Avenue in Altoona, PA
All Saints parish in Boswell (Somerset County)
will host a presentation on Polish Christmas
Customs on Tuesday, October 17th at their parish
hall (505 Center Street) at 6:30 pm. The customs,
food, and decorations peculiar to the Polish
expression of Christmas are unique and developed
over many centuries. The presenter will be Fr.
Czelaw Krysa, an author and noted authority and
polish fold culture. The event is free of charge.
Participants are sked to register either by phoning the
parish office at 814-629-5551 or by emailed the
parish secretary Emily Marsh at
emarsh@dioceseaj.org

Friday, September 29th marks the Feast of the
Archangels Gabriel, Michael and Raphael.
They are the only three angels who are
mentioned by name in Sacred Scripture. Only
since the reform of the current liturgical
calendar in 1969 were the archangels united on
the same feast day. Originally September 29
marked the dedication of the Church of St.
Michael in Rome, built by Constantine. It has
been an older, established feast, referred as
“Michaelmas” in the English-speaking world
for generations. But the Archangels Gabriel and
Raphael only had universal feasts since 1921,
Gabriel was on March 24, the day before the
Annunciation, and Raphael on October 24.
After the Second Vatican Council, the Church
wanted to further highlight all 3 archangels and
grouped them all together on September 29th
connecting them to the neighboring feast day of
the Guardian Angels on October 2. A prayer for
this feast day is in the gathering space.
Brenda Garcia, who is a faithful catholic and Holly
wood stunt woman has accepted an invitation to
speak at Holy Name Church, Ebensburg on
Tuesday evening, October 3rd at 7 pm. She has
appeared on movies: Fast X, Avatar and Series,
Bega, 9-1-1 and more. Appearance and talk will be
open to all and free of charge. A free will offering
will be collected.
A Prayer for Vocations
God our Father, You made each of us to use our
gifts in the Body of Christ.
We ask that You inspire young people whom You
call to the priesthood and consecrated life to
courageously follow Your will.
Send workers into Your great harvest so that the
Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love,
the suffering are comforted, and Your people are
strengthened by the sacraments.
We ask this through Christ our Lord... Amen