

Families and the Gospel- *Matthew 21:28-32* In today's gospel Jesus asked, "What is your opinion?" Why do we think our opinion is dogma or fact? An opinion is only how we perceive a situation or how we feel comfortable doing something. Don't argue over or become divided by "your opinion"



A Rosary Rally will be held at the Saint Matthew School parking lot (near the statue of the Blessed Mother) on **Saturday, October 7th at noon** to mark the 106th 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.

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 Bingo 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!



ANNUAL BLESSING OF ANIMALS
Traditionally to celebrate the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi on October 4th we bless our pets and other animals. This year the blessing will take place on **Sunday, October 8nd 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.

The Diocese of Altoona Johnstown is Sponsoring **"Beginning Again"** speaker series on Saturday, October 14th 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.

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Turn, Turn, Turn



"Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." *Matthew 21:31*

THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE
"Do nothing out of selfishness; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves..." Philipians 2:3

Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our own self-image. But, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put in our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. Pray every day for the people in your life: your family, your friends and those who make you angry.

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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.



October 1, 2023
Twenty-Sixth 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. 30 – Oct. 8, 2023

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
Mon. 8:00 am St. Joseph - Bellwood
Tues. 6:00 pm St. Joseph - Bellwood
Wed. 9:00 am Sara Castagnola - CDA
Thurs. No Mass
Fri. No Mass
Sat. 5:30 pm Megan Fortney – Jack Kindsey
Sun. 7:30 am Raymond & Alice Hogue – JR & Susie Gurekovich
Sun. 10:30 am For the People - Pastor

Sanctuary Candle for the week of October 1st is for the special intention of Cindy and Jack Zane.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE
Weekdays - S McNelis

Lectors – October 7 and October 8, 2023
Sat. 5:30 pm J Ieraci, G Miller, D Cunningham
Sun. 7:30 am S McNelis, A Lynn
Sun. 10:30am R Parker, D Parker, I Maceno

Extraordinary Ministers Eucharist–Oct. 7/Oct. 8
Sat. 5:30 pm P DelBaggio, C O’Rourke, R Bunch
Sun. 7:30 am S Zakrzwski, D Zakrzwski, M Rozick
Sun. 10:30am S Stoner, D Castagnola, S Thomas

Altar Servers: October 7 and October 8, 2023
Sat. 5:30 pm M Abernethy, G Vaughn
Sun. 7:30 am TBD
Sun. 10:30 am B Davis, A Davis

Activities for the Week: Oct. 2 to Oct. 8
Wed. 3:30 pm - Rosary (C)
6:30 pm – OCIA (GS)
Thurs. 6:30 pm - Bingo (H)
Sat. 12 noon – Fatima Rosary
Sun. 9:00 am – Religious Sunday
12 noon – Pet Blessing

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

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Rows include Financial Report – September 24, 2023, Beginning July 1, 2023 and Ending June 30, 2024, and 2023 Catholic Ministries Drive TARGET.

We have several parishioners who would like to hear from
our parishioners as they regain their strength and health.
Mary Jane Shank, Maybrook Hills 301 Pleasant Valley
Blvd. Room 258, Altoona, PA 16602 and Harry Sickler,
Room D211, Garvey Manor, 1037 South Logan Blvd,
Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

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 Smyder, 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 Woomer, 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.

PRO-LIFE PRAYER
Good and gracious God,
please grant that all who believe in
your Son may proclaim the Gospel of Life
with honesty and love to the
people of our time.
Grant us the grace to accept
that Gospel as a gift ever new,
the joy of celebrating it with gratitude
throughout their lives and the courage to
bear witness to it, resolutely, in order to build,
together with all people of good will,
the civilization of truth and love,
to the praise and the glory of you
Lord God, the Creator
and lover of all life. . . . Amen.

Stewardship Reflection Today’s readings
challenge the modern-day disciple to imitate
more fully both the actions and attitudes of
Christ. This is, after all, the point of our
stewardship way of life.

St Paul encapsulates the actions and attitudes
we must strive for in the Second Reading, from
the Letter to the Philippians. “Do nothing out of
selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly
regard others as more important than yourselves,
each looking out not for his own interests, but
also for those of others.” In other words, Paul
continues, “Have in you the same attitude that is
also in Christ Jesus.” Whether we are at work or
school or within our own homes, our actions
should be focused on others first in imitation of
Christ, Who is always perfectly focused on
others.

We are called to a high and holy standard –
living as Christ’s disciples every day and with
every person the Lord places in our path. But we
can move towards this goal in “baby steps.” We
can even take a step backward from time to time
because our Father is merciful and kind. What
matters is that we keep baby-stepping along,
assured of the grace we need to more closely
imitate the actions and attitudes of Christ. This
is the beauty of the stewardship way of life.

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

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

Each October the Church in the United States
celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first
Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life
Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish,
defend, and protect those who are most
vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end,
and at every point in between.

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

Mass for Widows and Widowers – Remember
your loved ones on Sunday, October, 29, 2023
with a televised Mass Celebrated by Bishop Mark
Bartchak at 11 am on WATM ABC 23 and will
rebroadcast that night at 9 pm on Breezeline Channel
9. The Mass will also be able to view, online at the
Diocese Vimeo page at vimeocom/user53173075.
All spouses will be acknowledged and remembered
at Mass. All persons who have lost a spouse through
death throughout the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are
invited to register by contacting the Family Life
Office 814-317-2643 or familylife@dioceseaj.org.
When registering, please give your name, address,
phone number and the name of your spouse who has
passed away. The last day to register is Tuesday,
October 24, 2023 the event is sponsored by the
Diocesan Family Life Office and the Catholic
Ministries Drive.