

Families and the Gospel ~ John 1:35-42
Jesus' question in today's gospel is still valid today: "What are you looking for?" What do you want from your spouse, children or parents? Families are populated with imperfect people. To expect perfection is unreal. To expect and accept imperfection is wisdom.

On Monday, **January 15, 2024**, the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a bowling and pizza party at the Bavarian hall for K-12 students from the St. Joseph and St. Matthew Parishes as well as a guest from 1-3 pm. Please sign-up in the gathering space.

Upcoming 2024 Diaconate class: Saint Paul, Apostle to the Gentiles taught by Deacon Michael Russo via Zoom. Dates: January 16, 23, 30 and February 6, 2024 from 6 – 8:30 pm. Registration form can be found on the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown website www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry. Deadline to register is this week.

37th ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE MARCH - Sunday January 14, 2024, 12:00 noon - Prayer Service at St. Matthew Church in Tyrone, followed by the 1.25 mile walk to Oak Grove Cemetery to the grave of Baby Agnes Doe, for another short prayer service.

For those who cannot participate in the walk, you are invited to join with the Catholic Daughters' to participate in the recitation of the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for the unborn.

A hot luncheon will be served in the parish hall after the march. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus, Saint Gregory Council and the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Saint Rita for sponsoring this event.

CDA Court Saint Rita #523 from Tyrone is sponsoring a chartered bus trip to **Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster on Thursday, April 25th to see Daniel**. Departure time will be 7 am from the Bull Pen in Tyrone. Other possible pick-ups will be at Lowe's in Altoona at 6:30 am and Home Depot in State College at 7:45 am. We will arrive back in Tyrone around 8:30 pm. The cost for the trip,

including transportation and the show is \$175. Meals will be on your own. We will stop for dinner around 4 pm at Hoss's in Lewistown. Call, text, or email Amy Brisbin at 814-931-4702, amylbrisbin@gmail.com. Please respond by **February 28th**. Payment by check to "CDA" will be due on March 6th.

CDA Court Saint Rita #523 is sponsoring a Community night fundraiser at Hoss's in Altoona (621 Valley View Blvd.) on **Sunday, January 21, 2024**. Dine there at any time during that day and mention the fundraiser and a portion of the cost of your dinner will be donated to CDA. Reminders will be posted in the Gathering Space. You may also purchase scrip to help benefit our Catholic School.

Cultivating Quiet



"They saw where he was staying and they stayed with him." John 1:35-42

"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'"

John 1:38

When we recognize who we are, it's easier to find what we are looking for. Once we see ourselves, and others, as children of God, we spend less time looking for the material comforts of the world. Instead, our hearts long for something deeper that can only be filled by God. Ask God daily how He wants you to live the life He intended for you.

SAINT MATTHEW
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
1105 Cameron Avenue
Tyrone, PA 16686

Pastor: Reverend Father Michael Pleva
Phone: (814) 684-1480 (Parish Office & Rectory)
Fax: (814) 684-7969
Website: www.stmatthewtyrone.org
Email: stmatthewtyrone@gmail.com

Parish Office Staff:
Financial & Administrative Assistant: **Deborah Zakrzewski**

Office Hours:
Monday 8:30 am to 12:00 pm
Wednesday & Friday 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

Director of Religious Education: Lauren Wright
Call: (814) 312-0969 or email: lwright@dioceseaj.org

Director of Music: Leslie Estep
Call: (814) 684-4899 or email: lime458@verizon.net

Elementary to High School Classes: (Grades K-11):
Sunday mornings 9:00 am to 10:15 am (weekly during the school year)

OCIA: 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
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

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.



January 14, 2024
Second 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.
<i>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.</i>

Mass Schedule & Intentions
January 13, 2024 – January 21, 2024
Sat. 5:30 pm Margie Adamczyk – Steve & Chris Stoner
Sun. 7:30 am Deceased mbrs. of the Salvatore & Rosalia Cannistraci families – Charlie, Ann, & Brenda
Sun. 10:30 am For the People
Mon. 8:00 am – St. Joseph - Bellwood
Tues. 6:00 pm St. Joseph – Bellwood
Wed. 9:00 am Helen Kephart – Carole Golden & Family
Thurs. 8:00 am Sara Castagnola - CDA
Fri. 8:00 am Leonard Romano – Deborah A. Paisley
Sat. 5:30 pm Eric Cavallucci – Tera Weber
Sun. 7:30 am Jill Rodgers - Zakrzewski Family
Sun. 10:30 am George & Theresa Knab – Knab Family

Sanctuary Candle for the week of January 14th is in memory of Michael and Chad Dionis requested by Rose and Bill Long.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

Weekdays D Cunningham

Lectors – January 20/21, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm S Gavazzi, T Jeffries, A Cavallucci

Sun. 7:30 am A Lynn, S McNelis

Sun. 10:30am H Quinn, M Welker, W Rimmer

Extraordinary Ministers Eucharist Jan. 20/21, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm † M Raffetto, Sr., C Golden, P DelBaggio

Sun. 7:30 am † S Zakrzwski, D Zakrzwski, L Grove

Sun. 10:30am † S Stoner, S Thomas, M Morse

Altar Servers: January 20/21, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm M Abernethy, G Vaughn

Sun. 7:30 am TBD

Sun. 10:30 am E Lake, A Lake

Financial Report – January 7, 2024	
Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection	\$2,668 \$29(children)
Weekly (Sunday) Collection Goal	\$5,700
<u>Beginning July 1, 2023 and Ending June 30, 2024</u>	
Year to date Sunday Collection Income	\$141,761
Year to date Sunday Collection Goal	\$160,600
Yearly Collection Goal for Sundays	\$296,400
2024 Year to date Bingo Net Income	\$ 2,268
Second Collection	\$ 98
SMS Catholic School Envelopes	\$ 38
Religious Education Envelopes	\$ 20
Good Samaritan	\$ 20
2023 Catholic Ministries Drive TARGET	\$ 30,406
CMD Donations for 2023	\$ 59,397

Bishop Mark announces a plenary indulgence is available to Catholics who visit Franciscan parishes between now and **February 2nd** in celebration of the 800th anniversary of the first Nativity scene in Greccio, Italy, by Saint Francis of Assisi.

The Sweetest Ministry - Please consider volunteering to assist at the monthly refreshment weekend socials. Sign-up sheet is in the gathering space. Remember that without volunteers this ministry cannot continue. Please be generous with your time and talent.

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, Ed Dionis, Nate Dorman, Sergio Echeverria, Dorothy Fleming, Jack Futrick, Catherine Garland, Barb Gaval, T.C. Gheer, Perry Glace, Bob Grimarm, Mike Gurekovich, Dan Hahn, Sharon Hahn, Bill Hall, Shirley Hall, Dorothy & Jim Heaton, John Herist, Peggy Hickman, Bill Hunter, Peg Irvin, Carl Isenberg, Kitty Johnston, Steve Johnson, Dennis Kasic, Brian Kelley, Alexis Kensinger, Michael 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, Peggy Nelson, Patty Norris, Lawrence Papi, Adam Perry, LeeAnn Spangler Price, Halee Ridgeway, Shannon Riley, Gary Ritchey, Joel Rivera, 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 Wirthner, George Wolfe, Roberta Woomer, Crystal Wright, Ann Yaniello, Esther Zane.

Mass Scheduling for 2024 Mass requests are being accepted. Each family is limited to 3 Mass request per year with one being on a Sunday. All Mass requests for the recently deceased will be placed in the Mass schedule as received.

Did You Know? Father Michael is celebrating his one year anniversary serving our parish (January 10th). We graciously continue to give you our prayers and support. We are grateful to have a priest to guide us on our spiritual journal and to celebrate Mass and provide us with the Eucharist. Please extend your gratitude to Father Michael for his service and vocation.

The Annual Collection of Palm and religious Goods Exchange will begin next weekend. Give what you don’t need and take what you can use for your spiritual growth.

Stewardship Reflection Our readings today focus on the vital attributers of being a disciple of Christ. Our First Reading from Samuel unfolds the relationship between Samuel and the Lord. If we put ourselves in Samuel’s shoes, we can wonder how many times the Lord has spoken to us but we did not recognize His voice. God’s voice might already be present in the quiet of our hearts, in Scripture, or even in speaking through someone else. He speaks to us in various forms, but to recognize that it is Him, we must give Him a portion of our time by being still and listening to what He is calling us to do or not do.

Our journey a disciples of Christ is an ongoing adventure. To grow on this journey, we can seek first the Kingdom of God, listen to God’s voice in our lives, and be good stewards of what He has gifted us. With that, the Lord will res pond with “Come, and you will see!”

St. Matthew School volunteer librarian and retired Tyrone elementary school librarian, Mary Jane Rudakewich, is in need of transportation TO (Moring) and FROM (afternoon) cancer treatments in Altoona on the following dates: Jan. 24, Feb. 7, Feb. 21, March 6, and March 20. You do not need to stay during the treatment. If you can provide transportation **To** or **From** on any of these dates, please write your name and number on the sheet in the gathering space or call 814-684-0405.

Queen of Angels Parish in Central City (Somerset County) will host a lecture by Joseph Bielecki who will offer a presentation on Slovak culture on **Monday, January 22nd** in their activity center (738 Sunshine Avenue). The presentation will focus on three topics – regional differences in Slovakia, why Slovaks came to Western Pennsylvania, and cherished Slovak Easter Customs. Joseph S. Bielecki received his BA, MA and JD from Duquesne University. He was the recipient of a Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Travel Grant to Hungary in 1982. Attorney Bielecki has been the Chairman of the

Czechoslovak Classroom Committee at the University of Pittsburgh’s nationality Rooms Program since 1992. In 2000 he received a Millennium International Volunteer Award from the United States Department of State. The talk will be held from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm and will include refreshments. To register please call the Queen of Angels Parish office, 814-754-5224.

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.

Pray to Protect Human Life!

Nine Days for Life (January 16 – 24) is an annual novena for the protection of human life. Each day’s intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

Participants can download the novena or sign up to receive the daily prayers via email or text message.

<https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup>

Rest in Peace - Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marguerite “Maggie” Domenick. May God grant her eternal peace in His kingdom and her loved ones comfort and strength.