

Families and the Gospel Mark 9:2-10
The apostles thought they knew Jesus, but when he changed in front of them at the Transfiguration, they were afraid. In families we cannot freeze relationships because change and growth are inevitable. Children grow up, parents grow old and spouses change. Transfigurations are all around us and within us. Relationships can only grow when we embrace the new and let go of the old.

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. The cost for the trip, including transportation and the show is \$175. Call, text, or email Amy Brisbin 814-931-4702, amybrisbin@gmail.com. Please respond by **February 28th.**

CDA is sponsoring a **Seder Meal** on Sunday, March 10, 2024 at 4 pm. Cost is \$22.00 for adults and \$11.00 for children ages 6 to 11. Reservation deadline is **Sunday, March 3, 2024.**

Doctor Seuss week is almost upon us. Are you itching to read to a small group of very eager listeners? St. Matthew School has exactly what you need! On Thursday March 7, you are invited to sign up to read your favorite Doctor Seuss book (or one we provide) to one of our classes. If you are available, we would love to have you come read to our kids. A sign-up sheet is available in the Gathering Space. If you have any questions, feel free to call the school office at 814-684-3510.

Donations for the annual Easter Egg Hunt are being accepted. Small, individually wrapped candy and plastic eggs are being requested. Your donation would be appreciated. Please drop them off in the gathering space.

The Knights of Columbus will be having Lenten Fish Frys on the following dates: **March 8th and 15th.** The time is 5-6:30 pm in Harkins Hall. Eat-in or take out is available. Cost is \$13 for adults and \$7 for children. Come and enjoy the best fish dinner in the area and some fellowship!

The 59th Annual Novena in Honor of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held from **Monday, March 11 to Tuesday, March 19, 2024,** at Sacred heart Church (6th Avenue and 20th Street, Altoona, PA). Solemn Opening Mass will be celebrated on **Monday, March 11, at 7 pm.** A complete schedule will be available on the first night of the novena in the church.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will occur **every Thursday** after the morning Mass for one hour followed by Benediction. This is great opportunity for spiritual nourishment. ***Come and spend an hour with Jesus!***

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Experiences of Transformation



"The angel said to Abraham, 'Do not raise your hand against the boy. Do not do the least thing to him.'" Genesis 22:12
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"‘Here I am!’ he answered.”- Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, “*Here I am, Lord,*” when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say “*Here I am, Lord,*” when a neighbor needs our help, or when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it’s not convenient for us. Discipleship is not easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

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

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Sunday mornings 9:00 am to 10:15 am (weekly during the school year)

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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.



February 25, 2024
Second Sunday of Lent

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
February 24, 2024 – March 3, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm Helen Kephart – Cindy, Jim & John
Sun. 7:30 am Rozick, Wilson, & Smith Families – Mike and Becky Rozick
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 Clara Bennetti – Fred Bennetti
Thurs. 8:00 am Michael Tree Family - Estate
Thurs. 8:30 – 9:30 am **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction**
Fri. 8:00 am William & Hulda Engelman – Estate

Sat. 5:30 pm Anne & Frank Schneider - Family
Sun. 7:30 pm Connie Kollar – Donna Cunningham
Sun 10:30 am Bertha & John Yenter Jr. - Estate

Sanctuary Candle for the week of February 25th is in celebration of the 15th Wedding Anniversary of Mike and Becky Rozick.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

Weekdays R Long

Lectors – March 2/3, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm R Bunch, G Miller, D Cuningham
Sun. 7:30 am B Hiergeist, S Zakrzwski
Sun. 10:30am M Welker, R Morse, W Rimmer

Extraordinary Ministers Eucharist March 2/3, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm † K Raffetto, T Scordo, P DelBaggio
Sun. 7:30 am † M Rozick, B Rozick, L Grove
Sun. 10:30am † S Thomas, D Castagnola, L Wright

Altar Servers: March 2/3, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm H Narehood, B Ciampoli
Sun. 7:30 am TBD
Sun. 10:30 am G Naylor, D Pullara

The four-week Faith Sharing Group will be meeting on Monday evenings at 7 pm in the gathering space on Feb. 26, March 4, 11, and 18.

Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday in Lent at 9 am and 7 pm. Chaplet of the Divine Mercy is recited on Fridays at 6:30 pm

<u>Financial Report – February 18, 2024</u>		
Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection	\$9,613	\$24(children)
Weekly (Sunday) Collection Goal	\$5,700	
<u>Beginning July 1, 2023 and Ending June 30, 2024</u>		
Year to date Sunday Collection Income	\$177,555	
Year to date Sunday Collection Goal	\$194,800	
Yearly Collection Goal for Sundays	\$296,400	
2024 Year to date Bingo Net Income	\$	5,394
Second Collection	\$	219
SMS Catholic School Envelopes	\$	309
Religious Education Envelopes	\$	30
Good Samaritan	\$	335
2024 Catholic Ministries Drive TARGET	\$	29,219
CMD Donations for 2024	\$	7,113
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY! Please remember that one can have a lot of money but still live a really poor life and one can have no money at all and live a really rich life, that's because <u>what makes a person truly rich</u> is not how much they have but how much they give.		

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, 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, 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 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.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH WILL HOST THE NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY for the first time in many years on Friday, March 1st. All are invited to join in offering an hour of Eucharistic Adoration and prayer from 8-9 pm, 9-10pm or 10-11pm. Any questions, call Louise Krug at 814 742-8258.

Our Diocesan “Strength in Christ” Men’s Conference is scheduled for **Sunday, March 3rd** at Bertschi Center on the campus of Mount Aloysius College. The conference will begin at 11:30 am with check-in and lunch and will conclude at 5 pm with Bishop Mark celebrating Mass. Registration forms are on the Diocesan website and in the gathering space. Father Michael will be one of the featured speakers.

Lenten Guidelines All Fridays of Lent (March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29) are days of abstinence. **Good Friday (March 29th)** is a day of **fast and abstinence**.

Stewardship Reflection Our readings today are a powerful testimony to God’s profound love for each one of us. This is an important message that is conveyed during this holy season of Lent as we partake in the suffering, death and resurrection of God’s only Son. It is also a reminder for us as Christian stewards, to surrender all that we have to the Gracious Giver.

God desires to have an intimate relationship with us. As we entrust our lives to God, He will more fully reveal Himself to us. We will more clearly see Christ in our lives as He truly is and, in turn, we will become more dazzling ourselves.

Let us strive to journey up the mountain with Jesus during this Lenten season – growing in our intimate relationship with Him. May we reflect on His profound love for us on this journey. And let us pray for total surrender to His Providence.

Communal Penance Services – During the season of Lent, Catholics are encouraged to seek God’s healing and forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The following is a schedule of Communal Penance Services at various parishes.

Feb. 25th @ 5 pm – Saint Joseph, Bellwood
March 4 @ 7pm – Saint Matthew, Tyrone



: Let us pray during this holy season: **Our Father, as during Lent, let our hearts be filled with your Spirit so that we may grow deeper in your love. May our prayer lead us to a sincere desire to be close to you. May fasting help us rely on you and transform us into better people. May our almsgiving be a chance to serve our one human family around the world. Amen** Visit crsricebowl.org *The CRS Rice Bowls are available in the gathering space.*

Join in the upcoming Diaconate 2023-24 class, Patrology, taught by Deacon Michael Russo

that is being offered via ZOOM will begin March 6, 2024 from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm for 8 weeks. To register for classes please visit www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry or contact Jessica at 814-361-2000.

Catholic Ministries Drive (CMD) begins this week! Our parish goal for 2023 is \$29,219. The annual CMD supports programs and services beyond the resources of any single parish. These programs and services carry the essential work of our parishes beyond parish boundaries. It’s important to stress the ministries within our Diocese rely on parishioner support, and 100% of every donation to the Catholic Ministries Drive is restricted to the ministries funded by the CMD.

Please reflect on Bishop mark’s invitation when it arrives. Since our parish has the “YELLOW ENVELOPE” system, parishioners do not have to reply to the letter sent by the Diocese. You may still continue to use our monthly CMD envelopes. However, parishioners who prefer to donate online should use the system designed by the Diocese at the following link: <https://www.dioceseaj.org/> Go to the bottom of the webpage and click on the GIVING link. This will take you to the CMD option.

GARVEY MANOR CONFRATERNITY OF THE BROWN SCAPULAR This faith-filled group meets on the first Saturday of each month in the Chapel at Garvey Manor. We begin the rosary at 9:30 a.m. attend the 10 a.m. Mass, followed by spiritual reflection led by Sister Jacinta under the loving protection of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in the Hall. Membership is open to any Catholic who would find it spiritually beneficial to be united with others in pursuit of holiness. If interested call Sister Jacinta (814) 695-5571.