

Families and the Gospel John 2:13-25
Today's gospel says Jesus chased the merchants out of the temple, it doesn't say He was angry. Jesus teaches us to act from conviction and not from anger. He didn't condemn the merchants, only their business practice. Attack the behavior and not the person.

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**. Forms are in the gathering space. Please call the parish office with questions.

Doctor Seuss week is almost upon us. Are you itching to read to a small group of very eager listeners? 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 St. Matthew 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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Feed Jesus' hunger in suffering refugees . . . Offer legal assistance to Jesus in struggling immigrants . . . through the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.

Reach out to comfort Jesus' loneliness in isolated workers . . . through the pastoral work of the USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church.

Many Doors



"Jesus made a whip out of cords and drove the moneychangers out of the temple." John 2:15

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." - Exodus 20:4

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

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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.



March 3, 2024
Third 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.

*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
March 2, 2024 – March 10, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm Anne & Frank Schneider - Family
Sun. 7:30 am Connie Kollar – Donna Cunningham
Sun. 10:30 am Bertha and John Yenter, Jr. - Estate
Mon. 8:00 am St. Joseph - Bellwood
Tues. 6:00 pm No Mass
Wed. 8:00 am John J., Stella, & Gary L. Gurekovich – JR & Susie Gurekovich
Thurs. 8:00 am Healing & Blessings for Roberta Woomer – Her Morning Mass Friends
Thurs. 8:30 – 9:30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction
Fri. 8:00 am Joe Kern – Fred Bennetti
Sat. 5:30 pm Diana Bakosh – Steve and Chris Stoner
Sun. 7:30 pm For the People - Pastor
Sun 10:30 am Sara and Tony Castagnola - Family

Sanctuary Candle for the week of March 3rd is for the Cannistraci Family requested by Mary Jane Cornelius.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

Weekdays S McNelis

Lectors – March 9/10, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm B Lambert, D Strayer, J Ieraci
Sun. 7:30 am S Zakrzwski, A Lynn
Sun. 10:30am K Naylor, T Naylor, E Hewitt

Extraordinary Ministers Eucharist March 2/3, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm † P Lambert, C Golden, P DelBaggio
Sun. 7:30 am † G Baldauf, K Hoyne, B Rozick
Sun. 10:30am † J Terosky, M Morse, D Castagnola

Altar Servers: March 2/3, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm E Narehood, H Narehood
Sun. 7:30 am TBD
Sun. 10:30 am M Weber, C Weber

The four-week Faith Sharing Group will be meeting on Monday evenings at 7 pm in the gathering space on 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 25, 2024</u>	
Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection	\$5,000 \$62(children)
Weekly (Sunday) Collection Goal	\$5,700
<u>Beginning July 1, 2023 and Ending June 30, 2024</u>	
Year to date Sunday Collection Income	\$182,617
Year to date Sunday Collection Goal	\$200,500
Yearly Collection Goal for Sundays	\$296,400
2024 Year to date Bingo Net Income	\$ 6,018
Second Collection	\$ 0
SMS Catholic School Envelopes	\$ 180
Religious Education Envelopes	\$ 180
Good Samaritan	\$ 185
2024 Catholic Ministries Drive <i>TARGET</i>	\$ 29,219
CMD Donations for 2024	\$ 8,095
<i>THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY!</i> 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 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.

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

Men of God: Are you Irish Catholic? As we celebrate each March, Irish American Heritage Month, do you feel called to embrace more fully your Irish Culture and Catholic Faith? The Ancient Order of Hibernians is the Oldest, Largest Catholic Fraternal Organization in America. Interested in becoming a member call John Skelly 814-525-520 or JSkelley@atlanticbb.net or Tom Hallinan 814-934-7940 or xcrunr1@yahoo.com

Rest in Peace - Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jim Heaton, husband of Dorothy Heaton. May God grant him eternal peace in His kingdom and his loved ones comfort and strength.

Stewardship Reflection This week marks the halfway point in our season of Lent. Our readings call us to roll up our sleeves and persevere through the remainder of Lent by committing to a more faithful life with Christ. In our Gospel today, Jesus purifies the temple area because it is being misused as a marketplace. He becomes angry at their lack of reverence for God. He spills the coins of the money changers and overturns tables, saying, “Take these out of here, and stop making my Father’s house a marketplace.” Those who were with Him asked for a sign for doing this and He said, “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.” No one understood that He was referring to the death and resurrection of His Body. This season of Lent is only halfway done—there is still time to work through or shortcomings and purify our hearts for the glorious Easter morning. Let us not waste another moment. Let us commit to living more faithfully God’s commandments, let us seek God’s mercy and let us invite God to transform our hearts.

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.
March 4 @ 7pm – Saint Matthew, Tyrone

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) pledge and collections 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 that is found 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.

NEXT WEEK OUR SPECIAL COLLECTION SUPPORTS Catholic Relief Services which carries out the commitment of the Bishops of the United States to assist the poor and vulnerable overseas. We are motivated by the Gospel of Jesus Christ to cherish, preserve and uphold the sacredness and dignity of all human life, foster charity and justice, and embody Catholic social and moral teaching. As part of the universal mission of the Catholic Church, we work with local, national and international Catholic institutions and structures, as well as other organizations, to assist people on the basis of need, not creed, race or nationality.