

Families and the Gospel John 3:14-21
Today's gospel speaks of light and darkness. Often a parent is deliberately "left in the dark." Darkness can be comforting for it makes no demands n us. Light can be disturbing for it forces us to act. Parents walk a delicate balance of when to "sit in the dark" and when to "turn on the lights."

Saint Matthew School News – The second annual Cash Bash will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2024. Tickets will be available next weekend.

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 a Lenten Fish Fry on **March 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!*

Public Way of the Cross Parishioners are invited to walk the 1.25 mile Public Way of the Cross on Good Friday, March 29th starting at 12 noon at the front sidewalk of St. Matthew Church and

concluding at St. Matthew Church at 2 pm. Fourteen stops clergy and lay speakers will guide our Lenten steps as we commemorate Jesus' final hours and recall His agony in proving God's eternal love for us.

Easter Altar Flower order forms are due Sunday, March 24, 2024.

 Reach out to comfort those in need. Are you filling your Rice Bowl? Any sacrifice will help those in need. Make this part of your family Lenten journey.
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Messengers



"The light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light." John 3:19

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"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

**SAINT MATTHEW
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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Saint Matthew Catholic School
"serving our community since 1869"
Principal: Pauline Wiley
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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 10, 2024
Fourth 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 9, 2024 – March 17, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm Diana Bakosh – Steve and Chris Stoner
Sun. 7:30 am For the People - Pastor
Sun. 10:30 am Sara and Tony Castagnola - Family
Mon. 8:00 am St. Joseph - Bellwood
Tues. 6:00 pm St. Joseph - Bellwood
Wed. 9:00 am Mae & Daniel Romano – Brenda & Diane
Thurs. 8:00 am Living & Deceased members of the Verprauskus family - Zakrzwski Family
Thurs. 8:30 – 9:30 am **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction**
Fri. 8:00 am Kay Patton & Ann Beachem – Kathy Narehood
Sat. 5:30 pm Madeline MacNeill - AyeTepsic
Sun. 7:30 pm Clara Bennetti – Fred Bennetti
Sun 10:30 am Tony Castagnola - Family

Sanctuary Candle for the week of March 10th is in memory of Frank Smiach and Robert Zakrzwski, Sr. requested by the Zakrzwski family.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

Weekdays D Cunningham

Lectors – March 16/17, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm S Gavazzi, T Jerffries, J Rumberger
Sun. 7:30 am K Pearson, B Hiergeist
Sun. 10:30am A Langebacker M Welker, W Rimmer

Extraordinary Ministers Eucharist March 16/17, 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 † M Morse, L wright, S Stoner

Altar Servers: March 16/17, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm M Abernethy, G Vaughn
Sun. 7:30 am TBD
Sun. 10:30 am E Lake, A Lake

The four-week Faith Sharing Group will be meeting on Monday evenings at 7 pm in the gathering space on March 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 – March 3, 2024</u>			
Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection		\$7,346	\$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		\$189,986	
Year to date Sunday Collection Goal		\$206,200	
Yearly Collection Goal for Sundays		\$296,400	
2024 Year to date Bingo Net Income		\$	7,764
Second Collection		\$	258
SMS Catholic School Envelopes		\$	342
Religious Education Envelopes		\$	10
Good Samaritan		\$	80
2024 Catholic Ministries Drive		TARGET	\$ 29,219
CMD Donations for 2024		\$	10,210
<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, Dieter Hartsock, 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 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 Woomer, Crystal Wright, Ann Yaniello, Esther Zane.

Lenten Guidelines All Fridays of Lent (March 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 Father David Roesch, former paster of Saint Joseph Parish in Bellwood. May God grant him eternal peace in His kingdom and his loved ones comfort and strength.

Stewardship Reflection The Lord's words to Samuel about who should become the next king of Israel cut right to the heart of what matters in God's eyes, “man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart.” We often embrace the misconception that status and appearance are what is most important in life. Yet, God clearly states that it is our hearts that matter most.

Jesus tells us that if we live our lives as faithful stewards our deeds will shine out and be clearly seen as we reflect God's dream. What can we do so our deeds will bring light to the world in those around us? And how do we cultivate hearts worthy of God?

It starts in prayer, giving God undivided attention each day. Through this week set time aside for our Lord, He will work on our hearts so that they will become more like him. (Stewardship Bulletin Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Feb. 15, 2021)

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 10 @ 5:15pm – Saints Peter and Paul Parish, Philipsburg

March 10@ 7 pm – Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel, Loretto

March 12 @ 7 pm – Saint Francis Xavier Parish, Cresson

March 14 @ 5:30 pm Saint Mark Parish, Altoona

March 17 @ 3 pm Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Bellefonte

March 18 @ 7 pm Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Altoona

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.

This week our second collection will be to support 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, CRS works with local, national and international Catholic institutions and structures to assist people on the basis of need, not creed, race or nationality.

The ***Quiet Ministry*** series is an opportunity to recognize those members of our faith family that perform necessary ministries at Saint Matthew Church. Our Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, and Ushers are an essential participant in offering Mass to those of us in attendance. For many it takes overcoming understandable feelings of concern with regard to reading aloud, being in front of others, or feeling worthy to offer others the Eucharist. Yet, by trusting in the loving guidance of Christ, they become full participants in the most important aspects of our Mass. Next time you see one of these Ministers, be sure to thank them for their service to God and Saint Matthew Parish. IF you would be interested in learning more about being a Eucharistic Ministers, Lector, Altar Server, or Usher, as well as other opportunities to share our talents and time, please visit the ***Ministry Fair*** displays in the Gathering Space from March 16 through March 24.

Tim Francis will be visiting Holy Name Parish in Ebensburg, PA on **March 21, 22, and 23** and will present “Eucharistic Miracles,” the infinite value of the Holy Sacrifice of Mass, and the role the saints have in helping us grow in holiness. The presentation will be at 6:30 pm each evening. For more information on Tim Francis visit www.ScienceTestsFaith.com/HolyName.