


**Families and the Gospel** John 12: 20-33  
Relationships come with a price tag. We must be willing to entrust ourselves to another, to let go of our autonomy and die to our independence. It is in dying to our independence that we find interdependence with others.

**Saint Matthew School News** – The second annual Cash Bash will be held on **Saturday, May 4, 2024**. Tickets will be available after Masses and in the parish office.

Donations for the annual Easter Egg Hunt are being accepted. Small, individually wrapped candy and plastic eggs are being requested. Please drop your donation in the gathering space. The annual Easter Egg Hunt, a fun event for kids of all ages, will be on Saturday, March 30 at 10 am with 4,000 eggs to hunt for. Students in grades 5 through 12 are invited to help hide eggs at 9 am and earn service hours, then still hunt for eggs at 10 am. Separate hunt areas by age makes sure everyone has a great time. Come enjoy a special tradition with your Parish family.

The 59<sup>th</sup> 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 (6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Altoona, PA ).

**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.

 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.

The flower intention request calendar is in the vestibule. Please refer to it if you wish to reserve a weekend for a special occasion.

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

**Rest in Peace** - Please pray for the repose of the soul of Paul Pullara, Father of Joseph and Lindsey Pullara. May God grant him eternal peace in His kingdom and his loved ones comfort and strength.

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 same presentation will be given at 6:30 pm each evening. For more information on Tim Francis visit [www.ScienceTestsFaith.com/HolyName](http://www.ScienceTestsFaith.com/HolyName).

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*FOR WHAT ARE YOU WILLING TO DIE?*



"Unless the grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat."  
John 12: 24

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*“I will be their God and they shall be my people.”*

Jeremiah 31: 33  
What does it mean to be God’s people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren’t “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don’t know, just as God cares for each of us.

**SAINT MATTHEW  
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**Parish Office Staff:**  
Financial & Administrative Assistant: **Deborah Zakrzwski**

**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  
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**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

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](http://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 17, 2024**  
*Fifth 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 16, 2024 – March 24, 2024**  
  
**Sat. 5:30 pm** Madeline MacNeill – Aye Tepsic  
**Sun. 7:30 am** Clara Bennetti – Fred Bennetti  
**Sun. 10:30 am** Tony Castagnola Birthday  
Remembrance - Family  
  
Mon. 8:00 am St. Joseph - Bellwood  
Tues. 5:30 pm St. Joseph - Bellwood  
Wed. 8:00 am Tony & Sara Castagnola - Family  
Thurs. 8:00 am Phil Lusardi – Chris, Steve, & Michael Stoner  
**Thurs. 8:30 – 9:30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction**  
Fri. 8:00 am Mario Crocetti – Pearl Smiach  
**Sat. 5:30 pm** Sister Karen Duddy Birthday  
Remembrance – A Friend  
  
**Sun. 7:30 pm** Poor Souls in Purgatory – Anonymous  
**Sun 10:30 am** For the People - Pastor

*Sanctuary Candle* for the week of March 17<sup>th</sup> is in memory of Tony Castagnola requested by the Castagnola and Burkel family.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE**

**Weekdays** J Ieraci

**Lectors – March 23/24, 2024**

**Sat. 5:30 pm** G Miller, D Cunningham, D Strayer  
**Sun. 7:30 am** D Zakrzwski, A Lynn  
**Sun. 10:30am** K Naylor , T Naylor, A Brisbin

**Palm Sunday – Narrator and Speaker**

**Sat. 5:30 pm** B Lambert (N), T Jeffries (S)  
**Sun. 7:30 am** B Hiergeist (N), S Zakrzwski (S)  
**Sun. 10:30am** R Parker (N), D Parker (S)

**Extraordinary Ministers Eucharist March 23/24, 2024**

**Sat. 5:30 pm** † L Morrison, P Lambert, R Bunch  
**Sun. 7:30 am** † S Ronan, K Hoyne, G Baldauf  
**Sun. 10:30am** † D Castagnola, S Thomas, J Terosky

**Altar Servers: March 23/24, 2024**

**Sat. 5:30 pm** S Chappell, B Ciampoli  
**Sun. 7:30 am** TBD  
**Sun. 10:30 am** D Castagnola, L Castagnola

**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

<b><u>Financial Report – March 10, 2024</u></b>			
Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection	\$6,575	\$24(children)	
Weekly (Sunday) Collection Goal	\$5,700		
<b><u>Beginning July 1, 2023 and Ending June 30, 2024</u></b>			
Year to date Sunday Collection Income	\$196,585		
Year to date Sunday Collection Goal	\$211,900		
<b>Yearly Collection Goal</b> for Sundays	\$296,400		
<b>2024</b> Year to date Bingo Net Income	\$	8,907	
Second Collection	\$	0	
SMS Catholic School Envelopes	\$	515	
Religious Education Envelopes	\$	10	
Good Samaritan	\$	25	
<b>2024 Catholic Ministries Drive TARGET</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>29,219</b>	
CMD Donations for 2024	\$	12,266	

**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.

***Many Thanks:*** March 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Saint Matthew School celebrated Dr. Seuss Week! Along with many fun activities, we were blessed to have a wonderful group of parishioners come help us celebrate by reading one of their favorite Dr. Seuss books to each of the classes. The students had such a fun time! Thank you kindly for sharing your voices and your time with us!

***The Easter Basket:*** In many Eastern European countries, it’s a tradition to have a basket of food blessed on Holy Saturday. This Catholic ritual has been adopted by people of all ethnic backgrounds who enjoy this richly symbolic custom. The attachment on the bulletin depicts a Slovak tradition. You may change it to match your family’s ethic foods. The foods should have a place of honor at your festive Easter table. Everyone enjoys a sample of the food that was blessed. If this is not a tradition in your family maybe this year can be the start of one. More about this custom next week.

**Schedule for Holy Week and Easter**

***Saint Matthew Parish***

March 29<sup>th</sup> Good Friday Service – 3 pm  
Chaplet of Divine Mercy – 6:30 pm  
Stations of the Cross – 7 pm  
March 30<sup>th</sup> Easter Basket Blessing at 9:30 am for both Saint Joseph and Saint Matthew Parish  
March 30<sup>th</sup> Easter Vigil at 8 pm  
March 31<sup>st</sup> Easter Sunday Mass at 7:30 am  
Easter Sunday Mass at 10:30 am

***Saint Joseph Parish***

March 28<sup>th</sup> Holy Thursday Mass – 7 pm  
***Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass of the Lords Supper until 9 pm***  
March 29<sup>th</sup> Good Friday Service – 1 pm  
Stations of the Cross – 6 pm  
March 30<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday Mass at 9 am

**Stewardship Reflection** You are like a grain of wheat. Keeping your time, talent, and treasure, to yourself yields no harvest. With God’s grace we can die to ourselves and bear fruit for His kingdom. When you live for others, the evangelizing mission of Jesus Christ is revealed. Is God calling you to be charitable in a specific way this week?

We are called to detach from our own desires and entrust our lives to all that God has in store for us. As this Lenten season comes to a close, let us strive to partake in the richness God has offered to us through his covenant by more faithfully living out our call to be disciples of Christ, with frequent reception of the sacraments, and heartfelt service to our families and neighbors. ***(Stewardship Bulletin Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Feb. 22, 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 17 @ 3 pm** Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Bellefonte  
**March 18 @ 7 pm** Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Altoona  
**March 19 @ 7 pm** Good Shepherd Parish, Port Matilda

**March 20 @ 6 pm** Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona  
**March 21 @ 5:30 pm** Our Lady of Lourdes, Altoona  
**March 24 @ 4 pm** Saint Mary Parish, Hollidaysburg  
**March 24 @ 5:30 pm** Our Lady of Victory Parish, State College

This week’s ***Quiet Ministry*** focuses on helping others build a relationship with Christ, the core of what Jesus has called us all to do. RICA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a ministry that accompanies those wishing to find out more about the Catholic Church. The RCIA team aids these inquirers by sharing their own faith journey, providing information about Church teachings, and answering questions Religious Education and Saint Matthew School teachers and volunteers help share our faith with the youngest members of our Parish by passing on the value of building a loving relationship with Jesus, those involved in teaching are truly impacting our youth. Be sure to thank these quiet ministers for their service and if these ministries speak to your heart, visit the Ministry Fair displays in the Gathering Space from March 16<sup>th</sup> to March 24<sup>th</sup> or contact the church office or Steve Stoner (814-931-7964).

The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown proudly present Dr. Edward Sri for a 2-day event celebrating the national Eucharistic Revival at Mount Aloysius College in Cresson, PA  
**April 19<sup>th</sup> Day #1:** For high school, college, and young adult audience on the topics of men, women, and the Mystery of Love *and* when you pray: trust, surrender and the transformation of your soul.  
**April 20<sup>th</sup> Day #2:** For a general audience on the topics of: Be a transformed as a disciple of Christ: trust, surrender and the transformation of your soul: vibrant faith in a secular age. Register online at [www.dioceseaj.org](http://www.dioceseaj.org) or obtain a registration in the parish office. Direct all questions to Sister Linda LaMagna at 814-742-7894 or [llamagna@dioceseaj.org](mailto:llamagna@dioceseaj.org)