

Families and the Gospel Mark 14:1-15:47
The Passion of Jesus makes it clear, no one escapes suffering. Suffering is inevitable but no one should suffer alone. That is one of the primary roles of families, to stand with and support each other in suffering.


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 at 10 am the Blessing and hunt for eggs. Separate hunt areas by age makes sure everyone has a great time. Come enjoy a special tradition with your Parish family.

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 19th 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 20th 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 or obtain a registration in the parish office. Direct all questions to Sister Linda LaMagna at 814-742-7894 or llamagna@dioceseaj.org

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 (Cameron Avenue) of St. Matthew Church and concluding at St. Matthew Church at 2 pm.

PCGG (Prison Christian Growth Group) is seeking volunteers interested in ministering to inmates at Benner and Rockview prisons. Twice a month, PCGG members visit Rockview and one a month, Benner. A fulfilling and inspiring ministry, members are answering Jesus’s call to visit the prisoners. Anyone interested in more information may contact Teresa Jeffries at 814-381-1317 or jeffriesteresa2@gmail.com

 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.

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

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THE PASSION PROLONGED



"Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" Mark 11: 10

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THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE
“Pilate again said to them, ‘Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?’ And they cried out again, ‘Crucify him.’” Mark 15: 12-13

Jesus told us “whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me.” Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone’s prayer.

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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**
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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 24, 2024
Palm Sunday – The Passion of Our Lord
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 23, 2024 – March 31, 2024
Sat. 5:30 pm Sister Karen Duddy Birthday
Remembrance – A Friend
Sun. 7:30 am Poor Souls in Purgatory – Anonymous
Sun. 10:30 am For the People - Pastor
Mon. 11:00 am Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament – Altoona, PA
Tues. 6:00 pm St. Joseph - Bellwood
Wed. 9:00 am Priests of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese - Anonymous
Thurs. 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper at St. Joseph
Fri. 3:00 pm **Good Friday Service of the Passion of Our Lord**
Fri. 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
Sat. 8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass
Sun. 7:30 am Easter Sunday Mass – Easter Flower Intentions
Sun 10:30 am Easter Sunday Mass – For the People

Sanctuary Candle for the week of March 24th is in Thanksgiving for the assistance provided by Adam & Lynda Hoover and family requested by John and Sylvia Lewis.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE
Weekdays R Long

Good Friday Service

R1 – D Strayer **Passion Narrator** – S Cowher
R2 – D Zakrzwski **Passion Speaker** – B Lambert
C – S Zakrzwski
Eucharistic Minister – K Raffetto
Altar Servers – E Narehood, H Narehood

Lectors – March 30/31, 2024

Sat. 8:00 pm R1 J Ieraci, **R2** A Lynn, **R3** A Brisbin, **R4** R Bunch C D Zakrzwski
Sun. 7:30 am S McNelis, D Zakrzwski
Sun. 10:30am R Parker, D Parker, I Maceno

Extraordinary Ministers Eucharist March 30/31, 2024

Sat. 8:00 pm † P DelBaggio, G Baldauf, L Wright
Sun. 7:30 am † S Zakrzwski, B Rozick, M Rozick
Sun. 10:30am † S Stoner, D Castagnola, S Thomas
Or
Altar Servers: March 30/31, 2024
Sat. 8:00 pm B Wright, D Castagnola, L Castagnola, C Weber
Sun. 7:30 am TBD
Sun. 10:30 am B Davis, A Davis

Financial Report – March 17, 2024		
Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection	\$5,526	\$32(children)
Weekly (Sunday) Collection Goal	\$5,700	
Beginning July 1, 2023 and Ending June 30, 2024		
Year to date Sunday Collection Income	\$	202,143
Year to date Sunday Collection Goal	\$	217,600
Yearly Collection Goal for Sundays	\$	296,400
2024 Year to date Bingo Net Income	\$	8,907
Second Collection	\$	228
SMS Catholic School Envelopes	\$	185
Religious Education Envelopes	\$	60
Good Samaritan	\$	80
2024 Catholic Ministries Drive	TARGET	\$ 29,219
CMD Donations for 2024		\$ 12,877

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 Grimarml, 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.

The Easter Basket: . The blessing of Easter food is a festive occasion. People take special pride in preparing a decorative and tasteful basket with crisp linens (possibly embroidered for the occasion), both lining the basket and covering the food which symbolizes the covering of Christ’s burial shroud. These covers are usually passed down from generation to generation. Since Roman Catholics and Orthodox Christians fast during Lent, none of the blessed food is eaten until after Mass on Easter Sunday. Generally, each member of the family eats a sample of everything in the basket While tastes vary by region and family, the basket usually contains smoked meats, sausage, butter, cheese, bread, salt and decorated/colored eggs. A white candle symbolizing Jesus, the light of the world, is placed in the basket so it can be lit during the Blessing. Another tradition is to tie two nails together in the form of a cross and place them in the basket. The foods that have a place of honor on the festive Easter table are the decorated hard boiled eggs, which are

broken and shared by all, and a lamb molded of butter or pastry representing Christ as the “Lamb of God” Butter may also be placed into a glass container with cloves in the form of a cross studding the top. Refer to the bulletin insert in last week’s bulletin for more information If this is not a tradition in your family maybe this year can be the start of one. **Blessing of Easter Food Baskets will take place on Holy Saturday at 9:30 am in the sanctuary.**

Communal Penance Services

March 24 @ 4 pm Saint Mary Parish, Hollidaysburg
March 24 @ 5:30 pm Our Lady of Victory Parish, State College

Holy Week: Mon. March 25th to Sat. March 30th

--**Monday:** The annual **DIOCESAN CHRISM MASS** will be held at 11AM at the Altoona Cathedral. Bishop Mark will bless the Oil of the Sick, Oil of Catechumens, and Sacred Chrism in the midst of this beautiful and moving Liturgy at which priests will also renew their vows.

--**Holy Thursday:** **MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER** will take place at 7 pm at Saint Joseph Parish.. This will include a Presentation of the Newly Blessed Oils. Mass will be followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 10 pm.
Holy Thursday is the commemoration of the Last Supper of Jesus Christ, when he established the sacrament of Holy Communion prior to his arrest and crucifixion. It also commemorates His institution of the priesthood. The holy day falls on the Thursday before Easter and is part of Holy Week. Jesus celebrated the dinner as a Passover feast. Christ would fulfill His role as the Christian victim of the Passover for all to be saved by His final sacrifice.

--**Good Friday**
3:00 pm **Commemoration of the Death of our Lord**
6:30 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
Good Friday, one of the most solemn days in the Christian liturgical calendar, marks the **crucifixion of Jesus Christ.** On this day, Catholics around the world engage in various practices to remember Christ's sacrifice, and among these is the Veneration of the Cross.

Canon 1251: **Abstinence** from eating meat or another food according to the prescriptions of the conference of bishops is to be observed on *Fridays throughout the year* unless they are solemnities; **abstinence and fast** are to be observed on **Friday of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ.** **Canon 1252:** All persons who have completed their 14th year are bound by the law of abstinence; all adults are bound by the law of fast up to the beginning of their 60th year.

--**Holy Saturday**

9:30 am Blessing of Easter Food Baskets of St. Joseph and St. Matthew parishes
10:00 am Blessing of Easter Baskets followed by an Easter Egg Hunt. Church decorating will also take place.
8:00 pm Easter Vigil
On Holy Saturday **the earth waits in stillness for the Resurrection of the Lord.** Every time we say the creed, we note that Jesus "descended into hell." Holy Saturday is the day that commemorates this event. On Holy Saturday the Church is, as it were, at the Lord's tomb, meditating on his passion and death, and on his descent into hell, and awaiting his resurrection with prayer and fasting.

Schedule for Holy Week and Easter
Saint Matthew Parish

March 29th Good Friday Service – 3 pm
Chaplet of Divine Mercy – 6:30 pm
Stations of the Cross – 7 pm
March 30th ***Easter Food Basket Blessing*** at 9:30 am for both Saint Joseph and Saint Matthew Parishes
March 30th ***Children Easter Basket Blessing*** and Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 am
March 30th Easter Vigil at 8 pm
March 31st Easter Sunday Mass at 7:30 am
Easter Sunday Mass at 10:30 am

Saint Joseph Parish
March 28th Holy Thursday Mass – 7 pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass of the Lord’s Supper until 10 pm
March 29th Good Friday Service – 1 pm
Stations of the Cross – 6 pm
March 30th Easter Sunday Mass at 9 am