

Families and the Gospel

John 20:19-31

In today's gospel Jesus teaches, "Blessed are those who have not seen and believe." Accepting someone as they are, without demanding they prove themselves or meet our expectations, creates a rich relationship. Without acceptance a home is only a house and a family is just a group of house mates.

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. If you can't attend but are willing to make a monetary donation or donate items for the basket raffle, please contact the parish office.


Religious Education News: Next weekend at the 5:30 pm Mass, our First Communicants will receive our Lord. Please come and share in their joy!

Father Michael and students from Saint Matthew School were on Proclaim last weekend to celebrate Easter. If you didn't have an opportunity to view this live you can still do so by visiting the Diocese website at dioceseaj.org

One of our parishioners Harry Sickler is in Garvey Manor/Our Lady of the Alleghenies Residence, Room C1-11-A; 1037 South Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648. If you can, please send him a card or note of well wishes.

As you hear our organist Richard Merryman playing, have you wondered how he achieves such varied sounds? During a recent organ lesson Mr. Merryman had several young Saint Matthew School pianists, he explained the different parts of the organ and how each sound is used to enhance certain aspects of the Mass for those in attendance. Understanding the complexity of this special instrument, the oldest pipe organ in Tyrone, and knowing why certain sounds occur at certain times helps all

of us have a more meaningful experience as we are uplifted by its' majestic harmonies. Enjoy Richard Merryman's knowledge and talent by watching the presentation on the Saint Matthew Church Facebook page at **SaintMatthewTyrone**. Thank you to Doug Castagnola for editing the video.

 Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl in the Gathering Space or donate crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Save the Date: SUMMER BIBLE CAMP will be held at St. Joseph Parish on June 17 - 21, from 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the Saint Joseph Social Hall.

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Called to WITNESS



"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." John 20:29

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THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..." - Acts 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.

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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.



April 7, 2024
*Second Sunday of Easter –
Divine Mercy Sunday*

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
April 6 2024 – April 14, 2024**

Sat. 5:30 pm Shirley Hosband – Steve & Chris Stoner
Sun. 7:30 am Clara Bennetti – Fred Bennetti
Sun. 10:30 am Bill Frantz & Dean Romanis – Virginia Frantz
Mon. 8:00 am St. Joseph - Bellwood
Tues. 6:00 pm St. Joseph - Bellwood
Wed. 9:00 am Kay Reist - Friend
Thurs. 8:00 am Descendants of the Gurekovich family – JR & Susie Gurekovich
Fri. 8:00 am Regis Endler – Zakrzwski family
Fri. 8:30 – 9:30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction
Sat. 5:30 pm John Edward & Marty Rhoades – Aye Tepsic
Sun. 7:30 am Bertha & John Yenter, Jr. - Estate
Sun 10:30 am For the People - Pastor

Sanctuary Candle for the week of April 7th is in memory of Dennis Boscaino requested by his family.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

Weekdays S McNelis

Lectors – April 13/14, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm T Jeffries, D Strayer, B Lambert

Sun. 7:30 am K Pearson, S McNelis

Sun. 10:30am S Cowher, A Brisbin, I Weber

Extraordinary Ministers Eucharist April 13/14, 2024

Sat. 8:00 pm † C Golden, S Burkholder, R Bunch

Sun. 7:30 am † S Ronan, R Long, K Hoyne

Sun. 10:30am † S Stoner, L Wright, J Terosky

Or

Altar Servers: April 13/14, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm S Chappell, B Ciampoli

Sun. 7:30 am TBD

Sun. 10:30 am M Weber, C Weber

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, 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 Woomeer, Crystal Wright, Ann Yaniello, Esther Zane.

Stewardship Reflection On this second Sunday of Easter, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. We celebrate this feast today since God’s mercy was shared with us through the resurrection of Jesus. To put it simply, we are celebrating Jesus’ merciful love for us and how we can partake in it. No matter where we are on our journey as a disciple of Christ, we are all in need of God’s merciful love. There are countless times throughout the day when we miss the mark. For instance, we might fail to respond in kind to our spouses or kids, fall into gossip in our workday, or even forget to think positively of others. These shortcomings call us to humble ourselves and receive the unwavering mercy of God. Let us continue to celebrate today, as we are in the midst of our glorious Easter season! As we celebrate, may we recall the precious gift God has given to us through His Son – Mercy itself. May we never forget that, with a contrite heart and a resolution to do better, God is always willing to forgive. And may we never withhold merciful love from anyone we meet.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – April 7th

The Parish will commemorate *Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7th*; with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm. At 3:00 pm the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament will take place. All are welcome to come and pray.

The Message of the Divine Mercy that Sr. Faustina received from the Lord was not only directed toward her personal growth in faith but also toward the good of the people. When the command of our Lord to paint an image according to the pattern that Sr. Faustina had seen, came also a request to have this image venerated, first in the Sisters’ chapel, and then throughout the world. The same is true with the revelations of the Chaplet. The Lord requested that this Chaplet be said not only by Sr. Faustina, but by others: “Encourage souls to say the Chaplet that I have given you.” The same is true of the revelation of the Feast of Mercy. “The Feast of Mercy emerged from my very depths of tenderness. It is my desire that it solemnly be celebrated on the First Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the fount of My Mercy.”

Welcome and God Bless You!

As a Saint Matthew Parish family we welcome our newest fully initiated Catholics who were Confirmed and received First Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil:

- Tamara Boose
- Christopher Gates
- Mason Swabick
- Michael Tyler

Congratulations! May you always grow closer to the Lord in the Eucharist and may God continue to shower you with His Blessings!

The ***Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown proudly presents 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 Deadline is April 8, 2024.

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

HOLY WEEK/EASTER THANK YOU to Father Michael and the many parishioners both here at St. Matthew and also at St. Joseph who contributed to the prayerful celebration of the holiest week in our church calendar: music ministry, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, ushers, church cleaners, decorators, altar flower donations, OCIA instructors, and many more. Many hours of behind-the-scenes preparation go into our special Triduum services, Easter Vigil and Mass, and throughout the Easter Season.

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| Financial Report – March 31, 2024 | |
| Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection | \$3,302 \$27(children) |
| Weekly (Sunday) Collection Goal | \$5,700 |
| Beginning July 1, 2023 and Ending June 30, 2024 | |
| Year to date Sunday Collection Income | \$ 208,857 |
| Year to date Sunday Collection Goal | \$ 229,000 |
| Yearly Collection Goal for Sundays | \$ 296,400 |
| 2024 Year to date Bingo Net Income | \$ 10,230 |
| Second Collection | \$ 0 |
| SMS Catholic School Envelopes | \$ 210 |
| Religious Education Envelopes | \$ 0 |
| Good Samaritan | \$ 616 |
| 2024 Catholic Ministries Drive TARGET | \$ 29,219 |
| CMD Donations for 2024 | \$ 13,967 |

BUS TRIP TO FRANCISCAN MONASTERY, WASHINGTON, DC

Spend a beautiful spring day with the Franciscan Friars, TOR at Franciscan Monastery in Washington, DC on Wednesday, April 24th! The trip will include Mass, tours of the upper and lower church, and beautiful outdoor garden. Part of the tour includes replicas of the Holy Lands that are throughout the campus. The cost is \$120 and includes lunch, dinner, a donation to the DC Monastery and all tips. The bus departs from St. Bernardine Monastery, Hollidaysburg at 7:00 AM and returns at approximately 8:00 PM. For questions or to register, call 814-695-3802 or Franciscan Friars, TOR, PO Box139, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648. Registration deadline is April 14th!