

Families and the Gospel - Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-2
 In today's gospel Jesus was "praised by all" except at home in Nazareth where the "eyes of all were intently on him." Acceptance can be hard to find at home due to unreal EXPECTATIONS. Jesus challenges us to "proclaim liberty" to anyone "oppressed" or "captive" by our EXPECTATIONS.

Mass Scheduling for 2025 Mass requests are being accepted. Each family is limited to 3 Mass request per year with one being on a Sunday. All Mass requests for the recently deceased will be placed in the Mass schedule as received.

If you are interested in sponsoring the Sanctuary candle and Altar Flowers for 2025, the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

The Family Activities Committee of Catholic Daughters of America is planning a Paint and Pizza Activity. This activity will be held at Harkin's Hall on **Saturday, February 15th after the 5:30 Mass from 6:15 until 8:15 pm.** Participants will be doing a themed painting on Canvas. All ages are welcome. We will have pizza, snacks and beverages. No need to RSVP. If you have any questions, call or text Amy at 814-931-4072

Ministry Training: Training sessions for Lector, Eucharistic Minister, and Altar Servers will be held after each Mass on **January 25th and 26th.** Please consider how you can serve God and our Parish. If you have questions or need to arrange a different training time, contact Steve Stoner at 814-931-7964.

THE ALTOONA CHAPTER OF THE NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY holds a vigil prayer once a month from 8:00 pm -11:00 pm. Volunteers are needed during each hour of the Eucharistic Adoration. Please join other St. Joseph parishioners at Our Lady of Lourdes in Altoona on **Friday, March 7,** from 9:00-10:00 p.m.

Please join St. Mark/Holy Rosary Parish's bus trip to see Noah - 30th Anniversary Limited Showing at the Sight and Sound Theatre on **Wednesday, April 9, 2025.** The cost of the bus

trip includes the 11 am show and 2:15 pm lunch smorgasbord at Hershey Farm Restaurant. \$195.00/adult and \$140.00/child (ages 3-12). Please contact Robyn Murphy 814-931-5683 or Diane O'Leary 814-935-2114 to reserve your seat.

2024 Income Tax Statements will be available upon request. See the gathering space where there are envelopes to place your name so that your request can be processed.

SAVE THE DATE: Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 16-20, 2025 from 6-8 pm

MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN OLD ENOUGH TO UNDERSTAND



"Today, this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." Luke 4: 21

THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

"Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared..." Nehemiah 8:10

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here's the hard part - to share all we have without expecting anything in return.

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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.



January 26, 2025
The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 & 6:00 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday at 12:30 pm
 or anytime upon request.

Mass Schedule & Intentions
January 25, 2025 – February 2, 2025

- Sat. 5:30 pm** Lee and Fran Wertz – Rick & Ann Knab
- Sun. 7:30 am** Anderchin Family – Stephanie & Dennis Medvich
- Sun. 10:30 am** Bonnie Lou Ashcroft – Ron & daughter Bonnie Jean
- Mon. 8:00 am St. Joseph
- Tues. 6:00 pm St. Joseph
- Wed. 9:00 am Eric Cavallucci – daughter, Ava
- Thurs. 8:00 am Mike Ronan – Mary Maloney
- Fri. 8:00 am Connie Steinbeiser – Jeff & Becky Knott and family
- Fri. 8:30-9:30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction**
- Sat. 5:30 pm** For the People - pastor
- Sun. 7:30 am** Helen Smith – Marcia Stager
- Sun 10:30 am** William Vyhonsky – wife, Judy



Sanctuary Candle for the week January 26th is for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

Weekdays J Ieraci

Weekend Assignments

Lectors – Feb. 1 and 2, 2025

Sat. 5:30 pm S Burkholder, D Cunningham, G Miller

Sun. 7:30 am K Pearson, M Welker

Sun. 10:30 am MJ Gunter, Shane Cowher, I Weber

Extraordinary Ministers Eucharist Feb. 1 and 2, 2025

Sat. 5:30 pm † K Raffetto, M Raffetto, C Golden

Sun. 7:30 am † M Rozick, B Rozick, L Grove

Sun. 10:30 am † L Wright, M Morse, S Thomas

Altar Servers: Feb. 1 and 2, 2025

Sat. 5:30 pm H Narehood, A Vasbinder,

Sun. 10:30 am M Weber, C Weber

Financial Report – January 19, 2025

Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection \$6,530 \$38(children)

Beginning July 1, 2024 and Ending June 30, 2025

Year to date Sunday Collection Income \$ 158,253

2024 Year to date Bingo Net Income	\$ 41,263
Second Collection	\$ 232
SMS Catholic School Envelopes	\$ 70
Religious Education Envelopes	\$ 31
Good Samaritan	\$ 315

2025 Catholic Ministries Drive **TARGET** \$ **TBD**

CMD Donations for 2024 \$ 3,109

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY! 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 what makes a person truly rich is not how much they have but how much they give.

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the *Voice of Divine Mercy*

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR ILL AND HOMEBOUND (Dec. 1 to June 1, 2025) Sue Chambers, Jack Chambers, Virginia Frantz, Martha Hagg, Francine Hughes, John Lewis, Rose Long, Mary Jane Shank, Harry Sickler, Dorothy Smyder, Jeff Wevodau, Rachel Harshman Wiggins, Esther Zane

Stewardship Reflections

Today's Second Reading, from St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, picks up where we left off last week and continues with a similar theme. The message is that we are each unique in the gifts and talents God has given to us, and therefore, we all have different tasks to fulfill as members of the Body of Christ.

And just what are we, as Christian stewards, aiming to achieve by sharing our gifts and talents? We are aiming to follow in the footsteps of our Lord, furthering with His grace the mission He began 2,000 years ago. What a noble purpose! What great dignity has been bestowed upon us, modern-day disciples, that we are called to this same task.

In the week ahead, let's take this mission to heart, examining the way we can use our gifts and talents for this mission and asking ourselves what it looks like in our unique circumstances to 'bring glad tidings to the poor', 'liberty to captives', 'sight to the blind', and 'freedom to the oppressed.' It might feel uncomfortable at first, but the good news is you don't have to do it alone. Do your part and know that the Spirit of the Lord is upon us all as we live out this stewardship way of life.

A retreat for parents and second grade students of St. Joseph and St. Matthew parishes will be held this **Sunday, January 26th** from 11:30 to 1 pm at St. Matthew Harkins hall. This retreat is to prepare our 2nd grade students for First Reconciliation.

Ministry Schedules for the month of February are available in the gathering space and have been emailed. Please contact Debbie Zakrzwski directly at stmatthewtyrone@gmail.com for errors etc.



The Jubilee Year: A time of Spiritual Renewal and Reinvigoration of Deepening Faith - A Jubilee Year offers a unique opportunity for spiritual

renewal and reinvigoration of the faith among Catholics. This a chance to deepen the spiritual life of our community, encouraging individuals and families to reconnect with their faith, seek reconciliation, and grow closer to God.

Emphasis on Mercy and Reconciliation: Given the themes often associated with Jubilee Years, such as mercy, forgiveness, and reconciliation, this Jubilee Year "Pilgrims of Hope" aligns with the Church's mission to bring people back to the sacraments, particularly confession and the Eucharist.

**2025 Jubilee Prayer
Pilgrims of Hope**

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasure of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown **STRENGTH IN CHRIST Men's Conference Sunday, March 30, 2025 from 11:30 am -5:30 pm** at Mount Aloysius College, Cresson. Join us for a day that includes lunch, Sunday Mass, talks from local priests, personal testimonies, and a panel discussion with local Catholic men. There is no cost to attend. Visit www.dioceseaj.org to register online. For those unable to register online, paper registration forms can be found in the gathering space. Registration closes March 21st.

Reminder: Announcements for the bulletin should be sent to stmatthewtyrone@gmail.com or dropped off at the office by Thursday in order to be included in the weekly bulletin. Thank you in advance for your attention to this deadline.

Also, if you would like to use church facilities you need to contact the parish office so that your meeting etc. can be placed on the master calendar in the parish office so that spaces are not double booked.

Diocesan Priest on the Eucharist on Saturday, March 29, 2025 from 9 am to 11:30 am at JFK Student Center at Saint Francis University, Loretto, PA featuring Father Jozef Kovacik, Father George Jakopac, and Father Brian Saylor. Register at dioceseaj.org/spring_priest_presentation or by contacting llamagna@dioceseaj.org with questions.

The Diocese of Altoona Johnstown has created a specific "**Your Parish Offertory**" giving site at www.dioceseaj.org/giving

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