

Families and the Gospel John 8:1-11
Stoning is not just an ancient act of violence. Each day is our homes we throw stones of ridicule, criticism, name-calling and put-down. All of it is deadly. Hear Jesus in today’s Gospel: “Whoever is without sin can throw the first stone.” Rid your home of violence. Stop verbal stoning!


Serving the Ill and Homebound – Are you aware of an individual who is currently unable to attend Mass and would like to receive the Eucharist in their home? Saint Matthew’s ministry to the ill and homebound offers this important Sacrament to those who are permanently homebound or living in a nursing facility as well as those who may be experiencing a temporary health issue. In order to arrange a visit, we must be made aware of the need and be invited by the individual or a family member or friend.

If you know of someone who could benefit from receiving the Sacrament as well as prayer and support, please complete the information form outside of the church office or call Steve Stoner at 814-931-7964. Thank you for helping us bring the joy of Christ to others.

Lenten alms for Mikayla – Mikayla is a 26 year-old parishioner of St. Joseph Parish who is in need of a multivisceral transplant. St. Joseph and St. Matthew Parishes are taking up a special collection to help Mikayla and her family. Please consider placing a donation in the collection basket anytime during Lent. Envelopes are in the gathering space.

Tyrone Community Players present Sister Robert Anne’s Cabaret Class on Friday, April 11th and Saturday, April 12th at 7:30 pm in Harkins Hall. Starring Rebecca Culp accompanied by Eileen Mitchell. Sister Robert Anne is spunky, sassy, sentimental, and devoted and unique. Join her for a fun-loving “class” and a light hearted evening of pure fun. Call 814-684-2782 for tickets and information. Tickets are also available at the door.

Rest in Peace - Please pray for the repose of the souls of M. Denise Madden, mother of Jamie DiDomenico and Janice Schmidt, sister of Judy Hahn. May God grant them eternal peace in His kingdom and their loved ones comfort and strength.

 Hunger impacts millions of women, men and children around the world. In 1975, Catholics in Allentown, Pennsylvania, prayed, fasted and gave alms to help people suffering from famine in the Sahel region of Africa—marking the beginning of what would become CRS Rice Bowl. Since then, generations of Catholics across the United States have come together each Lent with one common goal: to end global hunger. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Donations of small, individually wrapped candy to be placed in the plastic eggs for the Annual Easter Egg hunt would be appreciated. Donations can be dropped off in the gathering space.

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ACCUSER OR ACCUSED?



He bent down and wrote on the ground.
Luke 8: 8

THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE
“...For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ...”
Philippians 3: 8

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts - our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the Church helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us from becoming a slave to our possessions. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for the glory of ourselves.

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“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.



April 6, 2025
The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday at 5:30 pm
Sunday at 7:30 am and 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
April 5, 2025 – April 13, 2025

Sat. 5:30 pm Adolph & Marie Engelman - Estate
Sun. 7:30 am Dennis Boscaino - Family
Sun. 10:30 am Anna Lechner – Christine Replogle

Mon. 8:00 am St. Joseph
Tues. 6:00 pm St. Joseph
Wed. 8:00 am Adolph & Maria Engelman - Estate
Thurs. 8:00 am Francine Hughes – Nancy Hughes
8:30-9:30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction
Fri. 8:00 am Betty Ann Agosta – Zakrzwski family
9:00 am Stations of the Cross
6:30 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Sat. 5:30 pm Michael Ronan – a friend
Sun. 7:30 am For the People - Pastor
Sun 10:30 am Paul Golla – Nick & Debbie Castagnola



Sanctuary Candle for the week of
April 6th in memory Dennis
Boscaino requested by family.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

Weekdays R Long

Weekend Assignments

Lectors – April 12 and 13, 2025

Sat. 5:30 pm J Ieraci, S Burkholder, J Rumburger

Sun. 7:30 am M Welker, S McNelis

Sun. 10:30am T Naylor, K Naylor, G Naylor

Palm Sunday - reading of the Passion

	Narrator	Speaker
Sat. 5:30 pm	D. Strayer	T Jeffries
Sun. 7:30 am	S Zakrzwski	B Hiergeist
Sun. 10:30am	S Cowher	H Quinn

Extraordinary Ministers Eucharist April 12 and 13, 2025

Sat. 5:30 pm † P Lambert, L Morrison, C Golden

Sun. 7:30 am † D Zakrzwski, B Rozick, M Rozick

Sun. 10:30 am † J Terosky, D Castagnola, S Stoner

Altar Servers: April 12 and 13, 2025

Sat. 5:30 pm G Vaughn, K Shaffer

Sun. 10:30 am G Naylor, C Naylor

Financial Report – March 30, 2025

Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection \$5,560 \$70(children)

Beginning July 1, 2024 and Ending June 30, 2025

Year to date Sunday Collection Income \$ 212,090

2025 Year to date Bingo Net Income	\$ 14,181
Second Collection	\$ -
SMS Catholic School Envelopes	\$ 45
Religious Education Envelopes	\$ 5
Good Samaritan	\$ 5

2025 Catholic Ministries Drive TARGET \$ 30,000
CMD Donations for 2025 \$ 15,494

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR ILL AND HOMEBOUND

(Dec. 1 to June 1, 2025) Andrea Barton, Sue Chambers, Jack Chambers, Helen and Daryll Dillon, Virginia Frantz, T.C. Gheer, Martha Hagg, Cindy Hampton, Rick Hampton, Rob Hampton, Benji Johnson, Mary Ellen Jones, Ailani Myers, Mary Jane Shank, Harry Sickler, Dorothy Smyder, Jeff Wevodau, Larry Wevodau, Rachel Harshman Wiggins, Esther Zane

Stewardship Reflections

Once again this week we are reminded of what a loving and merciful God we serve. Consider these key verses from each of our readings on this fifth Sunday of Lent. First from Isaiah, “remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?” Next from St. Paul, “Forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God’s upward calling, in Christ Jesus.” Then the verse before the Gospel, “Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart; for I am gracious and merciful.” And finally, from the Gospel, these words from Christ to the woman caught in adultery, “Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore.”

A clear theme emerges from these verses – when we turn to God for forgiveness, He is indeed gracious and merciful. So much so, that not only will He forgive our sins without condemnation, He will make us completely new creations in Christ. Indeed, it seems our heavenly Father delights in doing this for His children. What gratitude we owe to Him!

If ever you feel unworthy to be called His disciple – to serve in a ministry or to tell others about your faith – because of your past or because of a vexing sin you can't seem to overcome, take heart! Seek out God's forgiveness in the healing sacrament of Confession. Then, forget what is behind you, be filled with gratitude that he has made you brand new – and go! He's counting on you to share His good news through your witness and through your service to those around you.

Please consider sending a letter of encouragement and “thinking of you” to our fellow parishioner, Virginia Frantz who recently moved into Garvey Manor @ 1037 S Logan Blvd., Room E 102, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

Save the Date: Parish Family Picnic on August 3rd in Pavilion 1 at Reservoir Park. Make this a true Parish event by signing up in the gathering space to help with the picnic preparations. We need you!

Saint Matthew Lenten Devotions:

Thursday 8:30 – 9:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction

Thursday 6 pm – Lenten Penance Service

Friday: 9:00 am Stations of the Cross
6:30 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saint Joseph Lenten Devotions:

Wednesday @ 7:30 am Holy Hour with Communion

Friday @ 6 pm Stations of the Cross

Friday @ 6:30 pm Adult enrichment class

Lenten Penance Services

Monday, April 7th

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Altoona @7 pm

Tuesday, April 8th

Good Shepherd Parish, Port Matilda @ 7 pm

Wednesday, April 9th

Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona @ 6 pm

Thursday, April 10th

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Altoona @ 5:30 pm

St. Rose of Lima Parish, Altoona @ 7 pm

Sunday, April 13th

St. Mary Parish, Hollidaysburg, 4 pm

Sts. Peter and Paul, Philipsburg, 5:30 pm

Our Lady of Victory, State College 6 pm

Tuesday, April 15th

St. Mary Parish, Altoona, 5:30 pm

Wednesday, April 16th

St. Catherine of Siena, Duncansville, 6 pm

Schedule for Holy Week and Easter

April 14th Chrism Mass - 11 am @ the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament

Saint Matthew Parish

April 17th Holy Thursday Mass – 7pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass of the Lord’s Supper until 9 pm

April 18th Good Friday Service – 3 pm
Chaplet of Divine Mercy – 6:00 pm
Stations of the Cross – 6:30 pm

April 19th Holy Saturday
Easter Egg Hunt – 10 am

April 19th Easter Basket Blessing - 12 noon

April 20th Easter Sunday Mass at 7:30 am
Easter Sunday Mass at 10:30 am

Saint Joseph Parish

Schedule for Holy Week and Easter

April 18th Good Friday Service – 1 pm

Stations of the Cross – 6 pm

April 19th Easter Basket Blessing – 11 am

Easter Vigil at 8 pm

April 20th Easter Sunday Mass at 9 am

Attention St. Matthew Singers! NOTE TIME CHANGE

Please consider participating in our choir this upcoming Holy Week. Rehearsals will be held on Wednesday evenings at **6:00 pm** in the choir loft – April 9. We will prepare music for the April 17th Holy Thursday Mass and for Easter morning at the 10:30 am Mass. Questions? Contact Leslie Estep (info. on front of bulletin). All are Welcome!

Please consider volunteering to participate in the washing of the feet during the Holy Thursday Mass on April 17th. The ceremony remains a beautiful part of Holy Thursday, reminding us that discipleship requires of us an imitation of Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us and showed us how to love one another. If interested, please contact the parish office.

On this fifth Sunday of Lent, the tradition of the veiling of crosses, statues, and images is observed in many churches. Crosses are unveiled on Good Friday, and images are unveiled before the beginning of the Easter Vigil. According to the USCCB Committee on Divine Worship, the veiling is a sort of “fasting” from sacred depictions, which represent the paschal glory of our salvation. Just as the Lenten fast concludes with the Paschal feast, so too, our fasting from the cross culminates in an adoration of the holy wood on which the sacrifice of Calvary was offered for our sins. Likewise, a fasting from the glorious images culminates at Easter with a renewed appreciation of the glorious victory won by the risen Christ, a victory that gave us the gift of eternal life.

Visitation Parish Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, Maryland on Friday, **May 16th**. The Pilgrimage will include bus transportation, tour of the Basilica, Mass and Dinner. Cost is \$65/person. Please call the rectory office at 814-536-6110 Ext. 1 by April 15th.