

Families and the Gospel Luke 22:14-23:56  
Today Jesus tells us “I am among you as one who serves.” In accepting the palm branch today you publicly confirm your baptismal promise to follow Jesus as “one who serves.” Selfless service defines a family as Christian.

**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.

**Rest in Peace** - Please pray for the repose of the soul of Robert Sharer, husband of Eddie. May God grant him eternal peace in His kingdom and his loved ones comfort and strength.

**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.

**Save the Date: Parish Family Picnic on August 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!

Visitation Parish Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, Maryland on Friday, **May 16<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

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 C 112, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

Parishioners are reminded that all flowers etc. should be removed at Oak Grove cemetery by **April 30<sup>th</sup>**. Grass seeding etc. will take place in May.

Please consider volunteering to participate in the washing of the feet during the Holy Thursday Mass on April 17<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Public Way of the Cross** - All are invited to the Public Way of the Cross procession on Good Friday. Starting at Noon at St. Matthew Church and proceeding 1.25 miles through town. The Way of the Cross offers inspiring messages of the Easter Season. Experience the intense feelings of faith as you carry the cross yourself. Bring the children to be moved by helping to carry the Cross as well. The process ends at St. Matthew Church by 2 pm.

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THE SAVAGERY OF SIN



"And the Lord turned and looked at Peter."  
Luke 22: 61

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THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP  
AS A WAY OF LIFE

“...I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me.” Luke 22: 34

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about God or our Catholic faith? How did you react? Do you remain quiet not to cause a disturbance? Or, because you don’t want people to think negatively about you? Or, because you don’t think you know enough about the Catholic faith? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful dialogue when the opportunity arises. Joyfully share your faith with others.

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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](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.*



*April 13, 2025*  
*Palm Sunday, The Passion of Our Lord*

**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 12, 2025 – April 20, 2025*

**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

**Mon. 8:00 am** St. Joseph  
**Tues. 6:00 pm** St. Joseph  
**Wed. 8:00 am** Carl Isenberg - Family  
**Thurs. 7:00 pm** For the Priests of the Altoona/Johnstown Diocese  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 9 pm**

**Fri. 3:00 pm** **Good Friday Service of the Passion of Our Lord**  
**6:00 pm** Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
**6:30 pm** Stations of the Cross

**Sat. 8:00 pm** Vigil Mass at St. Joseph  
**Sun. 7:30 am** For the People - Pastor  
**Sun 10:30 am** Easter Flower Intentions



*Sanctuary Candle* for the week of April 13<sup>th</sup> in memory of Primo and Phil Lusardi requested Chris, Steve, and Michael Stoner.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE**

**Holy Thursday – April 17, 2025**

**Lectors:** D Zakrzwski, J Ieraci, D Cunningham  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** D Castagnola, J Terosky, L Wright  
**Servers:** D Castagnola, L Castagnola, B Wright, J Gilliland  
NOTE: Servers should arrive 20 minutes before Mass

**Good Friday – April 18, 2025**

**Lectors:** T Jeffries, A Brisbin, S Zakrzwski  
**Passion:** Narrator: S Cowher  
Speaker: D Strayer  
**Servers:** M Weber , Chase Weber, B Wright

**Easter Sunday**

**Lectors – April 19 and 20, 2025**

**Sun. 7:30 am** D Zakrzwski, S McNelis  
**Sun. 10:30am** DD Murray, A Langenbacher, I Weber

**Extraordinary Ministers Eucharist April 19 and 20, 2025**

**Sun. 7:30 am** † G Baldauf, L Grove, M Hough  
**Sun. 10:30 am** † L Wright, M Morse, J Terosky

**Altar Servers: April 19 and 20, 2025**

**Sun. 10:30 am** J Gilliland, B Wright

| <u>Financial Report – April 6, 2025</u>                   |                  |
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| Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection \$6,110 \$23(children) |                  |
| <u>Beginning July 1, 2024 and Ending June 30, 2025</u>    |                  |
| Year to date Sunday Collection Income \$ 218,956          |                  |
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| 2025 Year to date Bingo Net Income                        | \$ 15,015        |
| Second Collection   | \$ 271           |
| SMS Catholic School Envelopes                             | \$ 425           |
| Religious Education Envelopes                             | \$ 0             |
| Good Samaritan  | \$ 0             |
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| 2025 Catholic Ministries Drive <b>TARGET</b>              | <b>\$ 30,000</b> |
| CMD Donations for 2025                                    | \$ 16,799        |

**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** We now enter a week in our liturgical year that is like no other – Holy Week. The complete name for this Sunday’s liturgy is “Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion.” Let us do our best to live this week closely connected to our Lord whose passionate love for us knows no bounds – culminating in His death on the cross and His triumph over death – all of us.

Stay near to Christ this Holy Week – attend the Triduum services of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, pray the Stations of the Cross, increase your fasting just a bit – allow yourself to be transformed by His passionate love, so that this week indeed becomes a week like no other.

**Lenten Penance Services**

Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>  
St. Mary Parish, Hollidaysburg, 4 pm  
Sts. Peter and Paul, Philipsburg, 5:30 pm  
Our Lady of Victory, State College 6 pm  
Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>  
St. Mary Parish, Altoona, 5:30 pm  
Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>  
St. Catherine of Siena, Duncansville, 6 pm

**Schedule for Holy Week and Easter**

***Saint Matthew Parish***

**April 17<sup>th</sup>** Holy Thursday Mass – 7 pm  
*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass of the Lord’s Supper until 9 pm*

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

**April 19<sup>th</sup>** Easter Egg Hunt – 10 am  
Easter Basket Blessing - 12 noon

**April 20<sup>th</sup>** Easter Sunday Mass at 7:30 am  
Easter Sunday Mass at 10:30 am

***Saint Joseph Parish***

**Schedule for Holy Week and Easter**

**April 18<sup>th</sup>** Good Friday Service – 1 pm  
Stations of the Cross – 6 pm  
**April 19<sup>th</sup>** Easter Basket Blessing – 11 am  
Easter Vigil at 8 pm

**April 20<sup>th</sup>** Easter Sunday Mass at 9 am

**Fast and Abstinence during Holy Week – 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 14<sup>th</sup> years are bound by the law of abstinence; all adults are bound by the law of fast up to the beginning of the 60<sup>th</sup> year.

**The Triduum**

**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** 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.

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.

**Pontifical Good Friday Collection** – Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. Most of them depend on pilgrimages to work. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection is also necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land where the Church was born. When you contribute to the **Pontifical Good Friday Collection** you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit [www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday](http://www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday)



Sharing God’s Love: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. John 3:16 As we enter Holy Week, we remember how our Lord suffered and died so that each and every one of us might be saved from sin and have eternal life. Reflect on God’s infinite love for you. How have you responded to that love this Lent, and how can you share it with others? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.

**The Novena of Divine Mercy** is a 9-day prayer period, starting on *Good Friday* and ending on *Divine Mercy Sunday*. There are specific intentions prayed for each day, followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. **The Divine Mercy Novena will be held this year at St. Matthews in Tyrone.** The schedule is as follows:

**Reciting of the Chaplet & Novena Prayer**

Good Friday, April 18, 6:00 p.m.  
Holy Saturday, April 19, 3:00 p.m.  
Easter Sunday, April 20, 3:00 p.m.  
Monday, April 21, 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 22, 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 23, 6:00 p.m.  
Thursday, April 24, 6:00 p.m.  
Friday, April 25, 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday, April 26,

- Confessions 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Chaplet: 3:00p.m.

**Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27**

- Adoration 11:30 a.m.
- Confessions 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Reciting of the Chaplet & Novena Prayer 3:00 p.m.

***What is Divine Mercy and how did it come about?***  
*There was a young Polish nun named Sister Faustina Kowalska and in 1931 she began to have mysterious illuminations from Jesus. She kept a diary and Jesus communicated with her about His Divine Mercy. He talked about a feast day, (Divine Mercy Sunday) an image, (The Divine Mercy image) and very special prayers (The Chaplet and The Novena.) Jesus also told Sister Faustina that He wanted people to know about the promises of the Divine Mercy Novena. Jesus promised a profound and immense grace to those who would celebrate this feast of Divine Mercy. This grace is the forgiveness of all sins and the removal of all punishment due to sin.*

- What do I have to do to get the special grace?***
- Bring your Rosary and come to the Novena each day for 9 days.
  - Say the special prayers and the chaplet.
  - Sincerely repent of all your sins.
  - Go to confession before Divine Mercy Sunday.
  - Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday and receive Holy Communion.
  - Place complete trust in Jesus.
  - Be merciful to others, through our actions, words, and prayers.