

St. Mary 312 Clark St. Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

#### Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM Sunday: 7:30 and 10:00 AM. Daily and Holy Days: See inside

Administrative Assistant: Ethel Cunningham 814-695-0622

Parish website: www.webparish.com/aj/saintmarys

#### Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM Sunday: 7:30, 10:00 and 11:30 AM. Daily and Holy Days: See inside

Director of Parish Administration: Janet Klingbeil 814-695-0912 or 814-207-1<mark>479</mark>

Parish website: www.stmichael-hldg-pa.org

## St. Mary & St. Michael Parishes

Pastor/Administrator Very Reverend Alan E. Thomas, VG 814-695-0912 or Email athomas@dioceseaj.org

> Deacon Charles R. Ahearn cahearn@dioceseaj.org

Deacon Allan F. Duman aduman@dioceseaj.org

## 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 12, 2021

## **Saint Mary Parish**

#### **Confessions:**

Saturday: 2:30 to 3:30 PM Wednesday: 5:30 PM Thursday: 4:00 PM before First Friday In our Social Hall

Director of Religious Ed.: Sue Teske 814-695-0912

Parish Email: stmaryhburg@dioceseaj.org

## Saint Michael Parish

#### **Confessions:** Saturdays at 1:00 to 2:00 PM Inside the church hall; please use Montgomery St. stairwell entrance.

Director of Religious Ed.: Sue Teske 814-695-0912 or 814-934-2180

Parish Email: stmichaelhburg@dioceseaj.org



St. Michael The Archangel Parish 301 Spruce St. Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

Office Phone Number and Hours: Office: 814-695-0622 Fax: 814-696-9609 Mon. to Thursday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Director of Music: Ms. Anna Podoletz

Cemetery: Call Carol 814-695-9798

#### Office Phone Number and Hours: Office: 814-695-0912 Fax: 814-693-9820 Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Music Coordinator: Tom Kunkle 814-312-3897

Greenlawn Cemetery: Call Tom 814-695-2546

**Parishioner Registration:** If you would like to join the parish, please contact the rectory/church office. Please remember to notify us if you move or will be moving out of the parish. Registration, the practice of stewardship, and regular participation in the Sacraments indicate that a person is an active member of the parish and is eligible to act as a godparent or sponsor. As a Church community seeking to be faith-filled disciples and good stewards, the sacrifice of our time, talent and treasure is essential for the common good.

**Baptism & Marriage:** Call the church office to schedule an appointment. 2 weeks notice requested for Baptism. 9 months notice required for Marriage. Christian Initiation: Interested in becoming a member of the Catholic faith? Contact the parish office. Classes normally begin in the Fall

Holy Trinity Catholic School: Hollidaysburg 814-695-6112, Altoona 814-381-7011, Middle School 814-942-7835 Holy Trinity Catholic School Website: www.holytrinitycatholic.school

Youth group Director: Tim Baranik 814-207-7008

**Bulletin Deadline:** The deadline to have information considered for publication in the bulletin is noon Tuesday prior to the weekend of the announcement. Mail or email the information to the church office.

# Religious Education Classes begin this Sunday, September 12th 8:45 to 9:45 AM

## National Collection

■ for The Catholic University of America. Located in the heart of the nation's capital, Catholic University offers graduate and undergraduate courses in more than 180 academic programs.

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Your investment will enable the University to continue to support the Church and to advance its work of preparing the next generation of leadership, both religious and lay, of our Church and nation.

## **1**0 Hours Devotion

A devotional prayer centered around Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held at Our Lady of the Alleghenies Church in Lilly (608 Main Street) on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday - September 12th, 13th and 14th.

A Devotional Service will begin each evening at 7:00 PM with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during the day. Everyone is welcome to attend!

#### Parish Mission Presents Inspirational Speaker Nina

Inspirational Speaker Nina Marie Corona.

St. Benedict Parish, 2310 Bedford Street, Johnstown will be hosting Nina Marie Corona for their Parish Mission, "Encounter: Christ and Community."

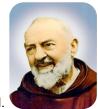
This three night event will be held from 7:00 to 8:30 PM, October 10, 11, and 12, 2021. Each evening will include powerful talks, images, videos, and music for a contemplative, moving, and enriching experience.

Practical tools will be offered to help us draw nearer to Christ. Join us as we seek to encounter Christ more deeply and to be inspired to share the fruits of that encounter in our relationships and the world.

Open to all in the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese, tickets are not required. A love offering will be taken.

For more information contact Deacon Michael Russo at 814-288-3036 or by email at michael.russo@atlanticbb.net. **The Windber Catholic Parishes** invites you to venerate three First Class Relics of St. Padre Pio.

The relics will be at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Windber, on Tuesday, September 14th, 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM.



## **A** nnual Marian Celebration

St. Benedict Church 2310 Bedford Street, Johnstown Family Mass and rosary; Sunday October 3rd at 3:00 PM.



Theme:

"Mary and the Year of Saint Joseph" Principal celebrant, Bishop Mark Bartchak.

#### MASS SCHEDULE FOR ST. MICHAEL AND ST. MARY PARISHES

DATE	DAY	TIME	PARISH		INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
09/11	SAT	4:00 PM	St. Mary	Ŷ	Lt. Joseph G. Leavey FDNY	Patty and Tim Sumner
09/11	SAI	5:00 PM	St. Michael	ዮ	Robert & Carol Scott	Mark & Jo DeLozier
		7:30 AM	St. Mary	ዮ	Vincent J. Pietrolungo	Family
		7:30 AM	St. Michael	ዮ	Josephine Drass Bush (anniv. rem.)	Elda Brown
09/12	SUN	10:00 AM	St. Mary	Ŷ	David Burchfield	Ed & Debbie Ergler
		10:00 AM	St. Michael	ዮ	Joyce Waryck	Tom & Kasey Prokop
		11:30 AM	St. Michael		The People of the Parishes	Pastor
09/13	MON	7:45 AM	St. Michael	ዮ	James DeStefano	Tim & Kathy Balconi
09/14	TUES	7:45 AM	St. Michael	ዮ	Pauline Nicodemus	Anne Musser & family
09/15	WED	6:30 PM	St. Mary	ዮ	Karen Felus McCosar	Mom & Dad
09/16	THURS	7:45 AM	St. Michael	ዮ	Leona George	Her family
09/17	FRI	7:45 AM	St. Mary	ዮ	Patrick Madden	Anna Tiernan
03/17		11:00 AM	St. Michael	ዮ	Memorial Mass for Paul Plummer	
09/18	SAT	4:00 PM	St. Mary	ዮ	Virginia Rizzo	Erin & Douglas Simpson
05/10	JAI	5:00 PM	St. Michael	ዮ	Anita Jubas	Her husband, John & daughter, Maren
		7:30 AM	St. Mary	ዮ	Bernadette Murphy	Jim & Rita Murphy
	SUN	7:30 AM	St. Michael	ዮ	Clarence "Eddy" & Donna Miller	Henry & Barbara Williams
09/19		10:00 AM	St. Mary	ዮ	Adam Lawruk	Marie Lawruk
		10:00 AM	St. Michael	ዮ	Kay Goulet	Her daughter
		11:30 AM	St. Michael		The People of the Parishes	Pastor

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Stewardship of Time and Talent - Liturgical Appointment Schedule - Sept. 11th and 12th					
READER 2 Needed	EMHC * 2 Needed	ALTAR SERVER 2 Needed	HOSPITALITY 3 needed	SACRISTAN 1 Needed	AUDIO TECH 3 Needed
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Michael Schlechter (1) Bob Anthony (2)	Rich Holzer Chris Feathers	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Tom Baker Raymond Baker Steve Frank	Anita Carvalho	Ben Gervinski NOT FILLED NOT FILLED
Kathy Bartel - 1st Joseph Hurd - 2nd	Dee Popp	Matthew McMullen Julia Wesner	Dottie Gonsman Michael Moran Kathy Moran		
Dave Lanzel (1) Carole Swope (2)	Alicia Jordan Rita Pompa	Marco Swope NOT FILLED	Joe Harteis Terry Wilt Greg Olsavick	Dale & Marty Culp	Barry Craig Michael Waibel <b>NOT FILLED</b>
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St. Michael Weekday Sacristan (Sept. 12th to Sept. 18th): Ginny Harrington

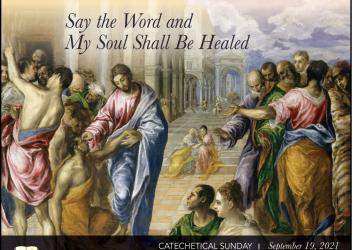
## \*The Deacon will be ordinary minister of communion, if he is present.

Stewardship of Time and Talent - Liturgical Appointment Schedule - Sept. 18 & 19th						
	READER 2 Needed	EMHC * 2 Needed	ALTAR SERVER 2 Needed	HOSPITALITY 3 needed	SACRISTAN 1 Needed	AUDIO TECH 3 Needed
<b>St. Mary</b> Sat. 9/18 <b>4:00 PM</b>	John Heslop - 1st Regina Lawruk - 2nd	Carol Hallberg Michael Mollish	Layna Henry	Rick Pulcino Shari Figurelli Michael Johnston		
<b>St. Michael</b> Sat. 9/18 <b>5:00 PM</b>	Julia Burke (1) Lisa Michelone (2)	Larry Savino Don Straub	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Ron Stellabotte Bonnie Pfeffer <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Lisa Michelone	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED
St. Mary Sun. 9/19 7:30 AM	Connie Curfman - 1st	Kay Benton Robert Moore	Isabella Pietrolungo Noah Ritchey	Ray Gregorchik Daniel Norris Jodie Feath		
<b>St. Michael</b> Sun. 9/19 <b>7:30 AM</b>	Bob Anthony (1) Lisa Michelone (2)	Vernon Litzinger MaryAnn Litzinger	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Tom Baker Raymond Baker Anita Carvalho	Roy & Cate Burger-Leister	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED
<b>St. Mary</b> Sun. 9/19 <b>10:00 AM</b>	Craig Mauk - 1st Rachel Sleeth - 2nd	Sharon King David Madden	Matthew McMullen	Dottie Gonsman Michael Moran Kathy Moran		
<b>St. Michael</b> Sun. 9/19 <b>10:00 AM</b>	Dale Culp (1) Marty Culp (2)	Joe Pompa NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Joe Dodson Greg Olsavick Marty Culp	Rita Pompa	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED
<b>St. Michael</b> Sun. 9/19 <b>11:30 AM</b>	Doug Stoehr (1) Francine Boland (2)	Rob Walter Ginny Harrington	Rylee Swander NOT FILLED	Peggy Claycomb NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Mel & Patty Link	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED
	St. Michael Weekday Sacristan (September 19th to September 25th): Ramona Shrift					

#### **Stewardship Opportunity**

We are always in need of more volunteers to serve as Ministers of Hospitality, Sacristans (weekend and weekday), Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers and Sound and Video Technicians *(St. Michael parish)*. Please give prayerful consideration to any of these ministries and let us know how you can serve.

Instruction and training will be provided.



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Catechetical Sunday This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 19, 2021, and the theme is: "Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed."

Those who the parish community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry at the 10:00 AM Mass at both St. Mary and St. Michael parishes.

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel.

Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

Tickets available during parish office hours. Tickets available after Mass. Ticket sellers are needed. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS • HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA HELP US HELP YOU CHICKEN BBQ Sunday, October 3rd, 2021 10 AM to 1 PM Knights of Columbus Hall, Hollidaysburg \$10.00 Take Out Only Proceeds benefit the parishes Your Parish Proceeds are Based on the Number of Tickets Your Parish Sells Questions call K of C at 814-695-4752

> Hollidaysburg Community FARM SHOW 83rd Annual Show September 20th to 23rd

Hollidaysburg Area School District Sports Building Behind the Senior High School Building

## If you wish to come after me you must deny yourself,

take up your cross, and follow me. Mark 8:34



You are asked to prayerfully reflect on how you can best help your parish in this effort. Please consider making the most generous gift possible, as your personal circumstances allow, to help your parish reach its goal.

<b>Catholic Ministries</b>	2021	Targets
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St. Mary	St. Michael	
\$49,070	\$48,839	
YOUR SUPPORT AS OF AUG. 31		
\$26,945.00	\$29,544.50	
THANK YOU, FOR YOUR SUPPORT		

## Saint John Gualbert Cathedral

in Johnstown will sponsor the annual Blue Mass this Sunday, September 12th at 11:00 AM honoring all first responders and emergency personnel. Police officers, law enforcement members, firefighters, public safety workers, corrections officers, and EMTs are invited. The Mass will be broadcast live on WATM ABC.

## amilies and the Gospel

If we want to be happy at home, we must commit ("lose ourselves") to our family. If we try to be independent from others ("save ourselves"), we end up lonely and alone. Happiness is found in commitments. The gospel is true: We save our life by losing it!

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	Mary's Parish ship of Treasure	
\$6782	Adult Envelopes	
10.00	Children Envelopes	
129.00	Loose Cash	
103.00	Votive Candles	
83.00	Catholic Register	
105.00	Catholic University	
635.00	Haiti Relief Fund	
10.00	Assumption	
Thank You For Your Generosity		

And Faithful Stewardship

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## Christmas Angel Tree Project Our St. Mary Parish



be sponsoring our "Christmas Angel Tree" as a way to assist families in need this Christmas season.

family will once again

Christmas Angel Tree Schedule			
Sept. 24th	Gift Recipient Forms Available		
Oct. 17th	Last Date To Submit Gift Recipient Forms		
Oct. 23rd	Angel Tags Prepared, Bows & Gift Tags Distributed etc. (Social Hall)		
Oct. 28th	Trees With Tags Placed In Church		
Nov. 12th	Social Hall Prepared With Tables		
Nov. 13th Nov. 14th	Gifts Will Be Received & Wrapped In Social Hall Before & After Each Mass		
Nov. 20th Nov. 21th	Gifts Will Be Received & Wrapped In Social Hall Before & After Each Mass		
Nov. 21st	Last Day For Gift Wrapping And Restoration Of Hall To Normal		

Any parishioner who would like to be on the committee, for this very rewarding project, please contact:

#### Shari Figurelli 814-330-9421 or Charlene Centar 814-696-0491.

This is also a great and rewarding way for students to obtain service hours.

The last scheduled day for gift wrapping has been scheduled for Sunday, November 21st to avoid conflict with the Thanksgiving Holiday festivities.

If you are personally aware of a family that would benefit as an Angel Tree gift recipient, please complete an angel tree form showing the needs of each family. Forms will be available at each entrance on September 24th.

We ask that you put **YOUR NAME** on the form since you will be the contact person and the one to deliver the gifts to that family, but **ONLY INITIALS** of the family, that we will be helping, to protect their identity.

If you prefer, you may contact either Charlene Centar at 814-696-0491, or Shari Figurelli at 814-696-0108 to submit a family's requested needs.

#### ALL GIFT RECIPIENT FORMS MUST BE RETURNED BY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17th

#### PLEASE PLACE FORMS IN ONE OF THE BOXES FOUND AT EACH ENTRANCE MARKED "ANGEL TREE FORMS" THANK YOU!

## Please Return Your Donation Thank You!

## Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund



## $\star \star \star$ U.S. CONSTITUTION $\star \star \star$



Constitution Week is the commemoration of America's most important document. It is celebrated annually during the week of September 17-23.

The United States Constitution stands as a testament to the tenacity of Americans throughout history to maintain their liberties, freedoms and inalienable rights.

This celebration of the Constitution was started by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

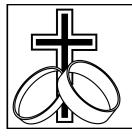
The aims of the Constitution Week celebration are to:

- ★ Emphasize citizens' responsibilities for protecting and defending the Constitution.
- ★ Inform people that the Constitution is the basis for America's great heritage and the foundation for our way of life.
- ★ Encourage the study of the historical events which led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787.

Constitution Week is a great time to learn more about this important document and celebrate the freedoms it gave us.

Please offer prayers for our country and for those who protect us.





### edding Congratulations

**V** To William and Ehrin (Kelley) Ward who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage at St. Michael's parish on Saturday, September 4th.

## Upcoming Events at St. Mary and St. Michael's Parishes

**Rosary** Every day after the 7:45 AM weekday Mass. Every Thursday at 6:00 PM outdoors at the shrine at St. Catherine's in Duncansville. (Rain location is St. Michael Church).

Sept. 12	8:45 AM - 9:45 AM	Religious Education Classes begin (Pre K - 3 & 10-11 at St. Michael/Holy Trinity School) (4-9 at St. Mary's School building)		
Sept. 12	12:30 PM	11th grade Information Meeting (ALL 11TH GR STUDENTS) - at the St. Michael Activity bldg.		
Sept. 12	7:00 PM	St. Michael Men's Club Meeting - St. Michael's Church hall (NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME)		
Sept. 14	6:30 PM	St. Michael Parish Council Meeting (St. Michael Rectory basement Meeting Room)		
Sept. 17 - 20		St. Michael Parish Office Closed		
Sept. 18	7:15 AM	Men's Fellowship Meeting - All men are welcome - St. Michael Church hall (basement of church)		

#### Saint Michael's Parish Collection from August 29th

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\$6,919.00	Offertory Collection	
145.00	Loose	
50.00	Votive Candles	
345.00	Maintenance	
50.00	Religious Education	
375.00	Haiti Relief	
30.00	Assumption	
195.00	Retired Priest Medical Collection	
520.00	Twin Parish in Jamaica	
Thank You For Your Generosity And Faithful Stewardship		

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## Patris Corde, 4.

## An Accepting Father, Joseph Most Brave.

Imagine how perplexed Joseph must have been dealing with the mystifying events taking his place in his and Mary' life. In *Patris corde*, Pope Francis explains that, "Often in life, things happen whose meaning we do not understand. Our first reaction is frequently one of disappointment and rebellion. Joseph set aside his own ideas in order to accept the course of events and, mysterious as the seemed, to embrace them, take responsibility for them and make them a part of his own history." As Joseph did, are we willing to accept with faith, the challenges that face us?

We are reminded every time we celebrate Holy Eucharist that St. Joseph had indeed accepted his role in history. In 1962, Saint John XXII, Pope, inserted St. Joseph's name in Eucharistic Prayer I. Pope Francis, then decreed on May 1, 2013, in *Paterna vices* (Fatherly care) that the inclusion of St. Joseph would be extended to Eucharistic Prayers II, III, and IV.

#### St. Joseph, An Accepting Father, Joseph most brave, pray for us.

(Pope Francis Apostolic Letter *Patris corde, 2020,* 4. Dec. 8, 2020; 2021), Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Liturgy Committee, Liturgy Office, *Mary, Mother of the Church Pastoral Center*, 2713 W. Chestnut Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601.

## he Knights of Columbus Gathering

The annual celebration is scheduled for October 17th in Loretto. Bishop Mark will celebrate Mass at 2:00 PM at the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel.

A social and dinner will immediately follow in the Our Lady of Loretto Community Hall next to the Basilica and Saint Michael School. The guest speaker will be Pennsylvania State Deputy Kenneth Grugel.

All knights, their family, friends, and fellow parishioners are invited to the Mass and dinner. "Please consider reaching out to a potential new member in your area and invite him and his spouse to this annual gathering," urged the Bishop to his brother knights. "I look forward to praying and being with all of you."

The cost of the dinner is \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for children 12 and younger. Reservations are required by October 9th. Contact: William Stasko, 8 Entrance Drive, Johnstown, PA 15905.

On Sunday, September 19th;St. Michael Parish will host a Coffee & Donut Social Time after the 7:30 AM Mass and 10:00 AM Mass.

Come meet and socialize with other parents, parishioners, or just come and enjoy a treat.



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## *cucharistic Prayer Class with Fr. Alan*

In preparation for the Eucharistic renewal which the U.S. Bishops hope to undertake in 2022, Fr. Alan will be offering a series of classes on the Eucharistic Prayers used at Mass.

Topics include:

- Which one of the Eucharistic Prayers comes from the oldest sources?
- Which of them is the most recent?
- To whom are each of them addressed?
- What is the role of deacons and the lay faithful in the Eucharistic Prayer?

A line-by-line explanation of each of the Eucharistic Prayers may help you participate more readily in this important part of the Mass.

If you are interested in attending, classes will be offered in person beginning on Tuesday, Sept. 21st, at 6:30 PM, at St. Michael Church. Hopefully the classes will be recorded to allow remote participation as well.

## **Z** Money Winners

Charles Fasick, Meagan James, Virginia Edelblute, Fran Logrando, Patti Metzgar, Anna Tieran, Bob & Cathy Allen, Robert P. Bender, Charles Baker, Carla Dente Firment, Teresa A. Clingerman, Patti Bickley, Winnie Hetrick, John Ciprich, and Virginia Edelblute.



Fr. Peter Crowe Vocations Director vocations@dioceseaj.org 814-317-2681

## INTRODUCTION FOR TODAY'S READINGS

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 50: 5-9** Chapters 40-55 of the book of Isaiah contain the message of a prophet who spoke to God's people during their exile in Babylon. Several times, the prophet speaks about a "Servant of God" who will one day deliver God's people and face many sufferings doing so. Christians have traditionally identified Jesus with this "suffering Servant".

**James 2: 14-18** Among the New Testament letter, the letter of James is the one most attentive to social justice. Today's passage offers practical advice about how to put our faith into action.

## Gospel Mark 8: 27-35

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS (Sept. 19th) Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 James 3:16 - 4:3 Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

#### Diocesan Priests Medical And Retirement Aid

#### Please Remember What These Men Created, Inspired And Supported Over The Years.

Our priests were ordained to spend their lives concerned for your soul, not their retirement. This annual collection is a great testimony to the many parishioners like you who care about priests who once cared about you.

For many years, parishes have relied on our retired priests to celebrate Mass and the sacraments. Our senior priests do this willingly as they faithfully serve our Church.

The Retire Priests Medical and Retirement Aid Collection helps to defray the cost of nursing home care, prescription drugs, and healthcare.

Please by your donation, show your appreciation and gratitude for their years of priestly ministry.





Deacon Michael L. Russo Director of the Permanent Diaconate Johnstown Office Phone: 814-288-3036 Deacon Michael's E-mail: Michael.Russo@atlanticbb.net

## Ctewardship Reflection

● Jesus' words in the Gospel today challenges us to become imitators of Christ. This is not an easy request. It takes sacrifice, endurance, and commitment. Yet, it is profoundly rewarding. We should strive to remain committed to Christ in every joy and every trial, never ceasing to follow Him. This means serving others even when we feel like serving ourselves. If we surrender our lives to Christ and His mission, we will gain eternal life and become more alive than what we could truly imagine.

St. James reminds us that active discipleship is lively, meaning our lives must be an extension of our faith. As Christian stewards everything we do reflects what we believe. We cannot just hold that belief in our heart, we need to share it. This week let us sit in Jesus' presence and listen to what He is calling us to do at this point in our lives. Let us commit to follow him carrying our daily crosses as we live in gratitude and service to God, by sharing our time, talent and treasure.

(Stewardship Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2021/08/16)

