



Our Lady of the Alleghenies

Lilly, PA

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Prayer Goals for the New Year of 2025

Prayer Goals for the New Year



This year I will:

- be sensitive to the needs of others and actively look for ways to befriend them.
- become aware of another's suffering, get involved in their struggle, and comfort them in their sorrow.
- withhold judgement of another, and attempt to understand their thinking, their attitudes, and their behavior.
- forgive those who have injured me; I will forgive even those who have hurt those I love.
- not close my eyes or pass by on the other side wherever there is need of my service, my friendship, or my presence.
- lift someone's spirits by giving a word of hope and encouragement.
- remember to be grateful to those who have been good Samaritans to me in the past, and who keep me from falling into the ditches of discouragement, depression and defeat.
- be a good Samaritan for the inner joy of serving, and because helping others is what the Golden Rule is all about.
- feel so much joy, experience so much growth, and receive such a blessing as a good Samaritan today, that I will be a good Samaritan again tomorrow.

~ William Arthur Ward

Exchange 2022-1

Trinity United Methodist Church, Portage, PA

January 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE - 2025			1 Solemnity of Mary Holyday of Obligation Masses 8:00 AM 10:00 AM	2	3 <i>First Friday</i> Adoration 8:30am – 9:30am Confessions 8:30am – 9:00am	4 Mass 8:00  Confessions 3:15 – 3:45
5 <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>  8:00 AM 10:00 AM	6	7	8	9	10	11 Mass 8:00  Confessions 3:15 – 3:45
12 <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i> {end of Christmas Season} 8:00 AM 10:00 AM	13	14 St. Vincent de Paul Society (2nd Tuesday) 2:00 pm Hall 	15	16	17	18 Mass 8:00  Confessions 3:15 – 3:45



January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
19	20	21	22  Knights of Columbus (4th Wednesday of month) 6:30 pm <i>in Church this month</i>	23	24	25 Mass 8:00  Confessions 3:15 – 3:45
26	27 Festival “Heads of Booths” Meeting 6:30 pm	28	29	30	31	

Saint Vincent dePaul Society

SVDP (St. Vincent DePaul) Lilly Conference meets the Tuesday of each month @ 2pm in Church Hall. **NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME.** If you want to become a SVDP member and help those less fortunate, please contact any member listed: **SPIRITUAL ADVISOR**-Deacon Sam Albarano; **PRESIDENT**- Shelley McIntosh; **VICE PRESIDENT**-Madeline Conrad; **TREASURER**-Pattie Grove; **SECRETARY**-Leona George; Sylvia Davies, Brigid Craine, MaryJo Rainey, Rick Kawtoski, Deb Rabatin. & Nancy Cassisi.



Thank you for your continued support!

GOD BLESS!

Lilly SVDP Conference

January



1	Frederick Kuntz	11	Crystal Martino	22	James Kozak
3	Brenna Kuhns	14	Cody Falger		Dennis Michina
	Linda Sweeney		William Kozak		Dane Nesbella
4	Sara Latoche	16	Patricia Kutyba	23	Lawrence Summerville
5	Mark Lykens	17	Charles Bishop	24	Catherine Weakland
	Francis Nazit	18	Linda Albarano	26	Vance Brown
	Ava Poborsky		Dorothy Glenn		Ronald Courtot
6	Joyce Dorsch		Ronald Yagoda		Gary Nagy
	Michaela George	19	Ashley Eckenrode		David Swinger Jr.
	Gino Fabbri		Noah Eckenrode	28	Andrew Jones
7	Mary Lingafelt		Matthew Hazlett		Justin Pauley
8	William Walters Sr.		Joe Krug		Debora Rabatin
	Lyla Yagoda		Bonita Mardula	29	Logan Michina
9	Thomas Zock	20	Imogene McMullen		Jeannine Nagle
10	Alauna Gides	21	Carol McLucas		David Prostejovsky
	Randy Lee	22	Gabriella Custer	31	Mary George
			Agnes Dougherty		



Special Birthday Celebrations

The following members of the parish family will be celebrating special birthdays this month.



Mary Lingafelt	96	Sara Latoche	84	Patricia Kutyba	81
Francis Nazit	86	Carol McLucas	83	Dorothy Glenn	81
Agnes Dougherty	85	Mary George	82	Ronald Yagoda	81

Please call Fr. Matthew, the Pastor, if there are any necessary corrections.



January Wedding Anniversaries

Jeremy and Chayene McIntosh January 02
William and Virginia Gallaher January 21
Stephen Sr. and Bonita Mardula January 24



Marriages in 2024

Congratulations to those who were married at our church in 2024:

Willard Wilkinson V and Kayla Simanski

Baptisms in 2024

We welcome the following who were baptized into the Roman Catholic Faith:



Lucas McIntosh

Riley Petrunak

Tucker Brown

New Altar Servers in 2024



The parish received the volunteerism of two new altar servers.
Thank you!

Amelia Behe and Jayce Summerville

Please call Fr. Matthew, the Pastor, if there are any necessary corrections.

Professions of Faith in 2024

(Conversions to the Roman Catholic Faith)

We welcome those who entered the Roman Catholic Church this past year.

Amber Boring
William Conley

James Daugherty
Robert Hazlett

First Holy Communions in 2024



Congratulations to those who received their First Holy Communion at our church this past year.

Amber Boring
William Conley
James Daugherty

Matthew George
Avery Jones
Robert Hazlett

Confirmations 2024



Congratulations to those who received their Confirmation at our church this past year.

Amber Boring
William Conley

James Daugherty
Robert Hazlett

Rest in Peace – Funerals in 2024

We had the privilege of praying for these people who were buried from our parish this past year:



Rest In Peace

Sonja Moyer
Mario Crocetti
June Nadolsky
Mary Divido
Cody Boast
James Salony

Edward Stombaugh
Donald Patterson
John Saparo
Linda Orlosky
William Noga

Nicholas Cassisi
Regis Kinback Sr.
David Swinger III
Anna Ferrence
Mary Slebodnik

Families of the parish pitched in to help decorate the church for the Christmas season on December 17th. Fr. Matthew thanks to those who participated: the Michina Family, the Lee Family, the Leahey Family, the Erzal Family, the Gides Family, the Kirsch Family, the Eckenrode Family, the Hazlett Family, Dawn & Jayce Summerville, Angie Strait & her daughters: Grace & Kendall, Doug & Mary Lou Custer, Joan Walters, Mike Billy, George Nesbella, & Tim Salony. Please contact Fr. Matthew if your name was omitted.



All Saints Day Presentation



Our youth helped our parish family celebrate All Saints Day at 10:00am Mass on Sunday, October 27th. Mrs. Joy Eckenrode, at Fr.'s direction, organized this presentation featuring Mackenzie Rainey as St. Teresa, Alauna Gides as Joan of Arc, Noah Eckenrode as St. Nicholas, and Andrew Lee as St. Matthew, with Fr. Matthew pictured on the right.



Spotlight on the Knights of Columbus

Council 11084 - Lilly, PA

For more information,
contact these leaders of our local council:
Officers for 2024-2025

Grand Knight Gary Nagy
Deputy Grand Knight Deacon Sam Albarano
Chaplain VACANT
Financial Secretary James R. Secriskey
Chancellor Robert Kunrod
Treasurer Patrick J. Rainey
Recorder George W. Nesbella

Thank you to everyone who generously donated items to the St. Vincent DePaul food pantry.

***Dues and 2024 Fraternal Surveys
should be turned in to Jim Secriskey
no later than January 31st.***

Youth Group in Action

Our Lady of the Alleghenies Youth Group assisted with the Lilly community's preparation for the Tree Lighting and joined in the festivities of "Light Up Night". Our youth group entered two floats in the parade with over 20 kids participating.



1. Call to order:
 - a. **Attended:** Deacon Sam, John Hurley, Michael Summerville, Joy Eckenrode, Matthew Hoover, Amber Boring, Barbara Bart, George Nesbella, Colleen Keagy.
 - b. **Absent:** Jacob Bossler (Youth)
 - c. **Excused:** Alexis Eckenrode , Amy Hazlett (Fund Rep)
2. Opening Prayer - Fr. Matthew
3. Reading of minutes from the last council meeting October 21, 2024 were read. Motion was made to approve, was seconded, and passed unanimously.
4. Financial Council Report
 - a. Current Balances of the 2024/2025 Fiscal Year were reviewed
 - b. Current Net Income = + \$14,507.07
5. Old Business
 - a. 2 motors from the old A/C unit - Matt George looking into it
 - b. Sidewalk progress update - currently postponed due to weather conditions
6. New Business
 - a. Bulletin Boards and Tables at church entrances
7. Nothing is permitted to be put up or taken down on the boards or out on the tables without being brought to Fr. Matthew first. Anything found out on tables or up on the boards without Fr.'s knowledge and permission will be taken down and/or removed. This applies to everything.
8. Reports from Committees
 - a. Cemetery Committee - No report
 - b. Fundraising Committee
 - i. Craft Fair - Saturday, March 15th from 10:00am to 3:00pm
 - c. Festival Committee - Fr. Matthew as representative
 - i. Next meeting of all the Heads of Booths - Monday, January 27th at 6:30pm
 - d. Vocation Committee - Joan Walter and/or Renee Behe (as representatives)
 - i. Praying for Vocations – Beginning first Sunday in 2025
 1. There will be a crucifix available at the front of the church that must be signed out for a week of prayer
 2. The crucifix will be blessed by the Priest in January 2025
 3. CCD teachers will educate students about crucifixes
 4. CCD teachers will add vocation to the CCD curriculum
 - a. Brother Kolby will be talking to the all CCD classes as a group... Date TBD

9. Non-Committee Reports

- a. 2025 Jubilee Year - Amber Boring (Parish Ambassador)
 - i. Amber received the Parish Celebration Preparation Packet from the Diocese
 - 1. In the packet are samples of Jubilee materials that the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown is providing for all parishes.
 - ii. Opening Jubilee mass on December 29th - attending would be Fr. Matthew, Matt Hoover, Amber Boring, and at Amber's request, Joy Eckenrode.
 - iii. Pilgrims' Passport include the 13 Holy Site Diocesan Churches - named by Bishop Mark
 - iv. There will be a Holy Card with the Jubilee Prayer with Pope Francis
- b. Youth Appointee Report - Jacob Bossler
 - i. Fr. thanks Amy Hazlett for helping organize a Youth Group with Jacob. Amy is now stepping down from Youth Group activities and she has directly asked Joy Eckenrode and Renee Behe to take her place.
 - ii. 15-20 children were on 2 floats for Light Up Night in Lilly
 - iii. Decorating Church for Christmas (Tuesday, Dec. 17th)
- c. Adult Education - Colleen Keagy (Chair)
 - i. Nov. 6th Class interesting conversations, questions, and answers
 - ii. Future plans to visit Saint Padre Pio Shrine in Spring of 2025
- d. Youth Religious Education & Sacramental prep. - Fr. Matthew (as DRE)
 - i. CCD Mass 10:00am Sun. Feb. 2nd Candlemas Day
 - ii. Meeting with CCD teachers after this meeting
- e. Maintenance Issues
 - i. Possible weather damage to windows in the tower sections of the choir loft

10. Comments from Fr. Matthew

- a. Candlemas - Sunday Masses Feb. 1 & 2, 2025 - Candles blessed at all Masses - Solemn Procession at 10:00am Mass only
- b. Blessing of Throats - Monday, February 3rd - Solemn Vespers at 6:00pm

11. Closing Prayer

12. Adjournment 6:50pm

13. (Next meeting: Monday, February 3, 2025 at 6:30pm to 7:30pm after Solemn Vespers with Blessing of Throats)

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Bart, Parish Council Secretary.

Welcome into the Roman Catholic Church: Robert Hazlett

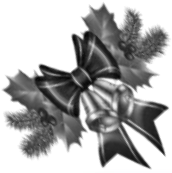
Robert James "Michael" Hazlett was formally received into the Roman Catholic Church on Monday, December 23, 2024, during the 8:00am Mass, having made a Profession of Faith and receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. We welcome Robert into our faith and congratulate him on this next step in his spiritual journey. Pictured are {from left to right} Deacon Sam, Amy Hazlett (Robert's wife and sponsor), Robert Hazlett, and Fr. Matthew our Pastor.

{Picture taken by Doug Custer}



Our Lady of the
Alleghenies
Christmas, 2024





Christmas Eve Play



All of the youth of the parish, ages 12 and under, presented a Nativity Play on Christmas Eve, under the direction of Joy Eckenrode and Renee Behe. Thank you to Ryan Giraud for narrating and to all the children for their participation.

4:00pm Mass was a Family Mass with children of the parish participating as ushers, gift bearers, and Readers. Our Readers were Lily Hallinan, Ava Braatz, and Gia Ricupero. Fr. Matthew is very grateful for the children's volunteerism!

