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February 25, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: FEB 17-FEB 25, 2024 SAT. FEB 24 4:00 PM FOR DOMENICO "NICO" ANTHONY BERARDI BY DENNIS BENTON Sun, Feb 25 9:00 AM FOR GARY L. HUFF, JR. BY HIS PARENTS Mon, Feb 26 8:00 AM FOR JOHN KIENZLE, JR. BY CHRIS & JERRY SMITH Tue, Feb 27 6:00 PM FOR HELEN ROSSI BY BILL & JENNY MALONEY Wed. Feb 28 Holy Hour with Communion SAT, MAR 02 4:00 PM FOR THE PEOPLE BY THE PASTOR 9:00 AM Sun, Mar 03 FOR PAUL WHARTON BY PAT PARTNER & FAMILY

MASS INTENTION SCHEDULING: Weekend Mass intention requests are limited to 3 masses for the deceased, per year. Weekday Mass intention requests are limited to 3 masses for the deceased, per requestor, per year. Please keep in mind that we schedule as we receive mass intentions and will do our best to honor your requests. Let us be kind and considerate of others and allow as many as possible in our parish family to be able to request a celebration of Mass and remember that the value of a Mass is infinite no matter when it is celebrated.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Saturday, Mar 02, 4:00 PM:

LECTORS: Sr. Linda-1st Reader, B. Pennington-2nd Reader, T. Evans-key-Introduction & Intercession

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: J. Shelow-Host,

M. Riggle & J. Steinbauer-*Cup* ALTAR SERVERS: T. Smith

HOSPITALITY: A. Bucher, D. Kissell, N. Lovrich, Sr., B. Risbon

Sunday, Mar 03, 9:00 AM:

LECTORS: N. Lovrich-1st Reader, V. Cacciotti-2nd Reader, T. Finn-

 $Introduction\ \&\ Intercession$

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: B. Shedlock-

Host, T. Belis & B. Paranich-Cup

ALTAR SERVERS: K. Shanafelt & C. Shedlock

HOSPITALITY: T. Carosielli, D. Cole, T. DelMastro, M. Kowalski

THE NEW 2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE BEGINS THROUGH-OUT OUR DIOCESE THIS WEEKEND. This year's theme is Encountering Christ. During this time of our Eucharistic Revival, Encountering Christ through our Catholic Ministries Drive is an invitation to grow in your relationship with Christ and to open your heart to serve Him through serving our brothers and sisters.

Our Catholic Ministries Drive supports 10 ministries throughout our diocese, which all fall into one of our three main focuses of evange-lization, serving those in need, or formation of our priests and deacons. Please reflect on Bishop Mark's invitation when it arrives in your mail, and prayerfully consider supporting our diocesan ministries. You may return your pledge card and donation through the mail, make your payment online, or return your pledge card and donation to your parish through the offertory.

All contributions received beyond our parish goal of \$19,753.00 will be used to help pay for a new roof. Thank you for supporting the Catholic Ministries Drive and our diocese's vital ministries.

ST JOSEPH CHURCH WILL HOST THE NOCTURNAL ADORATION SO-

CIETY for the first time in many years on Friday, March 1st. All are invited to join in offering an hour of Eucharistic Adoration and prayer from 8-9 pm, 9-10pm or 10- 11pm. Any questions, call Louise Krug at 814 742- 8258. More information on the Nocturnal Adoration Society is attached to this bulletin.

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING	ŀ	eb 12-Feb 18, 2024
Weekly (Sunday) Collection Goal	\$	5,500.00
Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection:	\$	2,260.00
Other: (Holy Days, Diocesan Collections, etc.)	\$	1,335.10
Weekly Online Donations:	\$	1,585.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:	\$	5,180.10
2023 Catholic Ministries Drive Target	\$	\$19,753.00
CMD Donations for 2024:	\$	
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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.

SAINT JOSEPH ONLINE GIVING

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: WWW.SAINTJOSEPHBELLWOOD.ORG

Second Sunday of Lent

ST. JOSEPH PARISH is a charitable trust of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, the Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, bishop and trustee.

BAPTISM OF INFANTS: Notify pastor during pregnancy for arrangements and parental/God-parent Faith formation. A Preparation class for Parents and God-parents is required prior to Child's Baptism. Please contact Sr. Linda LaMagna to make arrangements to attend a Preparation Class. (814) 742-7894 or llamagna@dioceseaj.org

CONFIRMATION: Formation, classes, and service hours as required by the Diocese.

HOLY MATRIMONY: Notify pastor at least six months before the desired wedding date; Diocesan-approved marriage preparation course required.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: By request.

PENANCE: Saturdays at 3:30 PM and anytime by request.

MASS SCHEDULE: Weekend: Saturday - 4:00 PM, Sunday - 9:00 AM

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BULLETIN DEADLINE: The deadline to have information considered for the bulletin is Thursday at 12:00 NOON for the upcoming weekend. Information can be placed in the box on the office door, in the collection basket, or emailed to abishopamato@dioceseaj.org.

REVEREND FATHER MICHAEL PLEVA, PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Church Office at St. Joseph's: (814) 742-7075 Church Office at St. Matthew's: (814) 684-1480 Rectory: (814) 684-1480

Email: mpleva@dioceseaj.org

Sr. Linda LaMagna, CCW, Pastoral Minister

Office: (814) 742-7894 Email: llamagna@dioceseaj.org

ALISON BISHOP-AMATO, ADMINISTRATIVE & FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

Hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Parish Office: (814) 742-7075 Email: abishopamato@dioceseaj.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DRE: Sr. Linda LaMagna

Religious Education Office and Hall: (814) 742-7894

Church: (814) 742-7075 Email: llamagna@dioceseaj.org PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Stuart Crocker, Peter Gardella, Jr., Filomena Long,, Barbara Paranich, Janine Schirf, , Dominic Tornatore, Jessica Steinbauer, Christopher Wagner, Rebecca Wertz

Interested in becoming Catholic? Contact Sr. Linda 814-742-7075 or our RCIA LEADER: Judy Diebold: (814) 944-2317

SCHOOLS: St. Joseph Parish supports St. Matthew and Holy Trinity Catholic Schools, and Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School.

Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Charitable Gifts of Stock

(Please consult your financial advisor to determine your specific benefits.) To make charitable gifts of stock to your parish or diocesan ministry within the Diocese of Altoona- Johnstown, please share this information with your broker. Complete and sign any documents as required by your broker. Communicate your contact information (stock name, number of shares, and date of the transfer and special restrictions) to the Diocese's Development Director to ensure that your gift is allocated to the specific parish, school or Diocesan ministry of your choice: Heather Foor, Director of Stewardship and Development Office: 814.695.5579 Direct: 814.317.2604

Email: hfoor@dioceseaj.org

The Diocesan Development office will promptly issue a gift substantiation letter as soon as our broker communicates the transfer details. Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc. Altoona PA, administers the Diocese's

DTC No: 0793 / Account Number: VW81 5600-9287

Name/Address: Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc., 180 Charlotte Drive, Suite

100, Altoona, PA 16601, Toll-Free: 1.800.533.6401

Local, Karen Schraff: 814.941.6070

Account Name: The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, 2713 West Chestnut

Avenue Altoona, PA 16601, 814.695.5579

Tax EIN: 23-1533889

For a gift of mutual fund shares, please contact your mutual fund company for instructions on how shares may be issued in the name of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. Thank you for your continued support.

THE SCRIP PROGRAM (NOW KNOWN AS RAISERIGHT) has resulted in average fundraising revenue of about \$2,000 a year for Saint Joseph Parish. This amount has been reached with only about 10-12 families from the Parish participating regularly.

How much better could we do if we could get to the point where even 25% of our Parish families were participating regularly.

Order this week and pick up next week. Spend nothing that you weren't going to anyway. Simple and effective ...

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- ◆ FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday, February 27, at 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ PARISH ASSOCIATION MEETING Monday, March 11, at 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Monday, April 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed each Friday of Lent at 6:00 p.m. in the Church.

ADULT ENRICHMENT CLASS - Our Adult Enrichment class has changed its topic to Meeting Jesus in The Gospel of John, and will be held each Friday evening of Lent, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall. Please bring your Bibles and begin to read the Gospel of John.

THE LENTEN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES SERVICES are being celebrated in the Bellwood Church each Wednesday during the season of Lent. **All Services begin at 6:30 p.m.**

This week's Service will be held on Wednesday, February 28, at 6:30 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, speaker Norm Saylor

Mar. 6 - Logan Valley Baptist, speaker Nathan Koozer

Mar. 13 - Logan Valley Presbyterian Church, speaker, Josh Crumlich

Mar. 20 - Bellwood Cross of Calvary Church, speaker, Dave Taylor

Mar. 27 - Stations of the Cross, St. Joseph Church, Fr. Michael Pleva

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH IS HAVING A SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAIS- ER ON MAY 19, 2024. Time to be announced. This fundraiser is to support our efforts to replace our Church Roof.

We will be raffling off a generously donated wooden fence planter on which gift cards will be attached. We are asking our parishioners to consider donating either a gift card of your choice or a cash donation to be used to purchase gift cards.

To further support our parish, please consider ordering the gift card to donate through our SCRIP program. By doing this, we will be doubly blessed; we will raise money through the raffle as well as earn money back on every gift card ordered through the parish SCRIP program. A donation envelope will be attached to the bulletin soon for donations. Also, a representative is always present before/after mass to buy a card to donate using SCRIP (and to purchase gift cards for your own use.)

Once we have the planter set up with the gift cards, we will begin selling the raffle tickets ahead of the Spaghetti Dinner.

Thank you for all of your support, The Fundraising Committee.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #8075 IS SPONSORING A "40 CANS FOR 40 DAYS OF LENT" FOOD DRIVE AT OUR CHURCH.

The premise of "40 Cans for Lent" is to have the members of our parish community donate a can a day for the 40 days of Lent. Upon setting aside a can each day, families are asked to also say a prayer with each can they save. No donation amount is too small! Acceptable items for donation include nonperishable cans and boxes of food. Please make sure the items are unexpired. Containers for the food will be located in the main church entrances. The drive will continue thru Palm Sunday. Beneficiary of the food donations will be the Hope Center in Bellwood. Please help us help the less fortunate through your donation to "40 Cans for Lent."

A DAY AWAY TO REFLECT: 2024 LENTEN WOMEN'S RETREAT

Communing with Jesus in the Eucharist

Saturday, March 16, 2024, 8:30 AM--- 12:00 PM
Church of the Good Shepherd,
867 Gray's Woods Blvd, Port Matilda, PA 16870
Register by emailing Amy Timan - timan@dioceseaj.org

GARVEY MANOR CONFRATERNITY OF THE BROWN SCAPULAR.

This faith-filled group meets on the first Saturday of each month in the Chapel at Garvey Manor. We begin the rosary at 9:30 a.m. attend the 10 a.m. Mass, followed by spiritual reflection led by Sister Jacinta under the loving protection of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in the Hall. Membership is open to any Catholic who would find it spiritually beneficial to be united with others in pursuit of holiness. If interested call Sister Jacinta (814) 695-5571.

St. Bernardine Monastery Lenten Lunch Fish Fry Fridays

Always looking for that Friday lunch fix? Look no further than "Lent Lunch Fish Fry Fridays" at The Friar's Nook Gift Shop! Bites Food Truck will be serving up delicious food Fridays during Lent except Good Friday! Lunch includes fish sandwich, mac and cheese, and stewed tomatoes. Location: The Friar's Nook Gift Shop – 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg / Time: 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM / Cost: \$10.00 SPRING FLING AT ST. BERNARDINE MONASTERY

Join us as a vendor for our Spring Fling outdoor craft event Saturday, May 18th! Homemade crafts of all varieties as well as food vendors welcome! Please contact us for more info at:

Facebook: The Friar's Nook Gift Shop

Email: Kellie@thefranciscanfriars.org / Phone: 814-695-3802

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: SUNDAY, February 25, 2024 Grade School (K-6): 10:00-11:15 a.m.

THE PENANCE SERVICE will be celebrated with Confession, this evening, Sunday, February 25, at 5:00 p.m. in the church. Both the Grade and High School students are free to return home after the service. The Penance Service is for our Grade School, High School, **as well as their parents and all parishioners**.

RETREAT FOR 2ND GRADE STUDENTS WITH THEIR PARENTS in preparation for First Holy Communion, will be held on Sunday, March 3, at St. Joseph Church, from 11:30 - 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Center. This retreat is for both St. Joseph students and the students of St. Matthew Churches.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - Parent Meeting for our Grade and High School Religious Education Programs and special events:

- **PRACTICE FOR CONFIRMATION** is Monday, April 1, at 7:00 p.m., with **arrival at 6:15 p.m.,** at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.
- **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** for 11th Grade Students is Tuesday, April 2, 7:00 p.m., at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.
- FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FOR 2ND GRADE STUDENTS is Saturday, April 13, at the 4:00 p.m. Mass

CDA COURT SAINT RITA #523 FROM TYRONE IS SPONSORING A CHARTERED BUS TRIP TO SIGHT AND SOUND THEATER to see Dan-

<u>iel</u> in Lancaster on Thursday, April 25th. Departure time is 7 a.m. from The Bull Pen in Tyrone. *Other possible pick ups will be at Lowe's in Altoona at 6:30 a.m. and Home Depot in State College at 7:45 a.m.* We will arrive back in Tyrone around 8:30 p.m.

The cost for the trip, including transportation and the show is \$175. Meals will be on your own. Show time is 11 a.m. We will stop for dinner around 4 p.m. at Hoss's in Lewistown. Call, text, or email Amy Brisbin at 814-931-4702, amylbrisbin@gmail.com. Please respond by February 28th. Payments by check to "CDA" will be due on March 6th. Send to Amy Brisbin, St. Matthew Catholic Church 1105 Cameron Avenue, Tyrone, PA 16686.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. Rita #523, is sponsoring A TRADITIONAL SEDER MEAL at St. Matthew Catholic Church in Tyrone. The date is Sunday, March 10, 2024 - Cost is \$22.00 for adults, \$11.00 for children ages 6 to 11, and children 5 and under are free. Deadline is Sunday, March 3, 2024. Registration forms are available in the vestibule.

Questions can be directed to the St. Matthew's parish office at 814-684-1480 or at stmatthewtyrone@gmail.com

LENTEN FISH FRY

FRIDAYS: I MAR. 8 I MAR. 15
5:00 - 6:30 PM - ST. MATTHEW'S HARKIN'S HALL
\$13 PER MEAL / \$7 FOR CHILD'S
ALL FISH DINNERS INCLUDE MAC 'N' CHEESE, COLE SLAW OR
APPLESAUCE; STEWED TOMATOES; ROLL; DESSERT



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ST. GREGORY COUNCIL, # 1218
Saint Matthew Roman Catholic Church - Tyrone, PA

The Diocese of Altoona Johnstown proudly presents: DR. EDWARD SRI.

a nationally recognized theologian and speaker, for a 2-day event celebrating the national eucharistic revival.

Mount Aloysius College Athletic Convocation and Wellness Center 7373 Admiral Peary Hwy, Cresson, PA 16630

Friday, April 19th from• 7-9:30 PM for High School, College, and Young Adults

Topics: Men, Women, and the Mystery of Love (incorporating the Art of Living) and When You Pray: Trust, Surrender and the Transformation of Your Soul.

Saturday, April 20th from 9 AM-12:30 PM for the General Public Topics: Into His Likeness: Be Transformed as a Disciple of Christ; When You Pray: Trust, Surrender and the Transformation of Your Soul, and Vibrant Faith in a Secular Age.

REGISTER TODAY

There is no cost to attend but registration is required.

Online (Recommended) at WWW.DIOCESEAJ.ORG or mail in a form, available at each parish in the diocese. Direct all questions to Sister Linda LaMagna; email llamagna@dioceseaj.org