



March 03, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: MAR 02-MAR 10, 2024

SAT, MAR 02	4:00 PM	FOR THE PEOPLE BY THE PASTOR
SUN, MAR 03	9:00 AM	FOR PAUL WHARTON BY PAT PARTNER & FAMILY
MON, MAR 04	8:00 AM	FOR JIM MOSER BY FRANK & ROSE MARIE FOCHLER
TUE, MAR 05	6:00 PM	NO MASS
WED, MAR 06	Holy Hour with Communion	
SAT, MAR 09	4:00 PM	FOR JIMMY & JAMES REED BY MARY & JILL REED
SUN, MAR 10	9:00 AM	FOR ANDREW & MARY SCHLATA BY BARBARA PARANICH

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 09, 4:00 PM:

LECTORS: Sr. Linda-1st Reader, M. Riggle-2nd Reader, T. Evanskey-Introduction & Intercession
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: J. Lovrich-Host, M. Kissell & T. Hoffer-Cup
ALTAR SERVERS: T. Smith
HOSPITALITY: A. Bucher, D. Kissell, N. Lovrich, Sr., B. Risbon

Sunday, Mar 10, 9:00 AM:

LECTORS: T. Colabove-1st Reader, S. Shaulis-2nd Reader, A. Amato-Introduction & Intercession
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: B. Paranich-Host, J. Chestney & P. Krug-Cup
ALTAR SERVERS: S. Caldwell & K. Shanafelt
HOSPITALITY: T. Carosielli, D. Cole, T. DelMastro, M. Kowalski

THE NEW 2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE HAS BEGUN

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 evangelization, 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.

March 3, 2024 – 3rd Sunday of Lent

This week marks the halfway point in our season of Lent. Our readings call us to roll up our sleeves and persevere through the remainder of Lent by committing to a more faithful life with Christ.

In our Gospel today, Jesus purifies the temple area because it is being misused as a marketplace. He becomes angry at their lack of reverence for God. He becomes angry at their lack of reverence for God. He spills the coins of the money changers and overturns tables, saying, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." Those who were with Him asked for a sign for doing this and He said, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." No one understood that He was referring to the death and resurrection of His Body. This season of Lent is only halfway done – there is still time to work through our shortcomings and purify our hearts for the glorious Easter morning. Let us not waste another moment. Let us commit to living more faithfully God's commandments, let us seek God's mercy and let us invite God to transform our hearts.

Grace Lutheran Church
114 N. Cambria Street
Bellwood, PA
Any questions,
please call Janice Endress at
814-742-7416

Grace's Closet Clothing Give-Away
2nd Saturday of every month.
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Third 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
Holy Days of Obligation and Daily Mass as published.

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.



PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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 ...

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING	Feb 19-Feb 25, 2024
Weekly (Sunday) Collection Goal	\$ 5,500.00
Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection:	\$ 1,655.00
Other: (Holy Days, Diocesan Collections, etc.)	\$ 811.00
Weekly Online Donations:	\$ 1,155.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:	\$ 3,621.00
2023 Catholic Ministries Drive Target	\$ \$19,753.00
CMD Donations for 2024:	\$ ----

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- ◆ **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.

The **ADULT ENRICHMENT CLASS** continues on Friday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

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, March 6, at Logan Valley Baptist with 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 FUNDRAISER 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 using our SCRIP program to order the gift card to donate.** 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. 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.

When donating a gift card, please indicate the amount of the card.

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."

BELLWOOD-ANTIS COUNCIL of CHURCHES FOOD SHARE PROGRAM St. Joseph Parish has been asked to collect **Laundry Detergent (liquid or pods)** for the next Food Share Program. Please place donations in the containers located at each entrance of the church by March 12. This program helps approximately 120 family units in our community. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

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.

TENEBRAE SERVICE: A Tenebrae Cantata entitled "In the Shadow of the Cross" will be held at 7:00pm Good Friday March 29 at St John Gualbert Cathedral 117 Clinton Street Johnstown, Pa. The Greater Johnstown Diocesan Festival Choir along with the Festival Chamber Orchestra will recount poignantly in song and scripture the last moments of the Christ's earthly struggle. A free-will offering will be taken.

The 59th Annual Novena in **HONOR OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS** will be held from Monday, March 11 to Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at Sacred Heart Church (6th Avenue and 20th Street Altoona, PA). **Solemn Opening Mass will be celebrated on Monday, March 11, at 7:00 p.m.** A complete schedule will be available on the first night of the novena in the church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: SUNDAY, March 03, 2024

Grade School (K-6): 10:00-11:15 a.m.

High School (Grades 7-11): 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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

- **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

ST. JOSEPH SINGERS NEEDED FOR EASTER SERVICES:

There will be 3 practices to prepare for the Easter services.

Mondays from 7:00-8:30 PM:

March 11th

March 18th

March 25th



Please come to the choir loft and share your talents.

NEXT WEEK OUR SPECIAL COLLECTION SUPPORTS THE CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN. This campaign connects Catholics with Christ in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message! Learn more at www.usccb.org/cc.

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

SAINT FRANCIS UNIVERSITY PRESENTS:

THE VIGIL PROJECT

TRUE PRESENCE NIGHT

LIVE MUSIC | EUCHARISTIC ADORATION | DYNAMIC SPEAKING

THURSDAY MARCH 14, 2024, AT 7:30 PM

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHAPEL

132 FRANCISCAN WAY, LORETTO

RECONCILIATION AVAILABLE

QUESTIONS? CONTACT: 814-472-3172

THEVIGILPROJECT.COM

TIM FRANCIS WILL BE VISITING HOLY NAME PARISH in Ebensburg, PA on March 21, 22 & 23 to present on Eucharistic Miracles, the infinite value of the Holy Sacrifice of Mass, and the role the saints have in helping us grow in holiness. The presentation will be at 6:30PM each evening (same presentation each evening.) For more information on Tim Francis visit www.ScienceTestsFaith.com/HolyName.