



**April 14, 2024**

**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: APR 13 - APR 21, 2024**

SAT, APR 13 4:00 PM FOR THE WHARTON FAMILY  
BY PAT PARTNER & FAMILY

SUN, APR 14 9:00 AM FOR JOEY BELIS  
BY HIS FAMILY

MON, APR 15 8:00 AM FOR FR. RAYMOND CROSSER & THE  
DECEASED MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY  
BY HIS ESTATE

TUE, APR 16 6:00 PM FOR KAREN WESTRICK  
BY PAUL & LOUISE KRUG

WED, APR 17 7:30 AM HOLY HOUR WITH COMMUNION

SAT, APR 20 4:00 PM FOR DARLENE SCHIRF  
BY DONALD & FAMILY

SUN, APR 21 9:00 AM FOR THE PEOPLE  
BY THE PASTOR

**MASS INTENTIONS:** If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for the deceased or for special intentions, you will find envelopes at each entrance of the church or you can stop in or call the office. *Please keep in mind that we schedule as we receive mass intentions (we cannot schedule more than one year in advance) 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, April 20, 4:00 PM:**

LECTORS: *1st Reading:* Sr. Linda  
*2nd Reading:* P. Wills  
*Introduction & Intercession:* B. Pennington

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:  
*Host:* J. Steinbauer  
*Cup:* M. Kissell & M. Riggle

ALTAR SERVERS: T. Smith  
HOSPITALITY: A. Bucher, S. Genesi, N. Lovrich, Sr., B. Risbon

**Sunday, April 21, 9:00 AM:**

LECTORS: *1st Reading:* L. Krug  
*2nd Reading:* S. Caldwell  
*Introduction & Intercession:* T. Finn

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:  
*Host:* P. Krug  
*Cup:* T. Belis & B. Shedlock

ALTAR SERVERS: E. Caldwell & Curtis Shedlock  
HOSPITALITY: J. Chestney, B. DelGrosso, E. Hunter, W. Rossi

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING	APR 1 - APR 7	
WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION GOAL	\$	5,500.00
REGULAR WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION:	\$	3,363.00
OTHER: (HOLY DAYS, DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS, ETC.)	\$	1,174.00
WEEKLY ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$	1,605.00
<b>TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,142.00</b>
2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE TARGET	\$	19,753.00
<b>CMD DONATIONS FOR 2024:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,670.00</b>

**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 ON-LINE GIVING - VISIT OUR WEBSITE: [WWW.SAINTJOSEPHBELLWOOD.ORG](http://WWW.SAINTJOSEPHBELLWOOD.ORG)**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

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](mailto: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](mailto:abishopamato@dioceseaj.org).

REVEREND FATHER MICHAEL PLEVA, PARISH ADMINISTRATOR  
Church Office at St. Joseph's: (814) 742-7075  
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SR. LINDA LAMAGNA, CCW, PASTORAL MINISTER  
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ALISON BISHOP-AMATO, ADMINISTRATIVE & FINANCIAL ASSISTANT  
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
DRE: SR. LINDA LAMAGNA  
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PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS  
Stuart Crocker, Peter Gardella, Jr., Filomena Long,, Barbara Paranych, 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.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- ◆ **PARISH ASSOCIATION MEETING** - Monday, April 15, 2024 at 6:30pm, Parish Meeting Room.
- ◆ **MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** - Monday, April 29, at 6:30 p.m., Parish Meeting Room.

# Spaghetti Dinner



**YOU CAN PURCHASE  
TICKETS IN THE  
VESTIBULE OR  
BY CALLING  
814-742-7075.**

St. Joseph Church

623 E. 3rd St. Bellwood, PA

**MAY 19, 2024 • 11am - 2pm  
Dine in or Take Out**

Meal Includes: Spaghetti & Meatballs,  
Salad, Italian Bread, Dessert

**Adults: \$12 • Six & Under: \$6**

### THANK YOU!

We would like to thank Bob & Barb Whiteford for donating the "Planter Fence" for our gift cards to be placed on for our raffle. Beautiful Job!

We would also like to thank our parishioners for your generous support in donating the gift cards for the planter.

We will be selling chances for our door prize that will have **over \$1,000** worth of gift cards attached to it.

### 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

**HEALING MASS:** Holy Spirit Ministry will hold a special Healing Mass on Tuesday, May 7th, 2024, at 7 pm, at St. Michael Church, Hollidaysburg. This powerful night of hope and healing is for all who are suffering physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Fr. Brad Baldwin TOR will be the main celebrant. Praise and worship will precede the Mass at 6:30pm and prayer ministry will follow the Mass. If you are suffering physically, or from an addiction, or hurting or struggling in any way, come and experience the healing power of Jesus and be set free! All are welcome!

**THE DIOCESE OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN HAS AN OPENING FOR A FULL-TIME PRIEST CARE COORDINATOR** to serve as an advocate and care manager for resident priests of St. Leonard's Retirement Home while managing day -to-day operations. To view a full listing of responsibilities and qualifications and to apply, please go to <https://www.dioceseaj.org/employment>. Resumes may also be sent to [Lmcevoy@dioceseaj.org](mailto:Lmcevoy@dioceseaj.org).

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: SUNDAY, April 14, 2024

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

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS** to our 2nd graders who received Jesus' Body and Blood for the first time at mass on Saturday, April 13th. They are: Molly Caldwell, Troy Cusick, Olivia Friel, Michael McAndrew, Ryker McCartney, & Josie Rice.

**BIBLE CAMP (VBS - Vacation Bible School) for 2024**, will be held the week of **June 17th to the 21st**, from **6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**, in the Saint Joseph Church Hall. Bible Camp is for both St. Joseph and St. Matthew Parishes, as well as any neighboring parishes who wish to attend. The theme for this year is **HOME-TOWN NAZARETH**. **Registration Forms can be found at both entrances to the church. Please be sure to register soon so we can place our order for materials. Admission is free but small donations will be accepted.**

#### 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.

**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](http://WWW.DIOCESEAJ.ORG) or mail in a form, available at each parish in the diocese. Direct all questions to Sister Linda LaMagna; email [llama-gna@dioceseaj.org](mailto:llama-gna@dioceseaj.org)

#### **Stewardship Reflections** – 3rd Sunday of Easter

During this Easter season, in addition to celebrating all that Christ did for us, we are also reminded of how His sacrifice impacts our lives. The knowledge of His sacrifice should not only affect our minds but also our hearts, changing how we live.

Through sin, we betray Jesus once again. It is like saying, "crucify Him!" Sometimes we deliberately turn away from Jesus out of pride and selfishness, and other times, we are not even aware of the gravity of our sin. Whether we know our weaknesses or are ignorant to them, let us ask God to reveal the areas of our lives in which we are betraying Him – maybe through addiction, materialism, and how we spend our money or time and putting things above God. And let us ask for the grace to repent and change our ways.

As we are still in the midst of this Easter season, let us take some time to think about what Christ did for us and the changes we should make in our daily lives to help us grow closer to Him.