



April 07, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: APR 06 - APR 14, 2024

SAT, APR 06 4:00 PM FOR PATRICK WILLS, SR.
BY JOYCE WILLS

SUN, APR 07 9:00 AM FOR THE PEOPLE
BY THE PASTOR

MON, APR 08 8:00 AM FOR HELEN ROSSI
BY JOANNE STRAW

TUE, APR 09 6:00 PM FOR INTENTIONS OF OUR PARISHIONERS
BY SUSAN WOLF

WED, APR 10 7:30 AM Holy Hour with Communion

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

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 13, 4:00 PM:

LECTORS: *1st Reading:* First Communicant
2nd Reading: First Communicant
Introduction & Intercession: First Communicant

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
Host: Jessica Steinbauer
Cup: J. Lovrich & M. Kissell

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

Sunday, April 14, 9:00 AM:

LECTORS: *1st Reading:* N. Lovrich, Jr.
2nd Reading: C. Shanafelt
Introduction & Intercession: S. Shaulis

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
Host: Sr. Linda
Cup: T. Colabove & T. Belis

ALTAR SERVERS: K. Shanafelt & E. Wolfe
HOSPITALITY: J. Chestney, B. DelGrosso, E. Hunter, W. Rossi

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING	Mar 25 - Mar 31	
<i>Weekly (Sunday) Collection Goal</i>	\$	5,500.00
Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection:	\$	1,230.00
Other: (<i>Holy Days, Diocesan Collections,</i>	\$	3,062.00
Weekly Online Donations:	\$	980.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:	\$	5,272.00
<i>2024 Catholic Ministries Drive Target</i>	\$	\$19,753.00
CMD Donations for 2024:	\$	\$7,670.00

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**

Second 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

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 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 COUNCIL MEETING** - Monday, April 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- ◆ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING** - Monday, April 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room
- ◆ **FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE MEETING** - Tuesday, April 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room
- ◆ **FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING** - Wednesday, April 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room
- ◆ **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

BUS TRIP TO FRANCISCAN MONASTERY, WASHINGTON, DC

Spend a beautiful spring day with the Franciscan Friars, TOR at Franciscan Monastery in Washington, DC on Wednesday, April 24th! The trip will include Mass, tours of the upper and lower church, and beautiful outdoor garden. Part of the tour includes replicas of the Holy Lands that are throughout the campus. The cost is \$120 and includes lunch, dinner, a donation to the DC Monastery and all tips.

The bus departs from St. Bernardine Monastery, Hollidaysburg at 7:00 AM and returns at approximately 8:00 PM. For questions or to register, call 814-695-3802 or Franciscan Friars, TOR, PO Box 139, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648. Registration deadline is April 14th!

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: SUNDAY, April 7, 2024

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

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

- **PRACTICE FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** is Thursday, April 11, from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., in the church.
- **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FOR 2ND GRADE STUDENTS** is Saturday, April 13, at the 4:00 p.m. Mass. **Photos will be taken at 3:00 p.m.**

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 or mail in a form, available at each parish in the diocese. Direct all questions to Sister Linda LaMagna; email llamagna@dioceseaj.org

Stewardship Reflections for April 7, 2024 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

On this second Sunday of Easter, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. We celebrate this feast today since God's mercy was shared with us through the resurrection of Jesus. To put it simply, we are celebrating Jesus' merciful love for us and how we can partake in it. No matter where we are on our journey as a disciple of Christ, we are all in need of God's merciful love. There are countless times throughout the day when we miss the mark. For instance, we might fail to respond in kind to our spouses or kids, fall into gossip in our workday, or even forget to think positively of others. These shortcomings call us to humble ourselves and receive the unwavering mercy of God.

Let us continue to celebrate today, as we are in the midst of our glorious Easter season! As we celebrate, may we recall the precious gift God has given to us through His Son – Mercy itself. May we never forget that, with a contrite heart and a resolution to do better, God is always willing to forgive. And may we never withhold merciful love from anyone we meet.