



March 17, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: MAR 09-MAR 17, 2024

SAT, MAR 16 4:00 PM FOR HELEN ROSSI
BY THE MINORI FAMILY

SUN, MAR 17 9:00 AM FOR THE PEOPLE
BY THE PASTOR

MON, MAR 18 8:00 AM FOR JIM REED
BY LOUISE & PAUL KRUG

TUE, MAR 19 5:30 PM FOR SUE JOHNSON
**PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE* BY BILL & JENNY MALONEY

WED, MAR 20 Holy Hour with Communion

SAT, MAR 23 4:00 PM FOR ART PARTNER
BY PAT & FAMILY

SUN, MAR 24 9:00 AM FOR FOUNDERS DAY
BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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 for Palm Sunday

Saturday, Mar 23, 4:00 PM:

LECTORS: 1st Reading:
2nd Reading: A. Bucher
Introduction & Intercession:
Narrator: M. Riggle
Voice: T. Bucher

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
Host: M. Kissell
Cup:

ALTAR SERVERS: A. Bucher & T. Smith
HOSPITALITY: D. Kissell, N. Lovrich, Sr., B. Risbon

Sunday, Mar 24, 9:00 AM:

LECTORS: 1st Reading: A. Amato
2nd Reading:
Introduction & Intercession:
Narrator: N. Lovrich
Voice: B. Paranich

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
Host: Louise Krug
Cup: P. Krug

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

MINISTRIES NEEDED FOR PALM SATURDAY/SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK MINISTRIES - We are seeking people to sign up for Readers, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, and Ushers for Palm Saturday/Sunday Mass and Holy Week/Easter Sunday. A Sign-up Sheet is on the radiator in the Vestibule of the Church. Please stop by to sign up or contact Sr. Linda at 814-742-7894. Since the Holy Thursday Mass is at St. Joseph Church this year, we are in need of six people to have their feet washed during the Service. Please contact Sr. Linda if you are willing and able.

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING	Mar 04 - Mar 10	
Weekly (Sunday) Collection Goal	\$	5,500.00
Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection:	\$	1,909.60
Other: (Holy Days, Diocesan Collections,	\$	1,925.00
Weekly Online Donations:	\$	1,200.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:	\$	5,034.60
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

Fifth 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
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SR. LINDA LAMAGNA, CCW, PASTORAL MINISTER
Office: (814) 742-7894
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ALISON BISHOP-AMATO, ADMINISTRATIVE & FINANCIAL ASSISTANT
Hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM
Parish Office: (814) 742-7075
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
DRE: SR. LINDA LAMAGNA
Religious Education Office and Hall: (814) 742-7894
Church: (814) 742-7075
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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.

PENANCE SERVICES

IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO MAKE THE SERVICE HERE AT OUR PARISH, THERE ARE STILL OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS THE DIOCESE:

March 17: Saint John the Evangelist, Bellefonte – 3:00 PM

March 18: Our Mother of Sorrows, Johnstown – 6:00 PM
Saint Michael, St. Michael – 6:00 PM
Holy Family, Portage – 7:00 PM
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Altoona – 7:00 PM

March 19: Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Johnstown- 5:30 PM
Our Mother of Sorrows, Johnstown – 6:00 PM
Good Shepherd, Port Matilda – 7:00 PM

March 20: Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona– 6:00 PM
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Windber– 6:00 PM
Queen of Archangels Parish, Clarence – 6:30 PM

March 21: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Altoona – 5:30 PM

March 24: Saint Mary Parish, Hollidaysburg – 4:00 PM
Our Lady of Victory Parish, State College – 6:30 PM

March 25: Saint Benedict Parish, Johnstown – 5:00 PM


March 27: Our Lady of the Alleghenies Parish, Lilly – 6:00 PM

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS	
<p>◆ PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - Monday, April 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.</p> <p>◆ PARISH ASSOCIATION MEETING - Monday, April 15, 2024 at 6:30pm, Parish Hall.</p> <p>◆ SAINT JOSEPH PARISH IS HAVING A SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER ON SUNDAY, MAY 19. Time to be announced.</p>	
<p>STATIONS OF THE CROSS are prayed each Friday of Lent at 6:00 p.m. in the Church.</p> <p>The ADULT ENRICHMENT CLASS continues on Friday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m.</p>	
<p>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.</p> <p>This week's Service will be held on Wednesday, March 20, at Bellwood Cross of Calvary Church, with speaker Dave Taylor</p> <p>The final service will be held at here at St. Joseph parish on March 27 - Stations of the Cross with Fr. Michael Pleva</p>	
<p>ST. JOSEPH SINGERS - PRACTICE FOR EASTER SERVICES Mondays from 7:00-8:30 PM: March 18th & March 25th Please come to the choir loft and share your talents.</p>	
HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE	
<p>Monday, Mar. 25: 11:00 a.m. - Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament</p> <p>TRIDUUM</p> <p>† Holy Thursday, Mar. 28: 7:00 p.m. - Mass at St. Joseph Church, 7:00 p.m., followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.</p> <p>† Good Friday, Mar. 29: <u>Good Friday Services</u> 1:00 p.m. - St. Joseph Church 3:00 p.m. - St. Matthew Church <u>Stations of the Cross</u> 6:00 p.m. - St. Joseph Church 7:00 p.m. - St. Matthew Church</p> <p>† Holy Saturday, Mar. 30: 9:30 a.m. - <i>Blessing of the Easter Baskets followed by an Easter Egg Hunt - St. Matthew Church</i> 8:00 p.m. - <i>Vigil Mass at St. Matthew Church</i></p> <p>† Easter Sunday, Mar. 31: 7:30 a.m. - <i>Mass at St. Matthew Church</i> 9:00 a.m. - Mass at St. Joseph Church, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 a.m. - <i>Mass at St. Matthew Church</i></p>	
<p>ATTENTION PARISHIONERS: We are asking if you could please donate a gift card or monetary donation to be used for making our prize for our Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser to be held May 19. If you wish to donated a gift card, we suggest purchasing one through our SCRIP program so that our church benefits twice. PLEASE MAKE SURE TO WRITE THE AMOUNT ON THE GIFT CARD. An envelope will be attached to next week's bulletin. Please return with your donation as soon as possible so we can start selling chances prior to the dinner. As always, we appreciate your support. <i>The Fundraising Committee.</i></p>	
REST IN PEACE	
<p>Please pray for the souls of our parishioners, Ann Nesbella and Darlene Schirf, as well as Father David Roesch, who all passed away recently. May our good gracious God grant them eternal peace and happiness in His kingdom and their loved ones comfort and strength.</p>	
PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL	
<p>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.</p>	



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS
<p>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: SUNDAY, March 17, 2024</p> <p>Grade School (K-6): 10:00-11:15 a.m. High School (Grades 7-11): 6:00-8:00 p.m.</p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p>EASTER EGG HUNT - The Easter Bunny is coming to Saint Joseph Church on Easter Sunday, March 31, for an Easter Egg Hunt for all children up to and including 4th Grade, at 10:00 a.m. on the Church Lawn, near the statue of Saint Joseph. We will provide the bags for the Hunt. this year, there will be a golden egg.</p> 
<p>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.</p>
<p>CHILDREN VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE COUNCIL OF CHURCHES SERVICE that will be held on Wednesday, March 27, at 6:30 p.m. We are in need of at least 10 children to carry symbols for the Gathering Procession and to hold the Stations of the cross banners as each station is prayed. Letters were sent home with permission slips, but you can also call Sr. Linda at 814-742-7894.</p>
<p>THE RITE OF SENDING FOR OUR 11TH GRADE STUDENTS WILL TAKE PLACE on Palm Sunday, March 24th, at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. 11th Graders should be present with their sponsors or a person by proxy and should sit in the front row mark for them. Please wear dress clothes.</p>
<p>TEENS FOR DR. EDWARD SRI EVENT - We have a renowned Guest speaker, who is internationally known, who will be coming as a guest speaker to our Diocese on the weekend of April 19 and 20th. The Friday event is for College and High School Students. I can assure all parents that this is an event that you will want your Teens to experience. Plan to bring your sons and daughters. Students under 18 years of age must be accompanied by and adult. Admission is Free. Snacks will be provided and we will be honored with the Franciscan College providing Praise and Worship Music. Please be sure to register for the event you plan to attend. Go to www.dioceseaj.org and click on the Dr. Edward Sri Event. There is a place for students to register as well as for the adults accompanying them.</p> <p>THERE IS ALSO SATURDAY MORNING EVENT FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC. Adults are welcome to attend this event as well. Contact Sr. Linda at 814-742-7894 for more information or email me at llamagna@dioceseaj.org.</p>
<p>THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #8075 IS SPONSORING A "40 CANS FOR 40 DAYS OF LENT" FOOD DRIVE AT OUR CHURCH:</p> <p>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."</p>