



March 24, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: MAR 23-MAR 31, 2024

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
MON, MAR 25	<b>NO 8:00 AM MASS</b> <b>11:00 AM CHRISM MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, ALTOONA</b>	
TUE, MAR 26	6:00 PM	FOR KATHLEEN PFAHLER BY THE SCHIRF FAMILY
WED, MAR 27	7:30 AM	Holy Hour with Communion
THU, MAR 28	7:00 PM	FOR DOLORES SCHIRF BY SR. WILHELMINA SCHOCH
FRI, MAR 29	1:00 PM	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
SAT, MAR 30	<b>*No 4:00 PM MASS AT ST. JOSEPH'S</b> <b>8:00 PM AT ST. MATTHEW'S - EASTER VIGIL</b>	
SUN, MAR 31	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

**Holy Thursday, March 28, 7:00 PM:**

LECTORS: 1st Reading: L. Krug  
2nd Reading: S. Burkholder  
Introduction & Intercession: T. Evanskey  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:  
Host: T. Hoffer  
Cup: P. Krug & S. Zakrzwski  
ALTAR SERVERS: C. Shedlock  
HOSPITALITY: Volunteers  
FEET WASHING: From St. Joseph's - A. Jackson, J. Chestney, D. Irwin, S. Genesi, M. Reed, T. Hoffer. From St. Matthew's - M. Tyler, C. Gates, T. Boose, S. McNelis, E. Weber, L. Wright

**Good Friday, Mar 29, 1:00 PM:**

LECTORS: 1st Reading:  
2nd Reading: Sr. Linda  
Narrator: N. Lovrich  
Voice: B. Paranich  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:  
Host: T. Hoffer  
ALTAR SERVERS: T. Shanafelt & C. Shedlock

**Easter Sunday, Mar 31, 9:00 AM:**

LECTORS: 1st Reading: T. Finn  
2nd Reading: A. Amato  
Introduction & Intercession: T. Evanskey  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:  
Host: T. Hoffer  
Cup: Sr. Linda  
ALTAR SERVERS: T. Rishel & C. Shedlock  
HOSPITALITY: J. Chestney

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS – PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD’S PASSION

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday – the beginning of our Holy Week. Our liturgy starts with the account of Jesus humbly entering into Jerusalem riding a donkey. People put cloaks and palm branches in His pathway crying, “Hosanna, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” It is with great joy that Christ was being honored as king, still in the same breath, we are filled with sorrow as we reflect on Christ’s passion and death. Thankfully, we know the glorious outcome of this painful journey. Today, as we read about the climax of Christ’s mission here on earth, we are reminded that He is the Perfect Steward, a model for us all on our stewardship journey.

Our First Reading, from the prophet Isaiah, portrays a suffering servant. The suffering servant, in many ways, foreshadows what Jesus endured during His passion – “I gave my back to those who beat me... my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.” Christ endured such tortures, knowing that He did not deserve them, but still He humbly submitted to them.

As we embark on this Holy Week, let us take some time to reflect on the life of Christ as He is our model Steward, and may we strive to imitate Him daily.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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).

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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.

PENANCE SERVICES

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

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

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING	Mar 11 - Mar 17	
Weekly (Sunday) Collection Goal	\$	5,500.00
Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection:	\$	2,597.00
Other: (Holy Days, Diocesan Collections,	\$	770.00
Weekly Online Donations:	\$	1,385.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:	\$	4,752.00
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.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS**

◆ **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** - Monday, April 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.

◆ **PARISH ASSOCIATION MEETING** - Monday, April 15, 2024 at 6:30pm, Parish Hall.

◆ **SAINT JOSEPH PARISH IS HAVING A SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER ON SUNDAY, MAY 19.** Time to be announced.

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**Monday, Mar. 25:** 11:00 a.m. - Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament

**Wednesday, Mar. 27:** 6:30 p.m. - Bellwood-Antis Council of Churches Ecumenical Lenten Service at St. Joseph Church - Stations of the Cross with Fr. Michael Pleva

**TRIDUUM**

† **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.

† **Good Friday, Mar. 29:**  
Good Friday Services  
1:00 p.m. - St. Joseph Church  
3:00 p.m. - St. Matthew Church  
Stations of the Cross  
6:00 p.m. - St. Joseph Church  
7:00 p.m. - St. Matthew Church

† **Holy Saturday, Mar. 30:**  
9:30 a.m. - Blessing of the Easter Baskets followed by an Easter Egg Hunt - St. Matthew Church  
10:00 a.m. - Decorating of the Church for Easter  
8:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass - **St. Matthew Church**

† **Easter Sunday, Mar. 31:**  
7:30 a.m. - Mass at St. Matthew Church  
9:00 a.m. - Mass at St. Joseph Church, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt  
10:30 a.m. - Mass at St. Matthew Church

**ST. JOSEPH SINGERS - PRACTICE FOR EASTER SERVICES**  
Mondays from 7:00-8:30 PM: March 25th  
**Please come to the choir loft and share your talents.**

**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 the 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. *The Fundraising Committee.*

**Divine Mercy Novena**  
9 days of prayer  
Starting with Day 1 - Good Friday, March 29th  
Ending with Day 9 - Saturday, April 6th  
3:00 pm each day at St. Joseph's Church  
We will pray the Novena prayers and the Divine Mercy chaplet. Please come, pray, and prepare for Divine Mercy Sunday!

**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

**PUBLIC WAY OF THE CROSS IN TYRONE**  
Parishioners are invited to walk the 1.25 mile Public Way of the Cross on Good Friday, March 29th starting at 12 noon at the front sidewalk of St. Matthew Church and concluding at St. Matthew Church at 2 pm. Fourteen stops clergy and lay speakers will guide our Lenten steps as we commemorate Jesus' final hours and recall His agony in proving God's eternal love for us.

<b>Grace Lutheran Church</b> 114 N. Cambria Street Bellwood, PA Any questions, please call Janice Endress at 814-742-7416	<b>Grace's Closet Clothing Give-Away</b> 2nd Saturday of every month. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: SUNDAY, March 24, 2024**  
Grade School (K-6): 10:00-11:15 a.m.

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- **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.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



**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.**

**CHILDREN VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR THE COUNCIL OF CHURCHES SERVICE 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.

**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](http://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.  
**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](mailto:llamagna@dioceseaj.org).

**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.

**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!