



March 31, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: MAR 31-APR 07, 2024

SUN, MAR 31 9:00 AM FOR ROBERT PARANICH
 BY BARBARA PARANICH
MON, APR 01 8:00 AM FOR JIM REED
 BY LOIS DUNCAN
TUE, APR 02 11:00 AM FUNERAL MASS FOR OLGA LAWYUK
No 6:00 P.M. MASS
 7:00 P.M. CONFIRMATION MASS-THE CATHEDRAL
WED, APR 03 7:30 AM Holy Hour with Communion
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

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 06, 4:00 PM:

LECTORS: *1st Reading:* T. Bucher
2nd Reading: B. Pennington
Introduction & Intercession: T. Evanskey
 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
Host: M. Kissell
Cup: J. Steinbauer & J. Shelow
 ALTAR SERVERS: T. Smith
 HOSPITALITY: A. Bucher, S. Genesi, N. Lovrich, Sr., B. Risbon

Sunday, April 07, 9:00 AM:

LECTORS: *1st Reading:* A. Amato
2nd Reading: Sr. Linda
Introduction & Intercession: D. Morrissey
 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
Host: B. Paranich
Cup: L. Krug & C. Weyandt
 ALTAR SERVERS: E. Caldwell & T. Rishel
 HOSPITALITY: J. Chestney, B. DelGrosso, E. Hunter, W. Rossi

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING	Mar 18 - Mar 24	
<i>Weekly (Sunday) Collection Goal</i>	\$	5,500.00
Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection:	\$	2,039.00
Other: (Holy Days, Diocesan Collections,	\$	544.00
Weekly Online Donations:	\$	1,540.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:	\$	4,123.00
<i>2023 Catholic Ministries Drive Target</i>	\$	\$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

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection 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

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
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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
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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.

REST IN PEACE - Please pray for the soul of our parishioner Olga Lawruk who passed away on Friday, March 22. May our good gracious God grant her eternal peace and happiness in His kingdom and her loved ones comfort and strength.



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
- ♦ **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.

PRAYERS and BEST WISHES to the following young people of our parish who will receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, April 2**, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona: Zachary Gonzales, Jalynn Partner & Gracie Rice. Please pray for these young adults that they may continue to grow in their relationship with Jesus and become the persons God intends them to be.

On Sunday, April 7, at the 9:00 a.m. Mass, Nancy Bolinda will be coming into full communion with the Catholic Church.

Sincere congratulations and welcome to these newest members of our parish family. Please make sure you take time to congratulate them and show them our love and support as we journey together into the Kingdom of God.

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, from 11 am to 3 pm.** 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.**

Donation Envelopes are located at each church entrance. Please return with your donation as soon as possible so we can start selling chances prior to the dinner. We appreciate your support.

The Fundraising Committee.

Divine Mercy Novena

9 days of prayer

Starting with Day 1 - Good Friday, March 29
Ending with Day 9 - Saturday, April 6

3:00 pm each day

St. Joseph's Church

We will pray the Novena prayers and the Divine Mercy chaplet. Please come, pray, and prepare for Divine Mercy Sunday!



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!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: SUNDAY, March 31, 2024

- **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.
- **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.**



SAVE THE DATE
Come hear Author and Speaker
DR. EDWARD SRI

Friday, April 19, 2024 (For College Students)
General Public: Saturday, April 20, 2024
Mount Aloysius College
Athletic Convocation & Wellness Center
7373 Admiral Peary Hwy, Cresson, PA 16630
More information to come.

Dr. Edward Sri is a theologian, author and well-known speaker who presents to tens of thousands of people around the world each year. He has written several best-selling books, including No Greater Love; Who Am I to Judge?; and Walking with Mary. He is the presenter of several faith formation programs used by thousands of parishes, including the celebrated film series Symbolism: The Catholic Faith Explained. With Curtis Martin, he is a co-founder of FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) and currently serves as Sr. Vice President of Apostolic Outreach. Dr. Sri leads pilgrimages to Rome and the Holy Land each year and is the host of the acclaimed podcast All Things Catholic. His latest book is The Art of Living: The Cardinal Virtues and the Freedom to Love. He and his wife Elizabeth are blessed with eight children and resides in Littleton, Colorado.

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, AND OTHER YOUNG ADULTS. Students under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Admission is Free. Snacks will be provided and we will be honored with the Franciscan College providing Praise and Worship Music.

THERE IS ALSO SATURDAY MORNING EVENT FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC. Adults are welcome to attend this event as well.

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.** Contact Sr. Linda at 814-742-7894 for more information or email me at **llamagna@dioceseaj.org.**

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