



**JULY 07, 2024**

**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: JUL 06-JUL 14, 2024**

SAT, JUL 06	4:00 PM	FOR JACOB POLITZA BY MARY ANN POLITZA
SUN, JUL 07	9:00 AM	FOR CHET GAINES BY HIS FAMILY
MON, JUL 08	8:00 AM	FOR HELEN ROSSI BY THE MINORI FAMILY
TUE, JUL 09	6:00 PM	FOR GERRY HALBEDL BY MARLENE HALBEDL
WED, JUL 10	7:30 AM	HOLY HOUR WITH COMMUNION
SAT, JUL 13	4:00 PM	FOR THE PEOPLE BY THE PASTOR
SUN, JUL 14	9:00 AM	FOR PAUL WHARTON BY PAT PARTNER & 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, Jul 13, 4:00 PM:**

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

**Sunday, Jul 14, 9:00 AM:**

LECTORS: *1st Reading:* S. Caldwell  
*2nd Reading:* A. Amato  
Introduction & Intercession: G. Finn  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:  
*Host:* B. Shedlock  
*Cup:* L. Krug & P. Krug  
ALTAR SERVERS: K. Shanafelt & E. Wolfe  
HOSPITALITY: J. Chestney, T. DelMastro, M. Kowalski, W. Rossi

**LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT GIFT** for Weddings, Anniversaries, Birthdays? Please try our Parish **Scrip Program**. See a representative in the Vestibule after mass to order gift cards for shopping at places like Hometown Market, Martins, Sheetz's, Sam's Club or Walmart or Lowe's or Home Depot. Place an order after mass and pick up your card the following weekend. (Bellwood Hometown Market cards are usually on hand.) Our parish will then receive a percentage back. Thank you for your support.

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING	JUN 24- JUN 30
WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION GOAL	\$ 5,500.00
REGULAR WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION:	\$ 2,545.00
OTHER: (HOLY DAYS, DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS, ETC.)	\$ 1,157.00
WEEKLY ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$ 805.00
<b>TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:</b>	<b>\$ 4,507.00</b>
2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE TARGET	\$ 19,753.00
<b>CMD DONATIONS FOR 2024:</b>	<b>\$ 22,063.77</b>

**SAINT JOSEPH ON-LINE GIVING**

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: [WWW.SAINTJOSEPHBELLWOOD.ORG](http://WWW.SAINTJOSEPHBELLWOOD.ORG)

**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. What makes a person truly rich is not how much they have but how much they give.

**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.



**THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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  
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PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS  
Stuart Crocker, Peter Gardella, Jr., Filomena Long, Barbara Paranch, Janine Schirf, , Dominic Tornatore, Jessica Steinbauer, Christopher Wagner, Rebecca Wertz

*Interested in becoming Catholic?* Contact Sr. Linda 814-742-7075.

SCHOOLS: St. Joseph Parish supports St. Matthew and Holy Trinity Catholic Schools, and Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School.

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE AND ROOF REPAIR UPDATE**

**Thank you to our generous parishioners! Our CMD goal for 2024 is \$19,753. As of June 30, we have exceeded that target by \$2,310.77.** That amount plus any other CMD donations received by the diocese this year will now be sent back to our parish, assessment free, to be used towards the Church roof repairs.

Currently, we estimate that the roof repairs will cost about \$100,000. Thanks to an incredible \$25,000 donation, as well as other generous donations, we have already raised over \$33,000!

With your continued support towards our Catholic Ministries Drive and the Roof Repair Donations, we are confident we can raise the funds needed to cover all of the repairs.

**WE CONGRATULATE FR. MICHAEL PLEVA** who was named by Bishop Mark Bartchak as PASTOR for both St. Joseph and St. Matthew Parishes. We are so blessed to have him as our Pastor and promise to pray for him daily, asking God to provide the strength and grace he needs to Shepherd our parishes.

**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

- ◆ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING** - Monday, July 08, 2024 at 7:00 pm. Parish Meeting Room.
- ◆ **MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** - Tuesday, July 9, following the 6:00 pm mass. Please contact Sr. Linda if you are not able to attend.
- ◆ **PARISH ASSOCIATION PICNIC COMMITTEE MEETING** - Wednesday, July 24, at 6:00 pm, Parish Meeting Room.
- ◆ **FUNDRAISING MEETING** - Tuesday, August 13, following the 6:00 pm mass. We will be working on the order forms for the Sep. 20th Backyard Brawl Marianna's Hoagie & Pizza Sale, looking ahead to the Christmas Tea, and planning events for 2025. Please plan to attend.

**OUR FIRST ANNUAL OLD FASHIONED PARISH PICNIC will be celebrated on Sunday evening, August 4, from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the St. Joseph Courtyard.**

The parish will provide hotdogs and buns, as well as non-alcoholic refreshments and an ice cream parlor. We are asking that parishioners bring a picnic food item to share.

Games for young and old will take place throughout the evening: corn hole toss, duck-pond and fishpond games, face painting, etc.



Please be sure to sign up as soon as possible. A sign-up sheet is posted in the vestibule.

We look forward to an evening of Food, Fun and Fellowship with our St. Joseph Parish Family.

**SHARE YOUR VEGETABLES** - Anyone having an abundance of vegetables growing in their gardens and would like to share them with parishioners is welcome to place them on the Share Vegetable Table inside the glass doors of the Chapel. Please bring them on Saturday evening or Sunday morning before each of the Masses.



**MONICA'S TEARS: SAINT ROSE OF LIMA PARISH**, Altoona, hosts an hour of adoration with the recitation of the rosary every Thursday night from 6 pm-7 pm to pray for our loved ones who have left the practice of the Catholic faith. Everyone is welcome.



### Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Office of the Bishop Summer Cereal Collection for Children

2713 W Chestnut Avenue  
Altoona, PA 16601  
Phone: 814-695-5579  
www.dioceseaj.org

A Letter from Bishop Mark to All Clergy, Religious, and Parish Members  
*Summer Cereal Collection for Children – July 20-21*

Dear Friends in Christ,

I have recently been reminded that many children in our area are going hungry because the free or reduced-price meals they receive in school are unavailable during the summer recess. Hunger has harmful effects on a child's learning during the summer. That's when a phenomenon called "summer slide" can be intensified without proper nutrition.

Research shows that summer hunger and food insecurity can cause physical and mental health problems and lead to poor performance in class when school begins again. In the meantime, food-insecure children experience higher rates of depression, anxiety and other mental health problems. Children, especially young children, who don't have enough to eat have more issues with language and motor skills (Read more at <https://www.feedthechildren.org/campaigns/summer-hunger/>).

But something can be done. A local effort is being made to collect cereal for children in need. The target date is the weekend of July 20-21. I am urging our parishes to promote the collection of breakfast cereal that can easily be brought to church during the coming weeks. It would be a great idea for children of all ages to bring boxes of cereal each weekend for the rest of the summer.

The Gospel reminds us that the Lord Jesus was filled with compassion for the crowd who had nothing to eat. It moved him to feed the crowd in an abundant manner (Mt. 15:32ff). Your contribution to this collection is an awesome way to put into practice the grace of the Eucharistic Revival that is taking place in the Church. Please be generous!

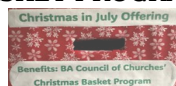
Bishop +Mark



**PLEASE DROP OFF CEREAL DONATIONS IN THE BOXES LOCATED AT EACH ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH BY THE WEEKEND OF JULY 20/21.**

**WE ARE ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR THE BA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES' CHRISTMAS BASKET PROGRAM.**

Please look for the Red Box in the Vestibule.



We fly to Your patronage, O Virgin Mother of God. Despise not our prayers in our needs, but deliver us from all dangers, since you alone are pure and blessed.

O most glorious Ever-Virgin Mary, the Mother of Christ our God, accept our prayers and present them to Your Son and our God, that for the sake of You, He enlighten and save our souls.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

**REGISTRATION FOR KINDERGARTEN, FIRST GRADE AND NEW STUDENTS FOR 2024/25 IS NOW OPEN** - It is already time to order materials for next year and to begin the planning of our yearly schedule for 2024/25. Registration Forms can be found in the vestibule of the church or parents can register their children online by going to our website <https://saintjosephbellwood.org/religious-education/> Please remember to provide us with your child's Baptism Certificate if this is a first-time registration.

### UPCOMING CATECHIST'S MEETINGS

- A meeting will be held for the **JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL CATECHISTS** on Sunday, August 4, right after the 9:00 am Mass, from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. In the Parish Meeting room.
- A meeting for the **KINDERGARTEN AND GRADE SCHOOL CATECHISTS** will be held on Sunday, August 11 right after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Parish Meeting Room.

### CHRISTIAN INITIATION NEWS

**THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC** - You may know of someone seeking new meaning for their life. Often when someone searches for deeper meaning and purpose, they discover a spiritual dimension inside themselves that has never been explored. One may find that they have a longing to experience God.

Persons seeking God or wanting to inquire about the Catholic Faith may find themselves transforming from having "no belief" to suddenly discovering what it means to be a Christian. Embracing the Catholic Faith is not an event with a defined beginning or end. It is an ongoing process of conversion that can lead to a new encounter with Christ and a journey which helps one discover the presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

**We will soon begin inquiry sessions for anyone interested in simply inquiring about the Faith of a Catholic Christian** in early September. Before the inquiry sessions begin, we would like to have a brief get-together with anyone who may feel that they are interested. **This get-together will be on Sunday, July 21, from 10:00-11:00 a.m., in the Parish Meeting room.** If you know of anyone who may have an interest, please personally invite them to come. Please call Sr. Linda if you have questions. 814-742-7894. If someone is interested but not able to attend the July 21 gathering, just give us a call and a time will be made for them.

On behalf of the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel Parish Family in Loretto, all the faithful of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to **OUTDOOR MASSES EVERY SUNDAY EVENING AT 7 PM AT THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE ALLEGHENIES** until Sunday, September 1. **Please bring a lawn chair.** In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel.

### SPECIAL MASSES:

*July 21 Mass for Married Couples;*

*TBA "Welcome to the Heralds of the Good News" Priests from India;*

*August 4 Mass for Young People-Return to College, Work, Military*

The historic **Prince Gallitzin Chapel House**, next to the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine, will be open on the following Sunday afternoons from **3:00 – 6:00 PM** for self-guided tours, pilgrimages and visits: **July 21, August 4 and 18.**

### Stewardship Reflections

**July 7, 2024 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Our readings today portray three figures that experienced challenges – Ezekiel, St. Paul and Jesus. It is a reminder for us that, even in our weakest and toughest moments, God has a plan.

As Christian stewards, we are not always accepted. It might be because of what we believe in, the principles we stand for, how we spend our time and money, what we choose to participate in or not, or even how we raise our families.

Today, as we hear about these three figures in the Scriptures, let us reflect on our lives. Recall that God loves us more than we could ever imagine. There is not a moment that goes by that He does not have us in mind. He has a specific plan for our lives. Therefore, may we encounter life's challenges, our weaknesses and moments of feeling unwanted with confidence in Christ.