



**AUGUST 18, 2024**

**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: AUG 17-AUG 25, 2024**

SAT, AUG 17 4:00 PM FOR DOLORES SCHIRF  
BY THE LOVRICH FAMILY

SUN, AUG 18 9:00 AM FOR JOE WHARTON  
BY PAT PARTNER & FAMILY

MON, AUG 19 8:00 AM FOR HELEN ROSSI  
BY PAT SHERIDAN

TUE, AUG 20 6:00 PM FOR JIM REED  
BY BARBARA PARANICH

**WED, AUG 21 7:30 AM NO HOLY HOUR**

SAT, AUG 24 4:00 PM FOR THE PEOPLE  
BY THE PASTOR

SUN, AUG 25 9:00 AM FOR DOLORES SCHIRF  
BY THE ROSSI 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, Aug 24, 4:00 PM:**

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

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:  
*Host:* T. Hoffer  
*Cup:* Sr. Linda & J. Steinbauer

ALTAR SERVERS: T. Smith  
HOSPITALITY: A. Bucher, D. Kissell, M. Kissell, B. Risbon

**Sunday, Aug 25, 9:00 AM:**

LECTORS: *1st Reading:* S. Caldwell  
*2nd Reading:* G. Finn  
*Introduction & Intercession:* T. Colabove

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:  
*Host:* J. Chestney  
*Cup:* C. Weyandt & T. Belis

ALTAR SERVERS: E. Caldwell & E. Wolfe  
HOSPITALITY: T. Carosielli, B. DelGrosso, E. Hunter, M. Kowalski

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING	AUG 5-AUG 11, 2024	
WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION GOAL	\$	5,500.00
REGULAR WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION:	\$	3,100.00
OTHER: (HOLY DAYS, DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS, ETC.)	\$	392.00
WEEKLY ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$	1,530.00
<b>TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,022.00</b>
<b>2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE TARGET</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>19,753.00</b>
<b>CMD DONATIONS FOR 2024:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>29,337.42</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.

**THE TWENTIETH 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).

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SR. LINDA LAMAGNA, CCW, PASTORAL MINISTER  
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
DRE: SR. LINDA LAMAGNA  
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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.

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

**LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT GIFT** for Weddings, Anniversaries, Birthdays, Christmas?

Please try our Parish **RAISERIGHT (formerly SCRIP) PROGRAM**. See a representative in the Vestibule after mass to order gift cards for shopping at places like Hometown Market, Martin's, Sheetz, Sam's Club, Walmart, 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.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- ◆ **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** - Monday, September 9, at 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
- ◆ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING** - Monday, September 9, at 7:00 p.m., Parish Meeting Room.



**THIS YEAR'S MARIANNA'S HOAGIE & PIZZA FUNDRAISER FOR THE BELLWOOD-TYRONE BACKYARD BRAWL** is scheduled for Friday, September 20. Order Pick-up Time is from 4:00-5:30 p.m.



**Order Forms are attached to today's bulletin:** Please make out checks to **St. Joseph Church** and return the order forms with payment by Sunday, September 8.

**DONATIONS FOR THE CHURCH ROOF** - We have two parishioners from our Parish who would like to help us raise money to cover the cost of the new roof for our Church, rectory and garage, all of which will be done all at the same time in the spring of 2025. They are willing to match any donation that is made by any parishioner, up to \$50,000 dollars total. Thus, if someone donates \$10.00, the donors will match it and make \$20.00; if someone donates \$20.00 they will match it and make \$40.00, etc. Next weekend, we will have a donation envelope attached to the bulletin for the roof repair. If you are willing and able to donate, we ask you to bring it to Mass with you the weekend of August 31/September 1. A second collection will be collected at the Offertory Time, at which time you can drop your envelope donation into the basket.

**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO EXPLORE THE FAITH OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH? DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO SIMPLY INQUIRE OR ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR FAITH?** Invite them to our First Inquiry Session which will be held on **TUESDAY, September 17, from 4:30 - 5:30, in the Chapel area.** They can call Sr. Linda to sign up in advance, or to talk if they would like, (814) 742-7894, or just show up on September 17, at 4:30 p.m.

**BISHOP MARK BARTCHAK AND THE FAMILY LIFE OFFICE CORDIALLY INVITE ALL COUPLES CELEBRATING 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ YEARS OF MARRIAGE IN 2024 (AND THEIR FAMILIES) TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY LITURGY.** Couples may attend Sunday, September 8 in ALTOONA at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, September 15 in JOHNSTOWN at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00 p.m. Most Rev. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families. Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Tuesday, August 27th. **Registration Forms are available at each entrance of the church. Please return the form to the office or place in the collection basket as soon as possible.**

**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 Table inside the glass doors of the Chapel. Please bring them on Saturday evening or Sunday morning before Mass.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education for Grade and High School students begins on Sunday, September 8, at 10:00 a.m. for Kindergarten and Grades 1-6, and Sunday evenings for Junior High (grades 7 & 8) and High School students (grades 9-11), from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

#### PARENT MEETINGS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- ◇ A meeting will be held for the **Parents of our Grade School Students on Sunday, September 15, from 10:15-11:15 a.m.** In the Church. This meeting will be held while the children are in Religious Education Class.
- ◇ A meeting will be held with **Parents and Junior High/High School Students together**, on Sunday evening, September 22, at 6:00 -7:15 p.m. in the parish School Hall. Students may leave with their parents as soon as the meeting is completed.

**11th GRADE STUDENTS** should begin to pray about and talk with their parents about whom they would like to choose for their sponsor. Please review the Qualifications paper before choosing your sponsor.

**A SPONSOR-CANDIDATE/PARENT MEETING** for the 11th Grade Students, with their chosen sponsors, and their parents, will be held on Sunday Afternoon, October 20, from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m., in the Parish Social Hall. **11th Grade Students should inform their chosen sponsors of this meeting**

**IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BECOME A DEACON?** Do you believe that God might be calling you to discern the Ordained Ministry of Christ the Servant, as a Permanent Deacon in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown? If so, you and your wife (if married) are invited to join Bishop Mark and Deacon Michael Russo at the "Bishop's Night of Vocations" on Wednesday, October 2nd at 7 p.m., at the US Hotel Tavern, Hollidaysburg. Reservations for this event are required and can be made by contacting Jessica at (814) 361-2000. The deadline for reservations is Sept. 2. For more information on the Permanent Diaconate please visit us online at [www.dioceseaj.org/Diaconate/](http://www.dioceseaj.org/Diaconate/) or by contacting Deacon Michael Russo, Director at (814) 288-3036. All are welcome!

**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.

**40 HOURS DEVOTION at Our Lady of the Alleghenies Parish in Lilly (608 Main Street).** All are invited to 40 Hours Devotion in Lilly on the following days: Sunday, September 8 to Tuesday, September 10. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament along with a Devotional Service each evening at 7:00pm. Fr. Timothy Harris, T.O.R. will be the guest Presider and Homilist each evening. Confessions will be offered at the end of each Devotional Service. All are welcome!

**TIM FRANCIS, A NATIONAL SPEAKER OUT OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS, AND GIVES PARISH MISSIONS ON EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES** and how the science has led people to faith. He will be speaking at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral on Saturday, September 14th following the 6 PM mass from 7:30 to 10:00 PM and Sunday, September 15, following the 5 PM mass from 6:30-9:00 PM. He will also be speaking on Monday, September 16th at Saint Francis University in the Immaculate Conception Chapel. His promotional materials are attached and the website for the event is: [www.sciencetestsfaith.com/pa](http://www.sciencetestsfaith.com/pa)