



OCTOBER 13, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: OCT 12 - OCT 20, 2024

SAT, OCT 12	4:00 PM	FOR GERALD & DOLORES SCHIRF BY BERT & KEVIN LEAR
SUN, OCT 13	9:00 AM	FOR RALPH & MARY LAMAGNA BY SR. LINDA
MON, OCT 14	8:00 AM	FOR MICHAEL JAMES LAMAGNA, JR. BY SR. LINDA
TUE, OCT 15	6:00 PM	FOR KAY PFAHLER BY ED & CAROL KING
WED, OCT 16	7:30 AM	NO HOLY HOUR
SAT, OCT 19	4:00 PM	FOR THE PEOPLE BY THE PASTOR
SUN, OCT 20	9:00 AM	FOR MARY & ANDREW PARANICH BY BARBARA PARANICH

**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, Oct 19, 4:00 PM:

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

Sunday, Oct 20, 9:00 AM:

LECTORS: 1st Reading: Sr. Linda  
2nd Reading: S. Shaulis  
Introduction & Intercession: S. Caldwell  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:  
Host: J. Chestney  
Cup: W. Zapotoczny  
ALTAR SERVERS: K. Shanafelt & C. Shedlock  
HOSPITALITY: T. Carosielli, T. DelMastro, E. Hunter, W. Rossi

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our Memorial Mass for deceased members is Sunday November 10th at 9:00 a.m. We will have breakfast after Mass at Excelsior Fire Hall for members and their families as well as families of deceased members.

Please use the sign up sheets at either entrance so we can plan. Hope to see you there.



KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS – Oct 13, 2024 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In our Gospel today we hear the story of a man who ran up to Jesus and asked Him what he must do to reach eternal life. Jesus said, “You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” It says the man went away sad because he had much.

We might cringe when we hear this story because it is sad – this man was so close to becoming an active disciple of Jesus, but instead turned away. We also might cringe because it could be deeply applicable to our lives. If we look at our own lives, we can most likely think of something that we tightly carry with us. Maybe it is possessions – material goods or money – like Jesus references in our Gospel. Or maybe it is something less material – like status, pride or control. As we go through life, it can be hard not to cling tightly to things of the world.

May we consider what it is that is holding us back from radically loving Jesus. Pray for the grace to overcome, don’t pass by the opportunities to surrender, and create moments to detach. It might seem difficult, but the outcome will be more than we could have ever imagined – peace on earth and treasure in heaven.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH 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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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
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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

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

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



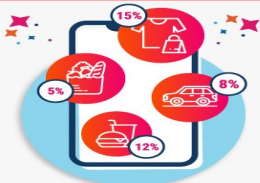
THE CHURCH DOORS ARE STILL OPEN FOR ANYONE WHO MAY BE INTERESTED IN EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH.

Just contact Sr. Linda at 814-742-7894 to set up a time to meet.

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING		SEP 30-OCT 06, 2024	
WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION GOAL		\$	5,500.00
REGULAR WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION:		\$	2,570.00
OTHER: (HOLY DAYS, DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS, ETC.)		\$	1,127.00
WEEKLY ONLINE DONATIONS:		\$	1,450.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:		\$	5,147.00
2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE TARGET		\$	19,753.00
CMD DONATIONS FOR 2024:		\$	\$30,952.42

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.



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UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

◆ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING - Monday, October 14, 7:00 p.m., Parish Meeting Room

◆ PARISH ASSOCIATION MEETING - Tuesday, Oct. 22, 6:30 p.m. after mass.

◆ FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING - Wednesday, October 23, 6:30 p.m., Parish Meeting Room

Save the Date:

\* Parish Thanksgiving Dinner - Sunday, November 3, 5:00 p.m.

\* Christmas Tea - Saturday, December 7, 1:00 p.m.

\* Parish Association Christmas Dinner at Marzoni's - Monday, January 13, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

**RESPECT FOR LIFE:** During the month of October, we are asking parishioners to collect money and NEW baby items to be given to ELM and Precious Life. Items needed include: diapers, sleepers, blankets, onesies, etc. Please place donated items in the baskets by the exits. If you have any questions, call Stella Genesi at 742-9127.

**ADULT ENRICHMENT CLASSES** - Video presentations on "*JESUS, THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE,*" featuring Dr. Edward Sri, Jeff Cavins and Marcellino D'Ambrosio, and facilitated by Sr. Linda LaMagna. Since this is a ten-week course, we will do five weeks leading into Advent, and then five weeks during the Lenten Season. The dates for the first five include: November 12, November 19, November 26, December 3 and December 10, from 6:30 -8:00 p.m. In the Parish Social Hall. We will provide a sign-up sheet as the beginning time draws near.

BASKET RAFFLE DONATIONS

Don't forget to turn in your envelope that was attached to last week's for you to choose whether you would like to donate a gift basket, door prize, or if you would rather, a cash donation for us to shop for you. We would like to have the donations in by **Friday, October 18**, so we can sell chances during our Parish Thanksgiving Dinner (Sunday, November 3.) Thank you from the Fundraising Team..

CHRISTMAS TEA-Tickets for the Christmas Tea, which is Saturday, December 7, will be on sale beginning the weekend of October 19/20. **Reservations cannot be taken before this date.**

Tickets will be available before and after mass, in the Vestibule or by calling Cheryl at 814-931-1754.

**All Tickets must be picked up and paid for no later than Sunday, November 24.**

**FREE SOUP & DESSERT EVERY WEDNESDAY THRU THE HOPE CENTER.** This is an outreach of the Council of Churches. Lunches will be delivered to the elderly & disabled. If you would like a meal or know of someone who would, call Stella (814-742-9127).

**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.

DON'T FORGET TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR RAISERIGHT (formerly SCRIP) PROGRAM to purchase your grocery shopping gift cards as well as gift cards for all of your needs.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday, October 13, 2024

Grade School (K-6): 10:00-11:15 a.m.

High School (Grades 7-11): 6:00-8:00 p.m.

**SPONSOR/CANDIDATE/PARENT MEETING** - A meeting will be held on Sunday afternoon, October 20, from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. for the sponsors of our 11th grade candidates preparing for Confirmation from both Saint Joseph and Saint Matthew parishes. This meeting will be held in the Saint Joseph Parish Social Hall, and is for 11th Grade Candidates, their parents, and their Sponsors.

**VIRTUS-PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN SESSION** will be conducted on Sunday, October 27, for both the Grade and High school students during their regular time of Religious Education. Parents are reminded to sign the permission forms and return them to Sr. Linda by October 20, if you have not already done so. Since this is a shorter session, both the Grade and High School students will learn to pray the rosary after the session. If they have rosary beads, we ask them to bring them with them. Otherwise, we will provide them for them.

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP MARK

REGARDING HURRICANE RELIEF EFFORTS IN OUR DIOCESE

October 10, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In recent days, our brothers and sisters in the southeastern part of the United States have endured devastation from Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton. We here in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown stand in solidarity with those individuals and families. I invite the local faithful to join me in praying for them and asking the Lord to give them strength and healing in the challenging days ahead. In a special way, we also remember those who have lost their lives and those who mourn them.

As we see the suffering of the storm victims on the news, I think I speak for everyone in expressing a great desire to help in some way. Therefore, I am asking all parishes in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown to take a special collection to benefit hurricane victims. All contributions to this special collection would be tax deductible. Parishes should forward the proceeds to the diocese, and I will see that those monies are forwarded to agencies such as Catholic Charities USA, which will ensure that the funds are used to help the recovery efforts. At this time, there is no need for items such as food, clothing, or toiletries to be sent to the southern states.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus reminds us that what we do for the least among us, we do for Him. In that spirit, I ask that local parishioners please be generous in the upcoming special collections, and I encourage everyone keep all those affected by the hurricanes in their thoughts and prayers. May the Lord bless them and those on the front lines who are working hard to provide aid and comfort.

Sincerely,

+ Mark L. Bartchak

Most Rev. Mark L. Bartchak

Bishop of Altoona-Johnstown

An envelope is attached to today's bulletin. Please bring it next week to put into the basket during the second collection for those affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton.

Side note: The image on the collection envelope is that of Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine grotto behind St. Mary's Star of the Sea Roman Catholic Church in Key West, FL. "In 1922 Sister Louis Gabriel led a contingent of nuns and, using local coral rock, built an Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine grotto behind St. Mary's Star of the Sea Roman Catholic Church. According to local lore, she blessed the structure at its May 25 dedication and vowed, 'As long as the Grotto stands, Key West will never experience the full brunt of a hurricane.' Since that day, Key West has been in the path of several hurricanes, but has suffered surprisingly minimal damage. Locals attribute this to the dedication of Key West residents, who regularly make pilgrimages to the Grotto to light candles and pray for protection. The Grotto grounds also offer a Rosary Path -- resembling a giant loop of rosary beads with a dangling cross -- and a nun graveyard where some of the tombstones incorporate sculpted nun heads, including Sister Gabriel's." <https://www.roadsideamerica.com/story/70383>