



NOVEMBER 17, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: Nov 16-Nov 24, 2024			
SAT, Nov 16	4:00 PM	FOR THE PEOPLE	BY THE PASTOR
SUN, Nov 17	9:00 AM	FOR LEONARD & HELEN ROSSI	BY NANCEE CRIDER
MON, Nov 18	8:00 AM	FOR JIM MOSER	BY LOUISE & PAUL KRUG
TUE, Nov 19	6:00 PM	FOR JENNIE & JOSEPH SKONIECZKI	BY BARBARA PARANICH
WED, Nov 20	7:30 AM	HOLY HOUR WITH COMMUNION	
SAT, Nov 23	4:00 PM	FOR DARLENE SCHIRF	BY SARA YOUNG
SUN, Nov 24	9:00 AM	FOR WALTER J. ZAPOTOCZNY	BY WALLY & MELISSA ZAPOTOCZNY

**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	
<b>Saturday, Nov 23 4:00 PM:</b>	
LECTORS:	1st Reading: Sr. Linda 2nd Reading: B. Pennington Introduction & Intercession: T. Evanskey
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:	Host: J. Lovrich Cup: M. Kissell & J. Shelow
ALTAR SERVERS:	T. Smith
HOSPITALITY:	A. Bucher, J. Genesi, S. Genesi, N. Lovrich, Sr.
<b>Sunday, Nov 24, 9:00 AM:</b>	
LECTORS:	1st Reading: N. Lovrich 2nd Reading: B. Paranich Introduction & Intercession: A. Amato
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:	Host: L. Krug Cup: B. Shedlock & P. Krug
ALTAR SERVERS:	K. Shanafelt & C. Shedlock
HOSPITALITY:	T. Carosielli, B. DelGrosso, E. Hunter, M. Kowalski

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING	Nov 04-Nov 10, 2024	
WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION GOAL	\$	5,500.00
REGULAR WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION:	\$	2,110.00
OTHER: (HOLY DAYS, DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS, ETC.)	\$	514.25
WEEKLY ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$	1,025.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:	\$	3,649.25
2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE TARGET	\$	19,753.00
CMD DONATIONS FOR 2024:	\$	39,707.93

SAINT JOSEPH ON-LINE GIVING
VISIT OUR WEBSITE: <a href="http://WWW.SAINTJOSEPHBELLWOOD.ORG">WWW.SAINTJOSEPHBELLWOOD.ORG</a>
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 THIRTY-THIRD 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, PASTOR  
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Church Office at St. Matthew's: (814) 684-1480  
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SR. LINDA LAMAGNA, CCW, PASTORAL MINISTER  
Office: (814) 742-7894  
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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](mailto:abishopamato@dioceseaj.org)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
DRE: SR. LINDA LAMAGNA  
Religious Education Office and Hall: (814) 742-7894  
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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

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.

<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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HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC?



**WOULD YOU LIKE TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? HAVE YOU EVER GIVEN THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN BUT HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT YOUR BUSY AND FULL DAILY SCHEDULE?**

We have designed a schedule for inquiring and learning about the Catholic Faith for those with a busy life, family needs and a crowded Schedule.

We can help you walk through the short-cut journey of learning and inquiring about our Catholic Faith and still allowing you to choose other opportunities for Faith enrichment, if you should want to learn more.

It is simple, it is easy, and it is a gentle way to experience the faith without total focus on attending classes.

What we need from you is your name and a list of days and times on which we can schedule a simple gathering. These Gathering sessions will begin in January of 2025 and will be set up at a time that is convenient for you and your family schedule. Please detach this form, include the necessary information on the back side, and either mail it to Sr. Linda, St. Joseph Church, 623 East Third Street, Bellwood, Pa. 16617, or drop it off in the collection basket.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

♦ PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING - Monday, November 18, 6:30 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room.

♦ CHRISTMAS TEA-Saturday, December 7, 1:00 p.m., Parish Hall.

♦ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING - Monday, December 9, 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room.

♦ FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - Wednesday, January 08, 2025, 6:30 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room.


♦ PARISH ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS DINNER at Marzoni’s in Greenwood - Monday, January 13, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

♦ PARISH ASSOCIATION MEETING - Tuesday, January 21, 2025, 6:30 p.m. after mass.

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

CHRISTMAS TEA NEWS - Chances on the baskets for the auction will be sold after all the masses the weekends of November 16/17 and 23/24, in the Parish Social Hall. Time is limited on Sundays since the Grade School students have their Religious Education classes beginning at 10:00 a.m.

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).



Bellwood Christmas Collection

This year, St. Joseph has been asked to collect three items for the Annual Bellwood Christmas Give-away for needy Families.

We are asking our Religious Education students to donate a toy, new or gently used. A box will be provided in the Church Basement Religious Education Center for the collection of Toys.

We would like to ask our Parishioners to donate socks and underwear, the same as we did last year. Boxes will be at both entrances of the Church for the collection of socks and underwear.

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.

ADVENT FAITH SHARING GROUPS TO MEET THE FOUR WEEKS OF ADVENT - We have posted in the Vestibule and in the Chapel Area, a sign-up sheet for Persons who are willing to facilitate a Small Faith Sharing Group during the Advent Season, beginning the week of November 24. Facilitators must indicate the day of the week and the time they can be available so that I can post them next weekend for Participants to sign up.



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The Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion Programs offer benefits which include an hourly tax-free stipend, paid time off, paid holidays, mileage reimbursement at .625 per mile, and much more! Individuals age 55 years or older with an income of \$2,510 a month or less for single individuals or \$3,406 a month or less for a married couple, are welcome to apply.

NEW VOLUNTEERS CAN EARN A \$100 GIFT CARD!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION


Sunday, November 17, 2024

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

TEENAGERS HOLY WEEKEND and DISCIPLESHIP RETREAT will be celebrated this Weekend, November 23 & 24. All students in grades 9, 10, and 11 must attend the Diocesan Discipleship retreat this Saturday, November 23, at St. Mary's Gym, in Altoona, from 9:00 until 5: 00 p.m. This includes a 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass, allowing the students to sleep in on Sunday. Parents are welcome to join us for the 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary Church, Altoona. PLEASE NOTE: This retreat is not optional, it is a mandatory Retreat.

On Sunday, November 24, as part of the Teenagers Holy Weekend, we will have a HOLY HOUR WITH PRAISE AND WORSHIP, from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., in the Church, followed by a Taco night in the Social Hall from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. This is for Grades 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, as well as parents of the Teens and Sponsors for our Confirmation Candidates. Please don't miss this opportunity for our Young people to experience Eucharistic Adoration.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH ARE INVITED TO SIGN UP FOR THE CHRISTMAS EVE GOSPEL - We are looking to the young people of our parish to participate in bringing the Christmas Story Gospel to life on Christmas Eve at the 4:00 p.m. Mass. We already have in play a Mary and Joseph from our High School students as well as a live infant to play Baby Jesus. (Chase Banks) We are in need of Arch Angels, Angels, Shepherds, Kings and Sheep. A Newsletter and permission slip will be included in the Religious Education Students folders today. Please remember to review the letter with a practice time posted, and return it next Sunday, November 24. I will work out the characters over the Thanksgiving day weekend and present the parts to the children on Sunday, December 8. Please encourage your children to attend.



#GIVECATHOLIC

SAVE THE DATE! December 3, 2024.

We are once again participating in the #iGiveCatholic Giving Day on #GivingTuesday, December 3, 2024.

#iGiveCatholic is a giving day event celebrated annually on #GivingTuesday for the faithful from participating dioceses across the world to unite and donate – both online and offline – to their favorite participating Catholic parishes, schools, and ministries. #GivingTuesday is an annual day of giving fueled by the power of social media and collaboration. Celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving (in the U.S.), #GivingTuesday kicks off the charitable season, when many focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving. An Advanced Giving Day phase will begin at 12:00 AM on Monday, November 18, and run right into #GivingTuesday.

WHERE CAN I GO TO GIVE? The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown site is aj.givecatholic.org/. Starting on Nov 18th, all of our parishes, schools and some ministries can be found via a drop down box on this site. 100% of all donations go directly towards the parish, school or ministry of your choice! We will also have envelopes attached to next weekend's bulletin which can be placed in the collection basket anytime through Sunday, Dec. 8.

HOW TO MAKE IT THROUGH: REMEMBERING AND MISSING A LOVED ONE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON: Perhaps someone very special to you has died. Perhaps a relationship is broken or estranged or someone you love is suffering from illness or addiction. The loss you feel is real, the grief you feel is real, and the upcoming holidays may be difficult for you. You don't have to walk this road alone. Join Sister Cindy Burns, CCW, for a morning of prayer and heartfelt reflection on "How to Make it Through the Holidays" on Saturday, November 23 at 10:00 a.m. at Saint Benedict Parish in Johnstown.

INQUIRY FORM

Yes, I am interested in inquiring about the Catholic Faith

Name

Phone

Email Address

What day/s of the week is best for you?

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Sunday

What time of the day works best for you?

Mornings

Early Afternoon

During my lunch break

Early Evening

After 6:00 p.m.