



**NOVEMBER 24, 2024**

**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: NOV 23-DEC 1, 2024**

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
MON, NOV 25	8:00 AM	FOR ALOIS POPPENWIMER BY PETE & MICHELE STETTER
TUE, NOV 26	6:00 PM	FOR DOLORES SCHIRF BY SUSAN FEES
WED, NOV 27	7:30 AM	<b>NO HOLY HOUR</b>
	<b>6:00 PM</b>	FOR FR. DAVID ROESCH BY THE ROSSI FAMILY
SAT, NOV 28	4:00 PM	FOR THE PEOPLE BY THE PASTOR
SUN, DEC 01	9:00 AM	FOR BUNNY PADULA BY NANCEE & CARL CRIDER

**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, Nov 30 4:00 PM:**

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

**Sunday, Dec 01, 9:00 AM:**

**LECTORS:** 1st Reading: S. Caldwell  
2nd Reading: B. Paranich  
Introduction & Intercession: T. Finn  
**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:**  
Host: T. Colabove  
Cup: T. Belis & J. Chestney  
**ALTAR SERVERS:** T. Rishel & E. Wolfe  
**HOSPITALITY:** T. Carosielli, T. DelMastro, E. Hunter, W. Rossi

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING	Nov 18-Nov 24, 2024
WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION GOAL	\$ 5,500.00
REGULAR WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION:	\$ 2,253.00
OTHER: (HOLY DAYS, DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS, ETC.)	\$ 497.00
WEEKLY ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$ 1,175.00
<b>TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:</b>	<b>\$ 3,925.00</b>
<b>2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE TARGET</b>	<b>\$ 19,753.00</b>
<b>CMD DONATIONS FOR 2024:</b>	<b>\$ 39,707.93</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.

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

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 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.

**SAINT JOSEPH THANKSGIVING MASS**

The Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph Parish this **WEDNESDAY, November 27, at 6:00 p.m., In the Church.**

Our Church Cornucopia will be filled with fruit for everyone to take something home to share at the Thanksgiving Table. We hope to see families and our children taking an hour to give thanks to God for the many blessings received throughout the year.

# 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**

- ◆ **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 today, November 24.**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH FOR THE FOUR SUNDAY'S OF ADVENT** - We are looking for families to sign up for the lighting of the Advent Wreath. Please consider signing your family up to light the Advent Candle for the weeks of Advent. A Sign-up clip board can be found in the vestibule of the Church.

**ADVENT PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE** - Father Michael has set Sunday, December 15, at 5:00 p.m. For our Parish Reconciliation Service. Father invites several priests to assist him so that everyone has an opportunity for Confession. Our Junior High and High School students already have this date on their Religious Education calendars along with our Grade School students and their parents. Please make Confession a part of your Christmas preparations with your children.

**CHANGING OF THE MISSALETTES** - The Liturgical year ended with the celebration of the Feast of Christ the King, thus, we will be changing the missalettes, after the 6:00 p.m. Mass of Thanksgiving this Wednesday, November 27. If you have a half hour, we would appreciate your help. Many hands make light work.

**GUESS WHO HAS A BIRTHDAY FAST APPROACHING? It is our Pastor, Father Michael. It is on Monday, December 2, all day. A Birthday Card Box is in the back of the Church for cards, which you can bring next Sunday or at a time convenient for you.**

**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.

**A GREAT WAY TO HONOR MARY, THE MOTHER OF OUR LORD AS WE CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

**Good Shepherd Parish** (867 Gray's Woods Boulevard, Port Matilda, PA 16870) sincerely invites you to join us as we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary who gave us our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and calls us to surrender our lives to Him.

The celebration of **the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**, Patroness of the Americas, will take place on **Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**. It will begin at 4:30 with the prayer of the Holy Rosary, then at 5:00 PM the music and singing will be offered by a professional band from Baltimore, MD called "*Mariachi Esmeralda*". The band will also lead the congregation in singing during the mass, presided by Bishop Mark, that will begin at 5:30 PM. After the celebration of the Eucharist a reception will take place in the Parish (Agape) Hall.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Sunday, November 24, 2024**

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

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

**TEEN HOLY HOUR THIS EVENING FOR OUR JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS with their parents and sponsors**, at 6:00 p.m., in the Church. We welcome Tony Conrad and Christine Sanker who will be providing Praise and Worship Music. Father Michael will be leading us in the Holy Hour of Prayer with Scripture Readings, Homily and Witness talks given by our students.

**A PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN MAKE-UP SESSION** will be held today, Nov.24, for our Grade School students and on December 8, for our Junior High & High School students

**SIGN-UPS FOR THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL ON AT THE 4:00 P.M. CHRISTMAS EVE MASS** will take place today. All students who would like to participate should submit their permission slips today.

**ADVENT FAITH SHARING GROUPS TO MEET THE FOUR WEEKS OF ADVENT** - Sign-up sheets are posted in the Vestibule and in the Chapel Area: The Thursday group will meet this Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. (*Due to Thanksgiving*) The Monday group will meet this Monday at 8:30 a.m.

**SHOE DRIVE: "Saving Soles"** The Boy Scouts of Troop 49 are collecting gently-worn used and new shoes! These shoes will help support individuals in Ghana, Haiti, Cambodia and other people in countries that need shoes. We will be collecting shoes throughout December, January & February! Donation Boxes are located at each entrance of the church.

**SAVE THE DATE! December 3, 2024.**

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

**WHERE CAN I GO TO GIVE?** The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown site is [aj.givecatholic.org/](http://aj.givecatholic.org/). 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!

**ENVELOPES ARE ALSO ATTACHED TO THIS WEEKEND'S BULLETIN WHICH CAN BE PLACED IN THE COLLECTION BASKET ANYTIME THROUGH SUNDAY, DEC. 8.**



**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.



**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.