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DECEMBER 15, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: DEC 14 - DEC 22, 2024 SAT, DEC 14 4:00 PM FOR THE PEOPLE BY THE PASTOR Sun, Dec 15 9:00 AM FOR WALTER E. CHIHON, JR. BY HIS GRANDCHILDREN & **GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN** Mon. Dec 16 8:00 AM for Joseph Warton BY CONNIE & JOE NOVAK Tue, Dec 17 6:00 PM FOR ANN NESBELLA BY THE HALBEDL FAMILY WED, DEC 18 7:30 AM Holy Hour with Communion SAT, DEC 21 4:00 PM FOR TOM JACKSON BY ANN JACKSON Sun, Dec 22 9:00 AM FOR ALOIS POPPENWIMER

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.

BY ANN JACKSON

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Saturday, Dec 21, 4:00 PM:

LECTORS: 1st Reading: T. Bucher 2nd Reading: A. Bucher

Intercessions: B. Pennington

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Host: M. Kissell

Cup: J. Steinbauer & J. Shelow ALTAR SERVERS: A. Bucher & T. Smith

HOSPITALITY: J. Genesi, S. Genesi, N. Lovrich, Sr., B. Risbon

Sunday, Dec 22, 9:00 AM:

LECTORS: 1st Reading: S. Caldwell 2nd Reading: M. Zapotoczny

Intercessions: G. Finn

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Host: J. Chestney

Cup: L. Krug & B. Shedlock ALTAR SERVERS: E. Caldwell & B. Shedlock

HOSPITALITY: B. DelGrosso, E. Hunter, M. Kowalski, W. Rossi



OPLATKI WAFERS are available at a table set up to the left of the altar. Donations will be accepted to off-set the cost.

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING	DEC 02-DEC 08, 2024	
WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION GOAL	\$	5,500.00
REGULAR WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION:	\$	1,708.00
OTHER: (HOLY DAYS, DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS, ETC.)	\$	1,028.00
WEEKLY ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$	1,440.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:	\$	4,176.00
2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE TARGET	\$	19,753.00
CMD Donations for 2024:	\$	\$40,087.93

SAINT JOSEPH ON-LINE GIVING VISIT OUR WEBSITE: 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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

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 abishopa-mato@dioceseai.org.

REVEREND FATHER MICHAEL PLEVA, PASTOR Church Office at St. Joseph's: (814) 742-7075 Church Office at St. Matthew's: (814) 684-1480

Rectory: (814) 684-1480 Email: mpleva@dioceseaj.org

Sr. Linda LaMagna, CCW, Pastoral Minister

Office: (814) 742-7894

Email: llamagna@dioceseaj.org

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DRE: Sr. Linda LaMagna

Religious Education Office and Hall: (814) 742-7894

Church: (814) 742-7075 Email: llamagna@dioceseaj.org 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 School and Bishop Guilfoyle Academy.

Interested in becoming Catholic?

OCI (Order of Christian Initiation) Director: Sr. Linda LaMagna. Team: Judy Diebold, Dick & Denny Nicewonger. Contact Sr. Linda 814-742-7075.

CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Joseph - Bellwood

Christmas Eve: 4:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Christmas Day: 9:00 a.m.

St. Matthew - Tyrone

Christmas Eve: 5:30 p.m. and Midnight Christmas Day: 10:30 a.m.

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

- ◆ FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday, January 08, 2025, 6:30 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room.
- ♦ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING Monday, January 13, 7:00 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.

St. Joseph Singers Choir Practice Monday, Dec. 9, 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Monday, Dec. 9, 7:00 – 8:30 PM Monday, Dec. 16, 7:00 – 8:30 PM Monday, Dec. 23, 7:00 – 8:30 PM



WE NEED HELP TO DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS - Next Sunday, December 22. We are looking for helpers to assist with the decorating of our Church at 2:00 p.m. If we have enough help, it should only take about one and a half hours. High School students are invited to join us and can use the time for Service hours.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT - Journey Through loss is a nine-week program for those who have lost a loved one through death recently or in the past. The program provides the opportunity to share or to listen and offers positive ideas for coping. The next session begins on Tuesday, January 21.We will meet weekly from 1:30 to 3:00 PM in the convent building next to St. Michael's Church in Hollidaysburg. All faiths are welcome. For more information or to register contact Mary Petrak at 814-502-6076.

2024 CHRISTMAS CONCERT This is Christmas celebrating the Heart of Christmas ~ Monday, December 30, 2024 at 6PM. The Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel in Loretto invites you to a night of Christmas music performed by the Basilica Choir and the St. Michael Children's Choir. Enjoy the music and the beauty of our basilica during the Christmas Season! Make plans to join us!

JOIN US FOR THE JANUARY ZOOM CLASSES!

The following classes are open to all!

- · Sacraments taught by Deacon Michael Russo, Tuesdays from 6:00-8:30 PM (8 weeks) beginning January 7. The cost of this class is \$35.00 along with a \$20.00 material cost fee that can be turned in with the Registration Form.
- \cdot History of the Catholic Church in the US. taught by Deacon Michael Russo, Thursdays from 6:00 to 8:30 PM (8 weeks) beginning January 9. The cost of the class is \$35.00 and a \$20.00 material cost fee that can be turned in with the Registration Form.

To Register please visit www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry, or see your parish priest or secretary for a form or by contacting Jessica, Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry at (814) 361-2000 or via email at jgramling@dioceseaj.org. All are welcome!

Please Note that the Registration Deadline for these classes is Friday, December 20. No registrations will be accepted after this date.

Jumpstarting Jubilee 2025 - Advent Joy



The third candle of Advent symbolizes Joy. Jubilee joy comes from our journey toward the fullness of God's Kingdom. The upcoming Holy Year offers occasions for this through opportunities for pilgrimage and through communal liturgies. On December 29, 2024, Bishop Mark will open the Jubilee here in the diocese with a special Mass at 2 PM in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Come and celebrate "tidings of great Joy."



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday, December 15, 2024

Grade School (K-6): 10:00-11:15 a.m. High School (Grades 7-11): **Penance Service 5:00-6:00 p.m.**

ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL and GRADE SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - DON'T FORGET THE PENANCE SERVICE THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, AT 5:00 P.M. All students are free to go home immediately after confession.

SERVICE PROJECTS FOR OUR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS - All High School Students are reminded to engage in the Service Project of Packing food boxes at the Fire Hall for our Needy Family Give-Away, this Monday, December 16 from 7:00 - 8:30 a.m. Please contact Nick Lovrich to obtain a permission slip to arrive late for school.

PRACTICE FOR THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL FOR OUR GRADE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. We will have one practice for the Christmas Gospel outside of Religious Education, and that will take place on Monday, December 23, at 4:00 p.m. In the Church. Please mark your calendars.

SHOE DRIVE: "Saving Soles" Boy Scout Troop 49 from Our Lady of Lourdes Church is raising money for summer camp and other activities by collecting and repurposing shoes. The collected shoes then get shipped to micro-entrepreneurs worldwide so they can sell the shoes in their local markets and help themselves out of poverty. We accept all types and sizes of shoes from flip-flops to boots and anything in between. Please put your donations in the collection boxes. Thank You from Troop 49!

ON MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2025, THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IS SPONSORING A BOWLING AND PIZZA PARTY AT THE BAVARIAN HALL FOR K-12 STUDENTS FROM THE ST. JOSEPH AND ST. MATTHEW PARISHES AS WELL AS A GUEST FROM 1-3 PM. PLEASE SIGN UP EITHER IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH OR SIDE ROOM OF ST. JOSEPH OR SIGN UP IN THE GATHERING ROOM OF ST. MATTHEW.

ADVENT PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE - Father Michael has set this 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.

Saint Joseph Parish Family Tree - You are invited to hang an ornament containing your family name on our new 12 ft. Parish Family Tree. The tree which is adorned with each of our individual ornaments shows our unity, especially under Christ who became one of us. It is an example of the beautiful things we can create when we join together as one family in Christ.

Ornaments may be added starting Saturday, December 14, continuing through the Christmas season. You can pick them up after Epiphany Sunday or leave them for us to hang next year.

AREA PENANCE SERVICES

Sunday, December 15

Saint Joseph Parish, Bellwood – 5:00 PM

Monday, December 16

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Altoona – 7:00 PM

Tuesday, December 17

Good Shepherd Parish, Port Matilda – 7:00 PM

Wednesday, December 18

Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona – 6:00 PM

Friday, December 20

Our Lady of Victory Parish, State College- 6:00 PM

Monday, December 23

Our Lady of the Alleghenies Parish, Lilly – 6:00 PM

INQUIRY FORM

Tes, i am interested in inquiring about the Catholic Faith								
Name		Phone	Phone Email Address		dress			
What day/s of the we	eek is best for you?							
Monday	TuesdayWed	dnesdayThursday	Friday	Sunday	1			
What time of the day	works best for you?							
Mornings	Early Afternoon	During my lunch break	Early E	vening	After 6:00 p.m.			