




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 BY ANN JACKSON

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, 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 abishopamato@dioceseaj.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.

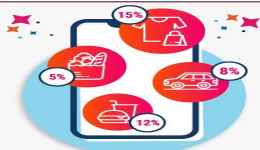
What we need from you is your name and a list of days and times on which we can schedule a simple gathering. These Gathering sessions will begin in January of 2025 and will be set up at a time that is convenient for you and your family schedule. Please detach this form, include the necessary information 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.

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.

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.**

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.

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

Mornings	Early Afternoon	During my lunch break	Early Evening	After 6:00 p.m.
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