



DECEMBER 29, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: DEC 28, 2024 - JAN 05, 2025

SAT, DEC 28 4:00 PM FOR THE PEOPLE
BY THE PASTOR
SUN, DEC 29 9:00 AM FOR ANN NESBELLA
BY PAT PARTNER & FAMILY
MON, DEC 30 8:00 AM FOR DOLORES SCHIRF
BY SUSAN FEES
TUE, DEC 31 6:00 PM FOR ALOIS POPPENWIMER
BY THE MINER & REISMIR FAMILIES
WED, JAN 01 NO HOLY HOUR
SAT, JAN 04 4:00 PM FOR OLGA LAWRUK
BY MARY JO PALMER
SUN, JAN 05 9:00 AM FOR DECEASED WHARTON FAMILY
MEMBERS
BY BETH ROSSI

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

Tuesday, Dec 31, 6:00 PM:

LECTORS: 1st Reading: N. Lovrich
2nd Reading: M. Riggle
Intercessions: S. Caldwell
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
Host: P. Krug
Cup: J. Chestney & L. Krug
ALTAR SERVERS: A. Bucher
HOSPITALITY: J. Genesi, S. Genesi, M. Hoffer, D. Kissell
Saturday, Jan 04, 4:00 PM:
LECTORS: 1st Reading: A. Bucher
2nd Reading: T. Bucher
Intercessions: P. Wills
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
Host: Sr. Linda
Cup: M. Kissell & T. Hoffer
ALTAR SERVERS: A. Bucher & T. Smith
HOSPITALITY: J. Genesi, S. Genesi, D. Kissell, B. Risbon

Sunday, Jan 05, 9:00 AM:

LECTORS: 1st Reading: G. Finn
2nd Reading: N. Lovrich
Intercessions: A. Amato
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
Host: B. Shedlock
Cup: P. Krug & W. Zapotoczny
ALTAR SERVERS: K. Shanafelt & E. Wolfe
HOSPITALITY: T. Carosielli, T. DelMastro, M. Kowalski, W. Rossi

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)

Grace Lutheran Church
114 N. Cambria Street
Bellwood, PA
Any questions,
please call Janice Endress at
814-742-7416

Grace's Closet Clothing Give-Away
2nd Saturday of every month.
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

ST. JOSEPH PARISH is a charitable trust of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, the Most Reverend Mark L. Barchak, 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
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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 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.

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING	DEC 16-DEC 22, 2024	
WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION GOAL	\$	5,500.00
REGULAR WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION:	\$	2,882.00
OTHER: (HOLY DAYS, DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS, ETC.)	\$	1,153.00
WEEKLY ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$	1,680.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:	\$	5,715.00
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.

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.

Dec 29, 2024 – Feast of the Holy Family

Today's Gospel reading on this Feast of the Holy Family gives us a glimpse into the childhood of Jesus with his Mother, Mary, and his foster father, Joseph. This is a family like no other – consisting of the very Son of God, Mary the Queen of all Saints, and St Joseph the patron of the Universal Church. Yet as we see in today's Scripture passage, they led a life typical of the families of their day. They experienced many of the same joys and trials that all parents and children experience, even today. And so, we can look to this Family for help in our own family lives and see in them a model of Stewardship in family life.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, let us reclaim the beauty and importance of family life. Let's commit to steward our families well in 2025, making time spent with God and practicing our faith the most important appointments on our family calendars. And let's make 2025 a year in our parish like never before. Happy Feast Day, parish family!

JOIN US FOR THE JANUARY ZOOM CLASSES! (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 and a \$20.00 material cost fee that can be turned in with the Registration Form.

· **History of the Catholic Church in the U.S.** 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 the diocese website at www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry, or see your parish priest or secretary for a registration 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 27. No registrations will be accepted after this date.

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 week-end. (Bellwood Hometown Market cards are usually on hand.) Our parish will then receive a percentage back. Thank you for your support.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday, December 29, 2024

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

GRADE AND HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION RESUME on Sunday, January 5th, 2025 (St. Joseph only)



PARENT/ STUDENT, JUNIOR HIGH/SENIOR HIGH Evening Session on Respect for Life for both parents and Students, of St. Joseph and St. Matthew Parishes, on Sunday, January 12, from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. In the Saint Joseph Parish Hall, Bellwood.

Tony Conrad will be presenting a powerful slide show on the gift of life, the deceptions of abortion and the loving alternatives to abortion. Our Junior High and High School students will be participating with their parents. We are inviting all parents and interested parishioners to attend. Come and learn what the Church holds as truth and know we are all created by God to become the image and likeness of God.

A RETREAT FOR PARENTS AND SECOND GRADE STUDENTS OF ST. JOSEPH AND ST. MATTHEW PARISHES will be held on **Sunday, January 26, from 11:30 - 1:00 p.m.** To prepare our 2nd Grade students for First Reconciliation. **This Retreat will be held at St Matthew Parish Hall.**

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.

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!

All Saints Parish in Boswell (Somerset County) will host their annual singing of Polish Christmas Carols (known as Kolędy or Pastoralki) on Sunday, January 5th, at 2:00 PM at the church (325 Quemahoning Street, Boswell). The hymns will be sung by their Polish choir. Following the singing of hymns by the parish's Polish choir, there will be benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and refreshments. Kolędy help to capture some of the finest sentiments, values, and emotions of the Polish religious, national, and artistic heritage. Polish Christmas customs are very rich; whether you are Polish or not, please come and experience the time-honored hymns celebrating the birth of Christ. For more information please call the parish office at 814-629-5551.

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Ethnic Bus Tour - Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish in Central City will host a bus pilgrimage on Saturday January 11th to visit the Nationality Rooms at the Cathedral of Learning of the University of Pittsburgh and two historic ethnic churches. The Nationality Rooms, uniquely adorned with accurate architecture and furnishings from thirty-one different nationalities, are a true treasure of Western Pennsylvania. Following the tour, Mass will be celebrated at the "Polish Cathedral of Pittsburgh," Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and there will be a tour of historic St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church. Bus pick up locations at Central City, Boswell, and Latrobe. The cost is per person is \$70 and includes dinner. To register please call the parish (814) 754-5224.