



FEBRUARY 02, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: FEB 01 - FEB 09, 2025

Sat, Feb 01 4:00 PM for Rita McCloskey
by Pat Partner & Family
Sun, Feb 02 9:00 AM for Joseph Wharton
by Cate Rossi
Mon, Feb 03 8:00 AM for Olga Lawruk
by Mary Jo Palmer
Tue, Feb 04 6:00 PM **NO MASS**
Wed, Feb 05 7:30 AM HOLY HOUR with Communion
Sat, Feb 08 4:00 PM for the People
by the Pastor
Sun, Feb 09 9:00 AM for Fr. David Roesch
by Vicki Hamer & Ellen Hunter

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, Feb 08, 4:00 PM:

LECTORS: 1st Reading: M. Riggle
2nd Reading: T. Burr
Intercessions: T. Bucher
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
Host: J. Lovrich
Cup: Sr. Linda & J. Steinbauer
ALTAR SERVERS: T. Smith
HOSPITALITY: A. Bucher, D. Kissell, M. Kissell, N. Lovrich, Sr.

Sunday, Feb 09, 9:00 AM:

LECTORS: 1st Reading: D. Morrissey
2nd Reading: A. Amato
Intercessions: M. Zapotoczny
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
Host: C. Weyandt
Cup: T. Belis & Sr. Linda
ALTAR SERVERS: S. Caldwell & K. Shanafelt
HOSPITALITY: T. Carosielli, J. Chestney, R. DelGrosso, E. Hunter

A FEW BEGINNING OF THE YEAR "HOUSEKEEPING" NOTES:

- Tax Statements are available. Please drop a note in the collection basket, email Alison at abishopamato@dioceseaj.org, or call the office at 814-742-7075. Please specify if you would like your statement emailed or mailed to you.
- If you have moved, changed phone numbers or your family status has changed, etc., please let the office know using the above methods.
- College students and any children over 18 years of age should register with the parish as an adult. You can update your information using a Parish Census form which is available in the vestibule of the church and return to the office by either mailing, dropping in the collection basket, or placing in the office door bin, located in the rear of the chapel.
- If you haven't been receiving Contribution Envelopes and would like to or no longer want to receive envelopes, please let us know.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

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
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.

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING	JAN 20-JAN 26, 2025	
WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION GOAL	\$	5,500.00
REGULAR WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION:	\$	3,022.00
OTHER: (HOLY DAYS, DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS, ETC.)	\$	2,291.00
WEEKLY ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$	865.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:	\$	6,178.00
2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE TARGET	\$	19,753.00
FINAL CMD DONATIONS FOR 2024:	\$	\$41,512.93

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

- ◆ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING** - Monday, February 10, 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room.
- ◆ **PARISH ASSOCIATION MEETING** - A meeting of the Parish Association will be held on Tuesday, February 11, at 6:30 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room.
- ◆ **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** - A meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday, February 17, at 6:30 p.m., in the Parish Hall.
- ◆ **MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** - A meeting of the Maintenance Committee will be held on Tuesday, February 25, at 6:30 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room.

THE ALTOONA CHAPTER OF THE NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY holds a vigil prayer once a month from 8:00 PM -11:00 PM. Volunteers are needed during one hour of the Eucharistic Adoration. Please join other parishioners here at Saint Joseph in Bellwood **on Friday, March 7, from 9:00-10:00 p.m.**

BAPTISM CLASS FOR EXPECTANT PARENTS - We will hold a Baptism Class for Parents expecting children and for parents desiring to have their child baptized, this Monday, February 3, at 6:00 p.m. In the Saint Joseph Social Hall. Please be sure to contact Sr. Linda if you plan to attend. 814-742-7894.

LENTEN ADULT ENRICHMENT CLASSES ON: *Jesus the way the Truth and the Life, beginning the Fridays of Lent and following the Stations of the Cross, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. In the Parish Social Hall.* Classes will be held on the following dates: March 7, March 14, March 21, March 28, April 4, and ending on April 11. A sign-up sheet is in the Vestibule of the Church. Please sign your name and indicate if you would like to purchase a book at the cost of \$15.00.

DIOCESE OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN STRENGTH IN CHRIST MEN'S CONFERENCE-Sunday, March 30, 2025, 11:30 AM-5:30 PM at Mount Aloysius College, Cresson. Join us for a day that includes lunch, Sunday Mass, talks from local priests, personal testimonies, and a panel discussion with local Catholic men. There is no cost to attend. Visit www.dioceseaj.org to register online. For those unable to register online, paper registration forms can be found at each parish to complete and return via mail. Registration closes March 21. Online registration is encouraged due to limited seating.

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)

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.



Help our Parish earn money by purchasing gift cards for all

of your shopping needs. See a representative in the Vestibule after mass to order gift cards for 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday, February 02, 2025

Grade School (K-6): 10:00-11:15 a.m.
High School (Grades 7-11): 6:00-8:00 p.m.

FIRST RECONCILIATION FOR THE SECOND GRADE CLASS OF SAINT JOSEPH PARISH, will be held on Saturday, March 8, at 10:00 a.m. in the Church. Parents should be in the church with their children by 9:45 a.m.

SAVE THE DATE: Vacation Bible School is scheduled 16-20, from 6-8 pm. *More Information to come*

Stewardship Reflections – The Presentation of the Lord

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, when Mary and Joseph brought their infant Son to the Temple in obedience of the laws of their Jewish faith. Even knowing their Son was God, they still carefully observed the faith practices of their day, bringing Him to the temple “to present Him to the Lord.” The Holy Parents were good stewards of their child, teaching Him to live in obedience of the practices of their faith from his infancy and throughout His years.

Those of us entrusted with the care of children, whether our own children, godchildren, nieces, nephews, grandchildren, students, etc. – we have a vital role to play in the faith formation of these young ones. We, like the Holy Parents, must steward these children well, forming them in the faith by both instruction and example throughout their lives.

What a privilege and high calling we have as Christian stewards. Let us take these stewardship lessons to heart and present our gifts and our young ones joyfully to the Lord.

Spring Priest Presentations

Featuring talks from three

diocesan priests on the Eucharist

Father Jozef Kovacic Father George Jakopac Father Brian Saylor

Saturday, March 29th, 2025

9:00 AM-11:30 AM

JFK Student Center at Saint Francis University, Loretto

Register online at

dioceseaj.org/spring_priest_presentations or by mail with a form found at each parish in the diocese

Contact llamagna@dioceseaj.org with questions regarding the event



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The Feast of Saint Blaise: St. Blaise is a bishop and martyr who lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. For a time, Blaise lived in a cave to escape persecution. On his feast the church recalls a miracle cure associated with him and celebrates the blessing of the throats. Blaise apparently saved the life of a boy who was choking on a fish bone. The saint said that anyone who lit a candle in his memory would be free of infection, thus candles are used in the traditional throat blessing. He is listed among the Fourteen Holy Helpers, saints revered as healers. He is the patron saint of throat illnesses, animals, wool combers, and wool trading.

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