



FEBRUARY 09, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: FEB 08 - FEB 16, 2025

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
Mon, Feb 10 8:00 AM for Walter E. Chihon, Sr.
by his Family
Tue, Feb 11 6:00 PM for Joseph Wharton
by T.J. Knob & Family
Wed, Feb 12 7:30 AM HOLY HOUR with Communion
Sat, Feb 15 4:00 PM for Joseph Wharton
by Greg & Connie Wharton
Sun, Feb 16 9:00 AM for the Deceased Rossi 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

Saturday, Feb 15, 4:00 PM:

LECTORS: 1st Reading: B. Pennington
2nd Reading: P. Wills
Intercessions: T. Evanskey
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
Host: J. Shelow
Cup: T. Hoffer & Sr. Linda
ALTAR SERVERS: T. Smith & Diane Irwin
HOSPITALITY: A. Bucher, D. Kissell, M. Kissell, N. Lovrich, Sr.

Sunday, Feb 16, 9:00 AM:

LECTORS: 1st Reading: B. Paranich
2nd Reading: S. Shaulis
Intercessions: T. Finn
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
Host: B. Shedlock
Cup: L. Krug & P. Krug
ALTAR SERVERS: C. Shedlock & E. Wolfe
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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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 27-FEB 02, 2025	
WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION GOAL	\$	5,500.00
REGULAR WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION:	\$	3,104.00
OTHER: (HOLY DAYS, DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS, ETC.)	\$	516.00
WEEKLY ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$	1,480.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:	\$	5,100.00
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. Please contact the office or Sr. Linda if you are not able to attend.

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 10:00-11:00 p.m.**

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)

JOIN US FOR OUR CLASS - Office of Lay Ecclesial Ministry

The following class is an In-Person class and is open to all!

· Christian Bio-Ethics taught by Father James Crookston at Holy Name Parish, Ebensburg. Tuesdays from 6:30 PM-9:00 PM (Running for 7 Weeks) beginning March 4, 2025. The cost of the class is \$35.00 and must be turned in with the Registration Form and the book for the class can be purchased on (Amazon or The Catholic University of America Press)

· To register, please visit the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Website at www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry, 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 jgramling@dioceseaj.org All are welcome!

· Please note that the Deadline for Class Registration is Tuesday, February 18th. No Registration Forms will be accepted after this date.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday, February 09, 2025

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

No Junior High or High School Religious Education this Sunday evening, so that everyone is able to enjoy the Super Bowl.

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 for June 16-20, from 6-8 pm. *More Information to come...*

Stewardship Reflections - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our readings today remind us of the great privilege we have in calling ourselves children and disciples of the Most High God. While we can approach Him with the confidence of a child before his father, we must also remember the deep reverence and awe that we owe to Him.

When we truly embrace a stewardship way of life, putting our talents, time and treasure at the service of the Most High God, we will be astonished at what God will do. Our lives may take a direction beyond our wildest imaginings.

But just as Jesus reassured Simon in our Gospel today, "Be not afraid," He reassures us too. We need not fear a stewardship way of life. Rather, we should embrace the adventure it presents us and prepare to be astonished by what our awesome God will do. "Here I am Lord, send me!"

UPCOMING DIOCESAN PRIEST PRESENTATIONS on the Eucharistic Revival. Three priests from our Northern Deanery will be presenters for the final Diocesan Eucharistic Revival Diocesan Workshops: Father Jozef Kovacik, whom all of you know, who is now Pastor at Good Shepherd Parish in State College, Fr. George Jakopac, from Our Lady of Victory Parish in State College and Father Brian Saylor, Pastor at Saint John the Evangelist Parish in Bellefonte. The priests will share with us on the power of the Eucharist in their lives. Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 29, from 9:00 until 11:30 a.m. at Saint Francis university and plan to attend. Registration forms are available online by going to the Diocesan Website. Hard copy registrations can be found at the entrances of the Church. Contact Sr. Linda for more information.

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.

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

WE ARE IN DIRE NEED OF MEN'S & CHILDREN'S CLOTHING.

Anything you can donate is greatly appreciated.