



JANUARY 19, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: JAN 18-JAN 26, 2025

Sat, Jan 18 4:00 PM for Nata Hample
by George & Rebecca Wertz
Sun, Jan 19 9:00 AM for Respect Life
by the Knights of Columbus
Mon, Jan 20 8:00 AM for Dolores Schirf
by a friend
Tue, Jan 21 6:00 PM for Lucy Krug
by Louise & Paul Krug
Wed, Jan 22 7:30 AM HOLY HOUR with Communion
Sat, Jan 25 4:00 PM for the People
by the Pastor
Sun, Jan 26 9:00 AM for Joe Wharton
by Greg & Connie Wharton

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, Jan 25, 4:00 PM:

LECTORS: 1st Reading: T. Burr
2nd Reading: T. Bucher
Intercessions: A. Bucher
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
Host: T. Hoffer
Cup: M. Kissell & J. Lovrich
ALTAR SERVERS: A. Bucher & T. Smith
HOSPITALITY: J. Genesi, S. Genesi, D. Kissell, B. Risbon

Sunday, Jan 26, 9:00 AM:

LECTORS: 1st Reading: W. Zapotoczny
2nd Reading: T. Colabove
Intercessions: T. Finn
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
Host: C. Weyandt
Cup: B. Shedlock & J. Chestney
ALTAR SERVERS: C. Shedlock & E. Wolfe
HOSPITALITY: T. Carosielli, T. DelMastro, M. Kowalski, W. Rossi

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE MARCH

Sunday January 19, 2025, 12:00 NOON - Prayer Service at St. Matthew Church in Tyrone, followed by the 1.25 mile walk to Oak Grove Cemetery to the grave of Baby Agnes Doe, for another short prayer service. A hot luncheon will be served in the parish hall after the march.



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

WE ARE IN DIRE NEED OF MEN'S & CHILDREN'S CLOTHING. Anything you can donate is greatly appreciated.

SECOND SUNDAY IN 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
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Church Office at **St. Matthew's: (814) 684-1480**

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SR. LINDA LAMAGNA, CCW, PASTORAL MINISTER
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ALISON BISHOP-AMATO, ADMINISTRATIVE & FINANCIAL ASSISTANT
Hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM
Parish Office: (814) 742-7075
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
DRE: SR. LINDA LAMAGNA
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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	JAN 06-JAN 12, 2025	
WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION GOAL	\$	5,500.00
REGULAR WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION:	\$	2,537.00
OTHER: (HOLY DAYS, DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS, ETC.)	\$	304.00
WEEKLY ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$	670.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:	\$	3,511.00
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

- ◆ **PARISH ASSOCIATION MEETING** - Tuesday, January 21, 2025, 6:30 p.m. after mass.
- ◆ **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** - Wednesday, January 22, 2025, 6:30 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room.
- ◆ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING** - Monday, February 10, 7:00 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.**

POVERTY AWARENESS MONTH: JANUARY 2025; ONLINE OVERVIEW OF BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY OFFERED BY CATHOLIC CHARITIES.

Pope Francis has decreed the year 2025 as a Jubilee year calling all to be Pilgrims of Hope. January is the month of National Poverty Awareness. Please consider joining a **virtual overview** of Bridges Out of Poverty: Strategies for Professionals and Communities to have a better understanding of a comprehensive approach to the dynamics that cause and maintain poverty, from the individual to the systemic level: **Thursday, January 23rd, 2025, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.** To register for a session, please RSVP to coconor@dioceseaj.org.

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.

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.

A HEALING MASS will be celebrated on Tuesday, January 21st at 7 pm at St. Michael Church in Hollidaysburg sponsored by Holy Spirit Ministry. Praise and Worship music start at 6:30 pm. This powerful night of hope and healing is for all who are suffering physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Father David Dodd, TOR will be the main celebrant.

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, January 19, 2025

Grade School (K-6): 10:00-11:15 a.m.
High School (Grades 7-11): **12:00 NOON - RESPECT LIFE MARCH**

BOWLING PARTY WITH PIZZA – The Knights of Columbus are once again sponsoring a bowling and pizza party at the Bavarian Hall in Altoona, on Monday, January 20, from 1-3 pm, for students of St. Joseph and St. Matthew, grades K through 12. Students are welcome to bring a guest, and parents are welcome to come to engage as a family. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet indicating that you are coming and if you are bringing a friend.

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.

SAVE THE DATE: Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 16-20, from 6-8 pm.

More Information to come



Stewardship Reflections – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings remind us of the amazing privilege we have, and the serious responsibility it is, to be good stewards of the gifts God has given us. Everything we have is intended to benefit those around us. Because God has made each one of us with unique and differing gifts, the parish family truly does need each of us. It's a wonderful – and at the same time sobering – reality. Our parish family will be vibrant only when all members, young and old, share their gifts with the community. It will suffer if even one member holds back.

Let us take care to listen to our Blessed Mother, as the servants did in our Gospel reading today. The Blessed Mother said, "Do whatever He tells you." Let us examine our lives this week to see if we really are doing whatever He tells us and cooperating with God to make the best use of the gifts He has given us for the benefit of those around us. If we all take this call seriously, He will perform miracles in our families and our parish.

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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