



JANUARY 26, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: JAN 25-FEB 02, 2025

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
Mon, Jan 27 8:00 AM for Dolores Schirf
by a friend
Tue, Jan 28 6:00 PM for Fr. Raymond Crosser & the Deceased
Members of his Family
by his Estate
Wed, Jan 29 7:30 AM HOLY HOUR with Communion
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

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 01, 4:00 PM:

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

Sunday, Feb 02, 9:00 AM:

LECTORS: 1st Reading: T. Colabove
2nd Reading: W. Zapotoczny
Intercessions: S. Caldwell
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
Host: Sr. Linda
Cup: T. Belis & B. Paranich
ALTAR SERVERS: E. Caldwell & T. Rishel
HOSPITALITY: T. Carosielli, J. Chestney, R. DelGrosso, E. Hunter

A FEW BEGINNING OF THE YEAR "HOUSEKEEPING" NOTES:

- Tax Statements are available beginning Tuesday, January 28. 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.

THIRD 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
Church Office at **St. Joseph's: (814) 742-7075**
Church Office at **St. Matthew's: (814) 684-1480**

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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

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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 13-JAN 19, 2025	
WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION GOAL	\$	5,500.00
REGULAR WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION:	\$	1,794.00
OTHER: (HOLY DAYS, DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS, ETC.)	\$	1,901.00
WEEKLY ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$	1,340.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:	\$	5,035.00
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 AND PARENTS DESIRING TO HAVE THEIR CHILDREN BAPTIZED - A Baptism preparation Class will be held on Monday, February 3, at 6:00 p.m., in the St. Joseph Parish meeting room. Please contact Sr. Linda at 814-742-7894 if you plan to attend.

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.

Please join **St. Mark/Holy Rosary** Parish's bus trip to see **NOAH-30TH ANNIVERSARY LIMITED SHOWING AT THE SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE** on April 9, 2025. The cost of the bus trip includes the 11:00 AM Show and 2:15 Pm Lunch Smorgasbord at Hershey Farm Restaurant. \$195.00/Adult, \$140.00 /Child (3-12) Please Contact Robyn Murphy (814) 931-5683 or Diane O'Leary (814) 935-2114 to reserve your seat.

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, January 26, 2025

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

A RETREAT FOR PARENTS AND SECOND GRADE STUDENTS OF ST. JOSEPH AND ST. MATTHEW PARISHES will be held today, 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 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Second Reading, from St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, picks up where we left off last week and continues with a similar theme. The message is that we are each unique in the gifts and talents God has given to us, and therefore, we all have different tasks to fulfill as members of the Body of Christ.

And just what are we, as Christian stewards, aiming to achieve by sharing our gifts and talents? We are aiming to follow in the footsteps of our Lord, furthering with His grace the mission He began 2,000 years ago. What a noble purpose! What great dignity has been bestowed upon us, modern-day disciples, that we are called to this same task.

In the week ahead, let's take this mission to heart, examining the way we can use our gifts and talents for this mission and asking ourselves what it looks like in our unique circumstances to 'bring glad tidings to the poor', 'liberty to captives', 'sight to the blind', and 'freedom to the oppressed.' It might feel uncomfortable at first, but the good news is you don't have to do it alone. Do you part and know that the Spirit of the Lord is upon us all as we live out this stewardship way of life.

Spring Priest Presentations

Featuring talks from three

diocesan priests on the Eucharist

Father Jozef Kovacik 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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Grace Lutheran Church

114 N. Cambria Street
Bellwood, PA

Any questions,
please call Janice Dress 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.