



FEBRUARY 23, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: FEB 22 - MAR 02, 2025

Sat, Feb 22 4:00 PM for the People
by the Pastor
Sun, Feb 23 9:00 AM for Fr. David Roesch
by Pete & Michele Stetter
Mon, Feb 24 8:00 AM for Joe Wharton
by Tim & Therese Knob
Tue, Feb 25 6:00 PM for Gary Huff, Jr.
by his Parents
Wed, Feb 26 7:30 AM HOLY HOUR with Communion
Sat, Mar 01 4:00 PM for James Lauer
by Joan Miner & Family
Sun, Mar 02 9:00 AM for Rita McCloskey
by Pat Partner & Family

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, Mar 01, 4:00 PM:

LECTORS: 1st Reading: Sr. Linda
2nd Reading: P. Wills
Intercessions: B. Pennington
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
Host: M. Kissell
Cup: J. Lovrich
ALTAR SERVERS: A. Bucher & D. Irwin
HOSPITALITY: G. Genesi, S. Genesi, D. Kissell, J. Lovrich

Sunday, Mar 02, 9:00 AM:

LECTORS: 1st Reading: D. Morrissey
2nd Reading: T. Colabove
Intercessions: N. Lovrich
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
Host: L. Krug
Cup: J. hestney & B. Shedlock
ALTAR SERVERS: T. Rishel & E. Wolfe
HOSPITALITY: T. Carosielli, T. DelMastro, M. Kowalski, W. Rossi

Ash Wednesday Schedule

Lent 2025 begins on Ash Wednesday (March 5)

- † 8 a.m. @ St. Joseph
- † 9 a.m. @ St. Matthew
- † 12 pm Distribution of Ashes only @ St. Joseph
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- † 6 p.m. @ St. Joseph
- † 7 p.m. @ St. Matthew



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, 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.

SEVENTH 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
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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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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	FEB 10-FEB 16, 2025	
WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION GOAL	\$	5,500.00
REGULAR WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION:	\$	1,730.00
OTHER: (HOLY DAYS, DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS, ETC.)	\$	135.00
WEEKLY ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$	830.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:	\$	2,695.00
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

- ◆ **MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** - 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.
- ◆ **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** - Monday, March 10, at 6:30 p.m., in the Parish Hall.
- ◆ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING** - Monday, March 10, at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room.
- ◆ **PARISH ASSOCIATION & FUNDRAISING MEETING** - Tuesday, March 11, 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 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.

BELLWOOD-ANTIS COUNCIL of CHURCHES FOOD SHARE PROGRAM
St. Joseph Parish has been asked to collect Paper Towels for the next Food Share Program. Please place donations in the containers located at each entrance of the church by Sunday, March 23, 2025. This program helps approximately 130 family units in our community. Thank you for your generosity.

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)

NEW FOSTER GRANDPARENT AND SENIOR COMPANION VOLUNTEER INCENTIVE PROGRAM: January 1-June 30, 2025 become a Foster Grandparent or Senior Companion volunteer and receive a \$50 gift card! The following qualifications must be met to qualify:
You must start the program between January 1, 2025 and June 30, 2025.
You must complete orientation and training (40 hours) and 40 hours of volunteer service (80 hours total). Once you meet the two qualifications, you'll receive a \$50 gift card! *Returning volunteers within two years of their termination date are not eligible for the Gift Card Incentive*
Guidelines: Must be 55 year or older and a Blair County Resident. Income - Single - \$30,120 per year (\$2,510 per month)/Married - \$40,880 per year (\$3,406 P-er month); Pass Criminal Background Checks and Child Abuse History Clearance; Volunteer a minimum of 5 hours per week, and may choose to volunteer up to 40 hours per week. Please call Blair Senior Services, Inc. Volunteer Program Office at (814) 946-1235 for more information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Sunday, February 23 2025

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

High School (Grades 7-11): 6:00-8:00 p.m.

SECOND GRADE CLASS OF SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

FIRST RECONCILIATION 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will be held on Saturday, May 3, at the 4:00 p.m. Mass.

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

TWO FAITH SHARING GROUPS WILL BEGIN TO MEET the week of March 9, 2025:

- Monday mornings at 8:30 a.m. with facilitator, Sr. Linda.
 - Thursday mornings at 9:00 a.m. with facilitator, Paul Krug.
- Readings can be picked up after signing up for either group. Sign up sheets are available in the chapel.

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.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS: We will be collecting palms from last year to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday. Our collection dates will be February 22/23 & March 01/02. A box will be provided for this collection. **Please do not bring palms after March 2.**

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 Kovacic, 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.

Stewardship Reflections - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

In today's Gospel, taken from the sixth chapter of Luke, Jesus offers a very challenging, seemingly impossible approach to daily life. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak do not withhold even your tunic. ... Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back."

It seems so unfair. Unless, that is, we look at this way of life from a stewardship point of view. Then, not only does it seem doable (though challenging), but it also actually makes perfect sense. A steward understands clearly that all he has, and all that he is, is a gift from God given to him from an unfathomable abundance of love. This changes everything! This means that "my" cloak, "my" tunic, "my" money and "my" time - all of it ultimately belongs to God. He has entrusted these things to each of us in love to use for His purposes and His glory.