



MARCH 02, 2025

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

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

Mon, Mar 03 8:00 AM for Fr. David Roesch
by the Rossi Family

Tue, Mar 04 6:00 PM for Joe Wharton
by Beth Rossi

Wed, Mar 05 **NO HOLY HOUR with Communion**

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Wed, Mar 05 8:00 AM for Fr. Raymond Crosser & the Deceased
Members of his Family.
by his Estate

9 AM @ St. Matthew
12:00 PM Distribution of Ashes only @ St. Joseph
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6:00 PM for Olga Lawruk
by Mary Jo Palmer
7:00 PM @ St. Matthew

Sat, Mar 08 4:00 PM for Darlene Schirf
by Don Schirf

Sun, Mar 09 9:00 AM for the People
by the Pastor

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 08, 4:00 PM:

LECTORS: 1st Reading: T. Burr
2nd Reading: T. Bucher
Intercessions: A. Bucher

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
Host: J. Steinbauer
Cup: Sr. Linda & J. Shelow

ALTAR SERVERS: D. Irwin & T. Smith
HOSPITALITY: J. Genesi, S. Genesi, D. Kissell, B. Risbon

Sunday, Mar 09, 9:00 AM:

LECTORS: 1st Reading: W. Zapotacznay
2nd Reading: T. Finn
Intercessions: S. Shaulis

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
Host: Sr. Linda
Cup: B. Shedlock & C. Weyandt

ALTAR SERVERS: K. Shanafelt & C. Shedlock
HOSPITALITY: T. Carosielli, T. DelMastro, M. Kowalski, W. Rossi

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.

EIGHTH 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	FEB 17-FEB 23, 2025
WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION GOAL	\$ 5,500.00
REGULAR WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION:	\$ 1,947.00
OTHER: (HOLY DAYS, DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS, ETC.)	\$ 264.00
WEEKLY ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$ 1,295.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:	\$ 3,506.00

2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE TARGET | \$ | **20,500.00**
The CMD Kickoff weekend is coming up soon - March 15th & 16th

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 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.

WE WILL BE CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH WITH A VIGIL MASS at 6:00 P.M. on March 18, followed by our Saint Joseph Table.

On Tuesday, March 18th, Father Michael will celebrate the Solemnity of Saint Joseph with a Vigil Mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by a gathering in the Parish Social Hall. Please mark your calendars and plan to bring the family for the celebration of our Patron Saint. We also would love to have the children of the Parish present for the solemnity of this feast.

LENTEN ADULT ENRICHMENT CLASS begins this Friday, March 7, from 6:30 -8:00 p.m. Following the Stations of the Cross. STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed each Friday of Lenten at 6:00 p.m. In the Church. We encourage parents to bring their children and grandchildren to this special devotional experience.

ATTENTION St. Joseph Singers...

We Need YOU!

If you would like to sing with the choir for the Easter services, please join us for the four scheduled practices to prepare:

Monday, March 17 - 7:00-8:30 pm

Monday, March 24 - 7:00-8:30 pm

Monday, March 31 - 7:00-8:30 pm

Monday, April 7 - 7:00-8:30 pm



Any questions, please contact Beth Rossi @ 814-932-0358

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)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Sunday, March 02, 2025

Grade School (K-6): 10:00-11:15 a.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. The **LAST DAY to drop off your palms is this Sunday, March 2, 2025.**

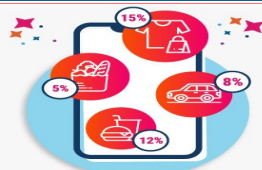
UPCOMING DIOCESAN PRIEST PRESENTATIONS on the Eucharistic Revival. Three priests from our Northern Deanery will be presenters for the final Diocesan Eucharistic Revival Diocesan Workshops: Father Jozef Kovacic, whom all of you know, who is now Pastor at Good Shepherd Parish in State College, Fr. George 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.

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.



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