



MARCH 09, 2025

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

Sat, Mar 08 4:00 PM for Darlene Schirf
by Don Schirf
Sun, Mar 09 9:00 AM for the People
by the Pastor
Mon, Mar 10 8:00 AM for Joseph Wharton
by Connie & Joe Novak
Tue, Mar 11 6:00 PM for Joe Wharton
by T.J. Knob & Family
Wed, Mar 12 7:30 AM **HOLY HOUR with Communion**
Sat, Mar 15 4:00 PM for Jerry & Eileen O'Shea
by Steve & Pam O'Shea
Sun, Mar 16 9:00 AM for Sue Johnson
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, 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. Zapotaczný
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

Saturday, Mar 15, 4:00 PM:

LECTORS: 1st Reading: J. Bequeath
2nd Reading: T. Evanskey
Intercessions: M. Riggle
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, Mar 16, 9:00 AM:
LECTORS: 1st Reading: L. Krug
2nd Reading: Sr. Linda
Intercessions: M. Zapotaczný
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
Host: T. Colabove
Cup: T. Belis & P. Krug
ALTAR SERVERS: C. Shedlock & E. Wolfe
HOSPITALITY: T. Carosielli, T. DelMastro, M. Kowalski, W. Rossi

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING	FEB 24-MAR 02, 2025	
WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION GOAL	\$	5,500.00
REGULAR WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION:	\$	3,269.00
OTHER: (HOLY DAYS, DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS, ETC.)	\$	2,207.00
WEEKLY ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$	1,545.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:	\$	7,021.00
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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

ST. JOSEPH PARISH is a charitable trust of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, the Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, 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.

ANONING 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.

AREA LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Tuesday, March 18 - Holy Rosary Parish, Altoona, 6:00-8:00 PM
Wednesday, March 19 - St. Patrick Parish, Newry, 6:30 PM
Thursday, March 20 - St. Mark Parish, Altoona, 6:00 PM-8:00 PM
Sunday, March 23
St. John the Evangelist Parish, Altoona, 4:00 PM
Thursday, March 27
St. Matthew Parish, Tyrone, 6:00 PM
Thursday, April 3
St. Mark Parish, Altoona, 5:30 PM
St. Catherine of Siena, Duncansville, 6:00 PM-7:30 PM
Monday, April 7
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Altoona, 7:00 PM
Tuesday, April 8 - Good Shepherd Parish, Port Matilda, 7:00 PM
Wednesday, April 9
Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona, 6:00 PM
Thursday, April 10
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Altoona, 5:30 PM
St. Rose of Lima Parish, Altoona, 7:00 PM
Sunday, April 13
St. Mary Parish, Hollidaysburg, 4:00 PM
Our Lady of Victory, State College, 6:00 PM
Tuesday, April 15
St. Mary Parish, Altoona, 5:30 PM
Wednesday, April 16
St. Catherine of Siena, Duncansville, 6:00 PM-7:30 PM
**for a complete list of Penance Services throughout the Diocese, please visit <https://www.dioceseaj.org/lent-penance-services/>*

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 LIGHTS ARE ON FOR YOU" - A special time set aside for our parishioners for confessions. Next Sunday, March 16 will be our "THE LIGHTS ARE ON FOR YOU" time for personal confession, in the Church, from 5:00 - 6:00 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! NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

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)

THE 60th ANNUAL NOVENA IN HONOR OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS
MONDAY, March 31 - TUESDAY, April 8, 2025

Sacred Heart Church, 6th Avenue and 20th Street Altoona, PA 814-943-8553
Opening Mass on Monday, March 31, at 7:00 p.m.
Bishop Mark L. Bartchak, Celebrant and Homilist.
A complete schedule will be available on the first night of the Novena.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Sunday, March 09, 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

PARENT-CHILD RETREAT for First Eucharist - Sunday, March 30, from 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the St. Joseph Parish Hall. ***PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE.**

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

"THE LIGHTS ARE ON FOR YOU" will be a special time set aside for our Junior High and High school Students on **Sunday evening, April 6, from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.** this is their regularly scheduled Religious Education Time. Students should plan to arrive by 5:45 p.m. on this evening.

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.

LENTEN ALMS FOR MIKAYLA – Mikayla is a 26 year old parishioner our St. Joseph Parish. Mikayla is in urgent need of a multivisceral transplant, which is four organs or more. The organs she needs are the stomach, pancreas, small and large intestine. Depending on how long she is on the transplant list, the liver may be added as well. St. Joseph and St. Matthew Parishes are taking up a special collection to help Mikayla and her family through this lengthy and costly journey. Donation boxes will be located throughout Lent for you to place your donations. Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

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.

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.

THE SAINT MATTHEW CHAPTER OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IS HAVING LENTEN FISH FRY'S on the following dates: March 14, 21, 28 and April 4. The time is 4:30 pm – until fish runs out in Harkins Hall, St. Matthew Parish. Eat-in or take out is available. Cost is \$13 for adults and \$7 for children. Come and enjoy the best fish dinner in the area and some fellowship! ++++++

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.



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