



APRIL 20, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: APR 19 - APR 27, 2025
 Sat, Apr 19 8:00 PM for Sr. Theresa Nelson
 by the Carmelite Community of the Word
 Sun, Apr 20 9:00 AM for Tom Jackson
 by Ann Jackson
 Mon, Apr 21 8:00 AM for Al Poppenwimer
 by Joan Miner & Family
 Tue, Apr 22 **NO MASS**
 Wed, Apr 23 ~~7:30 AM~~ **NO HOLY HOUR**
 8:00 AM for Joe Wharton
 by Beth Rossi
 Thu, Apr 24 8:00 AM for Bonnie Pasquini
 by Donald Belsey
 Fri, Apr 25 8:00 AM for R. Raynond Crosser & the Deceased
 Members of his Family
 by his Estate
 Sat, Apr 26 4:00 PM for Olga Lawruk
 by Carol & Pierre Lachausse
 Sun, Apr 27 9:00 AM for Joey Potter
 by Vicky Hamer

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Holy Saturday, Apr 19, 8:00 PM:
 LECTORS: 1st Reading - [Reading 1-Genesis 1:1-31]: T. Bucher
 2nd Reading: [Reading 3-Exodus 14:15-15:1]: A. Bucher
 3rd Reading: [Reading 4-Isaiah 54:5-14]: L. Krug
 Epistle: A. Amato / Intercessions: N. Lovrich
 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
 Host: J. Chestney & Sr. Linda / Cup: P. Krug & J. Shelow
 ALTAR SERVERS: A. Bucher & D. Irwin
 HOSPITALITY: J. Genesi & S. Genesi
Easter Sunday, Apr 20, 9:00 AM:
 LECTORS: 1st Reading: B. Pennington
 2nd Reading: N. Gulvas
 Intercessions: Sr. Linda
 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
 Host: T. Hoffer / Host-Back of Church: Sr. Linda
 Cup: B. Shedlock & C. Weyandt
 ALTAR SERVERS: C. Shedlock, K. Shanafelt, T. Smith
 HOSPITALITY: Outside - T. Carosielli & T. Delmastro
 Inside - M. Hoffer, B. DelGrosso, W. Rossi
Saturday, Apr 26, 8:00 PM:
 LECTORS: 1st Reading : W. Zapotoczny
 2nd Reading: A. Bucher
 Intercessions: Sr. Linda
 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
 Host: J. Steinbauer
 Cup: T. Hoffer & M. Kissell
 ALTAR SERVERS: A. Bucher & T. Smith
 HOSPITALITY: J. Genesi, S. Genesi, D. Kissell, N. Lovrich, Sr.
Sunday, Apr 27, 9:00 AM:
 LECTORS: 1st Reading: Sr. Linda
 2nd Reading: N. Gulvas
 Intercessions: N. Lovrich
 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
 Host: C. Weyandt
 Cup: P. Krug & B. Shedlock
 ALTAR SERVERS: C. Shedlock & E. Wolfe
 HOSPITALITY: J. Chestney, R. DelGrosso, T. DelMastro, E. Hunter

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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.
 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
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 DIRECTOR OF 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, Alison Bishop-Amato. Contact Sr. Linda 814-742-7075.

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.*

 **Help our Parish earn money by purchasing giftcards for all of your shopping needs.**
Simply the right way to fundraise **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 & PICK UP YOUR CARD THE FOLLOWING WEEKEND. (*Bellwood Hometown Market cards are usually on hand.*)

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

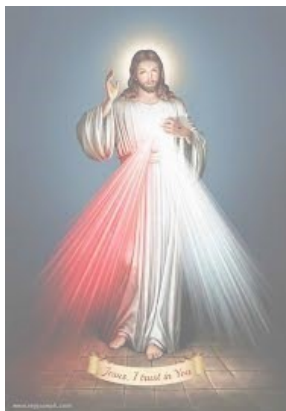
- ◆ **PARISH ASSOCIATION MEETING** - Tuesday, May 6, at 6:30 p.m., in the Parish Hall.
- ◆ **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** - Monday, May 19, at 6:30 p.m., in the Parish Hall.

THE NOVENA OF DIVINE MERCY is a 9-day prayer period, starting on Good Friday and ending on Divine Mercy Sunday. There are specific intentions prayed for each day, followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. **The Divine Mercy Novena will be held this year at St. Matthews in Tyrone.**

Reciting of the Chaplet & Novena Prayer

- Good Friday, April 18, 6:00 p.m.
- Holy Saturday, April 19, 3:00 p.m.
- Easter Sunday, April 20, 3:00 p.m.
- Monday, April 21, 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 22, 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 23, 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, April 24, 6:00 p.m.
- Friday, April 25, 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, April 26, 3:00 p.m.

**Confessions 2:00-3:00 p.m.*



Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27

- Adoration 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Confessions 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Reciting of the Chaplet & Novena Prayer 3:00 p.m.

What is Divine Mercy and how did it come about?

There was a young Polish nun named Sister Faustina Kowalska and in 1931 she began to have mysterious illuminations from Jesus. She kept a diary and Jesus communicated with her about His Divine Mercy. He talked about a feast day, (Divine Mercy Sunday) an image, (The Divine Mercy image) and very special prayers (The Chaplet and The Novena.) Jesus also told Sister Faustina that He wanted people to know about the promises of the Divine Mercy Novena. Jesus promised a profound and immense grace to those who would celebrate this feast of Divine Mercy. This grace is the forgiveness of all sins and the removal of all punishment due to sin.

What do I have to do to get the special grace?

- Bring your Rosary and come to the Novena each day for 9 days.
- Say the special prayers and the chaplet.
- Sincerely repent of all your sins.
- Go to confession before Divine Mercy Sunday.
- Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday and receive Holy Communion.
- Place complete trust in Jesus.
- Be merciful to others, through our actions, words, and prayers.

Dear parishioners, **We have a St. Joseph's family who is seeking a nurturing daycare or babysitter starting August 2025 for our son, who will be 6 months old.** The hours needed would be roughly 7:30am to 3:30pm Monday – Friday. We value a faith-filled environment that supports our family's beliefs and encourages a strong moral foundation. If you have any recommendations or know of any local daycares or babysitters that align with these values, please reach out to us. Your support means so much to us during this exciting time! Thank you for your kindness and help! If interested, please contact Sister Linda.

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, April 20, 2025

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

SECOND GRADE CLASS OF SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

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

PRACTICE FOR FIRST COMMUNION will be on Thursday, May 1, at 4:00 p.m., in the Church.

NEWS FOR OUR CONFIRMATION 11TH GRADE CLASS -

Confirmation Practice is this Monday, April 21, at 7:00 p.m.

Candidates with their sponsors should meet **at the Cathedral** by 6:00 p.m. Banner Carrier: Ava Beiswenger, and Offertory Gifts Presenters" Marissa Cacciotti and Chase Yaniello, should meet in the body of the Church before going to the Church Basement.

PARENT AND STUDENT MEETING FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS OF THIS YEAR'S 8TH, 9TH AND 10TH GRADES TO INTRODUCE THE NEW CONFIRMATION GUIDELINES for next year. This meeting will be held on Sunday, May 18th, from 10:00 - 10:30 a.m., in the Church.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - Registration forms are available in the Vestibule of the church. Please sign up as soon as possible so that materials can be purchased.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING IN YOUR ENVELOPES

LENTEN ALMS FOR MIKAYLA – Mikayla is a 26 year old parishioner our St. Joseph Parish. Mikayla is in urgent need of a multi-visceral transplant. St. Joseph and St. Matthew Parishes are taking up a special collection to help Mikayla and her family through this lengthy and costly journey. Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

CDA COURT SAINT RITA #523 FROM TYRONE IS SPONSORING A CHARTERED BUS TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY, MONDAY, AUGUST 25-WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27: Round trip motor coach transportation, two nights at the Edison Hotel (Time Square), dinner at Tony Dinapoli's, reservations for Broadway show- Lion King, visits to CDA Headquarters, Ellis Island and Statue of Liberty, admission to 9-11 Museum and Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Departure from Lowes in Altoona. Call, text, or email Amy Brisbin at 814-931-4702, amybrisbin@gmail.com. Non- refundable deposits of \$100 per person due on June 1, 2025. Balance by check to "Catholic Daughters of the Americas" due by August 1, 2025. Payments may be sent to Amy Brisbin, 1740 Decker Hollow Road, Tyrone, PA 16686.

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING	APR 07-APR 13, 2025	
WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION GOAL	\$	5,500.00
REGULAR WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION:	\$	2,744.00
OTHER: (HOLY DAYS, DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS, ETC.)	\$	1,261.00
WEEKLY ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$	745.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:	\$	4,750.00
2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE TARGET	\$	20,500.00
CMD COLLECTION TO DATE	\$	11,641.25

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.