



MARCH 16, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: MAR 15 - MAR 23, 2025

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

Mon, Mar 17 8:00 AM for Bonnie Pasquini
by Donald Belsey

Tue, Mar 18 6:00 PM for Helen Rossi
by Cate Rossi

Wed, Mar 19 7:30 AM **HOLY HOUR with Communion**

Sat, Mar 22 4:00 PM for Founder Day
by the Knights of Columbus

Sun, Mar 23 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 15, 4:00 PM:

LECTORS: 1st Reading: W. Zapotoczny
2nd Reading: T. Evanskey
Intercessions: Sr. Linda

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. Zapotoczny

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

Saturday, Mar 22, 4:00 PM:

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

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

ALTAR SERVERS: A. Bucher & D. Irwin
HOSPITALITY: J. Genesi, S. Genesi, D. Kissell, B. Risbon

Sunday, Mar 23, 9:00 AM:

LECTORS: 1st Reading: D. Morrissey
2nd Reading: N. Lovrich
Intercessions: T. Finn

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
Host: J. Chestney
Cup: Sr. Linda & W. Zapotoczny

ALTAR SERVERS: N. Gulvas & T. Rishel
HOSPITALITY: T. Carosielli, T. DelMastro, M. Kowalski, W. Rossi

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING	MAR 03-MAR 09, 2025	
WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION GOAL	\$	5,500.00
REGULAR WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION:	\$	2,164.00
OTHER: (HOLY DAYS, DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS, ETC.)	\$	1,111.00
WEEKLY ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$	815.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:	\$	4,090.00
2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE TARGET	\$	20,500.00
CMD COLLECTION TO DATE		

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.

SECOND 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.

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
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SR. LINDA LAMAGNA, CCW, PASTORAL MINISTER
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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.

"THE LIGHTS ARE ON FOR YOU" - A special time set aside for our parishioners for confessions. This Sunday, March 16 will be our "THE LIGHTS ARE ON FOR YOU" time for personal confession, in the Church, from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

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

- ◆ **FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING** - Wednesday, April 2, at 6:30 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room.
- ◆ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING** - Monday, April 14, at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room.
- ◆ **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** - Monday, May 19, at 6:30 p.m., in the Parish Hall.

SAINT JOSEPH DAY CELEBRATION - Our celebration of the Feast of Saint Joseph will take place this Tuesday evening with Mass celebrated with Father Michael at 6:00 p.m., followed by a Social with a St. Joseph Table in the Parish Social Hall. Everyone is welcome! Please bring your children and grandchildren with you.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ARE PRAYED EACH FRIDAY OF LENT at 6:00 p.m. In the Church. Please join us and bring the children and grandchildren. It is so important that they come to experience this devotion as one of our Catholic practices.

ADULT ENRICHMENT CLASS - Our adult Enrichment class on "Jesus, the Way the Truth and the Life" will continue this Friday from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. In the Parish Social Hall.

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.

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.



THE 2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE BEGINS THROUGHOUT OUR DIOCESE THIS WEEKEND.

This year's theme, "Follow Me" (Mt 16:24), invites us into a deeper relationship with Christ, as we share in His mission of love and service, proclaiming the Good News to all.

Our *Catholic Ministries Drive* supports 10 ministries throughout our diocese, which all fall into one of our three main focuses of evangelization, serving those in need, or formation of our priests and deacons.

Please reflect on Bishop Mark's invitation when it arrives in your mail, and prayerfully consider supporting our diocesan ministries. You may return your pledge card and donation through the mail, make your payment online, or return your pledge card and donation to your parish through the offertory.

All contributions received beyond our parish goal (\$20,500.00) will be used for our security/technology upgrade, church repairs, and other important projects. Thank you for supporting the *Catholic Ministries Drive* and our diocese's vital ministries.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Sunday, March 16, 2025

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

SECOND GRADE CLASS OF SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

THE PARENT-CHILD RETREAT ON THE EUCHARIST FOR OUR SECOND GRADE CLASSES from both St. Matthew and St. Joseph parishes will take place on **MARCH 30, FROM 11:45 UNTIL 1:30 P.M. in the Parish Social Hall.** Please note that the time has been changed by 15 minutes to allow St. Matthew children time to attend the 10:30 mass and have time to travel to St. Joseph. We will have refreshments available since this is over the lunch hour. **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.

"**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...*

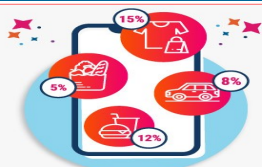
LENTEN ALMS FOR MIKAYLA – Mikayla is a 26 year old parishioner our St. Joseph Parish. Mikayla is in urgent need of a multivisceral transplant, which is four organs or more. The organs she needs are the stomach, pancreas, small and large intestine. Depending on how long she is on the transplant list, 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.

KNITTING FOR BEGINNERS CLASS: Have you ever wanted to learn how to knit but never had the time or thought it would be too difficult? Now is your perfect opportunity. Take my Knitting for Beginners Class to learn the basics of this fun and productive hobby. Six weeks of classes for \$40 are offered at St. Matthew's Parish on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 -2:30 PM, beginning March 22, 2025. Participants must be 18 years of age or older. Contact Tammy Terosky at 814-883-1233 (text/phone) to enroll or with any inquiries. Must have a minimum number for the course to be offered. Thank you and happy knitting!

THE SAINT MATTHEW CHAPTER OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IS HAVING LENTEN FISH FRY'S on the following dates: March 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! ++++++

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)



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Grace's Closet Clothing Give-Away

2nd Saturday of every month.

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM