



MARCH 23, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: MAR 22 - MAR 30, 2025

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
Mon, Mar 24 8:00 AM **NO MASS**
Tue, Mar 25 6:00 PM **NO MASS**
Wed, Mar 26 7:30 AM **HOLY HOUR with Communion**
Sat, Mar 29 4:00 PM for Dakota Dixon
by Rebecca Wertz
Sun, Mar 30 9:00 AM for Sue Johnson
by Bill & Jenny Maloney

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 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: D. Shelow & 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

Saturday, Mar 29, 4:00 PM:

LECTORS: 1st Reading: Sr. Linda
2nd Reading:
Intercessions: A. Bucher
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
Host: M. Kissell
Cup: T. Hoffer & J. Lovrich
ALTAR SERVERS: A. Bucher & T. Smith
HOSPITALITY: J. Genesi, S. Genesi, D. Kissell, B. Risbon

Sunday, Mar 30, 9:00 AM:

LECTORS: 1st Reading: S. Shaulis
2nd Reading: C. Diebold
Intercessions: A. Amato
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
Host: B. Shedlock
Cup: T. Belis & T. Colabove
ALTAR SERVERS: K. Shanafelt & C. Shedlock
HOSPITALITY: T. Carosielli, T. DelMastro, M. Kowalski, W. Rossi

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING	MAR 10-MAR 16, 2025	
WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION GOAL	\$	5,500.00
REGULAR WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION:	\$	1,557.00
OTHER: (HOLY DAYS, DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS, ETC.)	\$	781.00
WEEKLY ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$	925.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:	\$	3,263.00
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.

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

AREA LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Sun., Mar. 23 - St. John the Evangelist Parish, Altoona, 4:00 PM
Thu., Mar. 27 - **St. Matthew Parish, Tyrone, 6:00 PM**
Thu., Apr. 3 - St. Mark Parish, Altoona, 5:30 PM
St. Catherine of Siena, Duncansville, 6:00 PM-7:30 PM
Mon., Apr. 7 - Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish, Altoona, 7:00 PM
Tue., Apr. 8 - Good Shepherd Parish, Port Matilda, 7:00 PM
Wed., Apr. 9 - Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona, 6:00 PM
Thu., Apr. 10 - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Altoona, 5:30 PM
St. Rose of Lima Parish, Altoona, 7:00 PM
Sun., Apr. 13 - St. Mary Parish, Hollidaysburg, 4:00 PM
Our Lady of Victory, State College, 6:00 PM
Tue., Apr. 15 - St. Mary Parish, Altoona, 5:30 PM
Wed., Apr. 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/>*

TODAY IS COMMITMENT WEEKEND FOR THE 2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE. Your sacrificial gift of prayer and treasure will make an immediate and lasting impact on our ministries that focus on evangelization, serving those in need and formation of our priests and deacons. During Lent, and throughout the year, we are challenged to renew our spiritual devotions and duties - and one of those holy duties is to support our Church. 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. There is no limit to what we can accomplish together in Christ. If you didn't send in your pledge card this past week, please prayerfully consider making a donation this coming week or in the future. Our diocese's ministries need your support. All contributions received beyond our parish goal will be used for our needs here at St. Joseph Parish. Thank you for supporting the *Catholic Ministries Drive*.

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.

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 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

Lenten Services 2025: Join us Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., as we look at the book of Luke during this Lenten season.

Mar. 26 - Logan Valley Baptist Church with Pastor Nathan Koozer

Apr. 2 - Logan Valley Presbyterian Church with Pastor Ashely Shook

Apr. 9 - Bellwood Cross of Calvary Church with Pastor Josh Crumlich

Apr. 16 - St. Joseph Catholic Church for Stations of the Cross with Father Michael Pleva

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.*

CDA COURT SAINT RITA #523 FROM TYRONE IS SPONSORING A CHARTERED BUS TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY. Included in the trip: Round trip motor coach transportation, two nights at the Edison Hotel(Time Square), dinner at Tony Dinapoli's, reservations for Broadway show- Lion King, visit to CDA Headquarters, visit to Ellis Island and Statue of Liberty, admission to 911 Memorial Museum and Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral. The trip is scheduled for Monday, August 25th through Wednesday, August 27th. Departure will be from Lowes in Altoona. For more information call, text, or email Amy Brisbin at 814-931-4702, amyl-brisbin@gmail.com. Non- refundable deposits Of \$100 per person will be due on June 1st, 2025. Balance by check to "Catholic Daughters of the Americas" will be due by August 1, 2025. Payments may be sent to Amy Brisbin, 1740 Decker Hollow Road, Tyrone, PA 16686.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS – 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Today's readings capture the essence of God's Lenten message to us, His people, offering words of compassion and mercy as well as warning of the need to repent and make the most of the gift of time He has given us.

Jesus offers the parable of the unfruitful fig tree to further illustrate this truth. The owner of the orchard came searching for fruit on a fig tree he had planted in his orchard. Finding no fruit on the tree after three years, he told the gardener to cut it down. But the gardener intercedes and asks for one more year to cultivate and fertilize the tree in hopes it would bear fruit in the future. The fig tree was not dying, it simply wasn't doing much of anything at all. Can this be said of us and our lives at times as well? The season of Lent is a time to reflect carefully on the way we spend our time. Do we give first priority to God, tending to our spiritual growth and sacramental life with diligence? Do we give next priority to our loved ones, focusing intentionally on them each day without distractions from phones, screens, or thoughts of work? If not, now is the moment to repent of our waste of time or of misplaced priorities on our use of time. God is merciful but just. Let's turn to Him and ask Him to make our lives fruitful while we still have time to do so.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Sunday, March 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

REMINDER - Parent-Child Retreat for the 2nd Grade First Communion Classes of St. Joseph and St. Matthew, next Sunday, March 30, 11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., in the Saint Joseph Parish Social Hall.

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.

JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS do have religious Education this weekend (March 23) from 6-8:00 p.m. We will do the Stations of the Cross during the second hour, from 7-8:00 p.m.

The Three Confirmation Students will do their presentations on their Confirmation Saints Name and on the Saint, they have chosen to emulate.

On April 6, the Junior High and High School students should arrive a few minutes early. Father Michael will have the **"THE LIGHTS ARE ON"** for our students to have the opportunity for Confession. After Confessions are completed, we will have a Piz-za party, in the Social Hall. The Pizza is being provided by Delgrosso's as a gift to our young people.


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

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.

The Choir of Boys and Men of the Westminster Cathedral Choir from London, England will present a free, sacred Lenten music concert at 7:00 P.M., April 3, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, One Cathedral Square, Altoona. The concert is free; however, tickets are required. Tickets are available after weekend Masses (Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.) and on weekdays in the parish office, 13th Avenue, Altoona from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. You may call the office (814-944-4603) to reserve your ticket/s.

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



RaiseRight 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 & PICK UP YOUR CARD THE FOLLOWING WEEKEND. (Bellwood Hometown Market cards are usually on hand.) Our parish will receive a percentage back. Thank you for your support.