



MARCH 30, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: MAR 29 - APR 06, 2025

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
Mon, Mar 31 8:00 AM for Bonnie Pasquini
by Donald Belsey
Tue, Apr 01 6:00 PM for Joe Wharton
by Tim & Therese Knob
Wed, Apr 02 7:30 AM **HOLY HOUR with Communion**
Sat, Apr 05 4:00 PM for Patrick Wills, Sr.
by Joyce Wills
Sun, Apr 06 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 29, 4:00 PM:

LECTORS: 1st Reading: Sr. Linda
2nd Reading: T. Bucher
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: Sr. Linda
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
Saturday, Apr 05, 4:00 PM:
LECTORS: 1st Reading: T. Evanskey
2nd Reading: T. Burr
Intercessions: B. Pennington
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
Host: Sr. Linda
Cup: J. Shelow & W. Zapotocny
ALTAR SERVERS: A. Bucher & D. Irwin
HOSPITALITY: J. Genesi, S. Genesi, D. Kissell, N. Lovrich, Sr.
Sunday, Apr 06, 9:00 AM:
LECTORS: 1st Reading: M. Zapotoczny
2nd Reading: L. Krug
Intercessions: Sr. Linda
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
Host: P. Krug
Cup: T. Colabove & C. Weyandt
ALTAR SERVERS: K. Shanafelt & E. Wolfe
HOSPITALITY: J. Chestney, R. DelGrosso, T. DelMastro, E. Hunter

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WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING	MAR 17-MAR 23, 2025	
WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION GOAL	\$	5,500.00
REGULAR WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION:	\$	2,597.00
OTHER: (HOLY DAYS, DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS, ETC.)	\$	405.00
WEEKLY ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$	1,790.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:	\$	4,792.00
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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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
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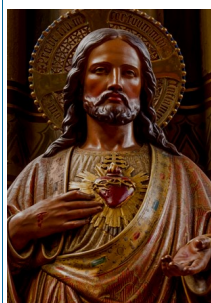
DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (DRE): SR. LINDA LAMAGNA
Religious Education Office and Hall: (814) 742-7894
Church: (814) 742-7075
Email: llamagna@dioceseaj.org

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.

THIS WEEK WE TAKE UP THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION TO REVEAL CHRIST'S LOVE TO OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN NEED.



This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

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)

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.

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 appreciate.

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 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.

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

AREA LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

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, 6:00-7:30 PM

*for a complete list of Penance Services throughout the Diocese, please visit <https://www.dioceseaj.org/lent-penance-services/>

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.

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.



BISHOP GUILFOYLE ACADEMY

Saturday, April 12, 2025

St. Rose Gymnasium

Doors open at 5:30pm

Dinner is at 6:00pm.

Horse Races start at 7:00pm

Tickets are \$50.00 per person and include: food, drinks and ownership of one horse, jockey or trainer.

The evening's format is 11 pre-recorded horse races available for betting. There are only bets to "win" the race, with each race being random. Bets will be accepted in \$2 increments.

For more information and to purchase tickets, scan the QR code.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Sunday, March 30, 2025

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

SECOND GRADE CLASS OF SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

REMINDER - The Parent-Child Retreat for the 2nd Grade First Communion Classes of St. Joseph & St. Matthew is today, 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.

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 Pizza 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 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.

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 April 4 at 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!

Stewardship Reflections – 4th Sunday of Lent

For too many of us, Lent is a season of doom and gloom, a time to feel bad about all the ways we are not “measuring up” in our spiritual lives. But this view could not be further from the truth. Lent is a season of refreshment and love, of awakening and rebirth. In fact, the word “lent” comes from the Old English word, “lencten,” which means spring. Lent is intended to be a springtime for us in our spiritual lives where all can become new again.

We owe God everything! But let's start by giving him one little thing. Take even a faltering step closer to Him – go to confession, join in the Stations of the Cross, call a family member or friend you are at odds with and try to reconcile. With just the tiniest bit of spiritual “spring cleaning” we can be sure we will be swept up in our Father's loving embrace and find ourselves feasting in His presence. That is what lent is all about.

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 25 - Wednesday, August 27. Departure will be from Lowes in Altoona. For more information call, text, or email Amy Brisbin at 814-931-4702, amybrisbin@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.