



APRIL 13, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: APR 12 - APR 20, 2025

Sat, Apr 12 4:00 PM for Helen Rossi
by Joan Miner & Family
Sun, Apr 13 9:00 AM for Joey Belis
by his Parents
Mon, Apr 14 8:00 AM for Olga Lawruk
by Mary Jo Partner
Tue, Apr 15 6:00 PM for Bonnie Pasquini
by Donald Belsey
Wed, Apr 16 7:30 AM **NO HOLY HOUR**
Easter
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

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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Saturday, Apr 12, 4:00 PM:

LECTORS: 1st Reading: Sr. Linda
2nd Reading: T. Burr
PASSION: Narrator: S. Weyandt
Voice (Speaker): B. Pennington
Intercessions: P. Wills
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
Host: J. Steinbauer
Cup: T. Hoffer & M. Kissell
ALTAR SERVERS: D. Irwin
HOSPITALITY: J. Genesi, S. Genesi, D. Kissell, N. Lovrich, Sr.

Sunday, Apr 13, 9:00 AM:

LECTORS: 1st Reading: T. Finn
2nd Reading: W. Zapotoczny
PASSION: Narrator: N. Lovrich
Voice (Speaker): T. Colabove
Intercessions: D. Morrissey
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
Host: B. Shedlock
Cup: L. Krug & P. Krug
ALTAR SERVERS: T. Rishel
HOSPITALITY: J. Chestney, R. DelGrosso, T. DelMastro, E. Hunter

FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Friday, April 18, 1:00 PM:

LECTORS: 1st Reading: L. Krug
2nd Reading: A. Amato
PASSION: Narrator: N. Lovrich
Voice: T. Colabove
ALTAR SERVERS: C. Shedlock, K. Shanafelt, T. Smith
HOSPITALITY: J. Genesi, S. Genesi

EASTER:

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

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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION 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
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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.

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING	MAR 31-APR 06, 2025	
WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION GOAL	\$	5,500.00
REGULAR WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION:	\$	3,724.00
OTHER: (HOLY DAYS, DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS, ETC.)	\$	1,262.00
WEEKLY ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$	1,675.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:	\$	6,661.00
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.

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, 1114 N Cambria St, Bellwood, PA 16617 has a Clothing Giveaway on the second Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Clothing (especially men's and children's) may be dropped off at the church (top of covered ramp at the side of the church). Contact person is Janice Endress 814-742-7416.

HUPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- ◆ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING** - Monday, April 14, at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room.
- ◆ **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.

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. **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.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, April 14

8 am Mass @ St. Joseph
Chrism Mass - 11 am @ the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday, April 15

Mass 6:00 pm @ St. Joseph

Wednesday, April 16

B-A Council of Churches Stations of the Cross - 6:30 pm @ St. Joseph

Holy Thursday, April 17

7 pm @ St. Matthew

Good Friday, April 18

1 pm @ St. Joseph
3 pm @ St. Matthew
6 pm Stations of the Cross @ St. Joseph

Blessing of the Easter Baskets, Saturday, April 19

11:00 am @ St. Joseph
12:00 pm @ St. Matthew

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 19

8 pm @ St. Joseph

Easter Sunday, April 20

9:00 am @ St. Joseph followed by Easter Egg Hunt
10:30 am @ St. Matthew

FOOT WASHING - The following people have volunteered to have their feet washed at the Holy Thursday service at 7:00 p.m. on April 17, at Saint Matthew Church: Jeanine Chestney, Marie Kissel, Louise Krug, Mary Reed and Diane Irwin. **We are still in need of one more person.** Connect with Sister Linda if you are willing to volunteer.

B-A Council of Churches Lenten Services: Join us for the final service this Wednesday, April 16, 6:30 p.m., at St. Joseph Catholic Church for Stations of the Cross with Father Michael Pleva

AREA LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

- 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, 6:00-7:30PM

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.

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.

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 13, 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

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.

CHILDREN ARE NEEDED FOR THE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, COUNCIL OF CHURCHES SERVICE HERE AT SAINT JOSEPH to hold up the Stations of the Cross for each station and to bring forth symbols at the beginning of the service. Please contact Sr. Linda as soon as possible.

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.

EASTER EGG HUNT: The Easter Bunny has been in touch with Saint Joseph Church and has declared **Easter Sunday, April 20**, as an Easter Egg Hunt day for the Children of St. Joseph Church, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. (*Pre-school through Grade 4*)



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, which is four organs or more. The 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 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.**

The schedule is as follows:

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.

