



**MAY 11, 2025**

**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: MAY 10 - MAY 18, 2025**

Sat, May 10	4:00 PM	for Joan O'Conner by Steve & Pam O'Shea
Sun, May 11	9:00 AM	for Olga Lawruk by Roseanne Mackley
Mon, May 12	8:00 AM	for Mary Chihon by her Family
Tue, May 13	6:00 PM	for the Intentions of our Parishioners by Susan Wolf
Wed, May 14	7:30 AM	HOLY HOUR
Sat, May 17	4:00 PM	for Rayne & Maddy Burger by Rebecca Wertz
Sun, May 18	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, May 10, 4:00 PM:**

LECTORS: 1st Reading: A. Bucher  
2nd Reading: W. Zapotoczny  
Intercessions: T. Evanskey  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:  
Host: M. Kissell  
Cup: J. Shelow & J. Steinbauer  
ALTAR SERVERS: D. Irwin  
HOSPITALITY: A. Bucher, D. Kissell, N. Lovrich, Sr., B. Risbon

**Sunday, May 11, 9:00 AM:**

LECTORS: 1st Reading: B. Paranich  
2nd Reading: D. Morrissey  
Intercessions: Sr. Linda  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:  
Host: T. Belis  
Cup: T. Colabove & L. Krug  
ALTAR SERVERS: C. Shedlock & E. Wolfe  
HOSPITALITY: T. Carosielli, R. DelGrosso, E. Hunter, M. Kowalski

**Saturday, May 17, 4:00 PM:**

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

**Sunday, May 18, 9:00 AM:**

LECTORS: 1st Reading: N. Lovrich  
2nd Reading: M. Zapotoczny  
Intercessions: T. Finn  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:  
Host: C. Weyandt  
Cup: J. Chestney & B. Shedlock  
ALTAR SERVERS: T. Rishel & C. Shedlock  
HOSPITALITY: T. Carosielli, R. DelGrosso, E. Hunter, M. Kowalski

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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](mailto: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](mailto:abishopamato@dioceseaj.org).

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**SR. LINDA LAMAGNA, CCW, PASTORAL MINISTER**  
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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.



**BISHOP MARK JOYFULLY WELCOMES THE ELECTION OF POPE LEO XIV**

***Bishop Mark will preside at a Diocesan Mass celebrating the election of Holy Father on May 14, 2025, at Noon at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. All are welcome.***

With great joy and thanks to God, I welcome the news of our new Pope Leo XIV. He is now the successor to Saint Peter who was chosen by Christ to be the first to lead the Church.

This announcement comes at a time when the Catholic Church is still observing the Jubilee Year begun by Pope Francis, who called us to be pilgrims of hope.

The pope is a successor to the apostle Peter who was chosen by Christ to be the first leader of the Catholic Church. Before being elected pope by the College of Cardinals, Pope Leo XIV was chosen by Pope Francis to lead the Vatican Dicastery for Bishops.

They had known each other for a number of years because Pope Leo was appointed by Pope Francis as the Bishop of the Diocese of Chiclayo in Peru, South America before he came to work in the Vatican.

This is something unique, since we now have two popes who spent much of their lives ministering to the poor in South America. It seems as though the Holy Spirit is directing all of us to turn our attention to places where the average people may be poor, but their most valuable possession is their Catholic faith.

Pope Francis invited all of us to recapture, or perhaps, for the first time in our lives, to experience the meaning of the theological virtue of hope.

It is the antidote for the cynical views which undermine society. Because these views detract from the God-given dignity that we all share.

All of us are made in the image and likeness of God.

I would expect that Pope Leo XIV will be directing our attention to these fundamental truths where we can be sure of who we are and what we are to do for the good of others.

That's what it really means to be on a pilgrimage of hope and thanks be to God for giving us Pope Leo XIV to help lead us on the way.

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING		Apr 28-May 04, 2025
WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION GOAL	\$	5,500.00
REGULAR WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION:	\$	2,397.00
OTHER: (HOLY DAYS, DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS, ETC.)	\$	594.00
WEEKLY ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$	1,685.00
<b>TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,676.00</b>
<b>2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE TAR-</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>20,500.00</b>
<b>CMD COLLECTION TO DATE</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$15,636.25</b>

**SAINT JOSEPH ON-LINE GIVING**

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE: [WWW.SAINTJOSEPHBELLWOOD.ORG](http://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.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- ◆ **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** - Monday, May 19, at 6:30 p.m., in the Parish Hall.
- ◆ **THE PARISH PICNIC COMMITTEE AND PARISH ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE** will have a combined planning meeting on Tuesday, June 3, at 6:30 p.m. (following the 6:00 p.m. Mass), in the Parish Meeting room. Please let us know if you are not able to attend.



**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN** begins today, Mother's Day, May 11, 2025. Pick up a Baby Bottle after Mass, fill it with your donation, and return by Father's Day, June 15. (Collection baskets will be located at each church entrance.)

**HAPPY 80'S, AND 90'S PLUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION – (Our new name is Super Seniors and this year we are adding SWINGING 70-YEAR-OLDS.)** Our Annual Birthday Celebration with the Anointing of the Sick will be held on Tuesday, June 24, with Mass and the Anointing of the Sick at 5:30 p.m. **(Please note the change in regular Mass time).** An invitation will arrive in your mailbox soon for you to RSVP.

**MASS FOR WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS TO BE TELEvised**—Remember your loved ones on Sunday, May 25, 2025 with a televised Mass Celebrated by Bishop Mark Bartchak at 11:00 am on WATM ABC 23 and will rebroadcast that night at 9:00 p.m. on the Breezeline channel 9. All spouses will be acknowledged and remembered at Mass. All persons who have lost a spouse through death throughout the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to register by contacting the Family Life Office 814-317-2643 or email [familylife@dioceseaj.org](mailto:familylife@dioceseaj.org). When registering, please give your name, address, phone number and the name of your spouse who has passed away. The last day to register is Wednesday, May 21, 2025. The event is sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office & the Catholic Ministries Drive. Please be advised, a special broadcast of a sporting event on WATM ABC 23 may delay the broadcast. All names of loved ones will be seen during Communion.

**FATIMA DEVOTIONS:** The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., at the Immaculate Conception Chapel on the campus of St. Francis University. The presider will be Fr. William Shee, T.O.R. We are really looking forward to seeing you.


**HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO LEARN HOW TO KNIT BUT NEVER HAD THE TIME OR THOUGHT IT WOULD BE TOO DIFFICULT?** Now is the perfect opportunity. Take a Knitting for Beginners Class to learn the basics of this fun and productive hobby. Four to six weeks of classes for \$40 are offered at St. Matthew's Parish on Tuesday afternoons at 3 pm beginning June 24 and Saturday at 1:30 pm beginning May 31, 2025. Participants must be 18 years of age or older and need to contact Tammy Terosky at 814-883-1233 (text/phone) to enroll or with any inquiries. Must have a minimum number of participants for the course to be offered.

**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.

#### Stewardship Reflections – 4th Sunday of Easter

Throughout the Easter season, our readings have given us glimpses into the life of the newborn Church and the bold witness of the early disciples in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ to all who would listen. These disciples were the first to live a stewardship way of life. Their example is as relevant today as it was 2,000 years ago to inspire and guide us modern-day disciples.

A spirit-filled and joy-filled life can be available to all of us, all these years later. It can be achieved when we recognize, as Paul and Barnabas did in our First Reading, that all we have and all we are is a gift from God, meant to be shared with others for His glory. Living as stewards isn't always easy, and sometimes involves great challenges, but in the end there is simply no more satisfying way to live.

 **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... Go to <https://www.raiseright.com/> for a complete list. 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.**

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

**PARENT-STUDENT MEETING IN PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION NEXT YEAR** - A meeting of 8th, 9th, 10th grade students (this year) with their parents will be held after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on SUNDAY, May 18, from 10:00 - 10:45 a.m., in the Church, to introduce the new Confirmation process which will occur in our Diocese this fall.

**DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR VBS SUMMER BIBLE CAMP** - It is coming up soon and there are many preparations to be done. Knowing the number of students in advance helps us to plan better. Registration forms are in the vestibule of the Church.

**BIBLE CAMP MEETING** - A meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 20th**, at 6:30 p.m. for all those who volunteered to work with Bible Camp this year. This meeting does include Teen Helpers. This meeting will be held in the Parish Meeting Room. The is Mass at 6:00 p.m. You are welcome to attend Mass before the meeting.

**SPRING OPEN HOUSE AT SAINT MATTHEW SCHOOL.** Come and find out about the amazing Christ-centered educational opportunity that exists for your children right here in our Parish. Visit during the school day on Thursday, May 15, from 8:30 to 2:00 or Saturday, May 17, from 10 until 2. Personal visits can be arranged at any time by calling 814-684-3510. Saint Matthew School: Faith / Academic Excellence / Compassion

#### ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT CLASS

**June 16-2-, 6:00—8:00 p.m.**

Topic: **'Untold Blessing'** with Fr. Robert Barron. This is a Facilitated Video Series with sr. Martha Burbulla, CCW leading.

*This class is offered for parents and any adult who is interested, at the same time and place while the children are at VBS. Sign-up sheets are located at each church entrance.*

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS, 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 Di Napoli's, reservations for Broadway show- Mamma Mia, 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, [amybrisbin@gmail.com](mailto:amybrisbin@gmail.com). Pricing based on number per room- \$895 per person double occupancy. 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.

**ANDREW MOSER SCHOLARSHIP:** Each year the Knights of Columbus Monsignor Edward O'Malley Council #8075 awards a \$500.00 scholarship to an eligible high school Senior. (Applicant must be a son/daughter of an active member of Council #8075—*Grandchildren will be considered ONLY when there are no eligible sons or daughters in a given year.*) Applications are available in the Vestibule and must be submitted by June 30, 2025. For more information, please contact a Knights member.

**CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY CLOSING MASS FOR THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL**



**JUNE 22ND CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, ALTOONA**

The Eucharist will be exposed for quiet adoration starting at **10 AM**

- 3:00-4:15 PM**-Confession
- 3:00 PM**-Holy Hour for Vocations
- 4:00 PM**-Chaplet of Divine Mercy for those who have fallen away from the Church
- 4:15 PM**-Indoor Eucharistic Procession & Benediction
- 5:00 PM**-Mass with Bishop Mark

**NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival**

Bishop Mark extends a special invitation to all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers and 2025 First Communicants from around the diocese to be recognized at this Mass

