



MAY 04, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: MAY 03 - MAY 11, 2025

Sat, May 03 4:00 PM for the People
by the Pastor

Sun, May 04 9:00 AM for Lucy Krug
by Louise & Paul Krug

Mon, May 05 8:00 AM for the Deceased Members of the
Chihon-Homa-Nanouski Families
by their families

Tue, May 06 6:00 PM for Charles C. Sadler
By Wally & Melissa Zapotoczny

Wed, May 07 7:30 AM HOLY HOUR

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

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 03, 4:00 PM:

LECTORS: 1st Reading: First Communicants
2nd Reading: First Communicants
Intercessions: First Communicants

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
Host: J. Steinbauer
Cup: T. Burr & J. Lovrich

ALTAR SERVERS: D. Irwin
HOSPITALITY: A. Bucher, D. Kissell, N. Lovrich, Sr., B. Risbon

Sunday, May 4, 9:00 AM:

LECTORS: 1st Reading: L. Krug
2nd Reading: B. Paranich
Intercessions: T. Colabove

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
Host: J. Chestney
Cup: P. Krug & W. Zapotoczny

ALTAR SERVERS: T. Rishel & K. Shanfelt
HOSPITALITY: T. Carosilli, R. DelGrosso, E. Hunter, M. Kowalski

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

THIRD 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

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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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

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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		APR 21-APR 27, 2025	
WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION GOAL	\$		5,500.00
REGULAR WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION:	\$		1,938.00
OTHER: (HOLY DAYS, DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS, ETC.)	\$		1,561.00
WEEKLY ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$		925.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:	\$		4,424.00
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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- ◆ **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.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH CONGRATULATES the Second Grade Religious Education class who received First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 3, 2025: Myles Brown, Bryce Cusick, Alexandria Gatchell, Mileena Knisely, Benjamin Knob, Killian McAndrew, Thatcher Rilk, Miles Stasik, & Bella Stetter.

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. 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 and the Catholic Ministries Drive. Please be advised, a special broadcast of a sporting event on WATM ABC 23 may delay this broadcast. All names of loved ones will be seen during Communion.

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.

MAY DAYS 2025 AT THE BASILICA OF ST. MICHAEL - May 24-25, at Our Lady of Loretto Community Hall – live entertainment, cinch tournament (call Mag 421-2867 to join) basket raffle, flea market, silent auction, and refreshments. Saturday, 4pm-8pm and Sunday, 11am-4pm. Turkey dinner Sunday at 11AM. \$10 per person. All are welcome!



Simply the right way to fundraise

Help our Parish earn money by purchasing giftcards 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.)

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Sunday, May 04, 2025

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

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 and may also be in the children's folders since we gave them out to our Religious Education students.

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.

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. 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.

May 4, 2025 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

Our readings on this Third Sunday of Easter continue with lessons of hope for abundant new life in the Risen Lord. In fact, when we look at the Gospel Reading from John and compare it to the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we get a glimpse of the "before Easter Disciples" and the "after Easter Disciples" that offer inspiration for positive change in all of us.

In the Gospel, we find the Apostles dejected and discouraged following the death of our Lord. Poor Peter decides to throw in the towel on the whole disciple thing and go back to fishing, and the other disciples follow him. But look how Jesus treats the disciples during this 'backslide'. He is right there with them in the midst of it, already waiting for them. Our Lord greets them with such tenderness. Once Jesus gives them some pointers that lead to a miraculous catch of fish, they finally recognize Him as the risen Lord. Then Jesus feeds them breakfast – how gracious He is to them!

The process of falling away and then turning back to the Lord is the essence of a stewardship way of life. Good stewards are not necessarily those who have mastered some perfect formula for the giving of time, talent and treasure. They are those who continue to get back up after each fall, who are willing to continually reevaluate their goals and priorities as they aim for Heaven. Good stewards simply have more confidence in the goodness of the Lord than fear of their own failure. Let's allow ourselves to be renewed with Easter hope on our stewardship journey, secure in the knowledge that Jesus is walking alongside us each step of the way.