



MAY 25, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: MAY 24 - JUN 01, 2025

Sat, May 24	4:00 PM	for Darlene Schirf & Dawn Evans by Dave Schirf & Janine Schirf
Sun, May 25	9:00 AM	for Lynn M. Zapotoczny by Wally & Melissa Zapotoczny
<b>Mon, May 26</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Mass at St. Matthew</b>
Tue, May 27	6:00 PM	for Geraldine Weakland by Paul & Louise Krug
Wed, May 28	7:30 AM	HOLY HOUR <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>
<b>Wed, May 28</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	for Mary Kay McCracken by the Rossi Family
<b>Thu, May 29</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	for Bonnie Pasquini by Donald Belsey
Sat, May 31	4:00 PM	for the People by the Pastor
Sun, Jun 01	9:00 AM	for Leonard Rossi by Cate Rossi

**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 24, 4:00 PM:

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

Sunday, May 25, 9:00 AM:

LECTORS: 1st Reading: T. Colabove  
2nd Reading: A. Amato  
Intercessions: L. Krug  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:  
Host: Sr. Linda  
Cup: P. Krug & C. Weyandt  
ALTAR SERVERS: C. Shanafelt & E. Wolfe  
HOSPITALITY: T. Carosielli, R. DelGrosso, E. Hunter, M. Kowalski

Saturday, May 31, 4:00 PM:

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

Sunday, Jun 01, 9:00 AM:

LECTORS: 1st Reading: W. Zapotoczny  
2nd Reading: N. Gulvas  
Intercessions: S. Shaulis  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:  
Host: A. Lovrich  
Cup: T. Belis & J. Chestney  
ALTAR SERVERS: T. Rishel & K. Shanafelt  
HOSPITALITY: R. DelGrosso, T. DelMastro, M. Kowalski, W. Rossi

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING	May 12-May 18, 2025	
WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION GOAL	\$	5,500.00
REGULAR WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION:	\$	1,837.00
OTHER: (HOLY DAYS, DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS, ETC.)	\$	213.00
WEEKLY ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$	955.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:	\$	3,005.00
2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE TARGET	\$	20,500.00
CMD COLLECTION TO DATE	\$	\$15,636.25

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.

SIXTH 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).

**REVEREND FATHER MICHAEL PLEVA, PASTOR**  
Church Office at **St. Joseph's: (814) 742-7075**  
Church Office at **St. Matthew's: (814) 684-1480**  
Rector: (814) 684-1480  
Email: [mpleva@dioceseaj.org](mailto:mpleva@dioceseaj.org)

**SR. LINDA LAMAGNA, CCW, PASTORAL MINISTER**  
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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  
Email: [abishopamato@dioceseaj.org](mailto:abishopamato@dioceseaj.org)

**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (DRE): SR. LINDA LAMAGNA**  
Religious Education Office and Hall: (814) 742-7894  
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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.

## 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



Bishop Mark extends a special invitation to the following:

- † Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Daughters with special seating to the right and left of the Cathedral reserved for them.
- † Extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, and Altar Servers dressed in their robes can be seated with their families and will receive a special Blessing from Bishop Mark for the Ministry they perform within the Eucharist.
- † The First Communicants of 2025 are invited to wear their First Communion Clothes. They can be seated with their families, and they too will receive a blessing from Bishop Mark.
- † Newly Confirmed and Young people in general from across the diocese are invited by Bishop Mark to be seated throughout the Cathedral to show their support for the power of the Eucharist and to be empowered to carry on the Great Commission.

<b>UPCOMING MEETINGS &amp; EVENTS</b>	
◆ <b>THE PARISH PICNIC COMMITTEE AND PARISH ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE</b> 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.	
◆ <b>KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING</b> - Monday, June 9, at 7:00 P.M., in the Parish Meeting Room.	
<b>THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN</b> Pick up a Baby Bottle after Mass, fill it with your donation, and return by Father's Day, June 15, in the designated basket at each entrance.	
<b>PARISH BIRTHDAY PARTY CELEBRATION FOR SUPER SENIORS 80, 90 AND 100, AND THIS YEAR ADDING SWINGING 70 YEAR OLDS</b> , on <b>Tuesday, June 24</b> , with Mass and the Anointing of the Sick <b>at 5:30 p.m.</b> in the Church, followed by the party celebration in the Parish Social Hall.	
<b>THE FAITHFUL OF THE DIOCESE OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN ARE INVITED TO OUT-DOOR MASSES AT THE OUR LADY OF THE ALLEGHENIES SHRINE IN LORETTO</b> every Sunday evening at 7 PM beginning on the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend (May 25) and concluding on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend (August 31). Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel. <b>Special Masses this Summer...</b> June 8 “Come and See” Vocations Awareness – Fr. Brian Norris June 29 Solemnity of SS. Peter & Paul - “Missionary Spirit of Fr. Gallitzin” July 20 Bishop’s Mass for Married Couples August 3 Bishop’s Mass for Young People–Return to College, Work, Military <b>The historic Prince Gallitzin Chapel House</b> , next to the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine, will be open on the following Sunday afternoons from 3:00 – 6:00 PM for self-guided tours, pilgrimages and visits: June 1, 15 and 29, July 20, August 3, 17, 31	
<b>HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO LEARN HOW TO KNIT BUT NEVER HAD THE TIME OR THOUGHT IT WOULD BE TOO DIFFICULT?</b> 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.	
<b>We have a St. Joseph’s family who is seeking a nurturing day-care or babysitter</b> 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! If interested, please contact Sister Linda.	
<i>Stewardship Reflections – 6th Sunday of Easter</i> The concept of hospitality is fundamental to a stewardship way of life. When we envision hospitality, we naturally think of offering a sincere and warm welcome – to those new to our parish, for instance. We picture inviting them in and making them feel at home and at ease in our presence, communicating to them that they are highly valued.  But if we want our parish to be a place of genuine Christian hospitality, we must be sure that our own hearts are hospitable dwelling places for the Blessed Trinity. Then our smiles and words, our greetings and ministries will radiate with the warmth of God’s love. And our parish family will become at least a little bit like Heaven on earth. This is the simplicity and glory of a stewardship way of life.	
 <div>Help our Parish earn money by purchasing gift cards for all of your shopping needs. <b>See a representative in the Vestibule after mass to order gift cards</b> for places like Hometown Market, Martin’s, Sheetz, Sam's Club, Walmart, Lowe's, Home Depot... Go to <a href="https://www.raiseright.com/">https://www.raiseright.com/</a> for a complete list.</div> <div>Place an order after mass &amp; <b>PICK UP YOUR CARD THE FOLLOWING WEEKEND.</b> (<i>Bellwood Hometown Market cards are usually on hand.</i>)</div> <div><b>Our parish will receive a percentage back. Thank you for your support.</b></div>	

<b>VBS SUMMER BIBLE CAMP FOR ST. JOSEPH AND SAINT MATTHEWS PARISHES AND FOR ANY CHILD INTERESTED IN ATTENDING</b> is just a few weeks away. I want to encourage parents to encourage their children to attend. Those going into kindergarten and up to grade 5 are encouraged to attend. Our theme for this year is “TRUE NORTH,” Trusting God in a Wild World. The Music is fun and fantastic! The Bible Stories include: The Baptism of Jesus, The teaching of Jesus on Love, a Roman Officer who accepts Jesus as Lord, The death of Jesus on the Cross and why he died for us, The victory of Jesus over death and his coming back to life in the Resurrection, Jesús gives the Great Commission, and the Coming of the Holy Spirit. We have special Arts and Crafts, and the Parish Association is preparing a unique theme snack for each day. Each participant is asked to bring a light green T-Shirt on the First day. From the generous donations of both parishes, we are able to give each participant a backpack and their own water bottle. <b>SIGN UP TODAY!</b> Registration forms can be found on the Website, or in the Vestibule of the church. They can be mailed to the churches or placed in the collection basket.  <b>AN ADULT ENRICHMENT CLASS ON “UNTOLD BLESSINGS,” IS BEING OFFERED WHILE THE CHILDREN ARE AT VBS.</b> This is for the convenience of the parents whose children attending but also for any adult who is interested in learning more about their faith. Sister Martha Burbulla, CCW, will be facilitating this video series class. You can sign up by calling Sr. Linda @ 814-742-7894 or by signing up on the SIGN-UP Sheet in the vestibules of both churches.
<b>ST. JOSEPH VOLUNTEER MINISTERS:</b> I am now scheduling volunteers for the summer season. Please let me know your availability from June to August. You can call the office at 814-742-7075, drop a note in the collection basket or email me at abishopa-mato@dioceseaj.org. Thank you, Alison Amato
<b>CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS, COURT SAINT RITA #523 FROM TYRONE IS SPONSORING A CHARTERED BUS TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY.</b> 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, <a href="mailto:amylbrisbin@gmail.com">amylbrisbin@gmail.com</a> . 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.
<b>ANDREW MOSER SCHOLARSHIP:</b> 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– <i>Grandchildren will be considered ONLY when there are no eligible sons or daughters in a given year.</i> ) Applications are available in the Vestibule and must be submitted by June 30, 2025. For more information, please contact a Knights member.
<b>THE BELLWOOD-ANTIS COUNCIL OF CHURCHES : 2025-2026 SCHOLARSHIP</b> As in the past, the Council has agreed to award the eligibility for the scholarship to those who are presently enrolled in an accredited undergraduate program and are presently in their second or third year, entering their third or fourth year; or enrolled in a seminary program. To qualify for the scholarship, one must be a practicing member of a participating faith community of the Bellwood Council of Churches. In addition, the student must be studying for the ministry or some type of helping field. Examples of a helping field include, but are not limited to: teaching, social work, or medicine. Finally, the student should demonstrate financial need. <i>The underlying intent is a scholarship based on Christian dedication and need.</i> <b>Applications are available in the Vestibule and must be completed and returned by June 15, 2025.</b>
<b>Grace Lutheran Church, 1114 N Cambria St, Bellwood, PA 16617</b> has a <b>Clothing Giveaway</b> on the second Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Clothing ( <b>especially men’s and children’s</b> ) 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.