



AUGUST 17, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: AUG 16-AUG 24, 2025

Sat, Aug 16	4:00 PM	for Gerry Halbedl by Marlene Halbedl
Sun, Aug 17	9:00 AM	for Jean E. Lind by her Family
Mon, Aug 18	8:00 AM	for the Intentions of our Parishioners by Susan Wolf
Tue, Aug 19	6:00 PM	for Raymond Diebold by Ken, Cheryl & Karly Diebold
Wed, Aug 20	7:30 AM	NO HOLY HOUR
Sat, Aug 23	4:00 PM	for Patrick Wills, Sr. by Joyce Wills
Sun, Aug 24	9:00 AM	for the People by the Pastor

Sanctuary Candle

Aug 17-Aug 23 for Margaret & Pat LaRosa by Mary & Ivan Riggle

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.*

SANCTUARY CANDLE – If you would like to donate for the Sanctuary Candle to burn in memory of your loved one, for a particular week, please contact the parish office and it will be entered and scheduled as we do for mass intentions. (The suggested candle offering is also \$10.00.)

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Saturday, Aug 16, 4:00 PM:

LECTORS: 1st-T. Evanskey, 2nd-T. Bucher, Int-Sr. Linda
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Host: J. Shelow, Cup: T. Hoffer & M. Kissell

ALTAR SERVERS: D. Irwin & T. Smith

HOSPITALITY: A. Bucher, J. Genesi, S. Genesi, D. Kissell

Sunday, Aug 17, 9:00 AM:

LECTORS: 1st-N. Gulvas, 2nd-T. Colabove, Int-W. Zapotoczny
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Host: K. Diebold, Cup: P. Krug & C. Weyandt

ALTAR SERVERS: T. Rishel & C. Shedlock

HOSPITALITY: R. DelGrosso, T. DelMastro, E. Hunter, W. Rossi

Saturday, Aug 23, 4:00 PM:

LECTORS: 1st-J. Bequeath, 2nd-B. Pennington, Int-T. Evanskey
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Host: T. Burr, Cup: T. Hoffer & J. Steinbauer

ALTAR SERVERS: D. Irwin & T. Smith

HOSPITALITY: A. Bucher, J. Genesi, S. Genesi, D. Kissell

Sunday, Aug 24, 9:00 AM:

LECTORS: 1st-D. Morrissey, 2nd-A. Amato, Int-L. Krug
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Host: P. Krug, Cup: T. Belis & A. Lovrich

ALTAR SERVERS: K. Shanafelt & C. Shedlock

HOSPITALITY: R. DelGrosso, T. DelMastro, E. Hunter, W. Rossi

RAISERIGHT! Help our Parish earn money by purchasing gift cards for your shopping needs. See a representative in the Vestibule to order gift cards for places like Hometown Market, Martin's, Sheetz, Walmart, Home Depot... Visit <https://www.raiseright.com/> for a complete list. Place an order after mass & Pick up the following weekend - Our parish gets a percentage back. Bellwood Hometown Market cards are usually on hand. Thank you for your support.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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SR. LINDA LAMAGNA, CCW, PASTORAL MINISTER
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ALISON BISHOP-AMATO, ADMINISTRATIVE & FINANCIAL ASSISTANT
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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 Paranych, 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		Aug 04-Aug 10, 2025	
WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION GOAL		\$	5,500.00
REGULAR WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION:		\$	2,884.00
OTHER: (HOLY DAYS, DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS, ETC.)		\$	313.00
WEEKLY ONLINE DONATIONS:		\$	690.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:		\$	3,887.00
2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE TARGET		\$	20,500.00
CMD COLLECTION TO DATE		\$	28,339.25

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** is scheduled for Tuesday Sept. 9, 2025, at 6:30pm in Parish hall, after the 6:00pm mass.



BACK YARD BRAWL - ANNUAL MARIANNA'S PIZZA & HOAGIE SALE FUNDRAISER: Attached to today's bulletin is the order form for the Marianna's Pizza's and Hoagie Sale.

Please sell as many as you can, and purchase for yourself, and complete and return the form to us **WITH PAYMENT** by **September 7, 2025, in the provided envelope.** The Pick-up date is **September 19**, the date of the Backyard Brawl, between 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

OCIA - ANYONE SEEKING TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH is invited to join us for a gathering of simply asking questions, setting up times to meet, on Sunday, August 31, from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., in the church, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. If you would like to ask questions or just have a conversation in advance of this date, please contact Sr. Linda at 814-742-7894.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IS HOSTING ITS ANNUAL GOLF OUTING on October 4, 2025 at Scotch Valley CC. Additional information such as the player brochure and sponsor letter is available in the back of the church.

REST IN PEACE - Please pray for the soul of our parishioner Jean Lind who passed away on August 10. May our good gracious God grant her eternal peace and happiness in His kingdom and her loved ones comfort and strength.

Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating **1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years of marriage in 2025** (and their families) to attend the **ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY LITURGY.** Couples may attend Sunday, **September 21** in **ALTOONA** at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, **September 28** in **JOHNSTOWN** at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at **2:00 p.m.** Most Rev. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families. Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Friday, September 12th. **Please call our Parish Office to register.**

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND AND SLOVAKIA with Father Jozef and Deacon Jack: June 30-July 13, 2026. *Warsaw • Krakow • Auschwitz • Wadowice • Wieliczka • Czestochowa • Kalwaria • Niepokolanów • Vienna • Bratislava • Brezno • Levoca • Košice*

Join Father Jozef and Deacon Jack as we tour Father Jozef's homeland and hometown in Slovakia. We will be spending time in Bratislava, Levoca, Kosice and Father Jozef's hometown Brezno where we have Mass in his home parish. While we are in Poland we will be visiting sites where Saint Pope John II spent time. Other highlights are our visits to shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, the monastery where St. Maximilian Kolbe initiated the "City of the Immaculate Mother of God, the Shrine of Divine Mercy", St. Faustina's convent chapel, and her tomb and much more. We also will be visiting underground Wieliczka Salt Mines and Auschwitz.

If you have an interest in joining us, please sign up on our parish website and we will contact you with more information.

Father Jozef and Deacon Jack <https://www.goodshepherd-sc.org>

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Please remember to complete a registration form if your child is going into kindergarten, or is a new student to either Grade school, Jr. High, or High school. We want to assure that we have our rosters with class lists in order. You can register online or pick up a registration form in in vestibule of the church.

PARENT MEETING WITH GRADES 7, 8, 9, 10, AND 11TH GRADE STUDENTS on Sunday September 7, from 11:30 am–12:30 pm, in the Parish Social Hall. **Lunch will be provided.**

TRAINING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO BE MENTORS FOR OUR JUNIOR HIGH, HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION. A Mentor training will be held for all those who volunteered to be mentors, on Thursday, August 27, at 6:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Formation Center, located on Sixth Avenue and 20th Street, Altoona.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL HAVE THEIR ANNUAL DISCIPLESHIP RETREAT on **Saturday, November 22, from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm** (including Mass), at Saint Mary's Gym in Altoona. Please place this date and time on your calendar. **This retreat is for our 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students.**

THE TEEN HOLY WEEKEND includes the Discipleship Event, but also the **Holy Hour for Teens**, on **Sunday evening November 23**, at 6:00 p.m. in the church. **Both Junior High and High School** students should attend this experience. Everyone is welcome to bring a friend and to engage in Taco night afterwards.

Pope Francis started this **JUBILEE 2025 AS THE 'YEAR OF HOPE.'** It is to be a sacred time for us to rest, rejuvenate, restore relationships, and to spread hope to all. Pope Leo continues this Jubilee year and asks how we can be Ambassadors of Hope in our parish communities. **Please consider attending a workshop on 'Ministering to the Poor.'** Topics include: the causes of poverty; what poverty looks like in your parish community; boundaries and learning about programs available to assist those struggling financially. For more information, contact Cindy O'Connor, coconnor@dioceseaj.org or (814) 317-2621.

In-Person Workshops

Tuesday, 8/26/2025 (Cambria) Catholic Charities office 9:00 am – Noon **or** 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm, 110 Maple Avenue, Johnstown, PA 15901

Thursday, 8/28/2025 Diocese Pastoral Center (Blair) 9:00 am – Noon **or** 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm, 2713 W Chestnut Ave, Altoona, PA 16601

Thursday, 9/18/2025 Good Shepherd Parish (Centre) 9:00 am – Noon 867 Grays Woods Blvd, Port Matilda, PA 16870

On-line Workshops

Tuesday, 9/09/2025 Link will be provided 9:00 am – Noon

Tuesday, 9/23/2025 Link will be provided 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

To register online, use this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/UkPK2GJw0d>

THE JUBILEE 2025 PILGRIM'S PASSPORT used by many persons and families during this Jubilee year need to be returned, or postmarked by September 8, and sent to the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Pastoral Center, 2713 West Chestnut Avenue, Altoona PA 16601, to be eligible for prizes that were listed on the inside cover of the Passport: An overnight stay in Washington DC the weekend of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Pilgrimage, October 17, an overnight stay in Pittsburgh, or the monetary amounts, and various gift cards. You still have some weeks to travel and visit Holy Sites in our five deaneries!

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 1114 N Cambria St, Bellwood, has a Clothing Giveaway on the second Saturday of each month, 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 -Janice Endress 814-742-7416.**