




JUL 27, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: JUL 26-AUG 03, 2025

Sat, Jul 26 4:00 PM for the People
 by the Pastor
 Sun, Jul 27 9:00 AM for Grace M. Erndl
 by Wally & Melissa Zapotoczny
 Mon, Jul 28 8:00 AM for Raife Bailey
 by Pat Partner & Family
 Tue, Jul 29 6:00 PM for Bonnie Pasquini
 by Donald Belsey
 Wed, Jul 30 7:30 AM HOLY HOUR
 Sat, Aug 02 4:00 PM for Sr. Theresa Nelen
 by a friend
 Sun, Aug 03 9:00 AM for Sally Wharton
 by Beth Rossi

Sanctuary Candle

July 26-Aug 2 for Dr. Thomas Connelly by Margaret Connelly

 **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.)

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, Jul 26, 4:00 PM:

LECTORS: 1st-T. Evanskey, 2nd- P. Wills , Int-T. Burr
 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
 Host: M. Kissell, Cup: Sr. Linda & J. Shelov
 ALTAR SERVERS: A. Bucher & D. Irwin
 HOSPITALITY: S. Genesi, D. Kissell, N. Lovrich, Sr., B. Risbon

Sunday, Jul 27 , 9:00 AM:


LECTORS: 1st-T. Finn, 2nd-N. Gulvas, Int-T. Colabove
 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
 Host: C. Weyandt, Cup: J. Chestney & B. Paranich
 ALTAR SERVERS: K. Shanafelt & C. Shedlock
 HOSPITALITY: T. Carosielli, R. DelGrosso, T. DelMastro, W. Rossi

Saturday, Aug 02, 4:00 PM:

LECTORS: 1st-T. Bucher, 2nd- A. Bucher , Int-B. Pennington
 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
 Host: T. Hoffer, Cup: J. Lovrich & Sr. Linda
 ALTAR SERVERS: T. Smith
 HOSPITALITY: A. Bucher, J. Genesi, S. Genesi, D. Kissell

Sunday, Aug 03 , 9:00 AM:

LECTORS: 1st-B. Shedlock, 2nd-K. Diebold, Int-B. Paranich
 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
 Host: B. Shedlock, Cup: K. Diebold & C. Weyandt
 ALTAR SERVERS: C. Shedlock
 HOSPITALITY: R. DelGrosso, T. DelMastro, E. Hunter, W. Rossi

 **SAINT JOSEPH BELLWOOD HAS EXCEEDED IT'S 2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE GOAL!** Thank you to our parishioners for your support and generosity. Any further donations made to Catholic Ministries Drive (CMD) through the end of the year will come back to our parish assessment free.

SEVENTEENTH 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.

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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		Jul 14-Jul 20, 2025	
WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION GOAL		\$	5,500.00
REGULAR WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION:		\$	1,869.00
OTHER: (HOLY DAYS, DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS, ETC.)		\$	8,215.25
WEEKLY ONLINE DONATIONS:		\$	1,300.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:		\$	11,384.25
2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE TARGET		\$	20,500.00
CMD COLLECTION TO DATE		\$	27,714.25

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.

PARISH PICNIC NEWS – The Second Annual Saint Joseph Parish Picnic will be held on **Sunday, Aug. 10, 2025 from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm**, at our church grounds.

Sign-up sheets are now hanging up at each entrance for you to list the number in your family attending and for the covered dish you will provide. We ask all those attending to **bring their own chair and a pop-up tent if you have one, and to remember to take home the remaining food and platter when you leave.** The Parish will provide the Hot Dogs and Buns. DelGrosso's has donated chicken this year. Bob Whiteford will prepare the chicken at the firehall and bring it to our parish grounds in time for our meal at 5:00 p.m.

Music will once again be provided by the Spinners through Mark Shultz. Games, face painting, water balloons and ice cream parlor will also be included in the fun of this day.



SEEKING DONATIONS OF BOTTLED WATER FOR THE PICNIC – Anyone who would like to donate bottled water for the picnic is asked to bring a case of the small bottles and to place it inside the glass doors of the chapel section.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR UNDERGRADUATE JUNIORS & SENIORS STUDENTS from our parish who will be undergraduate juniors or seniors this fall may apply to receive one of three \$500 scholarships from the Adelaide Heverly Welge Scholarship Endowment. Applications are available in the parish office or online on the "Grants & Scholarships" page at www.icfoundation.us. The application deadline is 4:00 PM, Wednesday, August 6. The Independent Catholic Foundation will notify the four successful applicants and mail their awards directly to each respective school. **Applications are available in the Vestibule.**

INDEPENDENT CATHOLIC FOUNDATION GRANT AWARDED TO ST. JOSEPH BIBLE CAMP. We recently received a \$540.00 annual grant from the Independent Catholic Foundation to be used toward our expenses of Summer Bible Camp. We are grateful to Christopher Ringkamp and Annette Wholaver for creating this fund toward ongoing evangelization in our diocese. Thank you.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE BUS TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC

The Diocese of Altoona Johnstown is having a bus trip for a Jubilee Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC on Friday, October 17, 2025. The trip will include a tour of the Shrine, confessions and Mass with the Bishop. You can purchase lunch at the Shrine Cafeteria or bring a lunch. There will be a rest stop on the way to Washington and a stop on the way back to Altoona for dinner on your own. To make reservations beginning August 4, please call Lynn Parson at 814-942-8501. The cost of the trip is \$60.00/person, which includes the gratuity for the driver. The bus will leave at 7am from Mount Carmel Church Parking Lot, 806 11th Street, Altoona, 16602.

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.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR GRADE SCHOOL STUDENTS begins on Sunday, September 7, from 10:00 – 11:15 a.m. We welcome new students and Kindergarteners.

If anyone has a child ready who is ready for Kindergarten or who is a new student desiring to be a part of St. Joseph Religious Education, please register for the Fall by completing a registration form. Forms can be found in the Vestibule of the Church or downloaded from our website www.saintjosephbellwood.org.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Sr. Linda LaMagna at 814-742-7894.

CATECHIST MEETING – A reminder to our Catechists that we will have our first meeting next Sunday, August 3, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass, in the Parish Hall. Please contact me if you are not able to come.

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.**

THE FAITHFUL OF THE DIOCESE OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN ARE INVITED TO OUTDOOR MASSES AT THE OUR LADY OF THE ALLEGHENIES SHRINE IN LORETTO every Sunday evening at 7 PM, concluding on August 31. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of St. Michael.

Bishop Mark Bartchak will be principal celebrant at a special outdoor Mass for graduating seniors at the Shrine of our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto on Sunday, August 3rd at 7:00 PM. All young people entering or returning to college, and those entering the workforce or military service, are invited to this Liturgy, along with their families. Bishop Mark will offer a special blessing for these young people, and there will be ample opportunity for him to meet with them after Mass.

The historic Prince Gallitzin Chapel House, next to 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: Aug 3, 17, 31

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of Phil Reigh, husband of our parishioner Evaline Reigh, who passed away on July 7, 2025. May our good gracious God grant him eternal peace and happiness in His kingdom and his loved ones comfort and strength.

Stewardship Reflections – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The teachings of our Catholic faith are inexhaustibly deep, but they are also amazingly simple. Today's readings take us back to the basics, reminding us how we as Christian stewards are to approach our relationship with God and others. The Gospel reading from Luke takes us back to the basics of prayer. In this passage, some of Jesus' disciples ask our Lord to teach them how to pray. Jesus offers them the beautiful prayer which we call the Our Father. This prayer is so rich that it still forms the basis of our approach to God the Father over 2,000 years later. At the same time, it is so simple, we teach it as a first prayer to young children.

The Our Father is truly a steward's prayer. In it, we call upon God in an intimate way, as Father. We ask that His will be done (not ours) and that His kingdom come (not ours). In other words, we remember that He is our Creator, everything is His, and our focus in life should be on His priorities, not our own.

At the end of the Gospel passage, Jesus offers one more "basic" for us stewards about our relationship with the Father: Ask Him, seek Him, knock on His door. He can hardly wait to bless us, His children. Remember that this week, then go and be a blessing to others. Stewardship is really just that simple.



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