



AUGUST 24, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: AUG 23-AUG 31, 2025

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

Mon, Aug 25 8:00 AM for Raife Bailey  
by Pat Partner & Family

Tue, Aug 26 6:00 PM for Robert M. Erndl  
by Wally & Melissa Zapotoczny

Wed, Aug 27 7:30 AM HOLY HOUR


Sat, Aug 30 4:00 PM for Eugene Siters  
by his Family

Sun, Aug 31 9:00 AM for Helen Rossi  
by Cate Rossi

Sanctuary Candle

Aug 24-Aug 30 for Mary Kay McCracken by Beth Corless

**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. If possible, please use the designated envelope and not a mass intention envelope)*

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

**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-K. Diebold, 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

**Saturday, Aug 30, 4:00 PM:**

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

**Sunday, Aug 31, 9:00 AM:**

LECTORS: 1st-S. Shaulis, 2nd-T. Finn, Int-A. Amato  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:  
Host: T. Colabove & Sr. Linda, Cup: J. Chestney & B. Shedlock  
ALTAR SERVERS: T. Rishel & E. Wolfe  
HOSPITALITY: R. DelGrosso, T. DelMastro, E. Hunter, W. Rossi

*Stewardship Reflections for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Today’s readings show us that it is not enough to be Christ’s disciples in name only. To be a real disciple, we must live for Christ every day and in every aspect of life. This kind of life takes strength and discipline.

Intentionally and consistently offering the Lord the best of our time, talent and treasure through a stewardship way of life is a form of spiritual discipline. These spiritual disciplines teach us to become ever more aware of God’s constant provision for us and they keep us on the narrow path towards the Kingdom of Heaven. The more we embrace this way of life, the more we can be ‘trained’ by the Lord in the ways of true discipleship. Though difficult, these disciplines become a source of spiritual strength.

In the week ahead, let’s strive to embrace the spiritual disciplines that can transform us into real disciples of Christ and lead us into the Kingdom of God.

**REST IN PEACE** - Please pray for the soul of Michelle Campbell, daughter of Jim & Kay Torsell, who passed away on August 13. May our good gracious God grant her eternal peace and happiness in His kingdom and her loved ones comfort and strength.

TWENTY-FIRST 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](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**  
Rectory: (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  
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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	Aug 11-Aug 17, 2025	
WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION GOAL	\$	5,500.00
REGULAR WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION:	\$	1,989.00
OTHER: (HOLY DAYS, DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS, ETC.)	\$	714.00
WEEKLY ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$	870.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:	\$	3,573.00
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](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.

**RAISERIGHT (Formerly SCRIP)** 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, 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.**

**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.*

<b>UPCOMING MEETINGS &amp; EVENTS</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING</b> - Monday Sep 8, 7:00 pm, in the Parish Meeting Room</li><li>• <b>PARISH ASSOCIATION MEETING</b> is scheduled for Tuesday Sept. 9, 2025, at 6:30pm in Parish Hall, after the 6:00 pm mass.</li></ul>	
	<b>BACK YARD BRAWL - ANNUAL MARIANNA’S PIZZA &amp; HOAGIE SALE FUNDRAISER:</b> If you didn’t get an order form, they are available at each entrance. Please sell as many as you can, and purchase for yourself, and complete and return the form to us <b>WITH PAYMENT</b> by <b>September 7, 2025, in the provided envelope.</b> The Pick-up date is <b>September 19</b> , the date of the Backyard Brawl, between 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
<b>OCIA - ANYONE SEEKING TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH</b> 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.	
<b>THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IS HOSTING ITS ANNUAL GOLF OUTING</b> 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.	
Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating <b>1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years of marriage in 2025</b> (and their families) to attend the <b>ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY LITURGY.</b> Couples may attend Sunday, <b>September 21</b> in <b>ALTOONA</b> at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, <b>September 28</b> in <b>JOHNSTOWN</b> at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at <b>2:00 p.m.</b> 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. <b><i>Please call our Parish Office to register.</i></b>	
<b>PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND AND SLOVAKIA</b> with Father Jozef and Deacon Jack: June 30-July 13, 2026. <i>Warsaw • Krakow • Auschwitz • Wadowice • Wieliczka • Czestochowa • Kalwaria • Niepokolanów • Vienna • Bratislava • Brezno • Levoca • Košice</i> 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. <i>Father Jozef and Deacon Jack</i> <a href="https://www.goodshepherd-sc.org">https://www.goodshepherd-sc.org</a>	
<b>THE JUBILEE 2025 PILGRIM’S PASSPORT</b> 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!	
<b>Enrichment Days at St. Bernardine Monastery:</b> The Franciscan Friars, TOR at St. Bernardine Monastery welcome you to join us for our Wednesday Enrichment Days. Each workshop includes a class on the given topic, Mass, and lunch with Friars. The workshop themes are as follows: * Sept. 10: The Mass and Church Symbols (register by Sept. 5th) * Oct. 8: History of the Immaculate Conception Province (register by Oct 3) The Monastery is located at 768 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648. Pre-registration is required and space is limited, so please register early at 814-695-3802. <b>Feast of St. Francis – Day of Celebration:</b> * Saturday, Oct. 4th - Pet Blessing 9:00 AM * Rummage/Garage Sale and Friar’s Nook Gift Shop Fall Fling Sale following Pet Blessing * Food and Baked Goods for Sale / Rain or Shine!	

<b>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION begins on September 7–</b> Please remember to complete a registration form if your child is <b>going into kindergarten, or is a <u>new</u> student</b> to either Grade school, Jr. High, or High school. You can register online or pick up a registration form in in vestibule of the church.
<b>PARENT MEETING WITH GRADES 7, 8, 9, 10, AND 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS</b> on Sunday September 7, from 11:30 am–12:30 pm, in the Parish Social Hall. <b>Lunch will be provided.</b>
<b>TRAINING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO BE MENTORS FOR OUR JUNIOR HIGH, HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION.</b> 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 20 <sup>th</sup> Street, Altoona.
<b>HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL HAVE THEIR ANNUAL DISCIPLESHIP RETREAT</b> on <b>Saturday, November 22, from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm</b> (including Mass), at Saint Mary’s Gym in Altoona. Please place this date and time on your calendar. <b>This retreat is for our 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students.</b> <b>THE TEEN HOLY WEEKEND</b> includes the Discipleship Event, but also the <b>Holy Hour for Teens</b> , on <b>Sunday evening November 23</b> , at 6:00 p.m. in the church. <b>Both Junior High and High School</b> students should attend this experience. Everyone is welcome to bring a friend and to engage in Taco night afterwards.
Pope Francis started this <b>JUBILEE 2025 AS THE ‘YEAR OF HOPE.’</b> 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. <b>Please consider attending a workshop on ‘Ministering to the Poor.’</b> 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, <a href="mailto:coconnor@dioceseaj.org">coconnor@dioceseaj.org</a> or (814) 317-2621. <b>In-Person Workshops</b> <i>Tuesday, 8/26/2025</i> (Cambria) Catholic Charities office 9:00 am – Noon <b><u>or</u></b> 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm, 110 Maple Avenue, Johnstown, PA 15901 <i>Thursday, 8/28/2025</i> Diocese Pastoral Center (Blair) 9:00 am – Noon <b><u>or</u></b> 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm, 2713 W Chestnut Ave, Altoona, PA 16601 <i>Thursday, 9/18/2025</i> Good Shepherd Parish (Centre) 9:00 am – Noon 867 Grays Woods Blvd, Port Matilda, PA 16870 <b>On-line Workshops</b> <i>Tuesday, 9/09/2025</i> Link will be provided 9:00 am – Noon <i>Tuesday, 9/23/2025</i> Link will be provided 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm To register online, use this link: <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/UkPK2GJw0d">https://forms.office.com/r/UkPK2GJw0d</a>
<b>‘SPONSORS OF HOPE” CAMPAIGN:</b> The diaconate community of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has embraced the “Jubilee Year of Hope” by embarking on a special mission of reaching out to provide hope for those less fortunate, oppressed, living in abject poverty, and being persecuted for their faith. Through our Foreign Missions Program, we invite others to join us on our journey in reaching out across the world to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ with love and support. We invite people to embrace a five-year odyssey to support people and communities in Pakistan, India, and Africa where need is dire. Since the Pandemic, our Diaconate Community has been providing funds for medicine, medical supplies, and treatments, including surgery for children suffering from Strabismus (turning of the eye inward or outwardly), schoolbooks, desks, rosaries, clothes, and other necessities needed to help with their basic living needs. We are looking for sponsors willing to commit for five years to help with a number of projects we are eager to undertake: First being the “Brick Yard Children.” Today, there are 20,000 brick kilns across Pakistan. An estimated 3.5-4 million people, many who are Christians, work in the kilns as bonded slaves. Driven by poverty and need, these people take out loans or cash advances to pay hospital fees or get a sibling married, for example. In return, they are told to work on brick kilns until they can repay their debt. Children as young as four years old work in the brickyards to help their families pay down debt. The family is given a quota of 1,000-1,500 bricks and is paid the equivalent of \$1.50-\$1.75 US dollars per day. The children do not attend school. It is our desire to bring education to these children, and our goal is to create a school. This month, we began this venture with the help of Fr. Kahlil Maqsood. Fr. Kahlil provided the children with books on prayer, the Catechism, and other basic subjects that are otherwise denied to the children. The response was tremendous. The children walked from as far away as 2 miles to attend school. Additionally, we would like to continue to provide the surgery for children with Strabismus. Lastly, we hope to continue to provide essential medicine and food as the need arises. Please consider becoming a “Sponsor of Hope” and join us as we journey ahead on our Foreign Missions program. To find out more, go to our Diaconate Website: <a href="https://www.deaconaj.org">https://www.deaconaj.org</a>