




AUGUST 31, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: AUG 30-SEP 07, 2025

Sat, Aug 30	4:00 PM	for Eugene Siters by his Family
Sun, Aug 31	9:00 AM	for Helen Rossi by Cate Rossi
Mon, Sep 01	8:00 AM	for Lucy Krug by Marion & Matt Zurich
Tue, Sep 02	6:00 PM	in Honor of Tessa & Mike Francis' 1st Anniversary by Cate Rossi
Wed, Sep 03	7:30 AM	HOLY HOUR
Sat, Sep 06	4:00 PM	for the People by the Pastor
Sun, Sep 07	9:00 AM	for Mary Chihon by her Family

Sanctuary Candle
Aug 31-Sep 06 - for Frank Pulcinello by Paul & Louise Krug
Flowers
Aug 31-Sep 06 - 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 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
Saturday, Sep 06, 4:00 PM:
LECTORS: 1st-T. Burr, 2nd-M. Riggle, Int-L. Smith
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
Host: J. Shelow, Cup: J. Steinbauer & W. Zapotoczny
ALTAR SERVERS: D. Irwin & T. Smith
HOSPITALITY: J. Genesi, S. Genesi, D. Kissell, B. Risbon
Sunday, Sep 07, 9:00 AM:
LECTORS: 1st-M. Zapotoczny, 2nd-Sr. Linda, Int-N. Gulvas
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
Host: L. Krug, Cup: T. Belis & C. Weyandt
ALTAR SERVERS: T. Rishel & C. Shedlock
HOSPITALITY: T. Carosielli, R. DelGrosso, E. Hunter, M. Kowalski

Stewardship Reflections for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Today's readings remind us of a chief virtue that characterizes the Christian steward: humility. This is a virtue that is widely thought of as a form of self-abasement. But that understanding is off the mark. Humility is simply the awareness of who (and Who's) we truly are.
On one hand, we are children of the Most High God who loved us into existence; children whose Father sent His son to die for our sins, children who, by virtue of our Baptism, have the Holy Trinity dwelling within us. On the other hand, we are children who are completely dependent on God for our very existence and for every breath we take. The Christian steward lives with an awareness of these two realities – our great dignity as sons and daughters of God, and our total dependence on Him for all that we are and all that we have been given. Our attitude and how we serve and share should be centered on true humility – recognizing that we are all 'little' ones in the eyes of God. We are all His children; brothers and sisters invited to our Father's heavenly banquet.

TWENTY-SECOND 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
Church Office at **St. Joseph's: (814) 742-7075**
Church Office at **St. Matthew's: (814) 684-1480**
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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 18-Aug 24, 2025	
WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION GOAL	\$	5,500.00
REGULAR WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION:	\$	3,337.00
OTHER: (HOLY DAYS, DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS, ETC.)	\$	248.00
WEEKLY ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$	1,085.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:	\$	4,670.00
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.

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.*

<div><div>UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING - Monday Sep. 8, 7:00 pm, in the Parish Meeting Room• PARISH ASSOCIATION MEETING is scheduled for Tuesday Sep. 9, 2025, at 6:30pm in Parish Hall, after the 6:00 pm mass.• PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL – A meeting of the Pastoral Council will be held on Monday, Sep. 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Meeting room. Please contact Sr. Linda if you cannot attend. 814-742-7894• MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING – A meeting with the members of the Maintenance Committee will be held on Monday, Sep. 29, at 6:00 p.m. Please contact Sr. Linda If you cannot attend. 814-742-7894</div></div>
<div><div>BACK YARD BRAWL - ANNUAL MARIANNA’S PIZZA & HOAGIE SALE FUNDRAISER:</div><div>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 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.</div></div>
<div><div>OCIA - ANYONE SEEKING TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH</div><div>is invited to join us for a gathering of simply asking questions & setting up times to meet, today, Sunday, August 31, from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., in the church, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass.</div></div>
<div><div>THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IS HOSTING ITS ANNUAL GOLF OUTING</div><div>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.</div></div>
<div><div>ADULT ENRICHMENT CLASSES TO BEGIN AT SAINT JOSEPH PARISH on the topic of CATHOLICISM</div><div>- A journey to the Heart of the Faith, presented in Video form by Bishop Robert Barron and facilitated by Sister Linda LaMagna, CCW, beginning September 16, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall. There is a 6:00 p.m. Mass which participants can attend before the class.</div></div>
<div><div>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, Sep. 21 in ALTOONA at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, Sep. 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.</div><div>Please call our Parish Office to register.</div></div>
<div><div>THE JUBILEE 2025 PILGRIM’S PASSPORT</div><div>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!</div></div>
<div><div>Enrichment Days at St. Bernardine Monastery:</div><div>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:<ul style="list-style-type: none">* 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.</div><div>Feast of St. Francis – Day of Celebration:</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">* 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!</div></div>
<div><div>BELLWOOD-ANTIS COUNCIL of CHURCHES FOOD SHARE PROGRAM:</div><div>St. Joseph Parish has been asked to collect Toilet Paper for the next Food Share Program. Please place donations in the containers located at each entrance of the church by Sep. 24. This program helps approximately 120 family units in our community. Thank you for your support.</div></div>

<div><div>REMINDER: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION begins next week, Sunday, September 7.</div><div>Please remember to complete a registration form (available online or in the Vestibule) if your child is going into kindergarten, or is a new student to either Grade school, Jr. High, or High school.</div></div>
<div><div>A PARENT-STUDENT MEETING</div><div>for students in grades 7-11, with their parents, will take place on Sunday, September 07, from 11:30 a.m. –12:30 p.m., in the parish Social Center. Lunch is included.</div><div>STUDENTS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:</div><div>Mass with Commissioning of Catechists will take place on Sunday, September 14, with the 9:00 a.m. Mass. We will have a reserved area for both Catechists and our students.</div><div>A PARENT MEETING</div><div>for parents of our Grade School students will be held in the Church on Sunday, September 14, from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. while the children are in class.</div><div>SPONSOR/CANDIDATE MEETING</div><div>for students in grade 10 and 11 and choosing to be confirmed will be held on Sunday, October 19, from 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., in the Parish Social Center. The Parish Association will provide lunch.</div></div>
<div><div>JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE NEEDED TO ASSIST THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOR THE HARVEST</div><div>on Sunday, September 28. Students can sign up for a two-hour shift according to a time that works best for them. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board, in the vestibule of the Church.</div></div>
<div><div>HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL HAVE THEIR ANNUAL DISCIPLESHIP RETREAT</div><div>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.</div><div>THE TEEN HOLY WEEKEND</div><div>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.</div></div>
<div><div>Pope Francis started this JUBILEE 2025 AS THE ‘YEAR OF HOPE.’</div><div>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.</div><div>In-Person Workshops:</div><div>Thursday, 9/18/2025 Good Shepherd Parish (Centre) 9:00 am – Noon, 867 Grays Woods Blvd, Port Matilda, PA 16870</div><div>On-line Workshops</div><div>Tuesday, 9/09/2025 Link will be provided 9:00 am – Noon</div><div>Tuesday, 9/23/2025 Link will be provided 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm</div><div>To register online, use this link: https://forms.office.com/r/UkPK2GJw0d</div></div>
<div><div>FREE SOUP & DESSERT:</div><div>Every Wednesday thru the Hope Center. This is an outreach of the Council of Churches. Lunches will be delivered to the elderly & disabled. If you would like a meal or know of someone who would, call Stella Genesis: 814-742-9127.</div></div>
<div><div>There will be a meeting to discuss starting a JUNIOR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS COURT</div><div>on Sunday, August 31, at 11:30 in The Gathering Space at Saint Matthew’s. Girls from the age of 11 to 18 are invited to attend along with a parent. For more information contact Amber Hewitt-814-931-3922.</div></div>
<div><div>44th Anniversary BIRTH OF MARY CELEBRATION</div><div>Monday, September 8, 2025 Saint Catherine of Siena Church and Fatima Shrine 308 Old Route 22 Duncansville, PA 16635</div><div>Mass Times: 7:45 A.M. Reverend Jeremy J. Mohler, celebrant and homilist 12:05 P.M. Reverend John Lynam, celebrant and homilist 5:30 P.M. Reverend Allen Zeth, celebrant and homilist</div><div>Evening Mass and Rosary Procession at the Shrine • Please bring a lawn chair. In case of inclement weather the outdoor Mass will be celebrated in the church. Theme: Mary for the Salvation of Souls</div><div>Address petitions to: Rosary 8:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 4:30 p.m. Food, exhibits, religious raffle, rosary makers, and crafts in the church hall ☒ Following morning Mass - coffee and donuts in church hall</div><div>Conclude the day with birthday cake and beverages for everyone in the church hall. Address petitions to: Birth of Mary Celebration, P.O. Box 88, Duncansville, PA 16635</div></div>