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#### **SEPTEMBER 07, 2025**

#### MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: SEP 06-SEP 14, 2025

Sat, Sep 06 4:00 PM for the People

by the Pastor

Sun, Sep 07 9:00 AM for Mary Chihon

by her Family

Mon, Sep 08  $\,$  8:00 AM  $\,$  for Jennie & Joseph Skonieczki

by Barbara Paranich

Tue, Sep 09 6:00 PM for the Intentions of our Parishioners

by Susan Wolf Wed, Sep 10 7:30 AM HOLY HOUR

Sat, Sep 13 4:00 PM for Bunny Padula

by Mary Ann & Carl Crider

Sun, Sep 14 9:00 AM for the Wharton Family

by Pat Partner & Family

Sanctuary Candle

Sep 07 - Sep 13 for William Maloney, Jr. by Bill & Jenny Maloney

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, Sep 06, 4:00 PM:

LECTORS: 1st-T. Burr, 2nd-T. Evanskey, 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

### Saturday, Sep 13, 4:00 PM:

LECTORS: 1st-P. Wills; 2nd-B. Pennington; Int-T. Bucher EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Host: M. Kissell; Cup: T. Hoffer & J. Lovrich

ALTAR SERVERS: A. Bucher

HOSPITALITY: J. Genesi, S. Genesi, D. Kissell, B. Risbon

#### Sunday, Sep 14, 9:00 AM:

LECTORS: 1st-D. Morrissey; 2nd-A. Bishop-Amato; Int-T. Finn EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Host: J. Chestney; Cup: P. Krug & B. Shedlock

ALTAR SERVERS: T. Rishel & E. Wolfe

HOSPITALITY: T. Carosielli, R. DelGrosso, E. Hunter, M. Kowalski

# Stewardship Reflections – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings make very clear the demands that will be made of those wanting to be called disciples of Christ. We must be prepared to give our all to Him. But in the end, the life of discipleship – the stewardship way of life – is the only life that can truly satisfy.

He knows that if we do not live with great intentionality – putting Him first before all else – we will easily be swallowed up by the earthly cares that weigh us down – our material things, our status, and our egos. He knows that these things cannot satisfy us. He knows this because He is our Maker, and He made us for more.

**FREE SOUP & DESSERT:** 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 Genesi: 814-742-9127.

#### **BELLWOOD-ANTIS COUNCIL of CHURCHES FOOD SHARE PRO-**

**GRAM:** St. Joseph Parish has been asked to collect <u>Toilet Paper</u> 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.

# TWENTY-THIRD 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 <a href="mailto:abishopamato@dioceseaj.org">abishopamato@dioceseaj.org</a>.

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

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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 Email: abishopamato@dioceseaj.org

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Church: (814) 742-7075 Email: llamagna@dioceseaj.org 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 25-Aug 31, 2025	
WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION GOAL	\$	5,500.00
REGULAR WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION:	\$	2,925.00
OTHER: (HOLY DAYS, DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS, ETC.)	\$	927.00
WEEKLY ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$	840.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:	\$	4,692.00
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 <a href="https://www.raiseright.com/">https://www.raiseright.com/</a> for a complete list.

Place an order after mass & PICK UP YOUR CARD THE FOLLOW-ING 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*.

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS**

- 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

BACK YARD BRAWL - ANNUAL MARIANNA'S PIZZA & HOAGIE SALE FUNDRAISER: Order forms for the Back Yard Brawl Marianna's Pizza & Hoagie Sale Fundraiser are due, with payment, today, Sunday, September 7, 2025. The Pick-up date is Friday, September 19, between 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., in the Parish Social Hall.

**ADULT ENRICHMENT CLASSES TO BEGIN AT SAINT JOSEPH PAR-ISH on the topic of CATHOLICISM** - 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.

**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.

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. Please call our Parish Office to register.

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!

**Enrichment Days at St. Bernardine Monastery:** 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.

#### Feast of St. Francis – Day of Celebration:

- \* Saturday, Oct. 4th Pet Blessing 9:00 AM
- \* Rummage/Garage Sale & Friar's Nook Gift Shop Fall Fling Sale following Pet Blessing/Food and Baked Goods for Sale/Rain or Shine!

**OUR LADY OF THE ALLEGHENIES PARISH AT 608 MAIN STREET IN LILLY INVITES YOU** to their annual 40 Hours Devotion held from Sunday, September 7, 2025 to Tuesday, September 9, 2025. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be continuous and each evening we will have Solemn Vespers at 7:00pm. Our Guest Homilist this year will be Fr. Leo Patalinghug, an EWTN personality. This parish has been designated as one of the Jubilee Pilgrim Sites by the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. All are welcomed to join us for this year's special Jubilee 40 Hours Devotion!

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Sunday, September 7, 2025:

Grade School (K-6): 10:00-11:15 a.m.

- A PARENT-STUDENT MEETING for students in grades 7-11, with their parents, today, Sunday, September 07, from 11:30 a.m. −12:30 p.m., in the parish Social Center. Lunch is included.
- STUDENTS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Mass with Commissioning of Catechists will take place next Sunday, September 14, with the 9:00 a.m. Mass. We will have a reserved area for both Catechists and our students.
- A PARENT MEETING for parents of our Grade School students will be held in the Church next Sunday, September 14, from 10:00 11:00 a.m. while the children are in class.
- SPONSOR/CANDIDATE MEETING 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.

JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE NEEDED TO ASSIST THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOR THE HARVEST 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.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL HAVE THEIR ANNUAL DISCIPLE-SHIP 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

<u>In-Person Workshops;</u> *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

#### JOIN US FOR THE LAST OF OUR IN-PERSON FALL 2025 CLASSES

The following class will be an In-Person (not via ZOOM) and will be open to all!

· Old Testament taught by Fr. Brian Saylor at St. Rose of Lima in Altoona. Wednesdays from 6:30-9:00 PM (Running for 8 weeks) beginning September 24. The cost for this class is \$35.00 and must be turned in with the Registration Form. One book is also required for this class; the name of the book can be found on the Registration form and can be purchased on Amazon.

To Register please visit the diocese website at www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry or by contacting Jessica, Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry at (814) 361-2000 or via email at igramling@dioceseaj.org. All are welcome!

Please note that there is a **Deadline of Monday, September 15**, for all Class Registration forms to be turned in. No Registrations will be accepted after this date.

# 44th Anniversary BIRTH OF MARY CELEBRATION

Monday, September 8 - Saint Catherine of Siena Church and Fatima Shrine 308 Old Route 22 Duncansville, PA 16635

Mass Times: 7:45 A.M., 12:05 P.M., 5:30 P.M. - 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.

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
- Conclude the day with birthday cake and beverages for everyone in the church hall.