



SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: SEP 13-SEP 21, 2025

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
Mon, Sep 15	8:00 AM	for Bonnie Pasquini by Donald Belsey
Tue, Sep 16	6:00 PM	for Mary & Andy Paranich by Barbara Paranich
Wed, Sep 17	7:30 AM	HOLY HOUR
Sat, Sep 20	4:00 PM	for the People by the Pastor
Sun, Sep 21	9:00 AM	for Deceased Family & Friends by Ken, Cheryl & Karly Diebold


Sanctuary Candle Sep 14-Sep 20

for Mary Kay McCracken by Jeanine & Bill Chestney

Flowers Sep 13/14

In Honor of Mike & Tanya Hoffer’s 48th Wedding Anniversary

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 13, 4:00 PM:

LECTORS: 1st-P. Wills; 2nd-B. Pennington; Int-M. Riggle

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

Saturday, Sep 20, 4:00 PM:

LECTORS: 1st-J. Bequeath; 2nd-M. Riggle; Int-T. Evanskey

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Host: J. Steinbauer; Cup: T. Burr & M. Kissell

ALTAR SERVERS: A. Bucher & T. Smith

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

Sunday, Sep 21, 9:00 AM:

LECTORS: 1st-T. Finn; 2nd-L. Krug; Int-M. Zapotoczny

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Host: B. Shedlock, Cup: T. Colabove & K. Kiebold

ALTAR SERVERS: C. Shedlock & E. Wolfe

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

COMMISSIONING OF CATECHISTS – Today we invite our students and our parishioners to pray for our Catechists who have volunteered for the teaching ministry once again this year. Thank you: Sara Stasik, Crissy Shura, Jessica Steinbauer, Cheryl Weyandt, Julianne Luciano, Timothy Knob, Meghann Knob, Jeannine Chestney, Dina Morrissey, Nadia Andrews, Michael Long, Cheryl Weyandt, Nick Lovrich, Tom Partner, Jackie Gulvas, Dominic Tornatore and Sr. Linda LaMagna

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 PROGRAM: 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.

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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**
Rectory: (814) 684-1480
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SR. LINDA LAMAGNA, CCW, PASTORAL MINISTER
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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	Sep 01-Sep 07, 2025	
WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION GOAL	\$	5,500.00
REGULAR WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION:	\$	2,737.00
OTHER: (HOLY DAYS, DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS, ETC.)	\$	428.00
WEEKLY ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$	1,430.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:	\$	4,595.00
2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE TARGET	\$	20,500.00
CMD COLLECTION TO DATE	\$	30,619.25

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.*

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- **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
- **PARISH ASSOCIATION MEETING** - for Monday, Oct. 20, at 6:30pm, in the Parish hall.

SAVE THE DATE: Our Parish Thanksgiving dinner will be held on Sunday, Nov. 2, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. , in the Parish hall.

BACK YARD BRAWL - ANNUAL MARIANNA'S PIZZA & HOAGIE SALE FUNDRAISER: Pick-up date is Friday, September 19, between 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., in the Parish Social Hall.

THE ADULT ENRICHMENT CLASS begins this Tuesday, September 16, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., in the Parish Social Hall.

SEE YOU AT THE POLE – A prayer Service conducted by the Students of Bellwood-Antis School will be held on **Wednesday, September 24, at 7:00 a.m.** Anyone who is able is invited to join with them in prayer for the new school year.

THE CHRISTMAS TEA is just around the corner. We are collecting monetary donations and or basket items for chance off on December 7. Next Sunday an envelope will be attached to the bulletin for donations towards the purchase of items for the baskets (Tanya and Marie do the shopping) or you may indicate on the envelope that you have plans to donate a basket or an item. The Christmas Tea Committee is hoping to have all shopping and items prepared so that chances can be sold on the baskets the evening of the Parish Thanksgiving Dinner, which is November 2, 2025.

This weekend, **THE (ARCH)DIOCESE WILL TAKE UP THE NATIONAL COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA.** Catholic University is a national research university, in the heart of Washington, D.C., with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs. By giving to the collection, you are supporting future Catholic leaders, both religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, faith-rooted education. The University's various research and training initiatives support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful. Please give generously. Scan the QR code on the provided envelopes or visit: collection.catholic.edu.

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, PA. 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 see your parish priest or secretary for a form or by contacting Jessica, Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry at (814) 361-2000 or via email at jgramling@dioceseaj.org. All are welcome!

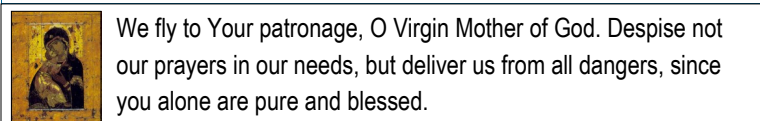
· Please note that there is a Deadline of Monday, September 22nd for all Class Registration forms to be turned in. No Registrations will be accepted after this date.

Stewardship Reflections - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Today's readings focus on the personal, passionate, and merciful love of God which should fill us with unending gratitude to Him. This gratitude is the fuel, if you will, that keeps the stewardship way of life rolling along.

How can we demonstrate our gratitude to such a God? By living as His good stewards. We thank Him by offering back to Him the very best of ourselves – the talents He has given us (to use for His glory), the time He has given us (to spend with Him in prayer), and the material resources He has given us (to advance His kingdom).

In so doing, we can make the words of St. Paul, a former enemy of Christ, our own stewardship motto: "I am grateful to Him who has strengthened me, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he considered me trustworthy in appointing me to the ministry." We must keep rolling, Christian stewards!



O most glorious Ever-Virgin Mary, the Mother of Christ our God, accept our prayers and present them to Your Son and our God, that for the sake of You, He enlighten and save our souls.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Sunday, September 7, 2025:
 Grade School (K-6): 10:00-11:15 a.m.
 High School (Grades 7-11): 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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- **PARENT MEETING TODAY** for parents of our students in grades K through 6, in the Church at 10:00 a.m.
- **SPONSOR/CANDIDATE MEETING FOR 10TH AND 11TH GRADE STUDENTS WITH THEIR CHOSEN SPONSORS**, on Sunday, October 19 from 11:30 – 12:45 p.m. Candidates, please let your sponsors know of this meeting time.

LOOKING FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO ASSIST WITH THE HARVEST FEST for Sunday, September 28. Please check with either Sr. Linda or Tom Partner for sign up times.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL HAVE THEIR ANNUAL DISCIPLINE 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.

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.

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

On-line Workshops

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

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

Enrichment Days at St. Bernardine Monastery:

The Franciscan Friars, TOR at St. Bernardine Monastery welcome you to join us for our Wednesday Enrichment Days Workshop: Oct. 8: History of the Immaculate Conception Province (*register by Oct 3*). The workshop includes a class on the given topic, Mass, and lunch with Friars. 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!

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE BUS TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC

An ordinary Jubilee Year is celebrated only every 25 years. Making a pilgrimage to obtain a plenary Indulgence to either enter through a Holy Door designated by the Pope or visiting a Holy Site named by a local bishop is a very important foundation of the Jubilee tradition. For some of us this may be our last Jubilee! The National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary was named as an official Holy Site by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops in November 2024. There are only Holy Doors in Rome.

The Diocese of Altoona Johnstown has contracted 14 buses for our own local Jubilee Pilgrimage, as most of us will not be able to go to Rome. The trip to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC is on Friday, October 17, 2025. The day will include a tour of the Shrine, confessions and 2:00 PM Mass with Bishop Mark Bartchak in the Upper Church. You can purchase a basic lunch at the shrine Cafeteria or bring a lunch. There will be a rest stop on the way to Washington and a dinner stop on the way back home. The dinner cost is on your own. Reservations and paid bus fee will continue up to September 26th.

The cost of the trip is \$60.00 per person, which includes the gratuity for the driver. Departing from OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, 806 11th Street, Altoona PA 16602. Call to reserve seat (s) and make payments to: Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 814-942-8501, Lynn Parson, Secretary.