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### **SEPTEMBER 21, 2025**

### MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: SEP 20-SEP 28, 2025

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

Mon, Sep 228:00 AM for Mary Kay McCracken by Louise & Paul Krug

Tue, Sep 23 6:00 PM for Geraldine Weakland by Marion & Matt Zunich

Wed, Sep 24 7:30 AM NO HOLY HOUR \*see Prayer at the Pole

announcement

Sat, Sep 27 4:00 PM for Patricia A. Rickabaugh

by Jerry & Debbie Shelow

Sun, Sep 28 9:00 AM for Raife Bailey

by Pete & Michele Stetter

Sanctuary Candle Sep 21-Sep 27, 2025

for Joe & Mary Minerich and Jim & Alice Krumenaker by Dennis & Rosemarie Krumenaker

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 20, 4:00 PM:

LECTORS: 1st-J. Bequeath; 2nd-T. Bucher; 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

### Saturday, Sep 27, 4:00 PM:

LECTORS: 1st-M. Riggle; 2nd-J. Bequeath; Int-Sr. Linda EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

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

ALTAR SERVERS: D. Irwin & T. Smith

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

### Sunday, Sep 28, 9:00 AM:

LECTORS: 1st-L. Krug; 2nd-A. Amato; Int-S. Shaulis EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Host: P. Krug; Cup: T. Colabove & W. Zapotoczny

ALTAR SERVERS: T. RishelC. Shedlock

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



**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., at the flag pole outside the high school gymnasium. <u>Anyone who is able is invited to join with them in prayer for the new school year.</u>

**ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT CLASS** – Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., in the Parish Social Hall.

**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-FIFTH 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 Email: mpleva@dioceseaj.org

SR. LINDA LAMAGNA, CCW, PASTORAL MINISTER

Office: (814) 742-7894

Email: llamagna@dioceseaj.org

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

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (DRE): SR. LINDA LAMAGNA

Religious Education Office and Hall: (814) 742-7894

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	Sep 08-Sep 14, 2025	
WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION GOAL	\$	5,500.00
REGULAR WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION:	\$	2227.00
OTHER: (HOLY DAYS, DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS, ETC.)	\$	806.00
WEEKLY ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$	685.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:	\$	3,718.00
2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE TARGET	\$	20,500.00
CMD COLLECTION TO DATE	Ś	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 <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**

- 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
- **FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE MEETING** Tuesday, Sep. 30, 6:30 p.m.
- 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.

**BLESSING OF PETS** – Father Michael will have a blessing of Pets on the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, on



Saturday, October 4, at 11:00 a.m., in the yard on the side of the church. *All God's critters and their caretakers are invited.* 

THE CHRISTMAS TEA is just around the corner. We are collecting monetary donations and or basket items for chance off on December 7. An envelope is attached to this weekend's 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.

A YOUNG COUPLE IN OUR PARISH IS SEEKING CHILDCARE for their 7-month-old son. They require care from Monday to Friday, between 7:30 AM and 4:00 PM. If you are interested in this opportunity, please reach out to Sister Linda. They are prepared to offer compensation for your services. Thank you for your consideration, and may God bless you.

### **MARIAN CELEBRATION**

Mary Most Faithful: The Role of Mary in the Life of the Church Bishop Mark Bartchak - Bishop of Altoona-Johnstown Celebrant Sunday, October 5, at 3:00 p.m., at St. Benedict Church, Johnstown

### 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!

 $\cdot$  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.

**HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS** are invited to the first in a series of active, inspiring, age-appropriate opportunities:

A guided small group tour of Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament with Msgr Stanley Carson on **Sunday**, **10/26/25 from 1:30-2:30 p.m.** This is a unique opportunity to join Msgr Carson to learn more about our beautiful Cathedral's history, architecture, rich art and stained-glass that together symbolize the presence of God in a different and transformed world. Invite a friend to join you! **RSVP interest by 10/12/25: akcurtis@verizon.net** 

Stewardship Reflections – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

After today's readings, we can't say we have not been warned about the dangers of mixed-up priorities. God's Word is so very clear today on the necessity of putting Him first in all areas of our lives.

What can we learn from the curious parable to help us avoid the worldly thinking condemned in our First Reading, and give ourselves away as Jesus did as is described in our Second Reading? We know this 'bad steward' was clever and energetic. He put thought, prudence, and creativity into the plans he made for his self-serving ends and carried out his plans with great success.

What if we put that kind of effort into our own tasks as good stewards of all God's gifts to us? Into our ministries, into the ways we could make more time for prayer as individuals, as couples, as families, and as a parish? What if we got as creative as the 'bad steward' in the use of our finances so that we could give more generously to the poor and the advancement of God's kingdom on earth? That's our lesson and our challenge

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Sunday, September 21, 2025:

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

• SPONSOR/CANDIDATE MEETING FOR 10<sup>TH</sup> AND 11<sup>TH</sup> 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 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.

**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.

### **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. Preregistration 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 pil-grimage 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 <u>OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL</u>, 806 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Altoona PA 16602. Call to reserve seat (s) and make payments to: Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 814-942-8501, Lynn Parson, Secretary.

### JUBILEE 2025 Pilgrims of Hope Ecumenical Choral Concert

You and your friends are invited to Saint John Gualbert Cathedral, Johnstown for a Jubilee Expression of Music, Sunday, October 5, at 2:00 p.m. The choirs featured will be: Diocesan High School Choir: featuring students from Bishop Carroll, Bishop Guilfoyle and Bishop McCort; Westmont Presbyterian Choir, Greater Johnstown Community Choir and Greater Johnstown Diocesan Festival Choir. Before and following the concert In the Zion Lutheran Hall next door you can view the Expressions of Hope Art and Photo display and refreshments.



We fly to Your patronage, O Virgin Mother of God. Despise not our prayers in our needs, but deliver us from all dangers, since you alone are pure and blessed.

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.