



NOVEMBER 16, 2025		
MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: Nov 15 - Nov 23, 2025		
Sat, Nov 15	4:00 PM	for the People by the Pastor
Sun, Nov 16	9:00 AM	for Gary DiDomenico by Pete & Michele Stetter
Mon, Nov 17	8:00 AM	for Robert Paranich by Barbara Paranich
Tue, Nov 18	6:00 PM	for Ermy Ruggiere by Tina Dunlap
Wed, Nov 19	7:30 AM	HOLY HOUR
Sat, Nov 22	4:00 PM	for Patrick Wills, Sr. by Joyce Wills
Sun, Nov 23	9:00 AM	for Robert Paranich by Barbara Paranich
<i>Sanctuary Candle Nov 16-Nov 22, 2025</i> for Art Partner by the Partner Family		
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. <i>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.</i>		
 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. <i>(The suggested candle offering is also \$10.00. If possible, please use the designated envelope and not a mass intention envelope)</i>		
VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE		
Saturday, Nov 15, 4:00 PM: LECTORS: 1st-B. Pennington; 2nd-Sr. Linda; Int-M. Riggle EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: Host: J. Steinbauer; Cup: T. Burr & J. Shelow ALTAR SERVERS: A. Bucher & D. Irwin HOSPITALITY: J. Genesi, S. Genesi, D. Kissell, B. Risbon		
Sunday, Nov 16, 9:00 AM: LECTORS: 1st-S. Shaulis; 2nd-K. Diebold; Int-T. Colabove EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: Host: ; Cup: T. Belis & L. Krug ALTAR SERVERS: T. Rishel & E. Wolfe HOSPITALITY: R. DelGrosso, T. DelMastro, E. Hunter, W. Rossi		
Saturday, Nov 22, 4:00 PM: LECTORS: 1st-J. Bequeath; 2nd-T. Bucher; Int-L. Smith EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: Host: T. Hoffer; Cup: M. Kissell & J. Shelow ALTAR SERVERS: A. Bucher & T. Smith HOSPITALITY: J. Genesi, S. Genesi, D. Kissell, B. Risbon		
Sunday, Nov 23, 9:00 AM: LECTORS: 1st-Sr. Linda; 2nd-S. Shaulis; Int-L. Krug EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: Host: T. Belis; Cup: J. Chestney & P. Krug ALTAR SERVERS: K. Shanafelt & C. Shedlock HOSPITALITY: R. DelGrosso, T. DelMastro, E. Hunter, W. Rossi		
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.		
WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING		Nov 03-Nov 09, 2025
WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION GOAL		\$ 5,500.00
REGULAR WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION:		\$ 2,379.00
OTHER: (HOLY DAYS, DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS, ETC.)		\$ 1,311.00
WEEKLY ONLINE DONATIONS:		\$ 810.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:		\$ 4,500.00
2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE TARGET		\$ 20,500.00
CMD COLLECTION TO DATE		\$ 38,488.25
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.		

THIRTY-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 abishopamato@dioceseaj.org . REVEREND FATHER MICHAEL PLEVA, PASTOR Church Office at St. Joseph's: (814) 742-7075 . Office hours: Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Church Office at St. Matthew's: (814) 684-1480 Rector: (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 (<i>Order of Christian Initiation</i>) Director: Sr. Linda LaMagna. Team: Judy Diebold, Dick & Denny Nicewonger, Alison Bishop-Amato. Contact Sr. Linda 814-742-7075.
IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: Father Michael will have office hours at St. Joseph Parish each Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., starting this Wednesday, November 19.
We are on a search for parishioners who would like to volunteer for open positions as " MONEY COUNTERS " for the parish collection. Plans are being made for an informative meeting to learn more, without obligation. If you have any interest at all, please phone Marlene Halbedl, CELL (412) 999-7580 with inquiries.
<i>Stewardship Reflections - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> As we approach the end of the liturgical year, our readings offer a sober reminder that this life is not our aim and that God’s justice will triumph in the end. Now is the time to get our priorities in order, putting God above all else as His faithful stewards. Before the eternal bliss of heaven, we should expect to be tried and tested. “Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name.” Sounds scary, but if you are living a stewardship way of life, there is nothing to fear. You have a plan in place – all you need to do is stick with it. Put our Lord first in your time, with your talents, and through use of your treasures. This way of life is not meant to be easy, but Jesus promises it will lead to eternal salvation and the joy of union with Him. “You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance, you will secure your lives.” Onward Christian stewards, the struggle is worth the joy that awaits!

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** – Monday, November 17,at 6:30 p.m. **This meeting will be held at Saint Mary Church Hall, Altoona.** Please let Sr. Linda know if you are unable to attend.
- THANKSGIVING DAY MASS** will be celebrated at Saint Joseph Church on Thanksgiving Day at 9:00 a.m. Mark your calendars.
- ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA** - Saturday, December 6, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., in the Parish Social Hall.
- THE ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE** is scheduled for Sunday, December 14, at 5:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Church.
- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Meeting** - Monday, January 12, at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room
- PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**, Monday, Jan 26, 6:30 p.m.



WHAT IS #IGIVECATHOLIC? #iGiveCatholic is an annual giving day for the faithful across the nation (and the globe!) to come together and raise as many charitable dollars as possible for Catholic parishes, schools, and ministries in participating dioceses. Last year, #iGiveCatholic raised more than \$23 million for 1,886 organizations in 51 dioceses across the United States and Puerto Rico!

WHEN IS #IGIVECATHOLIC?

#iGiveCatholic is a 24-hour celebration from midnight until 11:59pm on **GivingTuesday**, the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, which falls on December 2, 2025. A special envelope is attached to this weekend’s bulletin. Please return your donation by Sunday, November 30. *(The final deadline is 11:59pm on the giving day, Tuesday, December 2nd.)*

Donations can also be made by scanning the QR code  or visiting <https://www.igivecatholic.org/organization/saint-joseph-bellwood> during the same time period.

OUR #IGIVECATHOLIC GOAL: All money raised during this campaign will come back to our Parish, assessment free to be used to help with a much needed maintenance project to restore/resurface the floor in our Parish Hall.

BASKET RAFFLE TICKETS will be sold after each weekend mass, downstairs in the Parish Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS NEEDED

Our parish is seeking new members to join the Parish Council!
The Parish Council plays a vital role in helping our community grow in faith, service, and fellowship. Members work together with our pastor to provide guidance on parish initiatives, plan events, and support the spiritual and practical needs of our parish family.

- We're looking for parishioners who:
- Are active and committed members of the parish
 - Have a desire to serve and share their gifts
 - Can attend meetings and participate in parish activities

If you feel called to serve or would like to nominate someone, please contact the parish office for more details.
Deadline is January 23, 2026
Let's continue to build our parish together through prayer and service!

CALLED BY NAME: Bishop Bartchak is asking us to identify faithful young men (ages 15-30’s) who exhibit qualities of leadership and service, and who may be open to learning more about the priesthood.
If you didn’t get a chance to pick up a pew card, it’s not too late! To submit names, you will find cards at each entrance which can be filled out and placed in the collection box or you can visit ajvocations.org/calledbyname. Men you submit will receive a letter of encouragement from Bishop Bartchak, invitations to discernment events, and support from our Vocation Team. Thank you for your participation in this important campaign!

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.*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION for Sunday, November 16, 2025

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

SIGN UP FOR THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL PAGEANT – Today, Sunday, **November 16**, Sr. Linda will be sending home permission slips and a sign-up form for the Christmas Eve Gospel. We are seeking Angels, Shepherds, Kings, Sheep, etc. Once the permission slips are returned the parts will be assigned. Please return the permission form by Sunday, November 23. Practices will occur during Religious Education time, and one extra practice will be held outside of Religious Education which will be on Tuesday, December 23, at 4:15 p.m., in the Church.

DISCIPLESHIP RETREAT FOR 9TH, 10TH, AND 11TH GRADE STUDENTS – Saturday, November 22, from 9:00 – 5:00 at **St. Rose of Lima Church**, Marie Center, located at 5519 6th Ave, Altoona. Registration begins a little before 9:00 a.m. and will conclude with the 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Rose of Lima. Parents and Sponsors are welcome to attend Mass with their Teens and candidates. We thank the **Catholic Foundation for providing us with a GRANT** to help with our retreat expenses, which is such a blessing. There is no cost for our students and lunch will be provided for them.

TEEN HOLY HOUR WITH PRAISE AND WORSHIP AND TACO NIGHT is on Sunday, November 23, with the Holy Hour beginning at 6:00 p.m., followed by Taco night from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Students may bring a friend and we invite the sports teens of Bellwood Antis school to join in the experience. Confirmation Candidates my also invite their sponsors to attend. The Holy Spirit Ministries will provide the Praise and Worship.

BELLWOOD CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: Preparations have begun for the Council of Churches Annual Christmas Basket Giveaway. Our Parish has been asked to collect Pajamas and Undergarments for approximately 120 baskets. **We are also asking our Religious Education students to donate a toy, new or gently used.** A box will be provided in the Church Basement Religious Education Center for the collection of Toys. Boxes will also be placed at both entrances of the Church for the collection of pajamas and undergarments.

St. Clement Church, 114 Lindberg Avenue, Johnstown, presents ‘**SHADOW STATIONS OF THE NATIVITY.**’ A new Advent Tradition: Experience the "Shadow Stations of the Nativity, a Journey of Hope" *Presented by Parish-ioners*
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29th - Following the 4:00PM Mass
St. Clement Church social hall - \$10 a person - Enjoy a dinner of ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, and dessert Show will begin after dinner at 7:00PM
Escape the commercial rush and enter into the true spirit of preparation this advent. We invite you to a special devotional service, using shadow art and Scripture. Join us as we walk the path of Mary and Joseph as they awaited the birth of our Savior! This powerful experience is a wonderful way to prepare your heart for Christmas! Get your ticket after any of the weekend masses, or at the St. Clement Church office Monday-Friday 8:00AM-3:00PM. **Reservations will be taken for those who cannot use the stairs to the social hall, and would like their dinner to be served in the classroom**
Call the church office at 814-255-4422

ST. ROSE OF LIMA, ALTOONA IS SEEKING DEDICATED CANDIDATES FOR A PART-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT. To view the full job description and apply, please visit the Careers page at <https://humanresources.dioceseaj.org>. Resumes can be emailed directly to the HR Office at mporada@dioceseaj.org.

THE 2026 CALENDARS are available at each church entrance. Thank you to **Jon C. Russin Funeral Home** for generously sponsoring these calendars for our parish.

IT’S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START THINKING ABOUT CHRISTMAS

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.