



NOVEMBER 02, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: Nov 01 - Nov 09, 2025

Sat, Nov 01	4:00 PM	for the People by the Pastor
Sun, Nov 02	9:00 AM	for William Maloney, Jr. by Bill & Jenny Maloney
Mon, Nov 3	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Tue, Nov 4	6:00 PM	for Bonnie Pasquini by Donald Belsey
Wed, Nov 5	7:30 AM	HOLY HOUR
Sat, Nov 08	4:00 PM	for Art Partner by Pat & Family
Sun, Nov 09	9:00 AM	for Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass by the Knights of Columbus
Sanctuary Candle Nov 02-Nov 08, 2025 For Art Partner by Pat Partner		

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, Nov 01, 4:00 PM:

LECTORS: 1st-T. Evanskey; 2nd-P. Wills; Int-W. Zapotoczny
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
Host: T. Hoffer; Cup: J. Lovrich & J. Steinbauer
ALTAR SERVERS: A. Bucher & T. Smith
HOSPITALITY: J. Genesi, S. Genesi, D. Kissell, B. Risbon

Sunday, Nov 02, 9:00 AM:

LECTORS: 1st-W. Zapotoczny; 2nd-L. Krug; Int-B. Paranich
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

Saturday, Nov 08, 4:00 PM:

LECTORS: 1st-Sr. Linda; 2nd-A. Bucher; Int-T. Bucher
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
Host: T. Hoffer; Cup: M. Kissell & J. Lovrich
ALTAR SERVERS: A. Bucher & D. Irwin
HOSPITALITY: J. Genesi, S. Genesi, D. Kissell, B. Risbon

Sunday, Nov 09, 9:00 AM:

LECTORS: 1st-D. Morrissey; 2nd-T. Colabove; Int-N. Gulvas
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
Host: B. Shedlock; Cup: J. Chestney & P. Krug
ALTAR SERVERS: T. Rishel & E. Wolfe
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	Oct 20 - Oct 26, 2025	
WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION GOAL	\$	5,500.00
REGULAR WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION:	\$	6,685.00
OTHER: (HOLY DAYS, DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS, ETC.)	\$	1,864.00
WEEKLY ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$	1,025.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:	\$	9,574.00
2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE TARGET	\$	20,500.00
CMD COLLECTION TO DATE	\$	31,149.25

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.

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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**
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SR. LINDA LAMAGNA, CCW, PASTORAL MINISTER
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Hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM
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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.

As the liturgical year winds down and with Advent just weeks away, the Church celebrates the colorful season of **“Hallowtide”** – a three-day observance dedicated to remembering the dead, including saints, martyrs and all the faithful departed. The "triduum" of feast days begins Oct. 31 with All Hallows’ Eve followed by All Saints Day Nov. 1 and All Souls’ Day Nov. 2. The feasts of Hallowtide date back to the 6th century. It is a festive, solemn and holy time the Church gives us to reflect on Christ’s triumph over sin and death, to meditate on our own mortality and relationship with God, and to honor the saints in heaven and pray for our deceased loved ones.

ALL HALLOWS’ EVE falls on Oct. 31, the day before All Hallows’ Day (or All Saints Day), when the Church traditionally held a vigil as worshippers prepared themselves with prayers and fasting prior to the feast day itself. The name comes from the Old English “hallowed,” meaning holy or sanctified – now shortened to the familiar word “Hallowe’en.”

THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS dates to the 4th century when Christian communities held prayer vigils, lit fires and candles, and celebrated Masses for martyrs. On All Saints Day, we pray to the saints, known and unknown, that they continue to help and guide us along our path to salvation.

On Nov. 2, the Church commemorates all the faithful departed. **THE FEAST OF ALL SOULS** is a holy day to honor and pray for the dead as they are being purified before entering heaven. Catholics believe that through the prayers of the faithful on earth, the souls in purgatory are cleansed of their sins so they may enter heaven. The custom of setting a special day to pray for the dead on Nov. 2 was first established by St. Odilo of Cluny in 998. While Nov. 2 remains the liturgical celebration date, the entire month of November has become associated in the Catholic tradition with praying for the departed. Parishes place lists of names of those to be remembered near he altar and pray for them at Masses throughout the month.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS •PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - Monday, November 10, at 6:30 p.m., in the Parish Hall •KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING - Monday, November 10, at 7:00 pm, in the Parish Meeting Room •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. Next weekend is <u>CALLED BY NAME SUNDAY</u>, an initiative to honor faithful young men who may be open to the priesthood. Bishop Bartchak has written a letter to us about this important campaign, which we encourage you to read in our bulletin.* Next Sunday, the bishop is inviting all parishioners to submit names of young men who exhibit leadership and a heart for service. These men will receive a letter from the bishop, invitations to discernment events, and ongoing support from our Vocation Team. OUR PARISH THANKSGIVING DINNER will be held today, Sunday, Nov. 2, 2025 at 5:00 p.m., in the Parish Hall. Sign-up sheets are posted at each entrance. <i>Tickets for the Christmas Tea Basket Raffle will be sold during the Parish Thanksgiving Dinner.</i> TICKETS FOR THE ANNUAL ST JOSEPH CHRISTMAS TEA will go on sale next weekend only (November 8 & 9), before and after mass. We cannot reserve tickets, which sell out very quickly, so please plan accordingly. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Our Memorial Mass for deceased members is Sunday, November 9, at 9:00 a.m. We will have breakfast after Mass at Excelsior Fire Hall for members and their families as well as families of deceased members. Please use the sign up sheets at either entrance so we can plan. Hope to see you there. <i>Stewardship Reflections - The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)</i> On this sacred day, the Church invites us to remember and pray for all the faithful departed – those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. It is a day of profound connection, when the veil between heaven and earth feels especially thin. Stewardship is rooted in gratitude, and today we give thanks for the lives of those who shaped our faith, nurtured our families, and built our communities. Their legacy is a gift we have received, and we are called to be faithful stewards of that gift by living lives of holiness, generosity and love. As we celebrate this day, we are reminded that stewardship is not only about what we do with our time, talent and treasure – it is about how we care for the memory and spiritual well-being of others. Our prayers for the dead are acts of mercy, expressions of hope, and signs of our belief in the communion of saints. Let us honor the faithful departed by continuing their good works, supporting our parish communities, and living as witnesses to the Resurrection. HEALING MASS: Holy Spirit Ministry will hold a special Healing Mass on Tuesday, November 4th at 7 pm, at St. Michael Church, Hollidaysburg. This powerful night of hope and healing is for all who are suffering physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Fr. Jeremy Mohler will be the main celebrant. Praise and worship will precede the Mass at 6:30pm and prayer ministry will follow the Mass. If you are suffering physically, or from an addiction, or hurting or struggling in any way, come and experience the healing power of Jesus and be set free! All are welcome! 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. <u>IT’S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START THINKING ABOUT CHRISTMAS RAISERIGHT</u> (Formerly <i>SCRIP</i>) 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.

<u>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION for Sunday, November 02, 2025</u> Grade School (K-6): 10:00-11:15 a.m. <i>PARENTS – PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR CHILDREN TO CHURCH ON SATURDAY OR SUNDAY.</i>
SIGN UP FOR THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL PAGEANT – On 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. PERMISSION SLIPS FOR THE DISCIPLESHIP RETREAT need to be returned to Sr. Linda by November 9. Please either drop them in the collection basket over the weekend or bring them to Religious Education on Sunday evening.
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 may also invite their sponsors to attend. The Holy Spirit Ministries will provide the Praise and Worship.
IMPORTANT CONFIRMATION ANNOUNCEMENT: The Sacrament of Confirmation for 10th and 11th grade students <u>has been changed to Tuesday, April 28, at 7:00 p.m.</u> at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. <i>Confirmation Practice will be on Monday, April 27, at 6: 00 p.m. for both Candidates and Sponsors. Please inform your sponsor of this change in date.</i>
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.
<u>COLLECTION FOR HURRICANE VICTIMS</u> Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Bishop Mark and the Priests of the Diocese have asked me to reach out to you. You are all no doubt aware of the recent devastation wrought by Hurricane Melissa. Jamaica, and in a particular way the Diocese of Mandeville, has been especially close to our Diocese for many years. A number of our parishes have maintained active partnerships with parishes in Mandeville. Through these partnerships, our people have regularly supplied funds, supplies, and various services to Jamaicans over the years. We will be taking up a collection for hurricane relief for our brothers and sisters in Jamaica. Thanks so much for your efforts in helping our sisters and brothers in grave need. Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Alan Thomas There will be a special collection envelope attached to next week’s bulletin.
ADVENT SERIES AT ST. BERNADINE MONASTERY: Please join us as we prepare for the Advent season with our four-part Wednesday series! The weekly series will begin at 10:00 AM and include a class, Mass, and lunch with the friars. The series dates are as follows: Nov. 19th, Dec. 3rd, 10th, and 17th – NOTE: NO CLASS ON NOV. 26th ** All classes are at St. Bernardine Monastery located at 768 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg. Registration is required and the deadline to register is Nov. 14. Space is limited, so please register early at 814-695-3802.