



NOVEMBER 09, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: Nov 08 - Nov 16, 2025

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
Mon, Nov 10	8:00 AM	for Raife Bailey by Louise & Paul Krug
Tue, Nov 11	6:00 PM	for Leonard & Helen Rossi by Cate Rossi
Wed, Nov 12	7:30 AM	HOLY HOUR
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

Sanctuary Candle Nov 09-Nov 15, 2025
for Joe & Sheila Crusciel by Donnie & Wendy Moore

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 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

Saturday, Nov 15, 4:00 PM:

LECTORS: 1st-B. Pennington; 2nd-P. Wills; Int-W. Zapotoczny
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: P. Krug; Cup: T. Belis & L. 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 27 - Nov 02, 2025	
WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION GOAL	\$	5,500.00
REGULAR WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION:	\$	3,044.00
OTHER: (HOLY DAYS, DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS, ETC.)	\$	1,071.00
WEEKLY ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$	1,675.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:	\$	5,790.00
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.

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

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

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Parish Office: (814) 742-7075

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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.

Today is **CALLED BY NAME SUNDAY!** 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.

To submit names, you will find cards in the pews which can be filled out and placed in the collection basket or you can visit ajvo-cations.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!

Stewardship Reflections - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

Today’s readings challenge us to focus on the “why” of stewardship. Why embrace this challenging way of life when it seems hard enough just to pay the bills, take care of our loved ones, meet the demands of our jobs, and fall into bed at the end of each full day? Because this life is not all there is. We were made for more – for eternal happiness in union with God. While we cannot earn our way into Heaven, what we do now with the life God has given us has eternal consequences. Stewardship living helps us to keep focused on our hoped-for destination in the choices we make each day.

In our Gospel passage from Luke, Christ reminds us very clearly that we were made for more than just this life and that our choices in this life have eternal consequences. In this passage, our Lord corrects some Sadducees for their mistaken notion that there is no resurrection. He instructs that “those who are deemed worth to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead... can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise.”

We should embrace the stewardship way of life to thank God for all His gifts to us and so that we may attain the gift of eternal life and the everlasting happiness of Heaven with Him.

<u>UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS</u> •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 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room •FUNDRAISING MEETING - Tuesday, November 11, at 6:30 p.m., 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. •THE ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE is scheduled for Sunday, December 14, at 5:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Church.	
<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 is a special collection envelope attached to the bulletin. Please return to next week’s collection basket.	
	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 2nd in 2025. We will have a special envelope attached to the bulleting on the weekend of November 15/16. Donations can be returned starting Monday, November 17th for advanced giving through 11:59pm on the giving day, Tuesday, December 2nd. Donations can also be made online at www.igivecatholic.org 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 downstairs in our Parish Hall.
THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, FOR VETERANS DAY.	
Lord God, Almighty Father, creator of mankind and author of peace, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask you to bless the members of our armed forces. Give them courage, hope and strength. May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing. Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light. To you be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever. Amen.	
<u>IT’S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START THINKING ABOUT CHRISTMAS</u> RAISERIGHT (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 09, 2025</u> Grade School (K-6): 10:00-11:15 a.m. High School (Grades 7-11): 6:00-8:00 p.m.
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 today, November 9.
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.
REST IN PEACE - Please pray for the souls of John Morningred, brother-in-law of Ann Jackson; Jeffrey Talko, son of Gene Talko; and parishioner Michael Turek who recently passed away. May our good gracious God grant their eternal peace and happiness in His kingdom and their loved ones comfort and strength.
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.
Our Lady of Lourdes, 2700 Broad Ave., Altoona, HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE November 15 - 8am - 3pm - Pancake & Sausage Breakfast 8-10am along with Paul Binus homemade cinnamon rolls - Lunch 11am-2pm with soups, meatballs, haluski, all homemade - Photos with Santa with a beautiful new backdrop 11am-1pm - Get your family Christmas card photo taken! Come & Enjoy - Sr. Basil's lollipops, Crafts, Bake Shoppe, Jewelry, Kids Carnival, Baskets Galore, Food for Thought, Sweet Find.
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.
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). <i>Contact person-Janice Endress 814-742-7416.</i>