




OCTOBER 12, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: Oct 11 - Oct 19, 2025

Sat, Oct 11	4:00 PM	for Mary Kay McCracken by Beth Corless
Sun, Oct 12	9:00 AM	for Jennie & Joseph Skonieczki & Mary & Andy Paranich by Barbara Paranich
Mon, Oct 13	8:00 AM	for Michael LaMagna by Marlene Halbedl
Tue, Oct 14	6:00 PM	for the intentions of our Parishioners by Susan Wolf
Wed, Oct 15	7:30 AM	HOLY HOUR
Sat, Oct 18	4:00 PM	for the People by the Pastor
Sun, Oct 19	9:00 AM	for Mary (Stetter) Harker by Pete & Michele Stetter

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, Oct 11, 4:00 PM:

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

Host: J. Lovrich; Cup: J. Steinbauer & J. Shelow

ALTAR SERVERS: T. Smith

HOSPITALITY: A. Bucher, J. Genesi, M. Kissell, B. Risbon

Sunday, Oct 12, 9:00 AM:

LECTORS: 1st-W. Zapotoczny; 2nd- N. Gulvas; Int-M. Zapotoczny
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Host: T. Colabov; Cup: T. Belis & B. Shedlock

ALTAR SERVERS: K. Shanafelt & C. Shedlock

HOSPITALITY: T. Carosielli, J. Chestney, T. DelMastro, W. Rossi

Saturday, Oct 18, 4:00 PM:

LECTORS: 1st-L. Smith; 2nd-Sr. Linda; Int-A. Bucher
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Host: T. Burr; Cup: T. Hoffer & W. Zapotoczny

ALTAR SERVERS: D. Irwin & T. Smith

HOSPITALITY: A. Bucher, J. Genesi, M. Kissell, B. Risbon

Sunday, Oct 19, 9:00 AM:

LECTORS: 1st-K. Diebold; 2nd-D. Morrissey; Int-L. Krug
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Host: T. Belis; Cup: T. Colabov & P. Krug

ALTAR SERVERS: T. Rishel & C. Shedlock

HOSPITALITY: T. Carosielli, J. Chestney, T. DelMastro, 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.

TWENTY-EIGHTH 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**
Church Office at **St. Matthew's: (814) 684-1480**
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SR. LINDA LAMAGNA, CCW, PASTORAL MINISTER
Office: (814) 742-7894
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ALISON BISHOP-AMATO, ADMINISTRATIVE & FINANCIAL ASSISTANT
Hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM
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.

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING		Sep 29 - Oct 05, 2025
WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION GOAL	\$	5,500.00
REGULAR WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION:	\$	3,390.00
OTHER: (HOLY DAYS, DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS, ETC.)	\$	2,230.00
WEEKLY ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$	1,465.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:	\$	7,085.00
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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- **THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** that was scheduled for this Monday, October 13, has been **rescheduled for Monday, November 10, at 6:30 p.m.**
- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING** - Monday Oct. 13, 7:00 pm, in the Parish Meeting Room
- **PARISH ASSOCIATION MEETING** - for Monday, Oct. 20, at 6:30pm, in the Parish hall.

OUR PARISH THANKSGIVING DINNER will be held on Sunday, Nov. 2, 2025 at 5:00 p.m., in the Parish Hall. Sign-up sheets are posted at each entrance.

THE CHRISTMAS TEA is just around the corner. We are currently collecting monetary donations and/or gift basket items for the basket raffle that takes place during the Christmas Tea on Saturday, December 6. Donation envelopes available in the vestibule.

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.

A YOUNG COUPLE IN OUR PARISH IS SEEKING CHILDCARE for their 7-month-old son. (Monday-Friday, from 7:30am & 4:00pm). 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.

RESPECT LIFE: During the month of October, we are asking parishioners to donate money and NEW baby items to be given to ELM and Precious Life. Items needed include: diapers, sleepers, blankets, onesies, etc. Please place items in the baskets by the exits. If you have any questions, call Stella Genesi at 742-9127.

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**

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

THE SACRED HEART PROVINCE OF THE THIRD ORDER REGULAR FRANCISCANS IS SPONSORING A FREE SHOWING OF "TRIUMPH OF THE HEART," a movie about Saint Maximilian Kolbe, on Sunday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m. at AMC Altoona 12. Free tickets are available online at the following link. Space is limited to 95 people.
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/triumph-of-the-heart-amc-altoona-12-free-showing-tickets-1770419425159?aff=oddtcreator>

RAISERIGHT! Help our Parish earn money by purchasing gift cards for your shopping needs. **See a representative in the Vestibule to order gift cards** for places like Hometown Market, Martin's, Sheetz, Walmart, Home Depot... Visit <https://www.raiseright.com/> for a complete list. **Place an order after mass & Pick up the following weekend - Our parish gets a percentage back.** *Bellwood Hometown Market cards are usually on hand.* **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday, October 12, 2025:

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

High School (Grades 7-11): 6:00-8:00 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

- * **SAFE ENVIRONMENT PERMISSION FORMS:** All Grade and High School students are reminded to return their Safe Environment permission slips this weekend. Anyone who is opting out will still come to Religious Education, and we will have a separate activity for them.
- * **DISCIPLESHIP RETREAT FOR 9TH, 10th, AND 11th GRADE STUDENTS:** Permission Slip forms will be distributed this weekend. Please return them on OCTOBER 26 upon coming to Religious Education.
- * **MENTOR SESSION FOR TEENS AND PARENTS** – Our First Mentor session for our Junior High and High School students is on the schedule for Sunday, October 26, from 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall classrooms. A reminder that our students arrive a half hour early on the Mentor Session Nights. Parent Mentor Sessions will be conducted at the same time – 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. in the parish meeting room. We extend an invitation to parents, but the sessions are optional.

PARENTS – PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR CHILDREN TO CHURCH ON SATURDAY OR SUNDAY.

IMPORTANT CONFIRMATION INFO

† **CONFIRMATION SPONSOR INFORMATION FORMS:** All 10th and 11th grade students are reminded to submit their Confirmation Sponsor forms this weekend.

† **THERE WILL BE A SPONSOR-CANDIDATE MEETING** for all 10th and 11th Grade students who are hoping to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in April of 2026, on **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19**, from 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., which will include Lunch. This meeting will be held at Saint Joseph Church Social Hall for both Saint Matthew and St. Joseph Students. **10th and 11th Grade Students are reminded to inform their sponsors of the meeting.**

† **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:** The Sacrament of Confirmation for 10th and 11th grade students **has been changed to Tuesday, April 28, at 7:00 p.m.** at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. *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.*

FATIMA DEVOTIONS: The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to celebrate the Fatima Devotions with them on Monday, October 13, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., at the Immaculate Conception Chapel on the campus of St. Francis University. The presider will be Fr. Brian Norris. **Bring a Friend!**

GRIEF HEALS WITH KINDNESS PRESENTATION: St. Benedict Parish, 2310 Bedford Street, Johnstown will be presenting a Community-Wide Grief Presentation "Grief Heals with Kindness". This one-day event will be held at 3 P.M. on Sunday, October 26, 2025. Come and discover the stages of grief and the corresponding forms of caregiving for each stage. This workshop will emphasize on the importance of expressing one's feelings and needs to others, as well as encouraging them to make decisions about activities in which to participate, who to be with and how to regain a sense of control. Adults in the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are welcome to attend. Tickets are not required. For more information contact Deacon Michael Russo at 814-288-3036 or by email at dcmr@icloud.com