



OCTOBER 19, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: OCT 18 - OCT 26, 2025

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
Mon, Oct 20	8:00 AM	for Dawn Evans by Louise & Paul Krug
Tue, Oct 21	6:00 PM	for Dolores Schirf by Marlene Halbedl
Wed, Oct 22	7:30 AM	HOLY HOUR
Sat, Oct 25	4:00 PM	for Michael Long by Marie & Dave Kissell
Sun, Oct 26	9:00 AM	for June Yingling by Louise & Paul Krug

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 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

Saturday, Oct 25, 4:00 PM:

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

Sunday, Oct 26, 9:00 AM:

LECTORS: 1st-N. Gulvas; 2nd-S. Shaulis; Int-T. Colabov
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
 Host: C. Weyandt; Cup: B. Shedlock & C. Diebold
ALTAR SERVERS: K. Shanafelt & E. Wolfe
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-NINTH 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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 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
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DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (DRE): SR. LINDA LAMAGNA
 Religious Education Office and Hall: (814) 742-7894
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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		Oct 06 - Oct 12, 2025
WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION GOAL	\$	5,500.00
REGULAR WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION:	\$	1,887.00
OTHER: (HOLY DAYS, DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS, ETC.)	\$	1,376.00
WEEKLY ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$	750.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:	\$	4,013.00
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

- **PARISH ASSOCIATION MEETING** - for Monday, Oct. 20, at 6:30pm, in the Parish Hall.
- **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

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.

TICKETS FOR THE ANNUAL ST JOSEPH CHRISTMAS TEA

will go on sale starting the weekend of November 8 & 9, before and after mass. We cannot reserve tickets, which sell 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.

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.

Stewardship Reflections – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

The four pillars of parish stewardship are hospitality, prayer, formation, and service. They are intentionally presented in this order, with the idea that we cannot expect people to respond to calls to increase their prayer life, their formation, and their service within and outside the parish, if they do not first feel welcomed and valued through the warmth of hospitality. It just makes good sense.

However, those who are already well-versed in the spirituality and practicalities of stewardship, know well that stewardship cannot succeed unless it is steeped in prayer. Today's readings show us the immense value of prayer and the privileged place it must have in our individual lives and in our parish community.

Our job, as Christian stewards, is simply to remain faithful to our relationship with God through prayer. We should prioritize the Scriptures as a source of prayer, and we must lean on each other in our communities – family and parish – as we support each other in prayer. A strong pillar of prayer will make all our other stewardship efforts fruitful.

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!

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

Sunday, October 19, 2025:

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

- * **THE SPONSOR-CANDIDATE MEETING** for all 10th and 11th Grade students who are hoping to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in April of 2026, is today, **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.
- * **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 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.*

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.

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. 14th. Space is limited, so please register early at 814-695-3802.

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.

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.