



OCTOBER 26, 2025

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

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
 Mon, Oct 27 8:00 AM NO MASS
 Tue, Oct 28 6:00 PM NO MASS
 Wed, Oct 29 7:30 AM HOLY HOUR
 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

Sanctuary Candle Oct 26-Nov 02, 2025
 for Thomas Rice by Carol Rice

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 25, 4:00 PM:

LECTORS: 1st-T. Bucher; 2nd-A. Bucher; Int-Sr. Linda
 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. Colabove
 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
 Host: Cup: B. Shedlock & K. Diebold
 ALTAR SERVERS: K. Shanafelt & E. Wolfe
 HOSPITALITY: T. Carosielli, J. Chestney, T. DelMastro, W. Rossi

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-T. Finn; 2nd-L. Krug; Int-Sr. Linda
 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.

THIRTIETH 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
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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		Oct 13 - Oct 19, 2025	
WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION GOAL		\$	5,500.00
REGULAR WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION:		\$	2,437.00
OTHER: (HOLY DAYS, DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS, ETC.)		\$	1,082.00
WEEKLY ONLINE DONATIONS:		\$	1,065.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:		\$	4,584.00
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 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 Christmas Tea Basket Raffle will be sold during the Parish Thanksgiving Dinner.***

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 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time: One of the wonderful aspects of stewardship spirituality is its balanced approach to all areas of life. We see this balance in play as we continue to explore the Pillar of Prayer. As stewards, aware of our total dependence on God for everything, we come to Him in awe and gratitude. At the same time, we approach God with an awareness of the great dignity He has given us, creating us in His own image and likeness and calling us to join Him in the work of advancing His kingdom. In last week's readings, we were encouraged to remain persistent and constant in our prayer life. Today, we focus on the proper attitude of a steward at prayer. We learn that a particular attitude in our approach to prayer will make our prayer lives more effective: "the prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest till it reaches its goal." When we pray with a humble attitude, God will respond. The good steward knows he needs God, and that God has chosen to need him in advancing the Kingdom. His prayers pierce the clouds and God is glorified!

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.

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 for Sunday, October 26, 2025

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

High School (Grades 7-11): Mentor Session for Teens from 5:30 - 6:00 p.m., followed by Safe Environment Session & Praying the Rosary from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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

MENTOR SESSION FOR TEENS AND PARENTS – Our First Mentor session for our Junior High and High School students is this evening, 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.

DISCIPLESHIP RETREAT FOR 9TH, 10TH, AND 11TH GRADE STUDENTS – A retreat Permission slip will be issued to our students at Religious Education this evening, for attending the Discipleship Retreat on 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 ask the parents to please check their son/daughters' folders for the permission slip, to sign it and **return it to us by November 9, 2025.** 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 TOCCO 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 **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.

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.*