



NOVEMBER 23, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: Nov 22 - Nov 30, 2025

Sat, Nov 22	4:00 PM	for Patrick Wills, Sr. by Joyce Wills
Sun, Nov 23	9:00 AM	for Robert Paranich by Barbara Paranich
Mon, Nov 24	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Tue, Nov 25	6:00 PM	for Robert Pleva by Tina Dunlap
Wed, Nov 26	7:30 AM	HOLY HOUR
Thu, Nov 27	9:00 AM	for Bonnie Pasquini by Donald Belsey
Sat, Nov 29	4:00 PM	for the People by the Pastor
Sun, Nov 30	9:00 AM	for William Latoche by Louise and 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, Nov 22, 4:00 PM:

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

Sunday, Nov 23, 9:00 AM:

LECTORS: 1st-Sr. Linda; 2nd-S. Shaulis; Int-L. Krug
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 29, 4:00 PM:

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

Sunday, Nov 30, 9:00 AM:

LECTORS: 1st-A. Amato; 2nd-N. Gulvas; Int-M. Zapotoczny
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
Host: T. Colabove; Cup: L. Krug & W. Zapotoczny
ALTAR SERVERS: T. Rishel & E. Wolfe
HOSPITALITY: R. DelGrosso, T. DelMastro, E. Hunter, W. Rossi

We are on a search for parishioners who would like to volunteer for open positions as **"MONEY COUNTERS"** for the parish collection. Plans are being made for an informative meeting to learn more, without obligation. If you have any interest at all, please phone Marlene Halbedl, CELL (412) 999-7580 with inquiries.

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING	Nov 10-Nov 16, 2025	
WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION GOAL	\$	5,500.00
REGULAR WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION:	\$	2,539.00
OTHER: (HOLY DAYS, DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS, ETC.)	\$	11,710.00
WEEKLY ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$	800.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:	\$	15,049.00
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.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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**. Office hours: Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Church Office at **St. Matthew's: (814) 684-1480**
Rectory: (814) 684-1480
Email: mpleva@dioceseaj.org

SR. LINDA LAMAGNA, CCW, PASTORAL MINISTER
Office: (814) 742-7894
Email: llamagna@dioceseaj.org

ALISON BISHOP-AMATO, ADMINISTRATIVE & FINANCIAL ASSISTANT
Hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM
Parish Office: (814) 742-7075
Email: abishopamato@dioceseaj.org

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (DRE): SR. LINDA LAMAGNA
Religious Education Office and Hall: (814) 742-7894
Church: (814) 742-7075
Email: llamagna@dioceseaj.org

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.

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.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY on Thursday, November 27, and Friday, November 28.

Stewardship Reflections: **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**
On this Feast of Christ the King, our readings show us that we serve the greatest of Kings, who is at the same time the humblest of Kings. Christ is the perfect model of servant leadership. And what an indescribable privilege that He has called us to be servant leaders – stewards in the work of advancing His Kingdom.

What powerful lessons this King teaches us from the Cross. We learn that true leadership is displayed in emptying ourselves for others; that true greatness is displayed by way of humility; that none of us is worthy of the call to stewardship of His kingdom but that all of us, like the good thief, are welcomed and invited to take up this call. Following in His footsteps will involve suffering and sacrifice. Yet how can we say no to the King who loves us so completely and promises that His faithful stewards will one day be with Him in Paradise?

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START THINKING ABOUT CHRISTMAS 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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- THANKSGIVING DAY MASS** will be celebrated at Saint Joseph Church on Thanksgiving Day at **9:00 a.m.** Mark your calendars. (Following Mass, we will need volunteers for a short time to help change out the missals in the pews.)
- ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA** - Saturday, December 6, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., in the Parish Social Hall.
- THE ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE (CONFESSIONS)** is scheduled for Sunday, December 14, at 5:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Church.
- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Meeting** - Monday, January 12, at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room
- PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**, Monday, Jan 26, 6:30 p.m.



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 2, 2025. A special envelope is attached to this weekend’s bulletin. Please return your donation by Sunday, November 30. (The final deadline is 11:59pm on the giving day, Tuesday, December 2nd.)

Donations can also be made by scanning the QR code or visiting <https://www.igivecatholic.org/organization/saint-joseph-bellwood> 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 in our Parish Hall.

BASKET RAFFLE TICKETS will be sold after each weekend mass, downstairs in the Parish Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS NEEDED: Our parish is seeking new members to join the Parish Council! The Parish Council plays a vital role in helping our community grow in faith, service, and fellowship. Members work together with our pastor to provide guidance on parish initiatives, plan events, and support the spiritual and practical needs of our parish family. We’re looking for parishioners who:

- Are active and committed members of the parish
 - Have a desire to serve and share their gifts
 - Can attend meetings and participate in parish activities
- If you feel called to serve or would like to nominate someone, please contact the parish office for more details.

Deadline is January 23, 2026

Let’s continue to build our parish together through prayer and service!

WANTED...Christmas Singers

If you enjoy praising God in song, come join the St. Joseph singers! We will have 4 rehearsals to prepare music for the Christmas services.

All are welcome. Any questions, contact Beth Rossi – (814) 932-0358

- Practices are Mondays:
- Dec. 1 7:00 – 830 PM
 - Dec. 8 7:00 – 830 PM
 - Dec. 15 7:00 – 830 PM
 - Dec. 22 7:00 – 830 PM



SAINT JOSEPH PARISH FAMILY TREE - You are invited to hang an ornament containing your family name on our 12 ft. Parish Family Tree. The tree which is adorned with each of our individual ornaments shows our unity, especially under Christ who be-came one of us. It is an example of the beautiful things we can create when we join together as one family in Christ.

Ornaments may be added starting Saturday, December 6, continuing through the Christmas season. You can pick them up after Epiphany Sunday or leave them for us to hang next year.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION for Sunday, November 23, 2025

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

TEEN HOLY HOUR WITH PRAISE AND WORSHIP AND TACO NIGHT is tonight, Sunday, November 23, with the Holy Hour beginning at 6:00 p.m., followed by Taco night from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. The Holy Spirit Ministries will provide the Praise and Worship.

CHRISTMAS GOSPEL PAGEANT – Please return permission forms today, 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.

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.

RESPECT LIFE POSTER CONTEST

CELEBRATING THE GIFT OF LIFE THROUGH ART

Respect for Life:
Celebrating Gods
Gift in Every Person

CONTEST SPECIFICS

DIVISIONS

PREK- Grade 2
Grades 3-5
Grades 6-8
Grades 9-12
*All students from our diocesan parishes are eligible.

JUDGING

*Conducted by the Office of Youth Ministry and Religious Education and the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Respect for Life Committee
*Winners will be chosen by deanery

POSTER GUIDELINES

*Posters must be hand-drawn
*8.5 x 11 through 11 x17 size poster
*Child's name, grade and parish/city on the back of the poster
*Received by the Youth Ministry/Religious Ed Office no later than January 16, 2026

PRIZES

*PreK-2: \$25
*Grades 3-5: \$30
*Grades 6-8: \$50
*Grades 9-12: \$100

BE CREATIVE!
PENCIL, PAINT, CRAYONS AND MARKERS
ARE ALL ACCEPTABLE!

Sponsored by the Diocese of Altoona Johnstown
Respect for Life Committee

A MERRY BELLWOOD CHRISTMAS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5: BELLWOOD-ANTIS COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING & MISTLETOE ON MAIN STREET. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

Join us for our Annual Tree Lighting in front of the Bellwood Borough Building: This year we will have a Mistletoe Christmas Market, Cookies, Santa Claus, and Live Reindeer.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6: 10TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFTSHOW hosted by the Berky Bunch Relay For Life team. It features over 80 vendors and many family fun events, it will run from **9:00 am to 3:00 PM.**

- * Santa’s Secret Workshop (where children can shop from the vendors with a shopping buddy for Christmas gifts) - YOU SET THEIR SPENDING BUDGET BUT THE SERVICE IS FREE
- * Wrapping station (where children can wrap the gifts they bought) and a Card making station - make a card to take home or send to St. Jude’s - FREE
- * Great food and SANTA!!!!!! (And photos with him) -and much more!!!! ALL WITH NO ADMISSION COST!!!!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7: 2025 CHRISTMAS EVENTS FOR EXCELSIOR FIRE CO. NO. 1.

- * The parade is December 7th at **2:00 PM.** Goes from Housers to the Fire Station. There will be prizes for floats. Santa Claus will be at the station for pictures and free cookies after the parade.
- * We are having a soup sampling event following the parade at station.
- * Our famous basket raffle will be part of the event too, we will be pre-sailing tickets starting Dec 4th to the 6th from 10am to 6pm at the station and also the day of the parade.