



NOVEMBER 30, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: NOV 29 - DEC 07, 2025

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
Mon, Dec 01	8:00 AM	for Ermy Ruggiere by Therese Frischkorn
Tue, Dec 02	6:00 PM	for the Deceased Members of the Krug Family by Paul & Louise Krug
Wed, Dec 03	7:30 AM	HOLY HOUR
Sat, Dec 06	4:00 PM	for Hilda & George Wharton by Pat & Family
Sun, Dec 07	9:00 AM	for Gerry Halbedl by Marlene Halbedl

Sanctuary Candle Nov 30-Dec 06, 2025
 for the Wharton Family by Pat Partner

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 29, 4:00 PM:

LECTORS: 1st-A. Bucher; 2nd-; 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

Saturday, Dec 06, 4:00 PM:

LECTORS: 1st-P. Wills; 2nd-T. Bucher; Int-B. Pennington

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Host: T. Hoffer; Cup: M. Kissell & J. Steinbauer

ALTAR SERVERS: D. Irwin & T. Smith

HOSPITALITY: A. Bucher, J. Genesi, N. Lovrich, Sr., B. Risbon

Sunday, Dec 07, 9:00 AM:

LECTORS: 1st-N. Lovrich; 2nd-T. Finn; Int-W. Zapotoczny

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Host: B. Shedlock; Cup: T. Belis & J. Chestney

ALTAR SERVERS: K. Shanafelt & C. Shedlock

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

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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.

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING	Nov 17-Nov 23, 2025	
WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION GOAL	\$	5,500.00
REGULAR WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION:	\$	1,736.00
OTHER: (HOLY DAYS, DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS, ETC.)	\$	1,082.00
WEEKLY ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$	1,185.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:	\$	4,003.00
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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- **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 mass, downstairs in the Parish Hall.

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 became 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.

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.

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION for Sunday, November 30, 2025

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.** There is a box in the Church Basement Religious Education Center for the collection of Toys. Boxes are at both entrances of the Church for the collection of pajamas and undergarments.

REST IN PEACE: Please pray for the soul of our parishioner Lee Owen (103) who passed away on Tuesday, November 25. May our good gracious God grant him eternal peace and happiness in His kingdom and his loved ones comfort and strength. *Lee's funeral will be held on Wednesday, December 3, at 10:00 a.m., at St. Joseph Church.*

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. POSTER GUIDELINES *Posters must be hand-drawn *8.5 x 11 through 11 x 17 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	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 PRIZES *PreK-2: \$25 *Grades 3-5: \$30 *Grades 6-8: \$50 *Grades 9-12: \$100
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BE CREATIVE!

PENCIL, PAINT, CRAYONS AND MARKERS ARE ALL ACCEPTABLE!

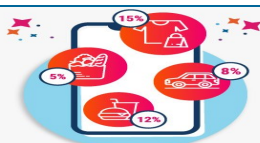
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A MERRY BELLWOOD CHRISTMAS

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 (6 p.m.) 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 CRAFT SHOW. It features over 80 vendors and many family fun events, it will run from 9:00 am to 3:00 PM.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7: 2025 CHRISTMAS EVENTS FOR EXCELSIOR FIRE CO. NO. 1. The parade is at 2:00 PM. (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 the station. Our famous basket raffle will be part of the event too, we will be pre-selling tickets Dec 4-6, 10am-6pm at the station and also the day of the parade.



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