

Sun, Dec 21 9:00 AM by Don Schirf  
 Mon., Dec 22 8:00 AM for Tom Jackson  
 by Ann Jackson  
 Tue, Dec 23 6:00 PM for Walter E. Chihon, Jr.  
 by his Family  
 for Bunney Padula  
 by Marlene Halbedil

### CHRISTMAS EVE

**Wed, Dec 24 NO HOLY HOUR\***

**Wed, Dec 24 4:00 PM for Lee Owen  
 by the Amato family**

**Wed, Dec 24 9:00 PM for Mike Turek  
 by Todd Verbanic**

### CHRISTMAS DAY

**Thu, Dec 25 9:00 AM for Robert Paranich  
 by Barbara Paranich**

Sat, Dec 27 4:00 PM for the People  
 by the Pastor  
 Sun, Dec 28 9:00 AM for Ermie Ruggiere  
 by Bill & Jenny Maloney

*Sanctuary Candle Dec 21-Dec 27, 2025*

for Giuseppe & Filippina Donia by Charles & Mary Jo Caracciolo

**\*NO HOLY HOUR ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31.**

**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)*



### CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

#### ST. JOSEPH - BELLWOOD

Christmas Eve: 4 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Christmas Day: 9 a.m.

Solemnity of Mary Vigil (New Year's Eve): 6:00 p.m.

Solemnity of Mary (New Year's Day): 9:00 a.m.

#### ST. MATTHEW - TYRONE

Christmas Eve: 5:30 p.m. and Midnight

Christmas Day: 10:30 am

Solemnity of Mary (New Year's Day): 11:00 a.m.

### VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

#### Saturday, Dec 20, 4:00 PM:

LECTORS: 1st-T. Bucher; 2nd-M. Riggie; Int-A. Bucher

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

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

ALTAR SERVERS: T. Smith

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

#### Sunday, Dec 21, 9:00 AM:

LECTORS: 1st-N. Gulvas; 2nd-Nick Lovrich; Int-T. Finn

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Host: J. Chestney; Cup: T. Belis & L. Krug

ALTAR SERVERS: K. Shanafelt & C, Shedlock

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

#### Saturday, Dec 27, 4:00 PM:

LECTORS: 1st-A. Bucher; 2nd-T. Bucher; Int-Sr. Linda

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Host: T. Burr; Cup: J. Lovrich & J. Shelow

ALTAR SERVERS: D. Irwin

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](mailto: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.

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Rectory: (814) 684-1480

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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.

### AREA PENENCE SERVICES:

#### Saint Mary, Altoona

Monday, December 22 at 6:00 PM

#### Saint Catherine of Siena, Duncansville

Tuesday, December 23 from 5:00 PM-6:15 PM

#### Our Lady of Victory, State College

Sunday, December 21 at 6:00 PM

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING		Dec. 08-Dec 14, 2025	
WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION GOAL		\$	5,500.00
REGULAR WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION:		\$	2,347.00
OTHER: (HOLY DAYS, DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS, ETC.)		\$	510.00
WEEKLY ONLINE DONATIONS:		\$	625.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:		\$	3,482.00
2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE TARGET		\$	20,500.00
CMD COLLECTION TO DATE		\$	39,343.25

### SAINT JOSEPH ON-LINE GIVING

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: [WWW.SAINTJOSEPHBELLWOOD.ORG](http://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.

**RAISERIGHT! Help our Parish earn money by purchasing gift cards for your shopping needs. See a representative in the Vestibule**

Monday, Jan. 12, 2020 at 5:30 p.m., at Marzoni's in Greenwood.  
**Sign-up Sheets are posted at each entrance of the church.**  
Please RSVP by Monday, January 5, 2026.

• **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**, Monday, Jan 26, 6:30 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room.

**Christmas Singers - Our Final Practice before the Christmas Masses is on Monday, Dec. 22 7:00 – 8:30 PM.** Any questions, contact Beth Rossi – (814) 932-0358

- SOME UPCOMING EVENTS TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDARS:**
- **MARCH FOR LIFE:** We are encouraging both our grade school and high school students to participate in the annual MARCH FOR LIFE beginning at St. Matthew Church at 12:00 noon on Sunday, January 18, 2026.
  - **BOWLING AND PIZZA PARTY:** On Monday, January 19, 2026, the Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Bowling and Pizza Party at the Bavarian Hall for K-12 students from the St. Joseph and St. Matthew Parishes, as well as a guest, from **1-3 p.m.** Please sign up either in the back of the church or side room of St. Joseph or sign up in the gathering room of St. Matthew.
  - **SIGHT AND SOUND FAMILY AFTERNOON** – Since it is very expensive to take a group to Sight and Sound, the Parish Association thought that we could do it here in the parish, using our sight and sound video, and our large screen television, and have some Sunday Afternoon Family fun, **on Sunday, February 15, at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.** Bring your favorite comfortable lawn chair and relax. We will provide popcorn, ice cream, and refreshments. We will have a sign-up sheet the first weekend in February. **MARK THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR: FEBRUARY 15, 1:00 P.M.**

**PROCLAIM! TO AIR CHRISTMAS SHOW AND MASS**  
The *Proclaim!* TV Christmas special *Joy to the World: Christmas in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown* will air on Sunday, December 21 at 6:00 p.m. on WWCP FOX 8. The one-hour show will highlight the spirit of Christmas throughout the diocese and include beautiful music from parish and Catholic school choirs, as well as the *Proclaim!* priests' choir. The *Proclaim!* TV Christmas Mass will air live from Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown on Christmas Eve, December 24, at 4:00 p.m. on WATM ABC 23 with Bishop Mark as celebrant and homilist.

**JUBILEE 2025 PILGRIMS OF HOPE:** The official closing Mass for the Jubilee will be celebrated at all cathedrals worldwide on Sunday, December 28, 2025 on the Feast of the Holy Family. In the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown at the 11:00 am televised Mass at St. John Gualbert Cathedral, Bishop Mark L. Bartchak is the Main celebrant. Also at the 10:00 am Mass at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona, Msgr. Stanley C. Carson will be the Main Celebrant leading the Closing Jubilee Year Eucharistic celebration. All the faithful are encouraged to participate in prayer and if coming in-person to please bring an offering of a non-perishable food item, paper or cleaning products for those in need to Mass in the spirit of charity as envisioned by Pope Francis for the Jubilee Year. We can all be Ambassadors of Hope.

*Stewardship Reflections – 4th Sunday of Advent* - As our Advent preparations draw to a close and Christmas fast approaches, it is fitting that today's readings demonstrate the intensity of the Father's perfect and passionate love for each of us, culminating in the gift of His own Son, Jesus Christ, on Christmas Day. As we reflect on the enormity of this gift, let us ask ourselves what we can offer in return.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, we find an unparalleled example of one who embraced the stewardship way of life in St Joseph, as he responds to God's call to him through the message of an angel. St Joseph immediately and humbly obeys the instruction from the angel: "Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Open to this extraor-

**THE CATECHISTS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** for Grade School, Junior High and Senior High Catechists is set for Sunday, January 11, at 11:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars.

**WE THANK ALL OF OUR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO HELPED WITH THE CHRISTMAS TEA.** We received many good compliments about their efficiency and willingness to assist with this parish event. Thank you: Curtis Shedlock, Nicolee Lovrich, Calista Long, Ava Beiswenger, Peyton Hammond, Blake Pennington, Sierra Pennington, Noah Gulvas, Olivia Rishel, Martin Fatzinger, Hailey Evans, Sophia Lovrich, Julie Kraft and Luke Gonzalez.

**PARENT-CHILD RETREAT FOR THE SECOND GRADE CLASS of St. Joseph and St. Matthew parishes** will be held on Sunday, January 25, at St. Matthew parish hall, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. This retreat is to help prepare the children for First Reconciliation.

- CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING**
- In Memory of...**
- Stan Bishop, Ray & Joyce Amato, Vera Franco *by Mike & Alison Amato*  
Randy McClellan, Shirley Bonsell, Melissa Bonsell *by Ashley Bonsell*  
Patricia A. Brown *by Francis Brown*  
Justin Allen Bauer, Jeanne L. Taylor *by Margaret Burns*  
Walter E. Chihon *by Stella Chihon*  
Davis Family Members *by Monica Davis*  
Mr. & Mrs. Angelo DelMastro, Mr. & Mrs. Archie Lowery, James Lowery, Ralph Lowery, Archie Lowery *by Tom & Amy DelMastro*  
Raymond Diebold, Merrill Barroner, Family & Friends *by Ken & Cheryl Diebold*  
Mike & Sarah Evanskey, Mickey & Stacy Evanskey, John & Nancy Frey Evanskey *by Thomas Evanskey*  
Carl Ferlitch, Sr. *by Alberta Ferlitch*  
Robert & Mildred Wills, Harold & Thelma Gampe, Don Smithmyer *by Gilbert & Georgia Gampe*  
Geis & Gauntner Families *by Daniel & Kay Geis*  
Kathleen Glunt, Mikayla Glunt, Ernestine & Lewis Legacy, Mary Torok *by Michael & Paula Glunt*  
John & Kathleen Hazenstab, Austin & Anne Hallinan *by Dennis & Sheila Hazenstab*  
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Bettwy, Delbert Hoffer, Virginia Kimberly, Ann Anderson *by Mike & Tanya Hoffer*  
Gary Huff, Jr., Colby Greiner, Logan Huff, Zachary Huff *by Gary & Judy Huff*  
Deceased Members of the Drap & Isola Families *by Mike & Marlana Isola*  
Joseph & Mary Minerich, James & Alice Krumenaker, James Baker *by Dennis & Rose Krumenaker*  
Franklin & Ann Roesch, Fr. David Roesch, Domenick Kurtz, Sr. *by Domenick & Mary Kurtz*  
William Maloney Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Walter Maloney Sr., Mr. & Mrs. James Yingling, Walter Maloney Jr. *by Bill & Jenny Maloney*  
Charles Miner Sr., Terri Miner, Janet Miner, Grandparents *by Andrew Miner*  
Charles Miner Sr., Tom & Leona Moser, Terri Miner, Ellen Fred *by Joan Miner*  
Charles Miner, Theresa Miner *by Mark Miner*  
All Family Members *by Donald & Wendy Moore*  
Charles Miner, Jerry & Elaine O'Shea *by Steve & Pam O'Shea*  
Art Partner *by Pat Partner*  
Helen Reger, William & Lois Shaner *by Steven & Sharon Reger*  
Eugene Siters, Carey Family *by Janet Siters*  
Stetter & Bettwy Families *by Pete & Michele Stetter*  
James L. Veign, James M. Veign *by Diane Veign-Irwin*  
George & Dorothy Wertz *by George & Rebecca Wertz*
- In Honor of...**
- Geis & Gauntner Families *by Dan & Kay Geis*  
All of our Military & Veterans *by Donald & Wendy Moore*
- For their Intentions...**
- Charles & Amanda Adams, Brent Hescox, Kathryn David, Ann Jackson, Elizabeth ...