



JANUARY 04, 2026

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: JAN 03-JAN 11, 2026

Sat, Jan 03 4:00 PM for Jeffrey Paul Talko
 by a friend
 Sun, Jan 04 9:00 AM for Ermie Ruggiere
 by Pete & Michele Stetter
 Mon, Jan 05 8:00 AM for Bonnie Pasquini
 by Donald Belsey
 Tue, Jan 06 6:00 PM for Ermie Ruggiere
 by Ann Carrieri
 Wed, Jan 07 7:30 AM HOLY HOUR
 Sat, Jan 10 4:00 PM for Jerry & Dolores Schirf
 by Janine Schirf & David Schirf
 Sun, Jan 11 9:00 AM for the People
 by the Pastor

Sanctuary Candle Dec 28, 2025-Jan 03, 2026

for Giovanni & Lucia Caracciolo by Charles & Mary Jo Caracciolo

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, Jan 03, 4:00 PM:

LECTORS: 1st-M. Riggle; 2nd-T. Evanskey; Int-P. Wills
 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Host: J. Steinbauer; Cup: M. Kissell & J. Lovrich

ALTAR SERVERS: A. Bucher & D. Irwin

HOSPITALITY: J. Genesi, S. Genesi, D. Kissell, B. Risbon

Sunday, Jan 04, 9:00 AM:

LECTORS: 1st-A. Amato; 2nd-D. Morrissey; Int-T. Colabove
 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Host: B. Shedlock; Cup: L. Krug & P. Krug

ALTAR SERVERS: K. Shanafelt & C. Shedlock

HOSPITALITY: R. DelGrosso, T. DelMastro, E. Hunter, W. Rossi

Saturday, Jan 10, 4:00 PM:

LECTORS: 1st-T. Bucher; 2nd-W. Zapotoczny; Int-A. Bucher
 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Host: T. Hoffer; Cup: T. Burr & M. Kissell

ALTAR SERVERS: A. Bucher & T. Smith

HOSPITALITY: J. Genesi, S. Genesi, D. Kissell, B. Risbon

Sunday, Jan 11, 9:00 AM:

LECTORS: 1st-T. Finn; 2nd-N. Gulvas; Int-G. Finn
 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Host: T. Belis; Cup: J. Chestney & K. Diebold

ALTAR SERVERS: T. Rishel & E. Wolfe

HOSPITALITY: R. DelGrosso, T. DelMastro, E. Hunter, W. Rossi

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.*

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

ST. JOSEPH PARISH is a charitable trust of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, the Most Reverend Mark L. Barchak, 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

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DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (DRE): SR. LINDA LAMAGNA

Religious Education Office and Hall: (814) 742-7894

Church: (814) 742-7075

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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 | Dec. 22-Dec 28 2025 | |
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| WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION GOAL | \$ | 5,500.00 |
| REGULAR WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION: | \$ | 6,648.00 |
| OTHER: (HOLY DAYS, DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS, ETC.) | \$ | 1,858.00 |
| WEEKLY ONLINE DONATIONS: | \$ | 1,315.00 |
| TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION: | \$ | 9,821.00 |
| 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

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** - Wednesday, January 07, 2026 at 6:00 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room
- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Meeting** - Monday, January 12, at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room
- **PARISH ASSOCIATION DINNER (All Parishioners are Welcome)** Monday, Jan. 12, 2026 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.
- **ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT CLASSES:** We will continue our Adult Enrichment Classes on Catholicism beginning Tuesday, January 6, from 6:30-8 :00 p.m., and continuing January 13, 20, February 3, 10.
- **LENTEN ADULT ENRICHMENT** will begin on Friday, February 20. The topic is LIFE EVERLASTING: Heaven, Hell, Death and Judgment. This also is a video series by Dr. Edward Sri and Jeffrey Morrow and is a series of five sessions. It will occur after the Friday Stations and end on March 20.
- **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.

CHRISTMAS "UN-DECORATING" - On Sunday, January 11, following the 9:00 AM Mass, we will be taking down the Christmas Decorations. We would appreciate the helping hands of anyone willing to assist. Thank you in advance.

Stewardship Reflections: As our celebration of Christmas continues, this week we observe the great feast of The Epiphany of the Lord. The word 'epiphany' comes from Greek and means manifestation of appearance. The stewardship way of life is one in which we live in grateful response to God's countless manifestations in our lives.

As Christian stewards, we are all called to manifest God's love to each other in the sharing of our gifts. St. Paul describes this beautifully in our second reading in his letter to the Ephesians, saying, "You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit..." We have all been given unique and wonderful gifts from our good and generous God. He wants us to share these gifts to benefit others and so to give Him glory.

Let us rejoice in God's manifestations in our lives and be watchful for the new ways He is calling us to share ourselves and our gifts in gratitude to our King in the year ahead.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION for January 4,2026

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

High School (Grades 7-11): 6:00-8:00 p.m.

THE JUNIOR HIGH/HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE FOR THE SPRING SEMESTER HAS BEEN REVISED to include Confirmation Sessions and Mentor gatherings. The 10th and 11th Grade Students will have a Confirmation Session this evening, January 4, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Grades 7-9 will have regular Religious Education, and all grades will come together from 7:00-8:00 p.m. for snack and Youth Ministry which will include an *Alpha Evening, Session 2 – Who is Jesus?*

THANK YOU TO OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS WHO BROUGHT TO LIFE THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL: We want to extend to our Grade and High School students a big THANK YOU for bringing the Christmas Gospel to life at the Christmas Eve Mass. We are so proud of the two high school students who played Mary and Joseph: Olivia Rishel and Bradyn Partner; our 6th graders who still had a willingness to participate: Luke Armstrong, Eve Hopnick, Brynn Adams, Cash Frisco and Molly Caldwell, as well as Ian Adams; Jacob Armstrong and all the grade school students who put in the time for practices and did a great job: Troy and Bryce Cusick, Miles Stasick, Killian McAndrews, Declan Wills, Owen Caldwell, Alexandria and Amelia Gatchell, Bella Stetter, Mileena Knisely, Scarlett Friday, Jocelyn Walk, Vivian Crabtree, and Miles Lovrich. A special thank you to our sheep: Jack Armstrong, Ann Marie Gatchell, and Greyson Peo. Finally, we had a perfect Baby Jesus: Benjamin Olinger. You were all stars!

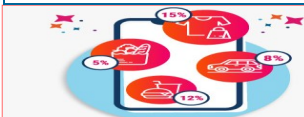
SPONSOR-CANDIDATE MEETINGS – All confirmation Candidates should have had at least one meeting to do faith sharing by this time. Remember, all four meetings should be completed by Easter Sunday. Sponsors should return the reflection paper to me right before Holy Week.

CATECHIST LUNCHEON – The Parish Association will sponsor a Christmas Luncheon for our Catechists next Sunday, January 11, at 11:30 a.m., to thank them for their service to our Children throughout the year.

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's parish hall, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. This retreat is to help prepare the children for First Reconciliation.

Night of Worship for Vocations: Holy Spirit Ministry and Fr. Brian Norris invite you to a very special Night of Worship with Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations on Tuesday, January 6, 7-8 PM, at St. Michael Church, Holidaysburg. The evening will include a special talk from Fr. Norris on how all the faithful can help promote and pray for vocations. The evening of prayer will also include Eucharistic Adoration with beautiful praise & worship music, followed by prayer ministry. All are most welcome!

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 Genesis: 814-742-9127.



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