



FEBRUARY 01, 2026

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: JAN 31-FEB 08, 2026

Sat, Jan 31 4:00 PM for Joseph Wharton
 by Cate Rossi
 Sun, Feb 01 9:00 AM for Joey Potter
 by Vicki, Ellen & Rob
 Mon, Feb 02 8:00 AM for Leonard Rossi
 by Cate Rossi
 Tue, Feb 03 6:00 PM for Peggy Bieniek
 by Linda Turcovski
 Wed, Feb 04 7:30 AM HOLY HOUR
 Sat, Feb 07 4:00 PM for the People
 by the Pastor
 Sun, Feb 08 9:00 AM for Walter E. Chihon, Sr.
 by his Family

Sanctuary Candle for Feb 1-7, 2026

In memory of Chester Gaines by his Family

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 31, 4:00 PM:

LECTORS: 1st-B. Pennington; 2nd-A. Bucher; Int-M. Riggle
 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Host: J. Lovrich; Cup: T. Hoffer & Marie Kissell
 ALTAR SERVERS: A. Bucher & T. Smith
 HOSPITALITY: J. Genesi, S. Genesi, D. Kissell, B. Risbon

Sunday, Feb 01, 9:00 AM:

LECTORS: 1st-G. Finn; 2nd-T. Colabove; Int-K. Diebold
 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
 Host: T. Belis; Cup: P. Krug & B. Shedlock
 ALTAR SERVERS: T. Rishel & E. Wolfe
 HOSPITALITY: T. Carosielli, J. Chestney, R. DelGrosso, M. Kowalski

Saturday, Feb 07, 4:00 PM:

LECTORS: 1st-W. Zapotoczny; 2nd-T. Burr; Int-T. Evanskey
 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
 Host: J. Shelow; Cup: J. Steinbauer & T. Hoffer
 ALTAR SERVERS: D. Irwin & T. Smith
 HOSPITALITY: A. Bucher, D. Kissell, M. Kissell, N. Lovrich, Sr.

Sunday, Feb 08, 9:00 AM:

LECTORS: 1st-M. Zapotoczny; 2nd-A. Amato; Int-Sr. Linda
 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:
 Host: K. Diebold; Cup: T. Colabove & C. Weyandt
 ALTAR SERVERS: K. Shanafelt & C. Shedlock
 HOSPITALITY: T. Carosielli, J. Chestney, R. DelGrosso, M. Kowalski

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.*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF 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**. Office hours: Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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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.

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!



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UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- **ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT CLASSES:** Our Final Adult Enrichment Class on Catholicism will be on Wednesday, February 4.
- **PARISH ASSOCIATION MEETING** - Tuesday, Feb 10, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room
- **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. **A sign-up sheet is located at both entrances.**
- **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.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** We will be celebrating the Feast of Saint Joseph on Thursday, February 19, with mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by a St. Joseph Table reception in the church hall.



THE BELLWOOD KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS are selling **RAFFLE TICKETS** for a **CUSTOM FLY ROD DONATED by MCFARLAND CO.** Tickets are \$5 and the Drawing is **APRIL 13.**

PLEASE SEE A KOC MEMBER IF INTERESTED.

The Knights of Columbus #8075 support many local organizations in addition to our parish: Every Life Matters, Precious Life, the Hope Center, B-A Public Library, Special Olympics, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, B-A Council of Churches, et al.

BLESSING OF THE THROAT - FEAST DAY OF ST. BLAISE

On February 3, the Church recalls a miracle cure associated with St. Blaise and celebrates the blessing of the throats with candles. St. Blaise said that anyone who lit a candle in his memory would be free of infection, thus candles are used in the traditional throat blessing.

Fr. Michael will be performing the Blessing of the Throats during Tuesday evening Mass at 6:00 p.m., and again during the weekend Masses, February 7/8.

Stewardship Reflections: Today's Gospel Reading from Matthew recounts what we know as Christ's Sermon on the Mount. This entire reflection could be devoted to that, of course, but as always, there are also messages that are important in the other readings. The Sermon on the Mount is the first of five teachings Jesus gives us in the Gospel of Matthew. The Lord gives this relatively early in His Ministry, not long after He has been baptized. In the entire New Testament this is the longest continuous section of Jesus speaking, and it is perhaps the most widely quoted part of the four Canonical Gospels. It contains, after all, the central rules of discipleship.

Today's Gospel provides us with instructions from Jesus as to what kind of people His disciples should be. There are more than enough key words on which to reflect and pray: poor, mourn, meek, hunger, mercy, peacemakers, clean and persecuted – to name a few. We could concentrate on each one, but it is worth pointing out that these all are traits the Lord calls us to.

For example, when Jesus says that to be blessed, we need to 'hunger and thirst for righteousness,' He is reminding us of what our focus in life should be. In our world people hunger for many things that may not be that important – things like power, success, wealth, possessions and comfort. The idea of being righteous in His eyes is more important than any of those.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION for FEBRUARY 01, 2026

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

Second Graders do not have class since they will be attending the **SECOND GRADE PARENT-CHILD RETREAT today Sunday, February 1, at Saint Matthew's Hall, from 11:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. in preparation for the children's first confession. Second Grade students should have the Act of Contrition memorized and be able to follow the ritual for going to confession. All their papers are in their folders. We are hoping that parents can review them with their children*

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

We will have the **MENTOR SESSIONS**, which we missed last week, for our Junior High and High School Students from 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. followed by regular Class and Youth Ministry from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Saturday, February 21 - First Reconciliation

Sunday, March 22 - Second Grade Retreat at St. Joseph

Saturday, April 25 - First Holy Communion

Monday, April 27 - Rehearsal for Confirmation is at 6:00 p.m., at the Cathedral

Tuesday, April 28 - Confirmation is at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral.
Candidates and Sponsors - Please Arrive at 6:00 p.m.

FRANCISCAN FRIARS, TOR LENTEN SERIES AT ST. BERNARDINE MONASTERY: WEDNESDAYS OR FRIDAYS: Join the Franciscan Friars for five weeks of Lenten Reflections, beginning on Wednesday, Feb. 18. Through reflection, prayer, and fellowship we will journey together towards the abundant life of Easter! Class topics are "Lent and Social Teaching of The Church" and are as follows:

Feb. 18/20: Foundation of the Church's Social Justice Teachings (Old & New Testament, Life of the early Church, Conciliar Documents * *Ashes will be distributed during Mass on Feb. 18th.*

Feb. 25/27: Foundation (cont'd) & the Life & Dignity of the Human Person

March 4/6: Call to Family, Community & Participation Rights & Responsibilities

March 11/13: Option for the Poor & Vulnerable the Dignity of Work & Rights of Workers

March 18/20: Solidarity & Care for God's Creation

Please choose the Wednesday OR Friday schedule (no switching between days). The Lenten Reflections will begin at 10 AM & include a Lenten reflection, the celebration of Holy Mass, & lunch with the friars. This workshop series will be a free will offering. All classes will be held at St. Bernardine Monastery, 768 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg. To register for the workshop, please call 814-695-3802 by Friday, Feb. 13t We look forward to seeing you! ***Note: This fulfills the pilgrimage intention for the Year of St. Francis.**

FRIAR'S NOOK GIFT SHOP – LENTEN ITEMS AVAILABLE!

Start your Lenten journey at The Friar's Nook Gift Shop by picking up a Lenten daily devotional, Lent with the Saints series book, Stations of the Cross, prayer cards, & more! The gift shop is located on the campus of St. Bernardine Monastery at 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg. You can find new items & updates by following The Friar's Nook Gift Shop on Facebook!

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.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS: Anyone who would like a Contribution Statement for 2025, please drop a request in the collection basket or email Alison at abishopamato@dioceseaj.org. Please state whether you would like your statement emailed or sent through the regular mail.