



JANUARY 11, 2026

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: JAN 10-JAN 18, 2026

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
Mon, Jan 12 8:00 AM for Fr. Raymond Crosser & the Deceased
Members of his Family
Tue, Jan 13 6:00 PM In Honor of Mikayla Yanchik
Wed, Jan 14 7:30 AM HOLY HOUR
Sat, Jan 17 4:00 PM for Kathleen Glunt
by Joan Miner
Sun, Jan 18 9:00 AM for Respect Life
by the Knights of Columbus

Sanctuary Candle Jan 11-17, 2026

For the Intentions of the Partner 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 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

Saturday, Jan 17, 4:00 PM:

LECTORS: 1st-M. Riggle; 2nd-B. Pennington; Int-T. Evanskey

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

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

ALTAR SERVERS: A. Bucher & D. Irwin

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

Sunday, Jan 18, 9:00 AM:

LECTORS: 1st-Sr. Linda; 2nd-N. Lovrich; Int-M. Zapotoczny

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Host: C. Weyandt; Cup: T. Colabovo & W. Zapotoczny

ALTAR SERVERS: K. Shanafelt & C. Shedlock

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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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

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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 Gufoyle 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. 29-Jan 04, 2026
WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION GOAL	\$ 5,500.00
REGULAR WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION:	\$ 2,703.00
OTHER: (HOLY DAYS, DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS, ETC.)	\$ 1,191.50
WEEKLY ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$ 1,805.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:	\$ 5,699.50
2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE TARGET	\$ 20,500.00
CMD COLLECTION TO DATE	\$ 39,343.25

SAINT JOSEPH ON-LINE GIVING
VISIT OUR WEBSITE: WWW.SAINTOSEPHBELLWOOD.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

- **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.
- **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**, Monday, Jan 26, 6:30 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room.
- **ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT CLASSES:** Our Adult Enrichment Class on Catholicism continues this Tuesday from 6:30-8:00 p.m., and again on January 20, February 3, & February 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.
- **PARISH ASSOCIATION MEETING** - Tuesday, Feb 10, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room

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.

Stewardship Reflections: The Baptism of the Lord

Jesus's baptism is a story we've heard before, so it is easy to lose sight of just how incredible it is – that Jesus wished to be baptized in the Jordan River by His cousin, John. We just spent the last two weeks marveling at the fact that this Savior of ours was born as a baby in a crude stable for our sake, and now this! Stop and contemplate our Lord, in all His perfection, waiting quietly and patiently in line with a bunch of sinners (like us) in order to "lead by example." His love and humility in serving and self-giving are beyond all telling.

And just in case there was any doubt about the extraordinary actions of Jesus that day at the Jordan River, we learn of the powerful affirmation of the Father. Who, immediately after the baptism, opens the heavens and sends the Holy Spirit upon Jesus in bodily form and says audibly, "This is My beloved Son with whom I am well pleased!" Wow!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION for January 11, 2026

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

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.

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.

CITIZENS CONCERNED FOR HUMAN LIFE IS PLANNING A BUS TRIP TO THE MARCH FOR LIFE on January 23, 2026, in Washington, D.C. Our buses will be leaving for the March from St. Therese's Church in Altoona at 7:00 A.M. and we will be leaving Washington by 4:00 P.M. we hope to be back in Altoona around 8:30 P.M. We will also have pickups at St. Mary's in Hollidaysburg at 7:30 A.M. and Walmart in East Freedom at 7:45 A.M.

We ask the participants to pack a lunch and, on the way back, from the March we will stop at the Golden Corral in either, Frederick or Hagerstown for dinner. The March is always prayerful and peaceful, and our cost is \$10.00 for students and \$15.00 for adults. For reservations, please contact Patricia Forr or Marita Forr at (814) 946.0681 or Roxanne Blazovitch at (814) 696.8008.

GRIEF SHARE: Fr. Patrick Corrigan, TOR, will be hosting the "Grief Share" program beginning on Thursday, February 5, 2026 at 2:00 PM at St. Bernardine Monastery, 768 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg. The "Grief Share" program is a 12-week bereavement workshop for those who have experienced a significant loss, and to assist in understanding and processing emotions. A workbook and resources will be provided for use throughout the program. For questions regarding the program or to enroll, please call 814-695-3802. You may also contact Fr. Patrick via email at pcorriigan@dioceseaj.org.

JOIN US FOR THIS JANUARY CLASS. The following class is open to all! **History of the Catholic Church in the U.S.** taught by Fr. Aron Maghsoudi at All Saints Parish in Boswell, Mondays with (3) Tuesday classes from 6:00 to 8:30 PM (7 weeks) beginning January 26. The cost of the class is \$35.00 and MUST be turned in with the Registration Form.

To Register please visit the diocese website at www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry, pick up a registration form in the vestibule, or contact Jessica, *Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry* at (814) 361-2000 or via email at jgramling@dioceseaj.org. All are welcome!

Please Note that the Registration Deadline for this class is Friday, Jan. 23, No registrations will be accepted after this date.

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.*



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