



MARCH 22, 2026

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: MAR 21-MAR 29, 2026

Sat, Mar 21 4:00 PM for the People
by the Pastor
Sun, Mar 22 9:00 AM for Sue Johnson
by Beth Rossi
Mon, Mar 23 8:00 AM **NO MASS**
Tue, Mar 24 6:00 PM for Frank "Nutch" Pulcinello, Sr.
by the Chihon Family
Wed, Mar 25 7:30 AM HOLY HOUR
Sat, Mar 28 4:00 PM for Glenn Hampton, father of Angela
Bucher
by the St. Joseph Parish Family
Sun, Mar 29 9:00 AM for Frank Hopnick
by his Wife

Sanctuary Candle for Mar 22-28, 2026

In memory of Mary Kay McCracken by Bill & Jeanine Chestney

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, Mar 21, 4:00 PM:

LECTORS: 1st-W. Zapotoczny; 2nd-T. Evanskey; Int-T. Burr

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

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

ALTAR SERVERS: D. Irwin & T. Smith

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

Sunday, Mar 22, 9:00 AM:

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

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Host: J. Chestney; Cup: T. Belis & C. Weyandt

ALTAR SERVERS: T. Rishel

HOSPITALITY: T. Carosielli, R. DelGrosso, T. DelMastro, W. Rossi

PALM SUNDAY:

Saturday, Mar 28, 4:00 PM

LECTORS: 1st-Sr. Linda; 2nd-P. Wills; Int-T. Evanskey

Narrator-T. Bucher; Voice-A. Bucher

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

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

ALTAR SERVERS: D. Irwin & T. Smith

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

Sunday, Mar 29, 9:00 AM:

LECTORS: 1st-B. Pennington; 2nd- N. Gulvas; Int-A. Amato

Narrator-N. Lovrich; Voice-K. Diebold

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Host: T. Colabove; Cup: P. Krug & W. Zapotoczny

ALTAR SERVERS: T. Rishel

HOSPITALITY: T. Carosielli, R. DelGrosso, T. DelMastro, W. Rossi

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls of our parishioner Robert "Tim" Stultz, as well as Tom Bucher's brother and Angela Bucher's father, who recently passed away. May our good gracious God grant them eternal peace and happiness in His kingdom and their loved ones comfort and strength.

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!**

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.*

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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 11 a.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

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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

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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.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Altoona

Monday, March 23 at 7:00 PM

Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona

Wednesday, March 25 at 6:00 P.M.

Saint Mary, Altoona

Monday, March 30 at 5:30 PM

Our Lady of Lourdes, Altoona

Thursday, March 26 at 5:30 PM

Saint Mary, Hollidaysburg

Sunday, March 29 at 4:00 PM

Saint Matthew, Tyrone

Tuesday, March 31 at 6:00 p.m.

Saint Catherine of Siena, Duncansville

Wednesday, April 1 – 6:00 – 7:00 PM



WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING		Mar 09-Mar 15, 2026
WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION GOAL	\$	5,500.00
REGULAR WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION:	\$	1,914.00
OTHER: (HOLY DAYS, DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS,	\$	1,398.00
WEEKLY ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$	865.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:	\$	4,177.00
2026 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE TARGET	\$	20,100.00

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

- **A PARISH ASSOCIATION DIRECTORY MEETING** will be held on Tuesday, Mar 24, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Meeting Room
- **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - Friday, March 27, at 6:00 p.m.
- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Meeting** - Monday, Apr 13, at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room



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.*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PIZZA AND HOAGIE SALE – Orders can be picked up between 3:00 and 6:00 p.m., this Thursday, March 26, at St. Joseph Parish Hall.

BELLWOOD-ANTIS COUNCIL OF CHURCHES LENTEN SCHEDULE

All programs begin at 6:30 p.m.

March 25, Wednesday, "Returning in Hope"

Place -Logan Valley Presbyterian Church, 400 S. First Street
Pastor: Stanley Gill

April 1, Wednesday, "Jesus' Last Words"

Place- Saint Joseph Church, 623 East Third Street, Bellwood
Pastor: Father Michael Pleva

HOLY WEEK HIGHLIGHTS

MONDAY, MAR 30

- † Morning Mass, 8:00 am at St. Joseph, Bellwood
- † *Chrism Mass, 11:00 am at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona*

TUESDAY, MAR 31

- † *Penance Service, 6:00 pm at St. Matthew, Tyrone*
- † **Note - No Evening Mass at St. Joseph, Bellwood**

WEDNESDAY, APR 01

- † Council of Churches Lenten Service with Fr. Michael Pleva, 6:30 pm at St. Joseph, Bellwood

HOLY THURSDAY, APR 02

- † Holy Thursday Service, 7:00 pm at St. Joseph Bellwood

GOOD FRIDAY, APR 03

- † Good Friday Service, 1:00 pm at St. Joseph Bellwood
- † *Good Friday Service, 3:00 pm, at St. Matthew, Tyrone*
- † Divine Mercy Novena, 6:00 pm at St. Joseph, Bellwood
- † *Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm at St. Matthew, Tyrone*

HOLY SATURDAY, APR 04

- † Blessing of the Easter Baskets, 11:00 am at St. Joseph, Bellwood and *12:00 pm at St. Matthew, Tyrone*
- † Divine Mercy Novena, 3:00 pm at St. Joseph, Bellwood
- † *Easter Vigil, 8:00 pm at St. Matthew, Tyrone*

EASTER SUNDAY, APR 05

- † *7:30 am Mass at St. Matthew, Tyrone*
 - † 9:00 am Mass at St. Joseph, Bellwood with an Easter Egg Hunt immediately following Mass
 - † *10:30 am Mass at St. Matthew Tyrone*
 - † Divine Mercy Novena, 3:00 pm at St. Joseph, Bellwood
- #### MONDAY, APR 06
- † **No Morning Mass** at St. Joseph Bellwood
 - † Divine Mercy Novena, 6:00 pm at St. Joseph, Bellwood

ST. JOSEPH SINGERS PRACTICE REMINDER:

- Monday, March 23rd 6:30-8:30
(Combined choir practice at St. Joseph's)
- Monday, March 30th 7:00-8:30

DOCUMENTARY VIDEO ON DIVINE MERCY – Following the Stations of the Cross next Friday, March 27, we will have a video documentary presentation on Divine Mercy for anyone who is interested. The video is 90 minutes long and will be shown in the St. Joseph Church basement.

EASTER EGG HUNT: Easter Sunday, April 05, following the 9:00 a.m. mass. Children up to Grade Four.

St. Mary's Altoona Confirmation Candidates will be doing Witness Stations of the Cross (Dramatic Stations) on Palm Sunday evening at 7pm in St. Mary's Church Altoona 1401 Fifth Avenue. Please join us; this is something you really don't want to miss. Everyone is welcome to attend.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION for MARCH 22, 2026

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

***Second Grade Parent-Child Meeting – (Second Graders do not have regular Religious Education today.)** A Eucharist Retreat will be held with the parents and 2nd grade students preparing for their First Holy Communion today, Sunday, March 22, from 11:30 – 1:00 p.m. in the Saint Joseph Parish Social Hall. The meeting is extended by 15 minutes so that parents from both parishes can gather to determine clothing for First Communion Day.

High School (Grades 7-11): 5:30-6:00 p.m. Mentor Session & Parent Mentor Session, followed by class from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

- **FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE –(SAVE THE DATE)** will be held on Thursday, April 23, at 4:15 p.m. (Save the Time)
- **Pictures for First Communion Day** will be taken at 3:00 p.m. in the Chapel Area on their First Communion Day of April 25.

SUMMER BIBLE CAMP (VBS) VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held for Saint Matthew and St. Joseph children, along with anyone from neighboring parishes, from June 15 – 19, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the St. Joseph Parish Hall. There is no charge. Our Theme for this year has been selected: **RAIN FOREST – EXPLORING THE NATURE OF GOD.** Children ages 5 through 12 are welcome to join us. Students in 6th grade who sometimes feel uncomfortable in Bible School are invited to be Teen Helpers. Junior High and High School Students are also needed as helpers.

GOLF TOURNAMENT – CARMELITE COMMUNITY OF THE WORD COMING SOON. (Sr. Linda's Community) will have their annual Golf Tournament on **Friday, June 5th**, at the Scotch Valley Country Club. We welcome anyone who would like to golf with a foursome, at the cost of \$450.000, or donate toward a Tee Sign (\$100.00) or donate items for our basket auction, please contact Sr. Linda at 814-934-0699.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Saturday, April 25 - First Holy Communion

Sunday, April 26 - 9:00 a.m. Mass Rite of Sending for Confirmation for Grades 10 & 11.

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.

Sunday, May 3 - May Crowning during the 9:00 a.m. Mass

CAMP ZACCHAEUS 2026 – JULY 19-24. Anyone interested in attending or assisting with the diocesan annual Camp Zacchaeus can find Informational brochures in the Vestibule and Church chapel entrance. If you have questions, connect with Sr. Linda 814-742-7894

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.

Stewardship Reflections – At this point in our Lenten journey, it is tempting to grow weary of the spiritual disciplines we have taken on. Today's readings inspire us to remain faithful, in grateful response to a God who loves us so much. What's more, these readings give us wonderful guidance on just how to make this grateful response.

The disciplines of Lent and the disciplines of a stewardship way of life are wonderful gifts that free us from too great an attachment to 'the flesh.' The sacrifices we make in a particular way during this holy season, and every day when we truly embrace a stewardship way of life, are not meant to restrict our freedom and joy. Quite the contrary – they are tools to help us find the real freedom and joy that only come when we make room in our lives for God. In fact, the more we allow God to take over every aspect of our lives, the freer and more joyful we become.

As we journey ever closer to the powerful days of Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and the Passion and Resurrection of our Lord, let us intensify our Lenten resolutions and our stewardship way of life. Let us invite the Holy Spirit to take over more and more of our lives. By Easter, we will be freer to rejoice in Him and truly pleasing to God.