



MARCH 29, 2026

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: MAR 28-APR 05, 2026

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

Mon, Mar 30 8:00 AM for Rev. Joseph Fleming
by Beth Rossi

Tue, Mar 31 6:00 PM **NO MASS**

Wed, Apr 01 7:30 AM **NO HOLY HOUR**

Thu, Apr 02 7:00 PM for Helen Tomassetti
by Ron & Sandy Dick

Fri, Apr 03 1:00 PM *Good Friday Service*

Sat, Apr 04 *Easter Vigil Mass - St. Matthew, Tyrone at 8:00 p.m.*

Sun, Apr 05 9:00 AM for Kathleen Glunt
by Mike & Paula Glunt

Sanctuary Candle for Mar 29-Apr 03, 2026

In memory of Kay Pfhaler 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 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 & T. Hoffer

ALTAR SERVERS: A. Bucher, S. Genesi, D. Irwin

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

PALM 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, K. Shanafelt, E. Wolfe

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

HOLY THURSDAY, APR 02, 7:00 PM:

LECTORS: 1st-T. Burr; 2nd-L. Krug; Int-T. Evanskey

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Host: P. Krug; Cup: T. Hoffer & M. Kissell

ALTAR SERVERS: T. Rishel & C. Shedlock

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

FOOT WASHING: J. Genesi, T. Burr, Mike Ruscio, K. Rossi, M. Reed, D. Irwin

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE, APR 03, 1:00 PM:

LECTORS: 1st-F. Weyandt; 2nd-A. Amato

Narrator- M. Riggle; Voice- N. Lovrich

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Host: C. Weyandt

ALTAR SERVERS: S. Genesi & C. Shedlock

HOSPITALITY: J. Chestney, J. Genesi, D. Kissell, M. Kissell

EASTER SUNDAY, APR 05, 9:00 AM:

LECTORS: 1st-B. Pennington; 2nd-N. Gulvas ; Int-T.Burr

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Host: T. Hoffer; Chapel & Choir: Sr. Linda; Cup: J. Shelow & B. Shedlock

ALTAR SERVERS: T. Rishel & C. Shedlock

HOSPITALITY: T. Carosielli, R. DelGrosso, M. Hoffer, E. Hunter, O. Shedlock

THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY NOVENA begins on Good Friday at 6:00 p.m. We will not have Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. The Novena will replace them. Stations of the Cross are still held at St. Matthew's Church at 7:00 p.m.

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.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION 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 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

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

Church: (814) 742-7075

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PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Peter Gardella, Jr., Diane Irwin, Filomena Long, Barbara Paranich, Janine Schirf, , Dominic Tornatore, 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

Saint Mary, Hollidaysburg

Sunday, March 29 at 4:00 PM

Saint Mary, Altoona

Monday, March 30 at 5:30 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 16-Mar 22, 2026	
WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION GOAL	\$	5,500.00
REGULAR WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION:	\$	2,295.00
OTHER: (HOLY DAYS, DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS,	\$	821.00
WEEKLY ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$	830.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:	\$	3,946.00
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.

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.*

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- **ST. JOSEPH SINGERS PRACTICE REMINDER:** Monday, March 30, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- **STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH THE COUNCIL OF CHURCHES** with Father Michael Pleva presiding and giving the homily, will be held this coming Wednesday, April 1 at 6:30 p.m., in the church. A reception will follow in our Parish Hall. Please join us since our church is hosting and to celebrate the churches of many faiths in Bellwood coming together to worship.
- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Meeting** - Monday, Apr 13, at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room
- **THE FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING** has been rescheduled for May 6, at 6:30 p.m.

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
- † **Note - No Holy Hour in the Morning**

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

2026 PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY - We are pleased to announce that we will be compiling a 2026 Pictorial Parish Directory with the Universal Church Directories. Our last Parish Directory was in 2015. This directory will include all parishioner family portraits and roster information to help our parishioners stay connected. We are proud to say that we have had many new people join our parish family SINCE 2015, and this is a beautiful way for you to meet them.

The Process is different from what you may remember in the past.

1. If you feel comfortable with the process, you can now sign up online at www.ucdir.com, and then click on session sign-up.

The Code is: pa1255

The Password is Photos.

2. You may also sign up at Church after Mass in the Chapel Area. Date to be announced.

3. If you need assistance, you can contact the Church office at 814-742-7894. We will add another contact number soon.

There is no cost to be photographed, and each household will receive a complimentary 8 x10 portrait.

Only participating households will receive a free directory.

The dates and times for photographs will take place at St. Joseph Church, Social Hall.

COLLECTION ITEM FOR THE COUNCIL OF CHURCHES FOR THEIR SPRING GIVE-AWAY: The Council of Churches is collecting laundry detergent and pods. Boxes are at each of the Church entrances for the collection of these items.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION for MARCH 29, 2026

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

High School (Grades 7-11): **No Religious Education**

IMPORTANT DATES FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- ◇ Thursday, April 23, at 4:15 p.m. - Practice for First Communion
- ◇ **SATURDAY, APRIL 25 - FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** (Pictures will be taken at **3:00 p.m.** in the Chapel Area on their First Communion Day)
- ◇ 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 & Sponsors, Please Arrive at 6:00 p.m.**
- ◇ Sunday, May 3 - May Crowning during the 9:00 a.m. Mass

MORE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS...

- **MAY CROWNING** - A Reminder that it has been the custom over the years for the Confirmation Candidates and First Communicants to participate in the annual May Crowning, which will be held on Sunday, May 3, at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Again, this calls for dress clothes. The Second-Grade class should wear the First Communion clothes. Please mark your calendars. I will practice with you before the event.
- **SEEKING CHILDREN TO PARTICIPATE** in the Council of Churches Lenten Service this Wednesday, at 6:30 p.m. with simply holding up a station as Father Michael moves through the Stations of the Cross. It is like we have done it in the past. Please let Sister Linda know this Sunday at Religious Education if you are willing to participate.
- **SEEKING CHILDREN TO CARRY IN THE ALLELUIA BANNERS AT THE 9:00 A.M. MASS** on Easter Sunday. Please contact Sr. Linda if you are willing to help. 814-742-7894.
- **ATTENTION 10TH AND 11TH GRADE STUDENTS:** The Rite of Sending will be held at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on April 26. Please remember to inform your sponsors of this date and time. Remember to wear dress clothes and that we will have an area in front of the Church in the first four pews on the left side.
- **HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO ASSIST WITH THE EASTER EGG HUNT.** Some of the High School students said they would be willing to help with the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday. If anyone is willing to assist me with this, please give me a call and leave a message at 814-742-7894
- **JARED BOXES** – All Junior High and High School students are reminded to bring into me their Jared Boxes by Easter Sunday. When you bring them you can place them outside of Sr. Linda's office door which is in the Chapel.

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

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.

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