



APRIL 12, 2026

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: APR 11 - APR 19, 2026

Sat, Apr 11 4:00 PM for Lorraine "Peggy" Bieniek
by Michele & Janel Belsey

Sun, Apr 12 9:00 AM for Bunny Glunt
by Pete & Michele Stetter

Mon, Apr 13 8:00 AM for Ermy Ruggiere
By Peg Behe

Tue, Apr 14 6:00 PM for Bonnie Pasquini
by Donald Belsey

Wed, Apr 15 7:30 AM HOLY HOUR

Sat, Apr 18 4:00 PM for the People
by the Pastor

Sun, Apr 19 9:00 AM for Frank "Nutch" Pulcinello
by the Rossi Family

Sanctuary Candle for Apr 12-18, 2026

In memory of Alois Poppenwimer by Mary & 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, Apr 11, 4:00 PM:

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

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

ALTAR SERVERS: D. Irwin & T. Smith

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

Sunday, Apr 12, 9:00 AM:

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

Host: L. Krug; Cup: J. Chestney & C. Weyandt

ALTAR SERVERS: T. Rishel & E. Wolfe

HOSPITALITY: T. Carosielli, T. DelMastro, E. Hunter

Saturday, Apr 18, 4:00 PM:

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

Host: J. Lovrich; Cup: T. Burr & J. Shelow

ALTAR SERVERS: D. Irwin & T. Smith

HOSPITALITY: A. Bucher, J. Genesi, D. Kissell, B. Risbon

Sunday, Apr 19, 9:00 AM:

LECTORS: 1st-N. Lovrich; 2nd-M. Zapotoczny; Int-T. Finn
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Host: B. Shedlock; Cup: J. Chestney & L. Krug

ALTAR SERVERS: K. Shanafelt & C. Shedlock

HOSPITALITY: T. Carosielli, T. DelMastro, E. Hunter, M. Kowalski

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

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

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

Email: abishopamato@dioceseaj.org

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

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

Church: (814) 742-7075

Email: llamagna@dioceseaj.org

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jeanine Chestney, Peter Gardella, Jr., Diane Irwin, Filomena Long,, Barbara Paranich, Richard Peo, Janine Schirf, Dana Tornatore, 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.

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING	Mar 30-Apr 05, 2026	
WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION GOAL	\$	5,500.00
REGULAR WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION:	\$	5,379.00
OTHER: (HOLY DAYS, DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS,	\$	896.00
WEEKLY ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$	1,910.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:	\$	8,185.00
2026 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE TARGET	\$	20,100.00
2026 CMD COLLECTIONS TO DATE		8,368.00

ON-LINE GIVING: 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.



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UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- **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.

GIVING THANKS TO GOD FOR THE EIGHT PEOPLE WHO WERE RECEIVED INTO THE CHURCH THIS WEEKEND: **Congratulations:** Tyler John McNelis, Russell Mark Reed, Jason Dale Yon-Quirin, Donna Leah Akins, Ilene Louise Fellabaum, Jennifer Lynn Quirin, Anna Quirin and Jill Marie Welch.

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.

The process is different from what you may remember in the past:

- Starting this weekend we will be doing sign ups for the directory pictures downstairs in the hallway after both the Saturday 4:00 pm and Sunday 9:00 am masses. **We will be doing sign up every weekend until May 16 & 17.**
- You also have the option to sign up online at <https://schedule.ucdir.com/>
 - * The Church Code is: **pa1255**
 - * The Church Password is **photos**

If you need assistance, you can contact **Filomena Long at 814-312-1895.**

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. *Photographs will take place at St. Joseph Church in the Social Hall.*

The picture dates are Tuesday thru Friday, May 19-22, from 2:00-8:30 pm & Saturday, May 23 ,from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

CARMELITE COMMUNITY OF THE WORD (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 four-some, 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.



THE DIVINE MERCY: In her Diary, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska recorded 14 revelations from our Lord requesting this feast. The most complete, concise description is found in entry 699: I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners... The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.

To receive the extraordinary graces of this feast, the only condition is to receive Holy Communion worthily on Divine Mercy Sunday (or the vigil celebration) by making a good Confession beforehand and staying in the state of grace, and receive with great trust in Divine Mercy. We also are encouraged to venerate the Divine Mercy Image and perform acts of mercy through deed, word, or prayer. Read more about this feast at TheDivineMercy.org/celebrate

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION for APRIL 12, 2026

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

High School (Grades 7-11): Mentor Session 5:30- 6:00 p.m., followed by Religious Education/Youth Ministry class from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

† **FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE FOR THE SECOND GRADE CLASS, with their parents** will be held on **Thursday, April 23, from 4:15-5:15 p.m. in the church.** I will practice with the children first, while the parents wait in the Chapel Area until we call for them. We like to have the parents join with the children so that we can arrange sufficient seating for them. This practice is very important and helps to ease anxiety on the day of First Communion especially when everyone knows where they are to be seated.

† **SATURDAY, APRIL 25 - FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** during the 4:00 p.m. Mass. ***FIRST COMMUNION PHOTOGRAPHS** will be taken on the day of First Communion **beginning at 3:00 p.m.** for individual and family pictures and for a group photo - all before Mass, which allows Father Michael to be in the photos without concern for swiftly driving to St. Matthew's for the 5:30 pm Mass.

† **THE RITE OF SENDING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION AT THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will be held on Sunday, April 26, at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. All Candidates with their sponsors should arrive at the Church for line up **by 8:40 a.m.**

† **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.**

† **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.

A NEIGHBORING CHURCH, LOGAN VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, IS CONDUCTING A FUNDRAISER TO FUND A NEW ROOF ON THEIR CHURCH. They are having a **Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, April 19, from 11a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in their church hall.** Tickets are \$10.00 per dinner. You can eat in or take out. Contact Karen Padula to obtain tickets: 814-329-5022. Let's support their efforts from one church to another.

NOW IS THE TIME- TO SIGN UP FOR BIBLE CAMP- VBS – Early registration helps us to order materials and prepare for our spectacular Bible Camp week. VBS is set for June 15-19 at Saint Joseph church, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Admission is free. Registration is necessary. Registration forms can be found in the vestibule of the Church or online.

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.