



**APRIL 19, 2026**

**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: APR 18 - APR 26, 2026**

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

Mon, Apr 20 8:00 AM for Thomas Gheer  
by Beth Rossi

Tue, Apr 21 6:00 PM for Fr. Raymond Crosser & the Deceased  
Members of his Family  
by his Estate

Wed, Apr 22 7:30 AM HOLY HOUR

Sat, Apr 25 4:00 PM for Tom Rice  
by Susie & Stan Galant


Sun, Apr 26 9:00 AM for Frank & Jennie Pulcinello  
by Marlene Halbedl

**Sanctuary Candle for Apr 19-25, 2026**

In memory of Art Partner by Pat & 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 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

**Saturday, Apr 25, 4:00 PM:**

LECTORS: 1st-W. Zapotoczny; 2nd-T. Bucher; Int-P. Wills

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

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

ALTAR SERVERS: D. Irwin & T. Smith

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

**Sunday, Apr 26, 9:00 AM:**

LECTORS: 1st-T. Coabove; 2nd-R. Peo; Int-W. Zapotoczny

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Host: K. Diebold; Cup: P. Krug & B. Shedlock

ALTAR SERVERS: K. Shanafelt & C. Shedlock

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

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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](mailto: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](mailto:mpleva@dioceseaj.org)

**SR. LINDA LAMAGNA, CCW, PASTORAL MINISTER**

Office: (814) 742-7894

Email: [llamagna@dioceseaj.org](mailto: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](mailto:abishopamato@dioceseaj.org)

**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**

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		Apr 06 - 12, 2026
WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION GOAL	\$	5,500.00
REGULAR WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION:	\$	1,092.00
OTHER: (HOLY DAYS, DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS,	\$	1,703.00
WEEKLY ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$	1,010.00
<b>TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,805.00</b>
<b>2026 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE TARGET</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>20,100.00</b>
<b>2026 CMD COLLECTIONS TO DATE</b>		8,368.00

**ON-LINE GIVING: [WWW.SAINTJOSEPHBELLWOOD.ORG](http://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

- **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** - Monday Apr 20, at 6:30 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room
- **THE FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING** has been rescheduled for May 6, at 6:30 p.m.

**STOP THE BLEED/MINUTES MATTER** – Our Parish will host a STOP THE BLEED TRAINING and MINUTES MATTER TRAINING on Thursday, April 29, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the St. Joseph Parish Hall. A sign-up sheet for this event is in the vestibule of the Church and in the Chapel. Please sign up in advance. There is no fee for this training. Amy Stayer MSN, RN, CCRN, TCRN, Trauma Educator/Prevention Coordinator and Thomas Marra, UPMC Altoona, Director of Cardiology MS,MBA will be our presenters.

### 2026 PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

**REGISTRATION/SIGN-UPS** TO SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS FOR DIRECTORY FAMILY PICTURES will be conducted in the Chapel area after both the Saturday Evening and Sunday Morning Mass. 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.**

**CARMELITE COMMUNITY OF THE WORD** (Sr. Linda's Community) will have their **ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT** on **Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

**THE ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN** begins on Mother's Day weekend, May 9/10. Pick up a Baby Bottle after Mass, fill it with your donation, and return by Father's Day, June 21 (Collection baskets will be located at each church entrance.) **NOTE: PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO THE BELLWOOD KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, NOT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH**



**Stewardship Reflections-3rd Sunday of Easter:** Today's readings focus on a theme of 'sojourning.' As Christian stewards, we know that our lives are a sojourn toward the ultimate destination of heaven. Our second reading instructs us to "conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed... with the precious blood of Christ." What a powerful reminder during the Easter season of our 'why' for embracing the stewardship way of life – we have been ransomed by our Lord's saving death and resurrection. Our lives are a gift from Him – as we sojourn through life, we are to make our lives a gift to Him in return. So, what can we do when we become discouraged - when we need our hearts set on fire once again? We can go to the same sources as the two disciples from our Gospel today on the road to Emmaus – the Scriptures (the living Word of God) and the Eucharist (the very source and summit of our faith). Frequent recourse to these two gifts from our Lord is essential to sustain us in the stewardship way of life.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION for APRIL 19, 2026

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

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

**RITE OF SENDING TO THE CATHEDRAL FOR OUR 10<sup>TH</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> GRADE STUDENTS WITH THEIR SPONSOR** is **NEXT SUNDAY, April 26, at the 9:00 a.m. Mass.** Please assemble in the two front pews on the left side when you arrive. **Plan to arrive by 8:45 a.m. with your sponsor.**

### 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 BONFIRE FOR OUR FINAL SESSION OF JUNIOR HIGH, HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** will be held on Sunday Evening, April 26, from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Please remember to bring the food items assigned.
- ◆ **PRACTICE FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR 10<sup>TH</sup> AND 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS WITH THEIR SPONSORS** will be held at the Cathedral on Monday, April 27, at 6:00 p.m. Plan to arrive by 5:30 to assure a parking space. I realize that some students are coming from their sports practices or games. Please arrive as quickly as you are able.
- ◆ **THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IS ON TUESDAY, APRIL 28,** at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. All Candidates, with their Sponsors, should be at the Cathedral in the basement by 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.

**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 Genesis: 814-742-9127.