



**MAY 03, 2026**


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

Sat, May 02 4:00 PM for the People  
by the Pastor

Sun, May 03 9:00 AM for Duane Morningred  
May Crowning by Gary & Judy Huff

Mon, May 04 8:00 AM for the Deceased Members of the  
Chihon-Homa-Nanouski Families  
by their family

Tue, May 05 6:00 PM for Ermy Ruggiere  
by Peg Behe

Wed, May 06 7:30 AM **HOLY HOUR** 

Sat, May 09 4:00 PM for Tom Jackson  
by Ann Jackson

Sun, May 10 9:00 AM for Helen Tomassetti  
by Ron & Sandy Dick

**Sanctuary Candle for May 03-09, 2026**

In memory of Frank P. Pucinello, Sr. by Frank P. Pucinello, Jr.

**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.**

**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, May 02, 4:00 PM:**

LECTORS: 1st-A. Bucher; 2nd-T. Burr; Int-W. Zapotoczny  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:  
Host: J. Lovrich; Cup: J. Shelow & J. Steinbauer  
ALTAR SERVERS: A. Bucher  
HOSPITALITY: J. Genesi, S. Genesi, D. Kissell, M. Kissell

**Sunday, May 03, 9:00 AM:**

LECTORS: 1st-T. Finn; 2nd-T Colabove; Int-A. Amato  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:  
Host: L. Krug; Cup: J. Chestney & P. Krug  
ALTAR SERVERS: T. Rishel & E. Wolfe  
HOSPITALITY: R. DelGrosso, E. Hunter, M. Kowalski, W. Rossi

**Saturday, May 09, 4:00 PM:**

LECTORS: 1st-T. Evanskey; 2nd-A. Bucher; Int-B. Pennington  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:  
Host: J. Steinbauer; Cup: T. Hoffer & J. Shelow  
ALTAR SERVERS: A. Bucher & T. Smith  
HOSPITALITY: J. Genesi, S. Genesi, D. Kissell, M. Kissell

**Sunday, May 10, 9:00 AM:**

LECTORS: 1st-L. Krug; 2nd-K. Diebold; Int-D. Morrissey  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:  
Host: T. Belis; Cup: B. Shedlock & W. Zapotoczny  
ALTAR SERVERS: K. Shanafelt & C. Shedlock  
HOSPITALITY: R. DelGrosso, E. Hunter, M. Kowalski, W. Rossi

**FIFTH 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

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ALISON BISHOP-AMATO, ADMINISTRATIVE & FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

Hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

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

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

Church: (814) 742-7075

Email: [llamagna@dioceseaj.org](mailto: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		Apr 20 - 26, 2026
WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION GOAL	\$	5,500.00
REGULAR WEEKLY (SUNDAY) COLLECTION:	\$	2,890.00
OTHER: (HOLY DAYS, DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS,	\$	674.00
WEEKLY ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$	770.00
<b>TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,334.00</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.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING** - Wednesday, May 6, at 6:30 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room. Please be prepared for a photo for our Parish Directory.

**PICNIC COMMITTEE MEETING** - Thursday, May 7, at 6:30 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room. New members are welcome!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING** - Monday, Apr 13, at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room

**THE PARISH ASSOC/PICTORIAL DIRECTORY MEETING HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED** to Tuesday, May 12, at 6:30 p.m., in the Parish Hall.

**BIBLE CAMP MEETING** - Sunday May 17, for Teen Helpers and Parish Association snack helpers, from 10:00-11:00 a.m., in the Parish Meeting Room.

**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 20/21.



(Collection baskets will be located at each church entrance.)

**NOTE: PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO THE BELLWOOD KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, NOT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH.**

**WITH GRATITUDE TO ALMIGHTY GOD, THE DIOCESE OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN JOYFULLY ANNOUNCES THE ORDINATION**

of John Fontana, Matthew Marafino, and Walter Zapotoczny to the Permanent Diaconate through the laying on of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit by Bishop Mark Bartchak on Saturday, June 6, 2026, at 10:00 AM at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona.

All are warmly invited to attend this sacred celebration of the Mass and to keep John, Matthew, and Walter in prayer as they begin their ministry of service to the Church, proclaiming the Gospel, assisting at the altar, and serving God's people in charity.

**2026 PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY REGISTRATION** 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.**

**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.*

**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!**

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION for May 03, 2026

Grade School (K-6): 10:00-11:15 a.m., for our final class we will be praying the rosary followed by a special surprise treat and promotion to the next grade.



### **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.

**IN CELEBRATION OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIOCESE OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN, ALL THE FAITHFUL ARE INVITED TO A MASS OF THANKSGIVING**

celebrated by Bishop Mark on May 31 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. Priests, deacons, and men and women religious will be in attendance. All parishioners of the diocese are welcome and encouraged to attend the Mass. Anyone interested in being part of the festival choir for the Mass may contact Cathedral Music Director Robert Long by emailing him at [rlong@dioceseaj.org](mailto:rlong@dioceseaj.org).

### MASS FOR WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS TO BE TELEVISED

Remember your loved ones on Sunday, May 24, 2026 with a televised Mass Celebrated by Bishop Mark Bartchak at 11:00 am on WATM ABC 23. All spouses will be acknowledged and remembered at the Mass. All persons who have lost a spouse through death throughout the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to register by contacting the Family Life Office 814-317-2643 or email [familylife@dioceseaj.org](mailto:familylife@dioceseaj.org). When registering, please give your name, address, phone number and the name of your spouse who has passed away. The last day to register is Thursday, May 21, 2026. The event is sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office and the Catholic Ministries Drive. *Please be advised, a special broadcast of a sporting event on WATM ABC 23 may delay this broadcast. All names of loved ones will be seen during Communion.*

**THE MEANING OF MAY CROWNING:** At its simplest, May Crowning is a ritual celebrated in the month of May where an image or statue of Mary is crowned with a wreath of flowers and honored as the Queen of Heaven and the Mother of God. But this simple ceremony carries deep meaning for the Catholic faith. While Mary the Mother of God is revered and celebrated all year long, May is a special month to celebrate the "Queen of Heaven."

May has been Mary's month since the medieval period, when May was considered the end of winter and the start of a new season of growth. It's a time for new beginnings and the chance to begin with gratitude and devotion.

There are many reasons she is considered the "Queen of Heaven." She was a perfect follower of Christ, and so is considered the crown of creation. She is also the Mother of the Son of God, Jesus, who is the King of Israel and the universe. And of course, she is the most important woman of our faith, and our spiritual mother.