



SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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DECEMBER 27, 2020

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: DEC 27 - JAN 03, 2020

SAT., DEC. 26	4:00 PM	FOR THE PEOPLE BY THE PASTOR
SUN., DEC. 27	9:00 AM	FOR WALTER E. CHIHON, JR. BY STELLA CHIHON, GODIN, THOMPSON, & ROY FAMILIES.
MON., DEC. 28	8:00 AM	FOR ROBERT (BOB) RAHM BY RON SHUPIEN
TUE., DEC. 29	6:00 PM	FOR MARY OWEN BY DAN & LANA DELMASTRO

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

VIGIL ON THU., DEC. 31, 6:00 PM-SAINT JOSEPH BELLWOOD

FOR FRED DELGROSSO
BY MARLENE & GERRY HALBEDL

HOLY DAY ON FRI., JAN. 01, 9:00 AM-SAINT MATTHEW TYRONE

SAT., JAN. 02	4:00 PM	FOR GEORGE & DOROTHY WERTZ BY GEORGE & REBECCA WERTZ
SUN., JAN 03	9:00 AM	FOR ART PARTNER BY HIS FAMILY

COMMUNION TIME OUTSIDE OF MASS: Saturday, 5:05 PM, ONLY,
in front of the church.

PLENARY INDULGENCE: Bishop Mark has stated that those impacted during this time are eligible to receive a Plenary Indulgence, which, according to the Catechism, removes the temporal punishment due to sin. The conditions for the Plenary Indulgence include watching a televised Mass, praying the Rosary, the Stations of the Cross or other devotions, or at least reciting the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and a pious invocation to the Blessed Mother, offering this trial in a spirit of faith in God and Charity towards one's brothers and sisters. There must be a true commitment to fulfilling the sacramental obligations of Reconciliation and Eucharist as soon as possible. All are reminded that the Christian faithful are not obliged to participate at Mass on Sunday due to the circumstance of the Coronavirus pandemic. This remains in effect until further notice.

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH
(December 27, 2020)**

Jesus, the Blessed Virgin Mary and Joseph serve as the ultimate example of true discipleship and stewardship. They give without measure. Christian stewards are called to "give thanks to God" as we offer our gifts in the "peace of Christ."

We are called to offer everything we have in faith as an offering to God, in the name of the Lord Jesus. This leads to fruits of love, trust, accountability, and generosity. Good stewards see the evidence of God in all things, small and large.

(Stewardship: A Disciple's Response Response in a Nutshell, Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS, www.4LPi.com)

Can others see the evidence of your good stewardship?

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 desired wedding date; Diocesan-approved marriage preparation course required.

Anointing of the Sick: By request.

Bulletin deadline: The deadline to have information considered for the bulletin is Wednesday at 12:00 NOON 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 JOZEF KOVACIK, PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Stuart Crocker, Michael Hollen, David Schirf, David Schroth, Bridget Shedlock, Janine Schirf, Jessica Wertz, Frank Weyandt

Interested in becoming Catholic? Contact Sr. Linda 814-742-7075 or our RCIA LEADER: Judy Diebold: (814) 944-2317

Schools: St. Joseph Parish supports St. Matthew and Holy Trinity Catholic Schools, and Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School.

PARISH OFFERING	Dec. 14 - Dec. 20, 2020	
Weekly:	\$	1912.00
Holy Day:	\$	490.00
Other:	\$	65.00
Online Donations	\$	1431.12
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$	3898.12

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, that's because what makes a person truly rich is not how much they have but how much they give.

SAINT JOSEPH ONLINE GIVING

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.saintjosephbellwood.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE: Religious Education Classes will not continue in person at St. Joseph parish until Sunday, **January 17**. If Bellwood Antis School resumes classes on January 11, we will simply start the Sunday after the return to School. (Please follow us on our Web page or on Face Book)

PLEASE DO YOUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES AT HOME WITH THE WRITTEN REFLECTION EACH SUNDAY AND KEEP UP WITH YOUR WORK. Everyone was given their lessons for home schooling before the Thanksgiving vacation.

REMINDER: RECONCILIATION CERTIFICATES FOR THE 2ND GRADERS are available on the table near the elevator entrance. If you are unable to pick them up after Mass, please call the church office at 742-7075 to arrange a time to stop by.

Due to the current Covid-19 Pandemic, the Knights of Columbus will not be sponsoring the Annual Bowling Party on Martin Luther King Day.

Holy Family Luke 2:22-40

The gospel today shows Mary and Joseph weren't 'perfect' parents. If you have ever been 'amazed' and 'astonished' at what came out of your child's mouth, then you are in good company. If there were times you 'didn't understand' your children or felt 'anxious' about their behavior so did Mary and Joseph. Parenting is tough but it is also the stuff of holiness.

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"Hope" by Maryknoll Father James Keller (1900 - 1977)

- Hope looks for the good in people instead of harping on the worst.
- Hope opens doors where despair closes them.
- Hope draws its power from a deep trust in God and the basic goodness of human nature.
- Hope "lights a candle" instead of "cursing the darkness."
- Hope regards problems, small or large, as opportunities.
- Hope pushes ahead when it would be easy to quit.
- Hope is a good loser because it has the divine assurance of final victory.

Christopher News Notes 12 East 48th St. New York, NY 10017
<https://www.praythefilm.com/>

THANK YOU TO THOSE GENEROUS PARISHIONERS OF SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH WHO HAVE HELPED US MEET OUR DIOCESAN GOAL OF \$19,083.00 FOR THE 2020 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES!

If you have not yet returned your gift, it is not too late. Donations must be postmarked by Dec. 31, 2020, in order to qualify for this year. Remember, all donations over our Diocesan goal are sent, assessment free, back to OUR parish. Thank you again for your generosity and support.

U.S. BISHOP CHAIRMEN FOR PRO-LIFE AND DOCTRINE ADDRESS ETHICAL CONCERNS ON THE NEW COVID-19 VACCINES

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

WASHINGTON- On December 14, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Doctrine, and Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities, issued a statement on the new COVID-19 vaccines. In their statement, the bishops address the moral concerns raised by the fact that the three vaccines that appear to be ready for distribution in the United States all have some connection to cell lines that originated with tissue taken from abortions.

With regard to the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, they concluded:

"In view of the gravity of the current pandemic and the lack of availability of alternative vaccines, the reasons to accept the new COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna are sufficiently serious to justify their use, despite their remote connection to morally compromised cell lines.

"Receiving one of the COVID-19 vaccines ought to be understood as an act of charity toward the other members of our community. In this way, being vaccinated safely against COVID-19 should be considered an act of love of our neighbor and part of our moral responsibility for the common good."

With regard to the AstraZeneca vaccine, the bishops found it to be "more morally compromised" and consequently concluded that this vaccine "should be avoided" if there are alternatives available. "It may turn out, however, that one does not really have a choice of vaccine, at least, not without a lengthy delay in immunization that may have serious consequences for one's health and the health of others," the bishop chairmen stated. "In such a case ... it would be permissible to accept the AstraZeneca vaccine."

At the same time, the bishops also warned that Catholics "must be on guard so that the new COVID-19 vaccines do not desensitize us or weaken our determination to oppose the evil of abortion itself and the subsequent use of fetal cells in research."

The full statement from the bishop chairmen may be found at <https://www.usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines>