



January 07, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: JAN 06-14, 2024

SAT, JAN 06	4:00 PM	FOR THE PEOPLE BY THE PASTOR
SUN, JAN 07	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF CATHERINE ROSSI BY ABBEY & TESSA CRIDER
MON, JAN 08	9:00 AM	FOR HELEN ROSSI BY THE CARL CRIDER FAMILY
TUE, JAN 09	6:00 PM	FOR TIM KRAFT BY CYNTHIA JAIME
WED, JAN 10	7:30 AM	HOLY HOUR WITH COMMUNION
SAT, JAN 13	4:00 PM	FOR RESPECT LIFE BY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
SUN, JAN 14	9:00 AM	FOR JOHN, NORMA, & CODY BELIN BY THEIR FAMILY

MASS INTENTION SCHEDULING: Weekend Mass intention requests are limited to **3 masses for the deceased, per year.** Weekday Mass intention requests are limited to **3 masses for the deceased, per requestor, per year.** Please keep in mind that we schedule as we receive mass intentions 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.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Saturday, Jan 13, 4:00 PM:

LECTORS: Sr. Linda-1st Reader, T. Evanskey-2nd Reader, P. Wills-Introduction & Intercession
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: J. Steinbauer-Host, M. Kissell & M. Riggle-Cup
ALTAR SERVERS: T. Smith

Sunday, Jan 14, 9:00 AM:

LECTORS: N. Lovrich-1st Reader, G. Finn-2nd Reader, S. Shaulis-Introduction & Intercession
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: A. Lovrich-Host, J. Chestney & T. Belis-Cup
ALTAR SERVERS: S. Caldwell & K. Shanafelt
HOSPITALITY: T. Carosielli, D. Cole, T. DelMastro, M. Kowalski

LOTTERY CALENDAR WINNERS

Dec. 25th:	866	\$200	Jack Carns
Dec. 26th:	990	\$25	Linda Sollenberger
Dec. 27th:	152	\$25	Vince Risteter
Dec. 28th:	937	\$25	Theresa Martin
Dec. 29th:	091	\$25	Larry Farber
Dec. 30th:	127	calendar not sold	
Dec. 31st:	896	\$50	Sandra Schandelmeier

ST. JOSEPH PARISH WELCOMES ITS NEWEST MEMBERS WHO WERE BAPTIZED THIS PAST YEAR:

Maverick Romulus Steinbauer - baptized February 12, 2023
Cecilia Patrice Grace Shedlock - baptized February 12, 2023
Aspen Ann Eger - baptized July 9, 2023
Maria Catherine Hallahan - baptized October 1, 2023
Sadie Elizabeth Reckner, baptized on December 16, 2023
Isaac Francis Crabtree, baptized on December 30, 2023
Benjamin Hayes Crabtree - baptized December 30, 2023

2024 CONTRIBUTION TAX STATEMENTS will be available from the Parish Office starting Thursday, January 11. Please call Alison at 814-742-7075, email abishopamato@dioceseaj.org, or drop a note in the collection basket. Be sure to specify if you would like your statement mailed or emailed (indicate current email address) to you.

The Epiphany 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, PARISH ADMINISTRATOR
Church Office at St. Joseph's: (814) 742-7075
Church Office at St. Matthew's: (814) 684-1480

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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
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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
Stuart Crocker, Peter Gardella, Jr., Filomena Long,, Barbara Paranych, Janine Schirf, , Dominic Tornatore, Jessica Steinbauer, Christopher Wagner, Rebecca Wertz

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.

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING	Dec 25-Dec 30, 2023
Weekly (Sunday) Collection Goal	\$ 5,500.00
Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection:	\$ 1,686.00
Other: (Holy Days, Diocesan Collections, etc.)	\$ 686.00
Weekly Online Donations:	\$ 1,455.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:	\$ 3,827.00
2023 Catholic Ministries Drive Target	\$ 18,910.00
CMD Donations to date for 2023:	\$ 38,779.81

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- ◆ Parish Council Meeting - Mon., Jan. 8, at 6:30 pm.
- ◆ Fundraising Committee Meeting - Tue., Jan. 30, at 6:30 p.m.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION CLASSES FOR THOSE PREPARING TO BECOME CATHOLIC will resume on Tuesday, January 9, at 2:15 p.m. in the Chapel area.

ADULT ENRICHMENT CLASS -An Adult Enrichment Class on "Into His likeness," with video presentations by Edward Sri, will be offered each Friday of Lent following the Stations of the Cross.

LENTEN FAITH SHARING GROUPS WILL ONCE AGAIN MEET DURING THE LENTEN SEASON. Please contact Sr, Linda if you are willing to serve as a facilitator, providing a day of the week and a time.

TAKING DOWN CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS - We will take down the Christmas Decorations on Tuesday evening, January 9, following the 6:00 p.m. Mass. Volunteers are welcome to help.

MANY THANK YOU'S

- * **THANK YOU**, Beth Rossi and members of the Saint Joseph Singers, for the beautiful music throughout the Christmas Season and for our weekly Sunday worship. You help us pray and worship as well as lift our hearts to God.
- * **THANK YOU**, Bob Whiteford for the Beautiful Christmas manger and the outside decorations. So Beautiful.
- * **THANK YOU TO ALL OF THOSE WHO ASSISTED WITH THE DECORATING OF THE CHURCH.** It was simply beautiful!
- * **THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO COME EACH WEEK TO CLEAN THE CHURCH.** We are so proud of our clean church.
- * **THANK YOU TO ALL THE CHILDREN WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL ON CHRISTMAS EVE.** You will help us to always remember our Story for you brought it to life for us.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM SR. LINDA - Sr. Linda would like to extend her gratitude for the many greeting cards and gifts. I am so grateful and promise to remember you in my prayer.

PARISH ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS DINNER

Saint Joseph Church invites you to be our guest for an evening of food and fellowship: **Monday, January 15, 2024, 6:00 pm, at Marzoni's in Greenwood.** Buffet Style Dinner* with your choice of:

- Stuffed Shells w/Meatball
- Chicken Parmesan w/Spaghetti
- Beef Pot Roast

*meals include garden salad, breadsticks, & non-alcoholic beverages

Please RSVP by Monday, January 8, 2024! Be sure to let us know how many will be attending along with your dinner selection: **Sign-up sheets are posted at each entrance of the church** or you can call the office at 814-742-7075 or email Alison at abishopamato@dioceseaj.org.

HEALING MASS: Holy Spirit Ministry will hold a special Healing Mass on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 7 pm, at St. Michael Church, Hollidaysburg. This powerful night of hope and healing is for all who are suffering physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Fr. Brad Baldwin TOR will be the main celebrant. Praise and worship will precede the Mass at 6:30pm and prayer ministry will follow the Mass. If you are suffering physically, or from an addiction, or hurting or struggling in any way, come and experience the healing power of Jesus and be set free! All are welcome!

Grace Lutheran Church
114 N. Cambria Street
Bellwood, PA
Any questions,
please call Janice Endress at
814-742-7416

Grace's Closet Clothing Give-Away
2nd Saturday of every month.
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024

Grade School (K-6): 10:00-11:15 a.m. ***2nd Grade does not have Religious Education since they have the retreat at St. Matthew's.**

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

PARENT-CHILD RETREAT FOR 2ND GRADERS WITH THEIR PARENTS, SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 11:30 - 1:00 P.M. at St. Matthew Parish. This retreat is for both St. Joseph and St. Matthew's and will be held in the Parish hall. ***2nd Grade Students do not have Religious Education on this Sunday, Jan. 7.***

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING - A training session will be held on Sunday, January 21, at 10:00 a.m. for anyone interested in becoming an Altar Server. Students can be male or female, or an adult. Youth should at least be in 4th Grade.

THE SCRIP PROGRAM {NOW KNOWN AS RAISERIGHT} has resulted in average fundraising revenue of about \$2,000 a year for Saint Joseph Parish. This amount has been reached with only about 10-12 families from the Parish participating regularly.

How much better could we do if we could get to the point where even 25% of our Parish families were participating regularly.

Order this week and pick up next week. Spend nothing that you weren't going to anyway. Simple and effective ...



On Monday, January 15, 2024, the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a bowling and pizza party at the Bavarian Hall for K-12 students from the St. Joseph and St. Matthew Parishes as well as a guest from 1-3 pm. Please sign up either in the back of the church or side room of St. Joseph or sign up in the gathering room of St. Matthew.

WE ARE ENCOURAGING OUR GRADE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE ALONG WITH THEIR PARENTS.

THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE MARCH ...

SUNDAY JANUARY 14, 2024 - 12:00 NOON

We will begin at 12:00 noon with a Prayer Service in at St. Matthew Church in Tyrone. We then walk the 1.25 miles to Oak Grove Cemetery to the grave of Baby Agnes Doe, for another short prayer service. A hot luncheon will be served in the parish hall after the march. You are encouraged to bring a sign. If you are unable to walk this distance, please feel free to join in by driving at the end of the procession.

Sponsored by the St. Gregory Council #1218 Knights of Columbus

If you need any further information call: Jack Wagner 814-632-6719
Or email: jjwagner@gmail.com

January 7, 2024 – The Baptism of the Lord

Our Christmas season concludes with the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus was not baptized because He needed to repent – rather, He was revealing who He is and what He came to do. By submitting to the baptism of John, He affirmed His humanity, revealed His divinity as the Son of God, and signaled His mission to save man from sin.

Although Jesus' baptism was just the beginning of His ministry, it revealed all that He came to accomplish. And it is from His mission that we can receive the Sacrament of Baptism – the moment we become adopted sons and daughters of God. From that moment, we belong to Christ – we become His stewards. Our lives should be a reflection of this relationship. The way we live and act should reveal Whose we are. Our readings today call us to reflect on what it means to be a Christian steward – to belong to Christ.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord today, let us reflect on what it means to be a son or daughter of God. Let us resolve with conviction to make God the King of our hearts, live by His commands, and share with Him our time and gifts. Let us pray that our lives might be a reflection of our relationship with Christ.