



January 21, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: JAN 20-28, 2024

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| SAT, JAN 20 4:00 PM | FOR THE PEOPLE BY PASTOR |
| SUN, JAN 21 9:00 AM | FOR SANDRA & MICHAEL KATCHMER BY SISTER LINDA LAMAGNA |
| MON, JAN 22 | NO MASS |
| TUE, JAN 23 6:00 PM | FOR HELEN ROSSI BY THE SCHIRF FAMILY |
| WED, JAN 24 7:30 AM | HOLY HOUR WITH COMMUNION |
| SAT, JAN 27 4:00 PM | FOR JOHN KIENZLE, JR. BY MAXINE COVER |
| SUN, JAN 28 9:00 AM | FOR THE PEOPLE BY THE PASTOR |

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 27, 4:00 PM:

LECTORS: T. Evanskey-1st Reader, P. Wills-2nd Reader, M. Riggle-Introduction & Intercession
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: M. Kissell-Host, J. Lovrich & J. Shelow-Cup
ALTAR SERVERS: T. Smith
HOSPITALITY: A. Bucher, D. Kissell, N. Lovrich, Sr., B. Risbon

Sunday, Jan 28, 9:00 AM:

LECTORS: G. Finn-1st Reader, V. Cacciotti-2nd Reader, T. Finn-Introduction & Intercession
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: J. Chestney-Host, T. Belis & B. Shedlock-Cup
ALTAR SERVERS: K. Shanafelt & C. Shedlock
HOSPITALITY: T. Carosielli, D. Cole, T. DelMastro, M. Kowalski

2024 CONTRIBUTION TAX STATEMENTS are available from the Parish Office. 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.

January 21, 2024 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our readings today call us to be decisive in our faith. God calls us as stewards to repent and renew our commitment to Him each day. In our First Reading, God instructs the prophet Jonah to travel through the city of Nineveh and warns the people that the city would be destroyed due to their evil ways. When the people of Nineveh heard this, they declared a fast in repentance. The Lord saw this and had compassion for them. Every moment is an opportunity to either grow closer to God or further away from Him.

Our Gospel today shares Mark's account of Jesus calling His first disciples. In his account, Jesus approaches Simon and Andrew, and later, James and John. These four men were fishermen, casting their nets. Jesus states, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." In both instances, the men immediately abandoned what was before them and followed Christ.

As we settle into this New Year, let us ponder the ways we can repent and renew our commitment to God. Let us ask ourselves, what are we casting our nets for? And are we willing to leave it behind for something much greater? If not now, when?

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
DRE: SR. LINDA LAMAGNA
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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 | Jan 8-Jan 14, 2024 |
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| <i>Weekly (Sunday) Collection Goal</i> | \$ 5,500.00 |
| Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection: | \$ 2,373.00 |
| Other: (Holy Days, Diocesan Collections, etc.) | \$ 496.00 |
| Weekly Online Donations: | \$ 570.00 |
| TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION: | \$ 3,439.00 |
| <i>2023 Catholic Ministries Drive Target</i> | \$ 18,910.00 |
| Final CMD Donations for 2023: | \$ 47,420.56 |

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

- ◆ **Fundraising Committee Meeting** - Tue., Jan. 30, at 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Finance Council Meeting** - Mon., Feb. 05, at 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Pastoral Council Meeting** - Mon, Feb. 12, at 6:30 p.m.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of our parishioner Dolores Schirf who passed away on Wednesday, January 17, 2024. May our good gracious God grant her eternal peace and happiness in His kingdom and her loved ones comfort and strength.

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.

CDA COURT SAINT RITA #523 FROM TYRONE IS SPONSORING A CHARTERED BUS TRIP TO SIGHT AND SOUND THEATER to see Daniel in Lancaster. The trip is scheduled for Thursday, April 25th. Departure time will be 7 a.m. from The Bull Pen in Tyrone. Other possible pick ups will be at Lowe's in Altoona at 6:30 a.m. and Home Depot in State College at 7:45 a.m. We will arrive back in Tyrone around 8:30 p.m. The cost for the trip, including transportation and the show is **\$175**. Meals will be on your own. Show time is 11 a.m. We will stop for dinner around 4 p.m. at Hoss's in Lewistown. Call, text, or email Amy Brisbin at 814-931-4702, amybrisbin@gmail.com. Please respond by **February 28th**. **Payments by check to "CDA" will be due on March 6th**. Send to Amy Brisbin, St. Matthew Catholic Church 1105 Cameron Avenue, Tyrone, PA 16686.

Franciscan Friars, TOR Lenten Series at St. Bernardine Monastery: Wednesdays Feb 21, 28, March 6, 13:

Although we may still be recovering from the celebration of Christmas, Lent is quickly approaching. During these weeks, the Church and the Scriptures for the season invite us back into the desert--a place of quiet--to simplify our lives so we can deepen our relationship with God and one another and grow in the awareness that only God can satisfy our deepest hungers. Join the Franciscan Friars for four weeks of Lenten Reflections, beginning on Wed., Feb. 21. Through reflection, prayer, and fellowship we will journey together towards the abundant life of Easter!

The first 30 registrants will be assigned to the Daytime Lenten Reflections which will begin at 10:00 AM and include a Lenten reflection, the celebration of Holy Mass, and lunch with the friars. This workshop will be \$20 per class or \$60 for the four-week series. If there is enough demand, we will host Evening Lenten Reflections which will begin at 6:30 PM and include a Lenten reflection and a prayer service. The evening class will be \$10 per class or \$30 for the four-week series. All classes will be held at St. Bernardine Monastery, 768 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg. To register for the workshop, please send your payment to: Franciscan Friars, TOR, PO Box 139, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648. For questions, please call 814-695-3802. We look forward to seeing you!

SAVE THE DATE
Come hear Author and Speaker
DR. EDWARD SRI

Friday, April 19, 2024 (For College Students)

Saturday, April 20, 2024

Mount Aloysius College
Athletic Convocation & Wellness Center
7373 Admiral Peary Hwy, Cresson, PA 16630
More information to come.

Dr. Edward Sri is a theologian, author and well-known speaker who presents to tens of thousands of people around the world each year. He has written several best-selling books, including *No Greater Love*; *Who Am I to Judge?*; and *Walking with Mary*. He is the presenter of several faith formation programs used by thousands of parishes, including the celebrated film series *Symbolism: The Catholic Faith Explained*. With Curtis Martin, he is a co-founder of FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) and currently serves as Sr. Vice President of Apostolic Outreach. Dr. Sri leads pilgrimages to Rome and the Holy Land each year and is the host of the acclaimed podcast *All Things Catholic*. His latest book is *The Art of Living: The Cardinal Virtues and the Freedom to Love*. He and his wife Elizabeth are blessed with eight children and resides in Littleton, Colorado.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024

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

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

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 ...

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - Parent Meeting for our Grade and High School Religious Education Programs and special events:

- **PENANCE SERVICE WITH CONFESSION FOR GRADE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS** - Sunday, February 18, at 5:00 p.m. in the Church.
- **FIRST CONFESSION FOR 2ND GRADE STUDENTS** - Saturday, February 24, 10:00 a.m.
- **PARENT RETREAT FOR SECOND GRADERS AND THEIR PARENTS FOR FIRST COMMUNION** - March 3, 11:30 - 1:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church Hall.
- **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** for 11th Grade Students - Tuesday, April 2, 7:00 p.m. at the **Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament**.
- **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FOR 2ND GRADE STUDENTS** - Saturday, April 13, at the 4:00 p.m. Mass

Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Charitable Gifts of Stock

(Please consult your financial advisor to determine your specific benefits.) To make charitable gifts of stock to your parish or diocesan ministry within the Diocese of Altoona- Johnstown, please share this information with your broker. Complete and sign any documents as required by your broker. Communicate your contact information (stock name, number of shares, and date of the transfer and special restrictions) to the Diocese's Development Director to ensure that your gift is allocated to the specific parish, school or Diocesan ministry of your choice: Heather Foor, Director of Stewardship and Development Office: 814.695.5579 Direct: 814.317.2604 Email: hfoor@dioceseaj.org

The Diocesan Development office will promptly issue a gift substantiation letter as soon as our broker communicates the transfer details. Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc. Altoona PA, administers the Diocese's account.

DTC No: 0793 / Account Number: VW81 5600-9287

Name/Address: Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc., 180 Charlotte Drive, Suite 100, Altoona, PA 16601, Toll-Free: 1.800.533.6401

Local, Karen Schraff: 814.941.6070

Account Name: The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, 2713 West Chestnut Avenue Altoona, PA 16601, 814.695.5579

Tax EIN: 23-1533889

For a gift of mutual fund shares, please contact your mutual fund company for instructions on how shares may be issued in the name of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. Thank you for your continued support of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.

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