



January 28, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: JAN 27- FEB 04, 2024

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
MON, JAN 29	8:00 AM	FOR TIM KRAFT BY CYNTHIA JAIME
TUE, JAN 30	6:00 PM	FOR KAY PFALER BY VICKI HAMER
WED, JAN 31	7:30 AM	HOLY HOUR WITH COMMUNION
SAT, FEB 03	4:00 PM	FOR ROBERT AKINS BY GEORGE & REBECCA WERTZ
SUN, FEB 04	9:00 AM	FOR HELEN ROSSI BY PAT PARTNER & 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, Feb 03, 4:00 PM:

LECTORS: A. Bucher-1st Reader, T. Evanskey-2nd Reader, B. Pennington-Introduction & Intercession

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: J. Lovrich-Host, M. Riggle & T. Hoffer-Cup

ALTAR SERVERS: A. Bucher & T. Smith

HOSPITALITY: J. Genesi, S. Genesi, D. Kissell, N. Lovrich, Sr.

Sunday, Feb 04, 9:00 AM:

LECTORS: S. Shaulis-1st Reader, A. Amato-2nd Reader, C. Shanafelt-Introduction & Intercession

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: T. Belis-Host, T. Colabove & B. Paranich-Cup

ALTAR SERVERS: E. Caldwell & S. Caldwell

HOSPITALITY: J. Chestney, B. DelGrosso, E. Hunter, W. Rossi

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 28, 2024 – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Our readings today remind us of God’s authority. If we willingly give God authority over our lives and trust in His provision, He will take care of us no matter what. Our Gospel today reminds us why we want to give God this authority. Jesus was teaching in the synagogue on the Sabbath. All were fixed on His words and astonished at what He had to say. Suddenly everyone’s attention shifted to a man with an unclean spirit who began to question Jesus and His authority. Jesus responded, “Quiet, come out of him!” and removed the evil spirit from the man. All were amazed at the healing of this man. Life can sometimes look like the synagogue in Capernaum. We are living as disciples of Christ, when we suddenly recognize evil around us – through events in our lives, temptations we are enduring, or by falling into sin. It can distract us, consume our attention, or even cause us to despair. In these moments of trial, we must remember the Healer in our Gospel today. Recall His words, “Quiet, come out of him!” Jesus has the power and authority over evil, for He has conquered sin and death. He also has the power and authority over us. And when we invite Him to have the authority, He will heal us and help us persevere. Today, we are reminded that God is in control and that we want Him to be in control. He is the loving Healer that will work miracles in our lives if we give Him the authority to do so.

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

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

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PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Stuart Crocker, Peter Gardella, Jr., Filomena Long,, Barbara Paranich, 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 15-Jan 21, 2024
<i>Weekly (Sunday) Collection Goal</i>	\$ 5,500.00
Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection:	\$ 2,527.00
Other: (Holy Days, Diocesan Collections, etc.)	\$ 8,781.75
Weekly Online Donations:	\$ 1,980.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:	\$ 13,288.75
<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.

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, beginning February 16.

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. **Faith Sharing Sessions will begin the week of February 11.**

MEN'S CONFERENCE

Register today for the 2024 Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown **STRENGTH IN CHRIST** men's conference on March 3 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Mount Aloysius College in Cresson. The theme is *J2J: Journey to Jesus*. Nationally recognized speaker and musician Cooper Ray will be the keynote presenter. Father Michael Pleva and Father Brian Norris will also share their incredible faith journeys. Also, a great panel discussion with six Catholic men from throughout the diocese sure to inspire guys on their faith journey. The day includes lunch and Mass at 5:00 p.m. with Bishop Mark. There is no cost. Seating is limited, so register before February 23 online at dioceseaj.org or pick up a hard copy registration form at any parish.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC CONFERENCE FOR WOMEN

The Annual Catholic Conference for Women will be held on Saturday, February 17th, 2024, at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in State College. Johnette Williams, speaker, author and EWTN Host will be the featured speaker. Mass will be held followed by the Conference from 9:00 AM till 4:00 P.M. Registration fee is \$30 and includes a light breakfast and lunch. On Friday, February 16th there will be a free parish-wide talk from 7:00 PM till 8:00 PM in the Church following Stations of the Cross at 6:30 P.M. To register contact Melanie Smith at melanie.yonushonis@gmail.com or scan the QR code on the bulletin posters. Walk-ins welcome!

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.

BUS TRIP TO THE MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE, DC - Wednesday, April 17, 2024 - \$115 (Adult and Ages 11+) and \$99 (Child 4-10) - Price includes: Transportation, Admission & Dinner. Museum of the Bible invites all people to explore the narrative and history of the Bible and it's impact on the world. The restaurant and gift shop (10% discount) will be open. To reserve your seat or if you have any questions, please contact Robyn Murphy (814-931-5683) or Diane O'Leary (814-935-2114) The deadline for reservations is February 25, 2024. Must have 24 for trip. Make checks payable to Freedom Excursions.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024

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

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING - The training session for anyone interested in becoming an Altar Server has been rescheduled for Sunday, February 4, at 10:00 a.m. Students can be male or female, or an adult. Youth should at least be in 4th Grade.

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

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 ...

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Suicide Bereavement Support Group

for those who have lost a loved one to suicide

Meeting Time & Location:

1st & 3rd Wednesday of Each Month
6:00- 7:00 pm
UPMC WBHA, 500 E. Chestnut Ave., Altoona

No registration required.

For more information, please contact:

Bill Yon, Behavioral Health Therapist
UPMC WBHA, Adult Community Health Center
814-940-7476 or Mary Jo McConnell, Survivor of Loss
in Altoona - (330) 875-1974

*If you have an immediate crisis, please call one of the following:
Altoona Crisis Center, 814-889-2141
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 1-800-273-8255*

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THE HEALING PATCH-a peer support program based in Altoona and Ebensburg, designed specifically for children and their families who have suffered the death of a loved one, such as a parent, sibling, grandparent, or close family member: [https:// www.homenursingagency.com/services/childrenservices/healing-patch](https://www.homenursingagency.com/services/childrenservices/healing-patch)