



February 11, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: FEB 10-FEB 18, 2024

SAT, FEB 10	4:00 PM	FOR THE PEOPLE BY THE PASTOR
SUN, FEB 11	9:00 AM	FOR THE ST. JOSEPH PARISH ASSOCIATION BY THE ROSSI FAMILY
MON, FEB 12	8:00 AM	NO MASS
TUE, FEB 13	6:00 PM	FOR RAYMOND DIEBOLD BY JUDY DIEBOLD
WED, FEB 14	ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES (NO HOLY HOUR)	
	8:00 AM	ST. JOSEPH, BELLWOOD
	9:00 AM	ST. MATTHEW, TYRONE
	12:00 PM	ST. JOSEPH, BELLWOOD (SERVICE W/ ASHES)
	12:00 PM	ST. MATTHEW, TYRONE (SERVICE W/ ASHES)
	6:00 PM	ST. JOSEPH, BELLWOOD
	7:00 PM	ST. MATTHEW, TYRONE
SAT, FEB 17	4:00 PM	FOR DOLORES SCHIRF BY DONALD & DARLENE SCHIRF
SUN, FEB 18	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, Feb 17, 4:00 PM:

LECTORS: P. Wills-1st Reader, A. Bucher-2nd Reader, T. Bucher-Introduction & Intercession
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: T. Hoffer-Host, J. Lovrich & Sr. Linda-Cup
ALTAR SERVERS: A. Bucher & T. Smith
HOSPITALITY: J. Genesi, S. Genesi, D. Kissell, N. Lovrich, Sr.

Sunday, Feb 18, 9:00 AM:

LECTORS: G. Finn-1st Reader, B. Paranich-2nd Reader, L. Krug-Introduction & Intercession
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: P. Krug-Host, B. Shedlock & T. Belis-Cup
ALTAR SERVERS: C. Shedlock & Volunteer Needed
HOSPITALITY: J. Chestney, B. DelGrosso, E. Hunter, W. Rossi

Stewardship Reflections: February 11, 2024 – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our readings today prepare us for the penitential season of Lent that we are about to enter. They call us to consider what our Lenten journey might be like – an opportunity to be healed and cleansed on our journey as disciples of Christ. Our First Reading and our Gospel are tied closely together. In the book of Leviticus, the Lord tells Moses and Aaron in regard to a person with leprosy that “As long as the sore is on him, he shall declare himself unclean... He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp.”

Let us approach this holy season of Lent like the leper. We are filled with sores and wounds – namely, our sins. By our faults, we have distanced ourselves from God and His community. The leper reminds us Who to go to so that we might be healed. Let us approach the Lord this season on our knees asking for forgiveness and healing from our offenses, saying, “If you wish, you can make me clean.” There is no doubt that, if we have a contrite heart, Jesus will stretch out His hand in forgiveness and His mercy will touch our lives.

Let us approach this holy season of Lent as an opportunity to be healed and cleansed. As we prepare for Ash Wednesday this week, reflect on the sores and wounds that we can bring to the Lord during this season. He is ready to stretch out His hand to heal us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. And let us consider what we can do to offer acts of reparation so that we might be purified and one day partake in the resurrection of Christ.

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING	Jan 29-Feb 04, 2024	
Weekly (Sunday) Collection Goal	\$	5,500.00
Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection:	\$	3,266.00
Other: (Holy Days, Diocesan Collections, etc.)	\$	385.00
Weekly Online Donations:	\$	1,525.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTION:	\$	5,176.00
2023 Catholic Ministries Drive Target	\$	\$19,753.00
CMD Donations for 2024:	\$	----

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

Sixth 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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SR. LINDA LAMAGNA, CCW, PASTORAL MINISTER
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
DRE: SR. LINDA LAMAGNA
Religious Education Office and Hall: (814) 742-7894
Church: (814) 742-7075
Email: llamagna@dioceseaj.org

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.

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.

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 ...

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- ◆ Pastoral Council Meeting - Mon, Feb. 12, at 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Parish Penance Service - Sun., Feb. 25, at 5:00 p.m.

ADULT ENRICHMENT CLASS - Our Adult Enrichment class has changed its topic to Meeting Jesus in The Gospel of John, and will be held each Friday evening of Lent, beginning February 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall. Please bring your Bibles and begin to read the Gospel of John.

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.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed each Friday of Lent at 6:00 p.m. in the Church.

THE COUNCIL OF CHURCHES WILL BE SPONSORING THEIR LENTEN WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES WITH VARIOUS SPEAKERS, beginning Wednesday, February 21. The schedule will be printed in next week's bulletin.

LENTEN BOOKLETS - St. Joseph Parish is providing Lenten booklets for each family to assist with your Lenten journey. Copies can be picked up at each entrance of the church.

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH IS HAVING A SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER ON MAY 19, 2024. Time to be announced. This fundraiser is to support our efforts to replace our Church Roof.

We will be raffling off a generously donated wooden fence planter on which gift cards will be attached. We are asking our parishioners to consider donating either a gift card of your choice or a cash donation to be used to purchase gift cards.

To further support our parish, please consider ordering the gift card to donate through our SCRIP program. By doing this, we will be doubly blessed; we will raise money through the raffle as well as earn money back on every gift card ordered through the parish SCRIP program.

A donation envelope will be attached to the bulletin soon for donations. Also, a representative is always present before/after mass to buy a card to donate using SCRIP (**and to purchase gift cards for your own use.**)

Once we have the planter set up with the gift cards, we will begin selling the raffle tickets ahead of the Spaghetti Dinner.

Thank you for all of your support, *The Fundraising Committee.*

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.

A DAY AWAY TO REFLECT: 2024 LENTEN WOMEN'S RETREAT

Communing with Jesus in the Eucharist

Saturday, March 16, 2024

8:30 AM--- 12:00 PM

Church of the Good Shepherd

867 Gray's Woods Blvd, Port Matilda, PA 16870

Register by emailing Amy Timan

atiman@dioceseaj.org

Join in the Eucharistic Revival, spend a day away from your routine to commune with Jesus. Through presentations, adoration, small group discussions and private prayer you will renew your relationship with our Lord.

Facilitator, Karen Blaisdell

#iGiveCatholic is looking for a new PROGRAM MANAGER!

Candidate should have great customer service skills, experience in communications or fundraising, and ease working online with a variety of apps and programs. Strong preference for someone who has administered an [#iGiveCatholic](https://www.givecatholic.com/) campaign either for a diocese or an organization.

Visit bit.ly/igc-apply for the full job description. #CatholicJobs #RemoteWork #Generosity #GiveBackGiveCatholic

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: SUNDAY, February 11, 2024

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

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE FOR GRADE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, PARENTS AND PARISHIONERS will be held on **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, AT 5:00 P.M.** in the Church. We hope, since Father Michael has several priests coming to assist with Confessions, that everyone will participate. **(*Please note the date change from the Religious Ed schedule distributed at the beginning of the school year)**

FIRST CONFESSION FOR OUR SECOND GRADE STUDENTS - The Second-Grade class will celebrate their First Confession on Saturday, February 24, at 10:00 a.m. in the Church. A Light reception for the children and their families will be provided in the Church Social Hall following their Confessions.

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

- **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

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. Johnnette 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](https://www.danielmovie.com/) 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, amylbrisbin@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.

LEN TEN FISH FRY

FRIDAYS

FEB. 16 | FEB. 23 | MAR. 8 | MAR. 15

5:00 - 6:30 PM

HARKIN'S HALL

\$13 PER MEAL / \$7 FOR CHILD'S

ALL FISH DINNERS INCLUDE

MAC 'N' CHEESE, COLE SLAW OR APPLESAUCE STEWED TOMATOES

ROLL

DESSERT



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ST. GREGORY COUNCIL, # 1218

Saint Matthew Roman Catholic Church - Tyrone, PA



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.