

### **UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

**May 6** - Spring Fling after 4:00 Mass  
**May 7** - Mass of Anointing - 2:00PM  
**May 13/14** - Second Sunday Food Collection  
**May 14** - May Crowning at 11:00 Mass  
**May 21** - Scam & Fraud Protection Program - 4:00 PM  
**May 27** - Love Feast  
**May 28** - Summer Schedule begins with Sunday Masses at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM  
**June 11** - Chicken Barbecue  
**July 23** - Parish Picnic

### **APPOINTMENTS**

#### **ACOLYTES:**

Sat. May 6 - 4:00 PM - Kelsey & Ryan Donoughe  
Sun. May 7 - 8:00 AM - Mai Linh Do, Nate Rudolph  
Sun. May 7 - 11:00 AM - Amber Yasolsky, Kaelab Ruggles  
Sun. May 7 - 2:00 PM - David Auerbeck, Sarah Geishauser

#### **LECTORS:**

Sat. May 6 - 4:00 PM - Matt Michelone, Maria Spayd  
Sun. May 7 - 8:00 AM - Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky  
Sun. May 7 - 11:00 AM - Barbara Bundy, Jim Campbell  
Sun. May 7 - 2:00 PM - Paul Dennis, Mary Petrak

#### **EUCARISTIC MINISTERS**

Sat. May 6 - 4:00 PM - Joyce Cunningham, Connie Baker  
Sun. May 7 - 8:00 AM - Cora Bacon, Fran Semelsberger  
Sun. May 7 - 11:00 AM - Pam Klobuka, Joseph Klobuka,  
Ginger Cooney, Susanna Tomlinson, Paula Adams, Ken Gorman  
Sun. May 7 - 2:00 PM - not filled

#### **MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:**

Sat. May 6 - 4:00 PM - John Lloyd, Betsy Lloyd, Heather Nackley,  
Dorothy Yingling  
Sun. May 7 - 8:00 AM - Jane Becker, John Becker, Helen Miller,  
Ed Stoltz  
Sun. May 7 - 11:00 AM - Walter Bloom, Marilyn Bevan,  
Anna Podoletz, Patrick Podoletz  
Sun. May 7 - 2:00 PM - Coleen Langguth, David Langguth,  
Mary Truesdale, Ginny Reeder

#### **SACRISTAN:**

Sat. May 6 - 4:00 PM - Ron & Joyce Cunningham  
Sun. May 7 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci  
Sun. May 7 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan  
Sun. May 7 - 2:00 PM - Michele DeFrancisco

### **WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE:**

**MONDAY•TUESDAY•THURSDAY•FRIDAY: 8:30AM**  
**WEDNESDAY: 6:00PM**  
**SATURDAY: 4:00PM • SUNDAY: 8:00AM•11:00AM**



**APRIL 30, 2017**  
**THIRD SUNDAY**  
**OF EASTER**  
**ST. JOHN THE**  
**EVANGELIST CHURCH**  
**309 LOTZ AVENUE**  
**814-942-5503**

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## A Few Words from the Pastor:

**Congratulations to our First Communicants!** - We rejoice with the children making their first communion this weekend, and express our gratitude to our catechists which have done so well in preparing them for their special day!

**Clergy Conference this Week** – The clergy of the diocese will be gathering this week for their annual Spring Clergy Conference. The conference begins on Monday at noon and continues until Wednesday at noon. Please keep your priests and deacons in your prayers!

**Our Annual Catholic Appeal** – This annual diocesan appeal has been changed and refined, and is now called the **Catholic Ministries Drive**. Monies collected will restricted to the following areas of concern in our diocese: Caring for the Poor and Strengthening Families, Nurturing our Youth, and Forming Clergy and Laity. *This Fund will no longer support the core administrative offices of the diocese, which are to be funded separately.* More information will be following in the coming weeks!

**Special Conference on Issues of Aging!** The Pennsylvania Educational State Advocacy Services is sponsoring a 2 hour conference on issues related to aging, e.g., living wills, power of attorney, health care, etc. This conference will be hosted here at St. John's and will be held this Tuesday, May 2, from 7:00 – 9:00 PM in our cafeteria. All are welcome! Professionals will be on hand to discuss the challenges faced by us aging seniors, and will be available to answer any questions which we may have.

**OUR PARISH FAMILY...** Emily Kondracki, shown here with her cello, officially joined St John's in December 2016. She is originally from Beaver PA, where her parents and 2 younger twin sisters (both college students) still live. Emily is a graduate of Penn State, with a degree in Music Education. She first came to our area to complete her student teaching assignment in the Hollidaysburg School District, and is now an elementary music teacher in the Altoona School District. She usually attends the 11:00 Mass and has already begun playing occasionally with our choir. She also plays with the Altoona Symphony, and in the orchestra for local theatre productions such as this fall's "Little Women" and soon "My Fair Lady" at the Mishler. She also plays for weddings, and other events where a cellist is needed. Emily said that St John's is "a beautiful church with beautiful worship services", and as a musician she especially appreciates the quality of our music program. She feels that you don't realize how much music adds to the worship experience and how much you miss it until you attend a service without it.

**Feasts of the Week!** – Monday, May 1, is the feast of St. Joseph the Worker. On Tuesday the church celebrates the memory of St. Athanasius of Alexandria (Egypt), who is the early Church Father who fought valiantly against the heresy of Arianism, which taught, among other things, that Jesus was not divine. He is called the "Father of Orthodoxy," the "Pillar of the Church" and "Champion of Christ's Divinity." Much of his life was a testimony to the divinity of Jesus Christ. The following day, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, we honor the apostolic witness of Sts. Philip and James, martyred for their faith in the first century.

### **May Prayer Intention of Pope Francis**

#### **CHRISTIANS IN AFRICA**

That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.

#### **LITURGICAL REFLECTION: IN THE BREAKING OF THE**

**BREAD** - Despite all the hints, the disciples do not recognize Jesus. They remain consumed with their own confusion and fear and they cannot see who is right in front of them. It is only with the blessing, breaking, and sharing of the bread that they suddenly recognize Jesus. No words, however insightful, can penetrate the confusion and fear the disciples feel. Through the simple act of breaking and blessing bread they recognize Jesus. Even as their "hearts were burning," their minds did not know. How often do we not see what is right before us because we are so consumed with our own worries, regrets, concerns? Like the disciples it takes an action like the breaking of the bread, a reminder of the death of Jesus, his sacrifice, to get us to understand what our hearts already know.



## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

Congratulations to our 17 students who were sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit on Wednesday April 19<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.



### **First Communion Mass**

SUNDAY APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> AT 11:00 MASS

14 children will be receiving First Communion. Please keep them in your prayers.

Some of our First Communion Students making banners for their special Mass.



**May 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM Mass: Crowning of Mary.** All children are invited to be in the opening procession as we crown Mary, the mother of Jesus.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULING: It is time to begin scheduling for June – August.** This is “summer vacation” and our Sunday 11:00 AM Mass moves to 10:00 AM during these months. With the choir on “vacation” some members and spouses change their preferred Mass during these months for their other ministries such as lectors, Eucharistic ministers and hospitality ministers. **We are asking that you give us the dates for which you are NOT available for June through August.** If you have internet access please update your profile in **Ministry Scheduler Pro**. There is a link from our parish website: stjohnsaltona.org and a link in the email reminder you will receive this week. There are cards available in the gathering space for those who do not have access to the internet. **Please update your profile online or fill out a card and return it by Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.** Family members can fill out one card front and back. **Again, please tell us when you are NOT available in June through August.** Thank for your help in working with this change and – as always – thank you for your service to our faith community throughout the year.

## **St. John's Prayer List**

It is a Spiritual Work of Mercy to pray for the sick. If you know of someone in the parish who is ill or has passed away and in need of prayers, please call Ginny Reeder (695-7671) or email her at [ginny.reeder@gmail.com](mailto:ginny.reeder@gmail.com) to add their name to the prayer list.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING and their caregivers and give thanks for those who have recovered. *Lord we ask for your blessings and care for these and all people in need:*

Millie Bilski • Vicky Buda • Yolanda Bumann  
Robert Cole • Michelle Fasline • Carol Field

Wayne Flanagan • Bob George • JoAnne Gerardine  
Judy Hurm • Brian Kopp • Bill Loth • Jim McLaren

June Miller • Anne-Marie Norris • Ron Peschock

Dave Petrak • Bob & Mary Rajnish • Olga Romerowicz

Madison Shura • Justine Wareham Smith • Patty Teufel

Noah Wills • Young people

HOME WITH THE LORD: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:

Charles Donald Wilkinson - father of Linda Donahoe  
Madison Shura

**GROUNDS MAINTENANCE:** I would like to meet with those with those interested in helping to maintain the beautiful grounds we have, thanks to the help of many of you in the past, including Ken Dunmire. The meeting for those who can attend will be next **Sunday, May 7, in the day chapel after the 11 a.m. Mass**. If you would like to help but can't attend, please contact **Joyce Cunningham, phone 695-5346 or jmsc1863@gmail.com**.

**STEWARSHIP CORNER** “Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?” LUKE 24:32 How often do we take the time to discern what Jesus wants from us? Are our prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for us? If so, that’s a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time in silence to listen to what Jesus is asking of you.

## **Stewardship at St. John's**

**OFFERTORY for April 23, 2017**

Envelopes:	\$ 4,761.00
Loose:	\$ 572.00
Children's:	\$ 1.00
Parish Development	\$ 45.00
Catholic Education	\$ 25.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 25.00
Good Friday	\$ 25.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 356.00
Subtotal:	\$ 5,810.00
Online Giving:	\$ 1,390.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 7,200.00</b>

**SPRING FLING:** Saturday,

May 6, beginning at 5:30PM in Bailey Hall (School gym). Join us for delicious food, music, dancing, entertainment, a cakewalk and many, many door prizes. The parish will provide meats and soft drinks. Please bring a hot side dish, salad or dessert to share. This BYOB event is for parishioners age 21 and over. If you plan on attending our Spring Fling, please sign up on the kiosk in the gathering space. For more information, call Joan Price at 944-3207.



**HOME NURSING AGENCY SEEKING VOLUNTEERS:** Do you want to use your life to make a profound impact for others? Consider becoming a Home Nursing Agency volunteer for the Family Hospice program. Family Hospice has the right opportunity to fit your schedule, skills, and comfort level. Volunteers offer companionship and show compassion as they support hospice patients and their families, both during the hospice care journey and after the patients have passed away. Some volunteers have hands-on roles visiting patients to provide relief and support for family members. Family Hospice also welcomes those who would prefer to work "behind the scenes" by assisting with clerical duties in the office, reaching out to grieving family members through phone calls or notes, or making weekly phone calls to ensure patients/caregivers have what they need for upcoming weekends. Volunteers can do many of these things from the comfort of their own homes. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or would like to learn more, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator at 1-800-445-6262 or visit [www.homenursingagency.com](http://www.homenursingagency.com).

**BISHOP GUILFOYLE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE:** Altoona Roman Catholic (ARC) Federal Credit Union is currently offering two \$500 scholarships for students attending Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School during the 2017-2018 academic year. Any student (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) attending Bishop Guilfoyle is eligible. The scholarships will be awarded based on academics, financial need, and essay questions. Scholarship applications are available in both ARC lobbies, at 1919 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 419 N. 7<sup>th</sup> St.(Juniata) or online at [www.arcfcu.org](http://www.arcfcu.org). You may contact ARC at 814-946-0857 for more information. **Applications must be returned to ARC by May 8, 2017 to be considered.**

**SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday April 30 - Third Sunday of Easter**

8:00AM-Mass for *Teddi Leiden* requested by  
Dee Lee & children

11:00AM-Mass for *Jimmie & Skip Braniger*

**Monday May 1 - St. Joseph the Worker**

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Rosary

8:30AM-Mass for *Bud Bloom* requested by  
Ralph Farabaugh

**Tuesday May 2 - St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

8:10AM-Rosary

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:30AM-Morning Prayer & Communion Service

**Wednesday May 3 - Sts. Philip & James, Apostles**

5:00PM- Confessions

6:00PM- Mass for *Connie Stoltz* requested by  
Ed Stoltz

**Thursday May 4 - Easter Weekday**

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Rosary

8:30AM-Mass for *Ida Prosperi* requested by  
John Prosperi

**Friday May 5 - Easter Weekday**

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Rosary

8:30AM-Mass for *Dave English* requested by  
Carolyn English

**Saturday May 6 - Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Easter**

3:00PM- Confessions

4:00PM-Mass for *Bill Shultz* requested by  
Betsy Slat

**Sunday May 7 - Fourth Sunday of Easter**

8:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*

11:00AM-Mass for *Gary Bevan* requested by  
Rod & Rose Baronner

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29 or Gn 1:26 -- 2:3  
or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Mt 13:54-58

Tuesday: Acts 7:51 -- 8:1a; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59



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