

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY AUGUST 14: 6:30 PM

TUESDAY AUGUST 15: 8:30 AM • 6:30PM

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES:

Mon. Aug. 14 - 6:30 PM - Keaton Swope, NOT FILLED

Tues. Aug. 15 - 6:30 PM - Kelsey & Jack Donoughe

Sat. Aug. 19 - 4:00 PM - Amber Yasolsky, Keaton Swope

Sun. Aug. 20 - 8:00 AM - Mai Linh Do, NOT FILLED

Sun. Aug. 20 - 10:00 AM - NOT FILLED

LECTORS:

Mon. Aug. 14 - 6:30 PM -Richard Consiglio, Jim Campbell

Tues. Aug. 15 - 6:30 PM - Francene Boland, John Lloyd

Sat. Aug. 19 - 4:00 PM - David Andrews, Maria Spayd

Sun. Aug. 20 - 8:00 AM - NOT FILLED

Sun. Aug. 20 - 10:00 AM - Paul Dennis, Bob Olson

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS:

Mon. Aug. 14 - 6:30 PM -Debbie Dougherty, Susanna Tomlinson

Tues. Aug. 15 - 6:30 PM - Barbara Bundy, Donna Moyer

Sat. Aug. 19 - 4:00 PM - Jenna Jenkins, John Lloyd

Sun. Aug. 20 - 8:00 AM - Fran Semelsberger, NOT FILLED

Sun. Aug. 20 - 10:00 AM - Cecelia Bloom, Walter Bloom,
Barbara Bundy, Susanna Tomlinson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Mon. Aug. 14 - 6:30 PM -Jane Becker, John Becker,
Charlie Moore, Ginny Reeder

Tues. Aug. 15 - 6:30 PM -Anna Podoletz, Patrick Podoletz,
Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky

Sat. Aug. 19 - 4:00 PM - Dennis Moughemer, Karen Moughemer,
Judy Sneath, Wally Wargo

Sun. Aug. 20 - 8:00 AM - Helen Miller, Charlie Moore,
Darlene Scarpaci, Ed Stoltz

Sun. Aug. 20 - 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Dolores Capriotti,
Mary Grace Horton, Peg Madden

SACRISTAN:

Mon. Aug. 14 - 6:30 PM - NOT FILLED

Tues. Aug. 15 - 6:30 PM - NOT FILLED

Sat. Aug. 19 - 4:00 PM - Billy Sweet

Sun. Aug. 20 - 8:00 AM - Michele DeFrancisco

Sun. Aug. 20 - 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

August Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS
August 15 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Masses: Monday, August 14, at 6:30 PM and
Tuesday, August 15, at 8:30 AM and 6:30 PM
August 15 - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

A Few Words from the Pastor:

Holy Day of Obligation – The church universal celebrates the Feast of Mary's Assumption into heaven on Tuesday, August 15th. Our Vigil Mass for the Feast is Monday at 6:30, and Masses on the Feast Day itself are at 8:30 AM and 6:30 PM. The Latin Catholic Feast of the Assumption is celebrated on 15 August, and the Eastern Orthodox and Eastern Catholics celebrate the Dormition of the Theotokos (the falling asleep of the Mother of God) on the same date, preceded by a 14-day fast period. Though there are homilies dating to the 5th century which speak of the Assumption of Mary, it was not until November 1, 1950, that this celebration of Mary was defined as a dogma of the Church by Pope Pius XII.

A Modern Day Saint – On Monday we celebrate the memory of Saint Maximilian Maria Kolbe, a Polish Franciscan friar, who volunteered to die in place of a stranger in the German death camp of Auschwitz, located in German-occupied Poland during World War II. When a prisoner escaped late in July of 1941, ten men from his barracks were picked to suffer death by starvation as both punishment and deterrent. Fr. Maximilian offered to take the place of one of the men; Franciszek Gajowniczek had let out a cry of pain for his family and this holy priest volunteered to take his place. He was beatified by Pope Paul VI in 1971 and canonized by his fellow Pole, Pope John Paul II in 1982. In attendance at St. Maximilian's canonization in Vatican Square was the man for whom he gave his life: Franciszek Gajowniczek!

The Pope's "Staycation" - For Pope John Paul II, taking a vacation meant going to the mountains, the high mountains when possible, with long walks and silence while contemplating the peaks. For Benedict XVI, vacation meant reading, studying and playing the piano, in the mountains or at Castel Gandolfo. His successor Pope Francis takes a vacation by slowing down everyday commitments, audiences and celebrations, but without leaving home. When asked about his vacation time, he responded "I do always take a vacation – really – but in my habitat; I change pace. I sleep more; I read the things I want; I listen to music; I spend more time praying... and this makes me relax."

Sunday: Everyone's Staycation! – The "staycation" of Pope Francis is really the way that each of us are to celebrate the Lord's Day! Slow down, rest, and be renewed!

Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy: If you are celebrating a wedding anniversary of 1, 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, 55, and 60+ years in 2017, you are invited to attend the Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Liturgy along with your family. Couples may choose to attend the Sunday,

September 10, 2:00 mass at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona or the Sunday, September 17, 2:00 mass in Johnstown at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at both liturgies. Reservations need to be made by calling the parish office before Tuesday, August 22.

Scholarship Available! The John and Helen Despot Scholarship Fund is making available a \$450 Scholarship for any child of St. John's who is attending a Catholic elementary school in this coming school year. Applications are available in the Gathering Space or can be obtained from the parish office. The deadline for application is Labor Day, and the scholarship will be awarded later in the month. We are grateful for generosity of the Despot family, who have so generously established this fund in memory of their parents John and Helen.

A \$20,000 Matching Grant - We are most grateful to all who have already contributed toward our matching grant! These funds will go to meet the financial challenges which we face with regard to the Diocesan Medical Retirement Plan for Priests, as well as for our parish support of Holy Trinity School. The generosity of St. John's parishioners is always an indication of the faith which is alive in our hearts. Envelopes for your contribution are available in the Gathering Space and there is also a fund option available for those who use Online Giving.

Our Catholic Ministries Drive – We are most appreciative of your support of our Catholic Ministries Drive. Caring for the Poor and Strengthening Families, Nurturing our Youth, and Forming Clergy and Laity, are the needs which your contributions sustain. Please be generous.

OUR PARISH FAMILY: We hope to resume the brief profiles of parishioners in the "Our Parish Family" section soon. So far, over 45 of these profiles have appeared in our bulletin, but there are many more of you out there that we'd like to hear from. Whether you're a long-time or new member, single person, couple, or family, please consider being featured in this section. And if you were photographed for the recent parish directory, we can use that same photograph – you don't even have to give us a copy. We can also use a photograph that you provide, or we can snap one after Mass. We'll just ask you a few questions, usually over the phone, and then we'll write a brief profile with the information that you give us. If you would be willing to be a part of this feature, please contact: Cecelia Bloom at 695-2806 or by email at ceceb13@verizon.net.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education Classes Start Sunday, Sept.17!

I am looking for a 2nd grade catechist. If you have a love of children please consider helping. The books do all the work, especially for 2nd grade. The curriculum is very structured, as they are preparing for first communion. Since we are moving to classes every other week, the commitment is much smaller....only 13 class times from September thru April. I can promise you it's a very rewarding ministry and the 2nd grades are truly precious! Contact Mary Haenig if interested 814-317-5578

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held at EVERY 11:00 AM Mass for children grades 5 and under.

How does it work?

After the initial prayers and before the first reading, a Presider (leader) invites children grades 5 and under to gather at the foot of the altar. Monsignor blesses them and sends them from the church with their leaders. The children will then go to the day chapel to hear the Word of God on a level they can understand and have a homily focused on their age.



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BOWLING LEAGUE: It's that time again! The St John's adult bowling league will begin its 2017-2018

season on Sept 8th. We bowl every other Friday evening at Holiday Bowl, and any level bowler is welcome. Sign-up sheets are on the kiosk in the gathering space. If you have questions, call Walt Bloom at 695-2806.

WOMEN'S ISSUES DISCUSSION GROUP: The theme for our next meeting, Monday, August 28, 6:30 p.m. in the parish center will be: How can women's leadership roles be nurtured at the parish level? Participation is open to everyone; bring whatever materials & ideas you think appropriate. The book, Catholic Women Confront Their Church, can continue to be a resource (contact Joyce Cunningham - phone 695-5346 or jmsc1863@gmail.com - if you want a copy).

EUCARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION: Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Altoona, PA is commemorating the Centennial of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima by scheduling Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction for 2 hours on the following dates of the original Apparitions: Thursday, July 13th, Saturday, August 19th, Wednesday, September 13th, and Friday, October 13th. Holy Hours are from 6 – 8 PM. Each holy hour will start with praying of the rosary for Peace in the World as Our Lady originally requested and the time in between will be spent in quiet meditation. All are welcome!

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 ginnen.reeder@gmail.com to add their name to the prayer list.

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:*

**Baby Adam • Millie Bilski • Vicky Buda
Yolanda Bumann • Vincent Cannizzaro • Robert Cole
Mary Lee DeStefano • Michael DeStefano
Michelle Fasline • Carol Field • JoAnne Gerardine
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Jim McLaren • June Miller • Anne-Marie Norris
Ron Peschock • Dave Petrak • Bob & Mary Rajnish
Olga Romerowicz • Justine Wareham Smith
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HOME WITH THE LORD: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:

**Mary T. Healy
Wilhelmina (Billie) Baker - mother of Mike, Bonnie & Rusty**

HOLY TRINITY SPORTS: Any students in grades 1-6 who will be participating in a fall sport (Football - flag or tackle, cheering, basketball) must complete the RAP form which can be found on the APL website or Holy Trinity web page. Be watching for more information about flag football. If you have any questions, please contact the Holy Trinity School office at (814)-942-7835.

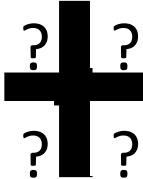
HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL PRESENTS: Rockin' the Key's Dueling Piano's By Dueling Piano's International Friday, September 22 at the Railroaders Museum. tickets are \$25.00 a person. Join us and our professional entertainers as they tickle the ivories and tickle your funny bones! Put two sharp-witted, incredibly talented musicians with two grand pianos on a stage, then add in an excited crowd of people; the result is an evening of fast, funny, and unforgettable entertainment. Tickets are on sale now. Call or stop by any of our three campuses for tickets.

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LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULING: It is time to begin scheduling for September - December. This is the "Fall semester". Our second Mass on Sunday returns to 11:00 AM and the choir again enhances the music of our liturgy. **And so, we are asking that you give us the dates for which you are NOT available for September – December.** If you have internet access please update your profile in **Ministry Scheduler Pro**. There is a link from our parish website (www.stjohnsaltoona.org) and a link in the email reminder you will receive. 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, August 13th to let us know when you are not available.** Family members can fill out one card front and back.

ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY LITURGY: Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating their 1, 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, 55, and 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2017 to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy with their families. Couples may attend Sunday, September 10, in Altoona at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, September 17, in Johnstown at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00PM. Punch and cookies will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families. **Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration. Call the parish office at 942-5503 by Tuesday, August 22 to make a reservation.**

HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? If you've been coming to Mass for a while, but are not Catholic, we invite you to look deeper into our faith tradition. We will be gathering to share with others the truths of the Catholic faith and the fellowship of our church family. We invite you to learn what Catholics believe in an open and welcoming setting. These gatherings also are opportunities for you to ask those perplexing and difficult questions you may have about the Church. We will begin in early September. If you have any questions please ask Msgr. Becker or Deacon Gene or call Mark Krepich at 932-2223 or email at mark.krepich@gmail.com.



STEWARSHIP CORNER: Even the apostles doubted Jesus. Yet, he assuredly calmed their fears, as He calms yours today, with 'Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.' We can stay on course as a keeper of all God's gifts when we stay focused on God.

The August 6 collection total was unavailable before our publication deadline.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday August 13 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM-Mass for *Elizabeth Baumgartner* requested by The Wieland & Martens Families
10:00AM-Mass for *Mark Kopp* requested by Barbara Harpster & Katie Lee

Monday August 14 - Vigil of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30PM-Mass for *Jeane McDowell* requested by Tom & Nancy Weimer

Tuesday August 15 - Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*
6:30PM-Mass for *Carla and Rosa Risoldi* requested by Bob & Mary Ann Cole

Wednesday August 16 - Weekday

5:00PM-Eucharistic Adoration/Confessions
6:00PM-Mass for *Jean Riccitelli* requested by Family

Thursday August 17 - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for the *Grace Moore* requested by Cora Bacon

Friday August 18 - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for the Faithful

Saturday August 19 - Vigil of the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00PM-Confessions
4:00PM-Mass for *Eileen Becker* requested by Clarence Becker

Sunday August 20 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM-Mass for *Jack Sahlaney* requested by Ray & Mary King
10:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dt 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2;
1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-2; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Mt 18:21 -- 19:1
Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12

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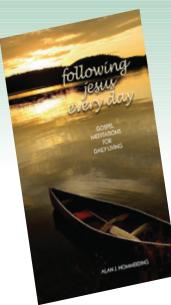


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