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Weekday Readings

Mon. Aug. 17- Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22
 Wed. Aug. 18- Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30
 Thurs. Aug. 19- Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16
 Fri. Aug. 20- Jgs 11:29-39a/Mt 22:1-14

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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

309 LOTZ AVE ALTOONA, PA 16602

814-942-5503

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 16, 2015

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES:

Sat. Aug. 22- 4:00PM- Jack Donoughe, Dustin Smith
 Sun. Aug. 23- 8:00AM- Danielle Miller, Ethan Miller
 Sun. Aug. 23- 10:00AM- Nathan Ringkamp, Nate Rudolph

LECTORS:

Sat. Aug. 22- 4:00PM- David Langguth, Mark Sloan
 Sun. Aug. 23- 8:00AM- Cora Bacon, Tom Robison
 Sun. Aug. 23- 10:00AM- Donna Moyer, Patrick Schurr

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. Aug. 22- 4:00PM- David Petrak, Mary Petrak
 Sun. Aug. 23- 8:00AM- Francene Boland, Fran Semelsberger
 Sun. Aug. 23- 10:00AM- Cecelia Bloom, Walter Bloom, Bill Foose, Norma Foose

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Sat. Aug. 22- 4:00PM- Lori Ginter, Bill Sweet, Dorothy Yingling, Hedy Zumsteg
 Sun. Aug. 23- 8:00AM- Mary Grace Horton, Charlie Moore, Mike O'Neill, Ginny Reeder
 Sun. Aug. 23- 10:00AM- Walter Bloom, Dee Capriotti, Anna Podoletz, Patrick Podoletz

Sacristan:

Sat. Aug. 22- 4:00PM- Joyce Cunningham, Ron Cunningham
 Sun. Aug. 23- 8:00AM- Michele DeFrancisco
 Sun. Aug. 23- 10:00AM- Barb Bundy

Office Hours: The office hours for the summer are 9:00am to 3:00pm.

PASTORAL STAFF:

- Msgr. Michael Becker- mbecker253@aol.com
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- Mr. Mark Krepich-RCIA & Parish Council President- mark.krepich@gmail.com
- Mrs. Deb Johnson- Music Director- dj219@msn.com
- Mr. Bill & Mrs. Norma Foose- Stephen Ministry- norma.foose@yahoo.com
- Mrs. Heather Reimer- Business Manager- stjohchurch@atlanticbb.net
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- Mrs. Mary Haenig- Religious Education Dir- mshaenig@gmail.com
- Mr. Ken Dunmire, Maintenance

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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Sept. 11th- Bowling League starts
 Oct. 24th- Love Feast

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A Few Words from the Pastor:

Our Island Garden - Our Island in front of the church has been under "re-construction" throughout most of the summer! And it is looking great! We are very close to completion, and will be adding some perennials in late fall or early spring. It has also been suggested that we obtain a statue of St. John the Evangelist to place in the center. We owe special thanks to the following for their time and effort in helping with this project: Lee and Alex Marchi of Blair County Oil, Tim Seasoltz of Gulish Garden Center, and Kevin O'Neil and Scot Good. This is a wonderful enhancement to our beautiful property!



Give Us This Day - Those who would like to subscribe or renew a subscription to this monthly missal are to place your payment of \$20 in the envelope provided in the Gathering Space and drop it in the collection. **Give Us This Day** is a wonderful resource for personal prayer, as well as for your preparation for daily or Sunday Mass.

Conversations on Racism - The Allegheny Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is hosting the first of a series of conversations on racism this Thursday, August 20 at 6:30 p.m. at St. James Lutheran Church, 1407 8th Avenue, Altoona. Our facilitator is Dr. Tim Konhaus, who holds degrees in African American History, Appalachian Regional History, Multicultural Feminism and has specializations in race relations in America. He currently is a resident of Johnstown and brings a wealth of experience. The event is free and open to the public, but we do need a reservation as there will be refreshments following the presentation. For reservations, call [814-942-1042](tel:814-942-1042) or email office@alleghenysynod.com.

Chaplaincy at the Chautauqua Institution - Every few years I receive an invitation to serve as a Catholic Chaplain for a week at the Chautauqua Institution in western New York. In addition to weekend and daily Masses, I will be giving a lecture on Pope Francis. I am grateful to Father Kenneth of the Spiritan Fathers who is here at St. John's this weekend for our annual Mission Appeal. I will be returning on Saturday, August 22. This is a welcome getaway before the school year begins!

Welcome, Father Carl - We are most grateful to Father Carl Vacek, TOR, of St. Bernardine's Monastery in Hollidaysburg, for his help in providing the daily morning Mass for us this week. I know he will receive a warm St. John's welcome!

Honoring Two Great Saints! - On Thursday of this week we will be honoring St. Bernard of Clareaux, one of the great reformers of the Benedictines. On Friday, Saint Pius X will be celebrated, the pope of the early 20th century who promoted a renewal of the liturgy and encouraged first communion for children of the age of 7 (prior to this time, the age for first communion was 12). His motto was "renew all things in Christ."

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August

Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis

Volunteers

That volunteers may give themselves generously to the service of the needy.

Outreach to the Marginalized

That setting aside our very selves we may learn to be neighbors to those who find themselves on the margins of human life and society.

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Consider Liturgical Ministries!

The Catholic Church invites the laity to be active in parish life! One area of service is at the Liturgy for the Lord's Day. In thought and prayer this summer, please give consideration to serving the parish as a Lector, Hospitality Minister, Eucharistic Minister, or perhaps in one of our choirs. There will be training sessions in September! Allow the Holy Spirit to move in your heart to step forward and offer your time and talent! The words of the Psalmist come to mind: "*What return can I make to the Lord for all that he has done for me?*" (Ps. 116)

Housekeeper Needed - The parish is in need of a housekeeper for the rectory. Cleaning and laundry, about 5 hours weekly. If interested, please call the parish office.

LOVE FEAST: It's time already to plan for our **October 24** Love Feast at Simpson Temple. The committee will meet **Tuesday, August 18, at 7 p.m. in the day chapel.** Joyce will be in Seattle until August 17,

Haiti News:

Haiti Scarf Project: We have the hope of starting a sewing enterprise for women in Marmount. It will begin small with scarves because they are popular, light weight, and do not need to be sized. The materials with American style ideas will be delivered to Sts. Peter and Paul on our trip in January. Then we will teach the women to sew these scarves, have them returned to us, and sell them here.

Our materials are obtained in the cheapest ways possible: clearances, coupons, yard sales, Goodwill, donations, etc. We are recycling and upcycling (taking old and re-fashioning).

DURING AUGUST, we will have a display and preview sale of some scarves we have put together. This is to raise some money but more importantly to test the market for what is popular so we know where to go from here. Later, we will have a list requesting items we will need, especially from your "stash" .

For further information, you may contact Mary Lee Madigan-Davis at mlmdcreek@aol.com.

Please also remember the Common Sense Jug, Mass Intentions, and Cards for gift donations.



Our bowling league will begin September 11 at Holiday Bowl. We bowl every other week and would welcome new members. Signup sheet will

be in the Kiosk. Information: Rebecca Moran 814-317-7490.

Spiritual Book Club: The date for the second discussion of *Crisis of Faith, Crisis of Love* has been changed from Aug. 19 to **August 26.**

Stewardship at St. John's

OFFERTORY for August 10, 2015

Loose: \$535.00

Envelope: \$5,478.00

Catholic Register: \$162.00

Children's: \$5.00

Parish Development: \$0

Total: \$6,180.00

Online Giving: \$2,393.00

TOTAL: \$8,573.00

Scrip Gift Card Program

Statement of Financial Position

As of June 30, 2015

ASSETS:

Cash in Bank: \$2,864.34

Inventory: \$30,234.00

Total Assets: \$33,098.34

Liabilities & Net Assets:

Scrip Certificates Redeemable: \$1,745.00

Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$31,353.34

Total Liabilities & Net Assets: \$33,098.34

Statement of Activities

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

Receipts:

Inventory Sales: \$712,333.50

Cost of Inventory Sold: (675,495.57)

Gross Profit: \$36,837.93

Other Income/Expenditures:

PrestoPay Profit: \$1,157.20

School Subsidy: (33,000.00)

Credit Card Fees: (1,551.44)

Other Misc Exp: \$0.00

Total Other Income/Expenditures: (33,394.24)

Net Surplus for the Fiscal Year: \$3,443.69



Are You Interested in the

Catholic Faith? We will soon begin a new journey in faith to share the richness of the Catholic Church and our parish family. We invite you to learn what the Church teaches, and be introduced to some of our parish members. These sessions also are opportunities for you, and others that you may wish to invite, to ask those perplexing and difficult questions you may have about the Church. These gatherings are for inquirers and are open to people who are unbaptized, as well as those who are baptized Christians from Protestant or Evangelical backgrounds. We will begin in early September. If you have any questions or want further information please call Mark Krepich at 932-2223 or email at mark.krepich@gmail.com.

SCHOOL NEWS:

August 26th- 1st Day of School
(School starts at 7:50pm in the gym)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE DUE: Its hard to believe August is already here!! That means that September is right around the corner and the start of Religious Education Classes. If you have not registered your child please do so asap. Forms are in the church office or email me at mshaenig@gmail.com and I will get you the forms you need

What a blessing, we have all the catechist we need for this next school year!!

I am so thankful for all that have volunteered. We can always use people to be substitute catechists. If you are interested on being on the sub list please let me know. We just call you occasionally when we need help. We give you all the tools you need to keep it as simple as possible. Please contact Mary Haenig if you are interested mshaenig@gmail.com

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OTHER NEWS:

Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating their 1st, 5th, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 55th, and 60th+ Wedding Anniversary in 2015 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend Sunday, Sept. 13 in JOHNSTOWN at St. John Gualbert Cathedral or Sunday, Sept. 20 in ALTOONA at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00 p.m. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. 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 by **Tuesday Aug. 25.**

Sunday, Aug. 16, 2015 **SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK**

Sun. Aug. 16th- 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM- Mass for *People of the Parish*
10:00AM-Mass for *Carlo & Rosa Risoldi* requested by Mary Ann & Bob Cole
6:30PM - Lectionary Based Faith Sharing

Mon. Aug. 17th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM- Morning Prayer
8:30AM- Mass for *Florence George* requested by John Prospero

Tues. Aug. 18th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM- Morning Prayer
8:30AM- Mass for *Peggy Harber* requested by Jim & Steph Kilcoyne

Wed. Aug. 19th- Weekday

5:00PM- Eucharistic Adoration
6:00PM- Mass for *Mary Anne Lamont* requested by Her children

Thurs. Aug. 20th- Saint Bernard

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM- Morning Prayer
8:30AM- Mass for *Alroy & Regina Moughemer* requested by Moughemer Family

Friday Aug. 21st- Saint Pius

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM- Morning Prayer
8:30AM- Mass for *People of the Parish*

Sat. Aug. 22nd- Vigil for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00PM- Confessions
4:00PM- Mass for *Fred Biller* requested by Betsy & Bill Shultz

Sun. Aug. 23rd- 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM- Mass for *People of the Parish*
10:00AM-Mass for *Fr. Joseph Strittmatter* requested by Paul & Kathy Vincent
6:30PM - Lectionary Based Faith Sharing