



# St. John the Evangelist Church

309 Lotz Ave Altoona, PA 16602  
814-942-5503

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 2, 2015**

*Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life.*

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### **Weekday Readings**

**Mon. Aug. 3- Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-31**

**Wed. Aug. 4-Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36**

**Thurs. Aug. 5-Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Mt 15:21-28**

**Fri. Aug. 6- Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10**

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### **OFFICE CLOSED:**

**August 6th-8th the office will be closed for cleaning.**

### **APPOINTMENTS**

#### **ACOLYTES:**

Sat. Aug. 8- 4:00PM- Piper Brunhuber, Amber Yasolsky  
Sun. Aug. 9- 8:00AM- Danielle Miller, Ethan Miller  
Sun. Aug. 9- 10:00AM- Alexandria Auerbeck, Alycia Auerbeck

#### **LECTORS:**

Sat. Aug. 8- 4:00PM- John Lloyd, Mark Sloan  
Sun. Aug. 9- 8:00AM- Fran Semelsberger, Dan Turcovsky  
Sun. Aug. 9- 10:00AM- Joseph Klobuka, Bob Olson

#### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

Sat. Aug. 8- 4:00PM- Jenna Jenkins, David Loth  
Sun. Aug. 9- 8:00AM- Cora Bacon, Darlene Scarpaci  
Sun. Aug. 9- 10:00AM- Lou Ann Clark, Ken Gorman, Ann Mingyar, Jo-Ann Semko

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

Sat. Aug. 8- 4:00PM- Connie Baker, Betsy Lloyd, Peg Madden, Judy Sneath  
Sun. Aug. 9- 8:00AM- Carol Field, Mary Grace Horton, Larry VanSickel, Paula VanSickel  
Sun. Aug. 9- 10:00AM- Patrick Podoletz, Anna Podoletz

#### **Sacristan:**

Sat. Aug. 8- 4:00PM- Mary King, Ray King  
Sun. Aug. 9- 8:00AM- Michele DeFrancisco  
Sun. Aug. 9- 10:00AM- NOT FILLED

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

### **PASTORAL STAFF:**

- Msgr. Michael Becker- mbecker253@aol.com
- Deacon Gene Neral- gene@lifeinfocus.net
- Ms. Tabatha Griffin- stjohncatholicbb.net
- 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- stjohncatholicbb.net
- Mrs. Lindsay Reffner- Admin. Assistant- stjohncatholicbb.net
- Mrs. Mary Haenig- Religious Education Dir- mshaenig@gmail.com
- Mr. Ken Dunmire, Maintenance

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### **UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

**Aug. 15th-16th- Mission Appeal**

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## A Few Words from the Pastor:

**The Transfiguration and Hiroshima** -- It is certainly one of the extraordinary accidents of history that the first atomic bomb was dropped on August 6, which marks the annual Feast of the Transfiguration for Roman Catholic, Anglican, and Orthodox Christians around the world. As Matthew's Gospel describes the Transfiguration, "Jesus was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light...While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them..." Roughly 19 centuries later, and 70 years ago today (August 6), the city of Hiroshima was destroyed with elements that cannot but recall the Transfiguration: a sun-bright white light, a roar from heaven, a cloud, terror, and -- most of all -- a world that would never be the same. The proliferation of such weapons of mass destruction has continued. We pray that the words spoken from heaven at the Transfiguration would be taken to heart: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Listen to Him." On August 6 we remember a transfiguration and a transformation. Both came with clouds, blazing light, and sound. One brought death in a scope never before seen. But the other revealed a life even greater, a life in Christ that reverences the sacredness of every human person.

**Our New Director of Religious Education** - We are delighted to welcome Mary Haenig to our staff as the new director of our religious education program. Mary and her family have recently move to the area, and have already found a spiritual home in our parish. Prior to coming to Altoona, Mary and her husband and two daughters resided in St. Richard's parish in the North Hills of Pittsburgh. She comes to us with lots of experience in the field of Religious Ed, having been director of the St. Richard's program for the past 8 years. This past spring she had over 120 children in her First Communion Class! Her love of the Catholic Faith and her experience in directing a very large and active program certainly qualify her to continue the fine program we have developed here at St. John's. Again, our sincerest welcome!

**Second Sunday Collection** - Next Sunday we will have our monthly food collection for our less fortunate brothers and sisters. Please be generous!

**Nocturnal Adoration** - On Friday evening, August 7, Nocturnal Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held at St. Therese of the Child Jesus parish. The hour for St. John's is from 8 - 9. Spend some time in prayer with Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament!

**Parish Picnic** - Many thanks to our Social Committee for the most enjoyable parish picnic which we celebrated last Sunday afternoon. The food and fellowship was exceptional! Thanks to all who joined us!

**Surgery for Deacon Gene** - Our deacon was hospitalized this week for surgery in his bout with diverticulitis. Please keep him in your prayers. He would love to hear from you during his recuperation. His home address is 1101 Flamingo Drive, Apt. 7203, Altoona, 16602.

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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)

**Thanks to everyone for making our picnic such a great event.** From those who set-up, grilled, served and cleaned up, your contributions made for an enjoyable day. The food all tasted great!

The Social Committee

**NEEDED:** Used (in good condition) or new dehumidifier to be used in a small storage area in the cafeteria. Any questions call the office or Ginny at 695-7671.

## Haiti News:

The Haiti Committee would like to thank everyone for the wonderful auction that was held at the picnic. Thank you those who donated the prizes. There were many and something for everyone.

Thank you to everyone who tagged the prizes and sold tickets. Thank you to our auctioneer and her helpers. And last but not least thank you to all who bought tickets. We couldn't have been so successful without you. Over \$250.00 was raised for our Haiti project.

**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 refashioning).

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](mailto:mlmdcreek@aol.com).

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

**Second Sunday Food Collection:** You should know that our generosity with food donations is **greatly appreciated** by our local food banks, where demand remains very high. Also, Mary Petrak has organized our religious ed. teens for delivery of the food as well as help in its distribution for 3 of the last 4 months. Their involvement enlightens them about the needs of the poor in our midst and opens the door to a worthwhile volunteer activity at the food bank. Please consider signing up next year to deliver food if you haven't already done so.

## Stewardship at St. John's

### OFFERTORY for July 26, 2015

Loose: \$496.00  
Envelope: \$4,308.50  
Catholic Register: \$30.00  
Children's: \$0  
Parish Development: \$0  
**Total: \$4,834.50**

## **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**

**Mission Appeal:** The weekend of AUGUST 15-16, 2015, Reverend Kenneth Oguzie, C.S.SP., will visit our parish to speak at the Masses about the missionary work of the Church and in particular that of the Fathers of the Holy Spirit ("the Spiritans"), earlier know as the Holy Ghost Fathers. To learn more about the Holy Spirit Fathers, visit their website at [www.spiritans.org](http://www.spiritans.org).

# SCHOOL NEWS:

August 8th- Uniform Exchange in the Cafeteria from 12:30-3:30

August 9th- Uniform Exchange after all masses in the Cafeteria

August 26th- 1st Day of School

**School Packets:** The school packets are ready and can be picked up at the church in the gathering space.

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

**If you have a love for children then we have a great opportunity for you!!**

We are still in need of a religious ed teacher for our 3/4th graders. We have a great new curriculum/book series we are using this year that gives you ALL the tools you need to enrich our children with the faith. You can even co-teach with a friend and make it easier. If you have the time I promise to give you all you need to be successful.

Please contact Mary Haenig if you have any questions. [mshaenig@gmail.com](mailto:mshaenig@gmail.com)

### **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](mailto:mshaenig@gmail.com) and I will get you the forms you need

## **Sunday, Aug. 2, 2015** **SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK**

### **Sun. Aug. 2nd- 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**10:00AM**-Mass for *Bill Kopp & Connie Tapton* requested by Ginny & Bob Reeder

6:30PM - Lectionary Based Faith Sharing

### **Mon. Aug. 3rd- Weekday**

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Special Intention* requested by Mary & Ray King

### **Tues. Aug. 4th- Saint John Vianney**

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Mary Anne Lamont* requested by Her children

### **Wed. Aug. 5th- Weekday**

5:00PM- Eucharistic Adoration

6:00PM- Mass for *Rosemary Wiedemer* requested by Jan Grzesinski

6:45PM-8:00PM- Spiritual Book Club (rectory)

### **Thurs. Aug. 6th- The Transfiguration of the Lord**

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Special Intention* requested by Betsy Shultz

**OFFICE CLOSED**

### **Friday Aug. 7th- Weekday**

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Florence George* requested by Kathy Phillips

**OFFICE CLOSED**

### **Sat. Aug. 8th- Vigil for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

3:00PM- Confessions

4:00PM- Mass for *Marie Therese* requested by The Crevecoeur family

### **Sun. Aug. 9th- 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00AM- Mass for *Butch Litzinger* requested by Sr. Mark Plescher

**10:00AM**-Mass for *People of the Parish*

6:30PM - Lectionary Based Faith Sharing