APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES:

Sat. Aug. 26 - 4:00 PM - Claire Nackley, Keaton Swope
Sun. Aug. 27 - 8:00 AM - Nicholas Helsley, Amber Yasolsky
Sun. Aug. 27 - 10:00 AM - Nate Rudolph, NOT FILLED

LECTORS:

Sat. Aug. 26 - 4:00 PM - Matt Michelone, Jack Donoughe
Sun. Aug. 27 - 8:00 AM - Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
Sun. Aug. 27 - 10:00 AM - Jim Campbell, Richard Consiglio

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. Aug. 26 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, NOT FILLED
Sun. Aug. 27 - 8:00 AM - Mary Truesdale, Danielle Miller
Sun. Aug. 27 - 10:00 AM - Debbie Dougherty, Bob Olson, Donna Moyer, Barb Aubrey

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Sat. Aug. 26 - 4:00 PM - Lori Ginter, Hedy Zumsteg, Heather Nackley, Dorothy Yingling
Sun. Aug. 27 - 8:00 AM - Carolyn English, Mike O'Neill, Jane Becker, John Becker
Sun. Aug. 27 - 10:00 AM - Peg Madden, Wendy Campbell, Walter Bloom, Mary Grace Horton

SACRISTAN:

Sat. Aug. 26 - 4:00 PM - Joyce Cunningham
Sun. Aug. 27 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. Aug. 27 - 10:00 AM - Barbara Bundy

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY • TUESDAY • THURSDAY • FRIDAY - 8:30AM
WEDNESDAY - 6:00 PM
SATURDAY - 4:00PM • SUNDAY - 8:00AM • 10:00AM

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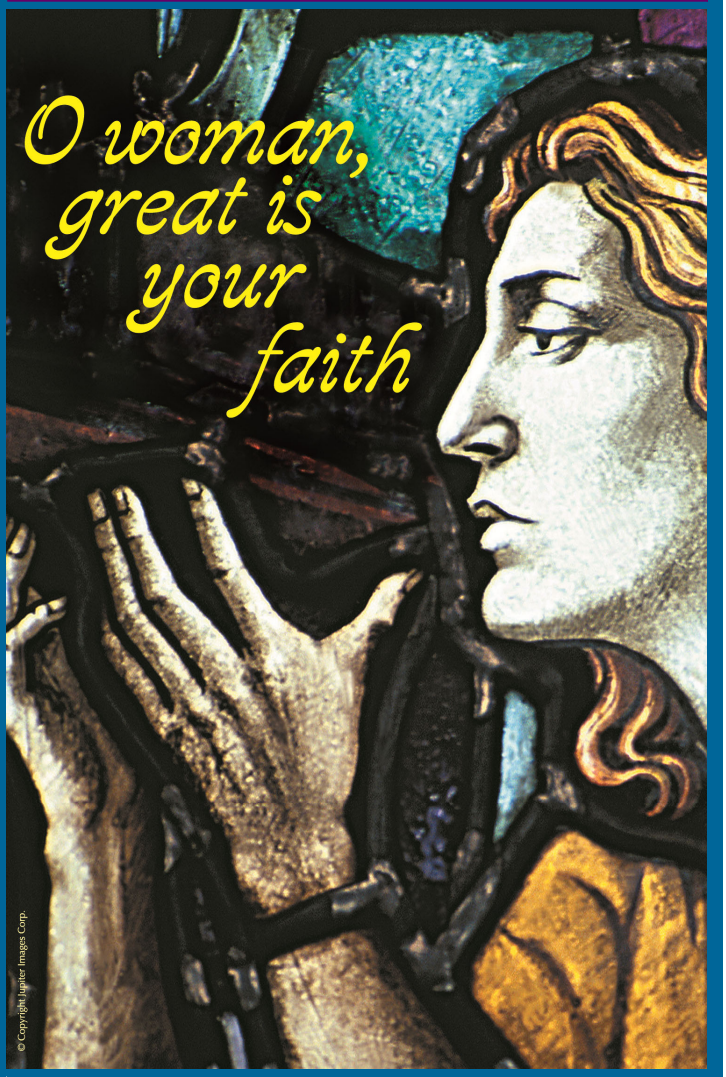
UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

September 4 - Labor Day - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
September 10 - Second Sunday Food Collection
September 17 - Religious Education Classes Start



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A Few Words from the Pastor:

Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy - The deadline for registering to attend the Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Liturgy is Tuesday, August 22. 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 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. Call the parish office (942-5503) to register.

Communion at Age 7 - it is common practice that children in the Roman Catholic Church receive their first Holy Communion at the age of seven, the age of reason. It has not always been this way. Our grandparents and great grandparents would have waited until they were 12 to make their first Holy Communion. It was St. Pius X, whose feast we celebrate on Monday, who lowered the age or communion to the age of reason. He did this with an encyclical issued in August of 1910. His motto was "to restore all things in Christ." Making communion more available to the young, as well as encouraging frequent communion, was one step that he took in renewing the church in Christ.

Come Pray Morning Prayer With Us - it has long been the practice here at St. John's to pray morning prayer together prior to the celebration of the Eucharist. We do so in union with the church throughout the world, as we welcome a new day in service of the Lord. Please join us at 8:10 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, when we pray the Psalms together.

Help the Parish! – There is no simpler way to assist your parish financially than by participating in our SCRIP program. For with every dollar you spend at the mall or the market or Sheetz, comes a financial benefit to the parish. It's that simple!

Adult Ed to Resume – Our Sunday morning Adult Ed Program will resume on Sunday, September 11th in the cafeteria. Our first session will be a presentation on our sister parish Sts. Peter and Paul in Marmont, Haiti. Please join us!

Mass Schedule Reminder! The late Sunday morning Mass will return to its usual time of 11:00AM on September 11th, the Sunday AFTER LABOR DAY.

Honoring Mary – On the octave of the Assumption, Tuesday, August 22nd, the church celebrates the Queenship of Mary. Having been assumed into heaven, she is crowned queen of heaven and earth! These two events in Mary's life are the 4th and 5th Glorious Mysteries! On Thursday, we celebrate the feast of the Apostle Bartholomew. The parish in Wilmore, one of the oldest in the diocese, bears his name.

Penn State Altoona Mass – In September Mass for the college students will resume, held in Eve Chapel each Sunday evening at 7:00. Should you miss Mass here, you are always welcome with the students!

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 has 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! We have extended the deadline until Labor Day. 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 are available in the Gathering Space!

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.

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.

"THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL BUT THE WORKERS ARE FEW." (Matthew 9:37) It is that time of the year and the Monastery Community gardens at the Franciscan Monastery in Hollidaysburg needs your help to bring in the harvest, then pack and deliver the fresh vegetables to the people who feed the poor in our community. These Acts of Mercy are both worthwhile and fulfilling. Volunteer for an hour or more. Not all jobs are physical. Call Teresa at 684-5581 or David at 327-9774 for more information. Thank you and God Bless You!

HAITI NEWS: There will be a trip to Haiti in early November. We will continue with the recycling education and, under Debbie Johnson's direction, a music project involving the Sts. Peter and Paul choir will begin. If you have any interest in going on this mission please contact Mary Lee Madigan-Davis, mlmdcreek@aol.com. 931-2651. Another trip in January is also planned. On Sunday, September 10th, a presentation of our last trip will be given during Adult Ed. If you would like to know more about our Haitian Mission, please join us.

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 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*:

Baby Adam • Millie Bilski • Vicky Buda
Yolanda Bumann • Vincent Cannizzaro • Robert Cole
Mary Lee DeStefano • Michael DeStefano
Michelle Fasline • Carol Field • JoAnne Gerardine
Brian Kopp • Robert Leidy • Bill Loth
Jim McLarren • June Miller • Anne-Marie Norris
Ron Peschock • Dave Petrak • Bob & Mary Rajnish
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HOME WITH THE LORD: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:

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

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Saint Paul reminds us that "the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable." How will you use these gifts God entrusted you to carry out your personal vocation? Let the depth of faith God has given you continue to "walk the stewardship walk."

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OFFERTORY for August 13, 2017

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Children's	$ 38.00
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SubTotal	*$ 6,268.00*
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Second Sunday Food Collection $864.00

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH?
We are beginning a new journey in faith as we share the richness of the Catholic Church and the fellowship of our parish family. We invite you to learn what the Church teaches. These gatherings also are opportunities for you, and others that you may wish to invite, to ask any perplexing or difficult questions you may have about the Church. We welcome everyone from all faith traditions. 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.

DO SOMETHING FOR YOURSELF! Encounter the fullness of Christ with ongoing faith formation. The Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry has announced the following classes for the2017 Fall Schedule: *Heart of Faith, Old Testament, New Testament, Wisdom Literature and Psalms, The Writings of John and Ecclesiology.* For a description of classes, locations, times, registration forms and to learn more about our programs vi*sit www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry/* or contact Marybeth at (814) 361-2000. All are welcome!

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).

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SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

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*

Monday August 21 - St. Pius X, Pope
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for the *Judy Hurm* requested by the Love Feast Committee

Tuesday August 22 - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:30AM-Morning Prayer and Communion Service

Wednesday August 23 - Weekday
5:00PM-Eucharistic Adoration/Confessions
6:00PM-Mass for *Mark Kopp* requested by Anthony & Marlene Fubio

Thursday August 24 - St. Bartholomew, Apostle
7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:30AM-Morning Prayer and Communion Service

Friday August 25 - Weekday
7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:30AM-Morning Prayer and Communion Service

Saturday August 26 - Vigil of the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
3:00PM-Confessions
4:00PM-Mass for *People of the Parish*

Sunday August 27 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM-Mass for *Flo George* requested by Lance & Michele DeFrancisco
10:00AM-Mass for *Matthew Geishauser* requested by Dr. & Mrs. David Lee

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40

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