

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

309 LOTZ AVE ALTOONA, PA 16602

814-942-5503

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 23, 2015

As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.

-Joshua 24:15b



APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES:

Sat. Aug. 29- 4:00PM- Piper Brunhuber, Amber Yasolsky
Sun. Aug. 30- 8:00AM- Zoey Landeck, Nate Rudolph
Sun. Aug. 30- 10:00AM- Alycia Auerbeck, David Auerbeck

LECTORS:

Sat. Aug. 29- 4:00PM- Jenna Jenkins, Maria Spayd
Sun. Aug. 30- 8:00AM- Ron Adams, Cora Bacon
Sun. Aug. 30- 10:00AM- Donna Moyer, Jo-Ann Semko

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. Aug. 29- 4:00PM- Connie Baker, John Lloyd
Sun. Aug. 30- 8:00AM- Darlene Scarpaci, Fran Semelsberger
Sun. Aug. 30- 10:00AM- Ginger Gooney, Bob Olson, Debbie Smith, Susanna Tomlinson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Sat. Aug. 29- 4:00PM- Betsy Lloyd, Mary Petrak, David Petrak, Judy Sneath
Sun. Aug. 30- 8:00AM- John Becker, Jane Becker, Ray Kennedy, Ed Stoltz
Sun. Aug. 30- 10:00AM- Walter Bloom, Dee Capriotti

Sacristan:

Sat. Aug. 29- 4:00PM- Ron Cunningham, Joyce Cunningham
Sun. Aug. 30- 8:00AM- Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. Aug. 30- 10:00AM- Dee Capriotti

Office Hours: Starting August 26th the office will be open from 7:30-5:30.

PASTORAL STAFF:

- Msgr. Michael Becker- mbecker253@aol.com
- Deacon Gene Neral- gene@lifeinfocus.net
- Ms. Tabatha Griffin- stjohprincipal@atlanticbb.net
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- Mr. Bill & Mrs. Norma Foose- Stephen Ministry- norma.foose@yahoo.com
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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:

Saints of the Week -- on Monday of this week we celebrate the feast of the apostle Saint Bartholomew, also known as Nathaniel. On Thursday and Friday we celebrate the lives of a mother and son, Saint Monica and Saint Augustine. Monica prayed for years that her wayward son would find his way to Christ, which he did. Augustine would go on to become one of the most influential theologians in the history of Christianity, whose most famous works are "The City of God" and his "Confessions." Mothers who pray for their wayward children turn to Monica for comfort and strength.

Mass Schedule: The late Sunday morning Mass will return to its usual time on the Sunday AFTER LABOR DAY, September 13.

Adult Ed - our Adult Education series will resume on September 13th, the Sunday after Labor Day. We will begin this year with a new series "Priest, Prophet and King," led by our favorite presenter, Robert Barron, now bishop-elect for the archdiocese of Los Angeles. Our sessions begin following the 8 o'clock Mass. Please join us for enlightening presentations and discussions, and of course, wonderful fellowship.

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.

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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 16, 2015

Loose: \$1,194.00

Envelope: \$3,719.00

Catholic Register: \$67.00

Children's: \$10.00

Parish Development: \$55.00

Assumption: \$354.00

Total: \$5,399.00

Online Giving: \$2,558.00

TOTAL: \$7,957.00

Scrip Gift Card Program

Statement of Financial Position

As of July 31, 2015

ASSETS:

Cash in Bank: \$1,010.44

Inventory: \$30,844.00

Total Assets: \$31,854.44

Liabilities & Net Assets:

Scrip Certificates Redeemable: \$1,700.00

Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$30,154.44

Total Liabilities & Net Assets: \$31,854.44

Statement of Activities

For the Fiscal Year Ended July 31, 2015

Receipts:

Inventory Sales: \$27,804.85

Cost of Inventory Sold: (26,372.31)

Gross Profit: \$1,432.54

Other Income/Expenditures:

PrestoPay Profit: \$29.35

School Subsidy: (2,500.00)

Credit Card Fees: (160.79)

Other Misc Exp: \$0.00

Total Other Income/Expenditures: (2,631.44)

Net Surplus/(Deficit) \$(1,198.90)



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)

Sunday, Aug. 23, 2015 SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

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

Mon. Aug. 24th- Saint Bartholomew

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Peggy Harber* requested by Mike & Sherry Byrne

Tues. Aug. 25th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *William A. Guthrie* requested by Rich & Joyce Lowe

Wed. Aug. 26th- Weekday

5:00PM- Eucharistic Adoration

6:00PM- Mass for *Eileen Becker* requested by Mr. & Mrs. Jim Roccio

Thurs. Aug. 27th- Saint Monica

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Mr. Butch Litzinger* requested by Abraham Family

Friday Aug. 28th- Saint Augustine

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Florence George* requested by Mary Boneisl

Sat. Aug. 29th- Vigil for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00PM- Confessions

4:00PM- Mass for *People of the Parish*

Sun. Aug. 30th- 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM- Mass for *Charlotte Stoltz* requested by Gil & George Gampe

10:00AM-Mass for *Lena Coyler* requested by Msgr. Mike Becker

6:30PM - Lectionary Based Faith Sharing

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Weekday Readings

Mon. Aug. 24- Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51

Wed. Aug. 25- 1 Thes 2:1-8/Mt 23:23-26

Thurs. Aug. 26- 1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32

Fri. Aug. 27- Sir 26:1-4, 13-16/Lk 7:11-17

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:



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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BEGINS SEPTEMBER 20TH All parents and students are to meet in the gym to start off the year with a quick gathering and prayer!

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.**