

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES:

Sat. Aug. 12 - 4:00 PM - Ryan & Jack Donoughe
 Sun. Aug. 13 - 8:00 AM - Emily & Ethan Miller
 Sun. Aug. 13 - 10:00 AM - Nate Rudolph, NOT FILLED
 Mon. Aug. 14 - 6:30 PM - Keaton Swope, NOT FILLED
 Tues. Aug. 15 - 6:30 PM - Kelsey & Jack Donoughe

LECTORS:

Sat. Aug. 12 - 4:00 PM - David Langguth, Mark Sloan
 Sun. Aug. 13 - 8:00 AM - Ronan Adams, NOT FILLED
 Sun. Aug. 13 - 10:00 AM - Bob Olson, Patrick Schurr
 Mon. Aug. 14 - 6:30 PM - Richard Consiglio, Jim Campbell
 Tues. Aug. 15 - 6:30 PM - Francene Boland, John Lloyd

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. Aug. 12 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, NOT FILLED
 Sun. Aug. 13 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, Mary Truesdale
 Sun. Aug. 13 - 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Dolores Capriotti,
 Joseph Klobuka, Pam Klobuka
 Mon. Aug. 14 - 6:30 PM - Debbie Dougherty, Susanna Tomlinson
 Tues. Aug. 15 - 6:30 PM - Barbara Bundy, Donna Moyer

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Sat. Aug. 12 - 4:00 PM - Paula VanSickel, Larry VanSickel,
 Wally Wargo, Dorothy Yingling
 Sun. Aug. 13 - 8:00 AM - Ray Kennedy, Mike O'Neill,
 Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
 Sun. Aug. 13 - 10:00 AM - Walter Bloom, Mary Grace Horton,
 Peg Madden, NOT FILLED
 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

SACRISTAN:

Sat. Aug. 12 - 4:00 PM - Mary & Ray King
 Sun. Aug. 13 - 8:00 AM - Michele DeFrancisco
 Sun. Aug. 13 - 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan
 Mon. Aug. 14 - 6:30 PM - NOT FILLED
 Tues. Aug. 15 - 6:30 PM - NOT FILLED

PASTORAL STAFF:

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HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY AUGUST 14: 6:30 PM
TUESDAY AUGUST 15: 8:30 AM • 6:30PM

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

August 6, 2017



Peter said,
 "Lord, it is good that we are here.
 If you wish, I will make three tents here,
 one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

Matthew 17:4

AUGUST 6, 2017

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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- August 13** - Second Sunday Food Collection
- 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:

The Transfiguration! – It occasionally happens that a Feast will take precedence over a regular Sunday celebration of the Eucharist. That is the case with this Sunday, when we celebrate the Transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Tabor, which is always celebrated on August 6th! This feast is an invitation to each of us to be transfigured into the image of Jesus.

A Deacon's Feast – On Thursday of this week we observe the sacred memory of St. Lawrence, a deacon and martyr of the early Church. Also this week we celebrate the memory of St. Clare, friend of St. Francis of Assisi (also a deacon), as well as St. Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers. The saints are inspirations to all of us.

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! To date we have received \$16,270. 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. Our parish goal is \$45,713, toward which we have received \$34,185 . Please be generous.

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. Sign up sheets are on the kiosk. Allow the Holy Spirit to move in your heart to step forward and offer your time and talent!



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, September 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

STARTING IN SEPTEMBER!

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.

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION: Our collection of food & funds next weekend, **August 12-13** will be delivered by Bill & Fran Stokan to the Father's House. May we all keep in mind Matthew 25: 40 wherein Jesus reminds us that we will be judged as follows: "Amen, I say to you. Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

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 if you want a copy).

August Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

ARTISTS

That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.



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.

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
Judy Hurm • Brian Kopp • Robert Leidy • Bill Loth
Jim McLaren • June Miller • Anne-Marie Norris
Ron Peschock • Dave Petrak • Bob & Mary Rajnish
Olga Romerowicz • Justine Wareham Smith
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STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Summer is a wonderful time to focus on God's bounty and promise. When we are genuine stewards as disciples of Jesus we can reflect on the goodness of all of God's children as we transform the world by sharing our time, our talents, and treasure.

Stewardship at St. John's

OFFERTORY for July 30, 2017

Envelopes:	\$ 4,285.00
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Children's:	\$ 37.00
Catholic Register:	\$ 40.00
<i>Subtotal:</i>	\$ 5,088.00
Online Giving:	\$ 1,503.00
TOTAL:	\$ 6,591.00



Giving is easy while you are away this summer. Download the Online Giving app on your mobile device, search for our parish and begin giving. Your support during summer months helps sustain our parish. Go to OL-Gapp.com and click on the app store for your device.

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 this week. 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.*** Family members can fill out one card front and back. Again, please tell us when you are NOT available in September – December.

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 by Tuesday, August 22. Call the parish office at 942-5503 to make a reservation.***

YARD SALE: Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Ct. 1755, is sponsoring a yard sale on Saturday, August 12, 2017 from 7 AM to 2 PM. Something for everyone, and a good place for conversation and spending money! 1200 N. Juniata Street, Hollidaysburg, PA (across from Legion Park).

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.



SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday August 6 - Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00AM-Mass for *Teresa Geishauser* requested by
Michael & Lois Mignogna
10:00AM-Mass for *Serena Stevens* requested by
Gary & Janet Raesch

Monday August 7 - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Bud Bloom* requested by
Ron & Eileen Itell

Tuesday August 8 - St. Dominic, Priest

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Frank Zitzlsperger* requested by
Barb Bundy

Wednesday August 9 - Weekday

5:00PM-Eucharistic Adoration/Confessions
6:00PM-Mass for *Danny Roberto* requested by
Tom & Charlene O'Dellick

Thursday August 10 - St. Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Viola Brooks* requested by
Barb Bundy

Friday August 11 - St. Claire, Virgin

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Jeane McDowell* requested by
Tom & Nancy Weimer

Saturday August 12 - Vigil of the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00PM-Confessions
4:00PM-Mass for *People of the Parish*

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21
- Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
- Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 -- 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35;
Mt 15:21-28
- Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26
- Friday: Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28

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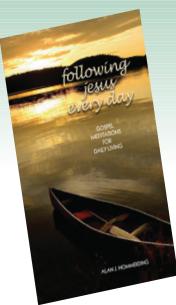


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