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## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Feb. 14th- Mardi Gras/Valentine Party  
Feb. 18th- Ash Wednesday Soup Supper after 6:00 Mass  
Feb. 21st- Love Feast  
Mar. 2nd- Parish Penance Service- 6:30pm  
Mar. 7th- Discover the Church after 4:00pm Mass  
April 19, 2015- New Parishioner Luncheon  
June 13th- June 20th- Rhine Getaway

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## Weekday Readings

Mon. Feb. Mal 3:1-4, Heb 2:14-18, Lk 2:22-40  
Tues. Feb. Heb 12:1-4, Mk 5:21-43  
Wed. Feb. Heb 12:4-7, 11-15, Mk 6:1-6  
Thurs. Feb. 1Cor 1:26-31, Lk 9:23-26  
Fri. Feb. Gal 2:19-20, Mt 28:16-20

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# St. John the Evangelist Church

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**February 1, 2015**  
**4th Sunday in Ordinary**  
**Time**

## APPOINTMENTS

### ACOLYTES:

Sat. Feb. 7- 4:00PM- Rachel Resick, Claire Resick  
Sun. Feb. 8 - 8:00AM- A. J. Abraham, Drew Abraham  
Sun. Feb. 8- 11:00AM- Sean Donoughe, Patrick Donoughe

### LECTORS:

Sat. Feb. 7- 4:00PM- Matt Michelone, Mark Sloan  
Sun. Feb. 8- 8:00AM- Ronan Adams, Jenna Stokes  
Sun. Feb. 8- 11:00AM- Richard Consiglio, Donna Moyer

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. Feb. 7- 4:00PM- Mary Petrak, David Petrak,, Bill Schultz  
Sun. Feb. 8- 8:00AM- Fran Semelsberger  
Sun. Feb. 8- 11:00AM- Ginger Cooney, Jo-Ann Semko, Steve Wilson

### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Sat. Feb. 7- 4:00PM- Peg Madden, Karen Moughemer, Dennis Moughemer, Judy Sneath  
Sun. Feb. 8- 8:00AM- Ray Kennedy, Mile O'Neill, Ginny Reeder, Ed Stoltz  
Sun. Feb. 8- 11:00AM- Walter Bloom, Wendy Campbell, Dee Capriotti, Kathleen Heller

### Sacristan:

Sat. Feb. 7- 4:00PM- Ron Cunningham, Joyce Cunningham  
Sun. Feb. 1- 8:00AM- Michele DeFrancisco  
Sun. Feb. 1- 11:00AM- Marilyn Bevan

## A Few Words from the Pastor:

**Jesus, Our Eternal High Priest** - During the month of January, the first reading for daily Mass has been taken from the *Letter to the Hebrews*, where we find the richest explanation of Jesus the High Priest. For very many years in our church, when we worshiped in the gym, there was a crucifix depicting Jesus our Eternal High Priest, which I remembered seeing on the third floor of the rectory. Our artist-in-residence Allen Capriotti did a professional cleaning of this beautiful crucifix, and it is now displayed in the day chapel. It is a wonderful reminder of our former worship space, and a beautiful depiction of Christ, who is our eternal High Priest. Do stop to see it!

**Lenten Pilgrimage to the St. John Paul II Shrine** - Our Lenten Pilgrimage this year will again take us to Washington, DC, only this year we will be visiting the beautiful St. John Paul II Shrine, recently designated as a national shrine by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. After viewing the permanent exhibit, *A Gift of Love: The Life of St. John Paul II*, we will have the opportunity to venerate two first class relics of St. John Paul II, and then celebrate Mass as a group. In addition to the shrine, we will visit the National Museum for Women in the Arts, where there is an extraordinarily beautiful exhibit entitled *Picturing Mary*. This landmark exhibition brings together more than 60 Renaissance- and Baroque-era masterworks from the Vatican Museums, Uffizi Gallery, and other museums, churches, and private collections in Europe and the United States. The date for this pilgrimage is Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. Further details of the trip will be forthcoming.

**St. John's Alumni** - We need your help! Our School Board is gathering the names and contact information of our grade school alumni! There is a special form in the Gathering Space which you are asked to complete with the names, and if you have it, contact information. Names alone can be helpful, for we can cross reference with BG Alumni Association. YOUR HELP IS ESSENTIAL!

**Adult Ed** -Beginning this week, we will be using a wonderful series entitled The Spirituality of the Twelve Steps for Everyone. Our presenter is Father Anthony Ciorra, PhD, renowned retreat director and preacher. This will be a perfect lead up to Lent. One of the hallmarks of a vibrant parish is an educated laity. All are most welcome to take advantage of this opportunity to grow in an understanding of our Catholic Faith.

**Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark** - All are welcome to join in our bible study on the Gospel of Mark which continues this Wednesday at 7:00, in the rectory, and will conclude on February 11<sup>th</sup>. This is the "Year of Mark" in our Sunday Gospel readings! Our weekly study will focus on what makes the Gospel of Mark, the earliest and shortest of the gospels, so appealing to us! All are welcome to join us. All you need is a bible, and we have a few extras if you forget to bring yours!

**Round Tables and Chairs** - This parish is always up to a challenge! Already we have received payment for 9 sets of tables and chairs for Father Bailey Hall! This new furniture will help deal with the shortage of tables for Father Bailey Hall and the cafeteria when we have simultaneous events. If you would like to be a benefactor for this very worthy project, please notify the office and/or drop your gift (\$375) in the collection. We would love to have the round tables in place for our Mardi Gras.

**Lenten Discussion Groups** - With Lent beginning in just a few weeks, we are preparing to again invite small group discussions. This year our focus will be on the Prodigal Son, with mediations by the famous writer Henri Nouwen. Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Space!

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## February Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis

### PRISONERS

**That prisoners, especially the young, may be able to rebuild lives of dignity.**

### SEPERATED SPOUSES

**That married people who are separated may find welcome and support in the Christian community.**

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## Thank you!

Words cannot express the gratitude that we feel for the cards, gifts, both monetary and otherwise, and the cheerful greetings that you gave us during this Christmas Season. We also wish to thank all those who have been praying for me, sending cards and doing special things to help in these last few weeks of my recuperation. A special thank you to all the young people from our school who made their own cards of prayer and good wishes. Your continued prayers for a good ending to this ordeal would be greatly appreciated.

**Deacon Gene and Barbara Neral**

**Nocturnal Adoration** - This coming Friday, Nocturnal Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held at St. Mary's Church in Altoona, from 8 PM until 11 PM. The hour for St. John's parishioners to keep vigil is from 8 until 9.

**In Your Prayers** - Please remember in your prayers two of our employees, who are having two very different medical events. Our secretary Lindsay will be delivering a baby any day now, and Ken Dunmire, our maintenance man, had gall bladder surgery on Friday.

## Religious Education:

**Bishop's Night for Vocations Essay, Poetry, or Poster Contest:** Students in grades 3 through 11 are encouraged to use their creativity to display this year's theme, *Year of Consecrated Life: How Can I give Myself to God?*. See your child's teacher or Mary Petrak for specific guidelines.

### **Dates to Remember:**

**Feb. 8, 11th Grade Confirmation:** Mass and Candidate Session (BG and Religious Ed students) 10:45-2:15.

**Wed., Feb. 18, Ash Wednesday: 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Group Service Project, 5:00 - 8:30** (BG and Religious Ed students) Students will host the Soup Supper to benefit our parish in Haiti. Students will be able to go to Mass if they haven't already done so.

**Feb. 22, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation:** Mass and Candidate Session (BG and Religious Ed students) 10:45-2:15

**March 1, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation:** Mass and Candidate Session (BG and Religious Ed students) 10:45-2:15

**March 8:** Family Class for students in grades Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade and their parents. Our topic is Lent.

**March 15:** Family Class for students in grades 6 through 8<sup>th</sup> and their parents. Our topic is Lent.

**Mary Petrak:** 201-2982 (home), 502-6076 (cell), mfpetrak@hotmail.com  
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**Ash Wednesday Soup Supper:** This year our 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Candidates will host the annual Soup Supper. Please join us in the cafeteria for a delicious meal of homemade soup and fresh bread, following 6:00 Mass on February 18<sup>th</sup>. As we begin our Lenten journey we remember our less fortunate brothers and sisters for whom this simple meal would be a feast. Donations will be accepted for Saints Peter and Paul parish in Haiti.

If you would like to make soup or bread please sign up on the kiosk or contact Mary Petrak, 201-2982, 502-6076, [mfpetrak@hotmail.com](mailto:mfpetrak@hotmail.com).

## **Scrip Gift Card Program**

Total Sales - \$10,599.00

Approximate Profit - \$526.55

**Scrip is sold in the gathering space at every weekend Mass and each Thursday from 11:30 to 1:00 during the school year.**

Any discrepancies, call Matt or Alicia Reilly at 943-6875

**Due to low demand, we are eliminating \$10.00 grocery cards. but we still have 9 \$10.00 Weis cards left.**

## **PARISH MARDI GRAS/VALENTINE PARTY (21 AND OVER)**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14 AT 5:30 PM IN THE GYM.** PARISH WILL PROVIDE THE MEATS AND SOFT DRINKS. JOIN US FOR DELICIOUS FOOD, MUSIC, DANCING, ENTERTAINMENT, A KING CAKEWALK AND MANY, MANY DOORPRIZES. SIGN UP SHEETS ARE ON THE KIOSK IN THE GATHERING SPACE.

**ANY QUESTIONS CALL JOAN PRICE @ 944-3207.**

### *Stewardship at St. John's*

#### **OFFERTORY for January 25, 2015**

Loose: \$592.00

Envelope: \$4764.00

Children's: \$3.00

Black & Indian Mission: \$126.00

Parish Development: \$10.00

Total: \$5495.00

Online Giving 1/19-1/25: \$1616.00

**Grand Total: \$ 7111.00**

**Family Life-** We will again have small discussion groups for this upcoming Lenten season. We will be discussing the Prodigal Son and will have booklets for the discussion groups. There will be sign up sheets at each of the masses for the next couple weeks. IF ANY ONE IS INTERESTED IN BEING A GROUP LEADER, PLEASE CALL Dee Capriotti at 814-934-3054 or email [deec@remax.net](mailto:deec@remax.net).

# School News

## 7th & 8th Bake Sale:

Where~ St. John's Gym

When~ Saturday, January 31st & Sunday, February 1st after all Masses

Why~ To help the 7th and 8th grade class raise money for their end-of-the-year class trip.

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**St. John's School is now accepting all new students for the 2015-2016 school year.**

Please call the office to set up a time to meet with Ms. Tabatha and for a tour of the school.

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The Women's Group of St. John's Parish is going out to dinner on Tuesday, February 10 at 6:00 PM. We are going to the US Hotel Tavern (401 South Juniata St. Hollidaysburg). All women of the parish are invited to join us for dinner. Please RSVP to [bf Bundy@gmail.com](mailto:bf Bundy@gmail.com) to let me know you are coming to dinner so we have the correct number for the reservation.

## Haiti News

We now have available mass intention cards for Sts. Peter and Paul's in Marmount, Haiti. If you would like to have your intention prayed for at our twin parish, you will find envelopes available next to the Common Cents Jug in the gathering place. Inside each envelope is a card for your information. Thanks to modern technology we will be able to notify you of the date and time the liturgy will be celebrated. Haiti is in the same time zone. Please place envelopes in the jug or in the offertory basket. Thank you for your great support. The Haiti Committee

## A Message from Mary Lee Madigan-Davis

"Mary Lee Madigan-Davis is writing a new blog "Moving Beyond Believe to Know". The address is <http://www.wisewittywoman.wordpress.com>. It is about God's divine invitation to know Him. It provides spiritual reading in a short time. Try it.

## Sunday, February 1, 2015

### SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

#### Sun. Feb. 1st- 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00AM-Mass for *David "Butch" Litzinger* requested by Rob & Renee Luciano

6:30PM - Lectionary Based Faith Sharing

#### Mon. Feb. 2nd- The Presentation of the Lord

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Sclafanit & Yokitis Families* requested by Mary & Ray King

#### Tues. Feb. 3rd - Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *William Kopp* requested by Cora Bacon

#### Wed. Feb. 4th- Weekday

5:00PM- Eucharistic Adoration

6:00PM- Mass for *Timothy Collins*

6:30PM- Rosary for Life

#### Thurs. Feb. 5th- Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

7:55AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Grace Moore* requested by Cora Bacon

#### Friday Feb. 6th- Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Lee Wilson* requested by Cece Wilson

#### Sat. Feb. 7th- Vigil of 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM- Mass for *People of the Parish*

3:00PM- Confessions

4:00PM- Mass for *Glenn Sr & Anna Aungst* requested by Helen & Vern O'Clka

#### Sun. Feb. 8th- 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00AM-Mass for *Dorothy Hetterich* requested by Rich & Joyce Lowe

6:30PM - Lectionary Based Faith Sharing