

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES:

Sat. Feb. 25 - 4:00 PM - Claire Nackley, Keaton Swope
Sun. Feb. 26 - 8:00 AM - Sarah Geishauser, Nathan Ringkamp
Sun. Feb. 26 - 11:00 AM - Nate Rudolph, Kaelab Ruggles
Weds. March 1 - 6:00 PM - Caitlin Conigy, Tyler Conigy

LECTORS:

Sat. Feb. 25 - 4:00 PM - Mark Sloan, Victor Rizzo
Sun. Feb. 26 - 8:00 AM - Ronan Adams, Cora Bacon
Sun. Feb. 26 - 11:00 AM - Richard Consiglio, Richard Karcher
Weds. March 1 - 6:00 PM - Barbara Bundy, Claudia Anderson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Feb. 25 - 4:00 PM - Barb Aubrey, John Lloyd
Sun. Feb. 26 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, Fran Semelsberger
Sun. Feb. 26 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Dolores Capriotti,
Debbie Dougherty, Donna Moyer, David Petrak, Mary Petrak
Weds. March 1 - 6:00 PM - Melissa McHugh, Danielle Miller,
Darlene Scarpaci, Fran Semelsberger, Daniel Turcovsky,
Diane Turcovsky

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

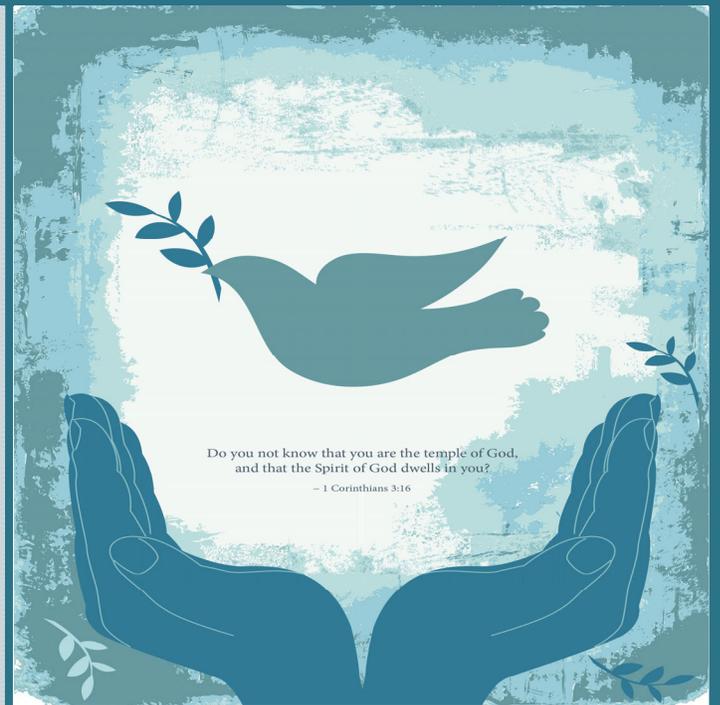
Sat. Feb. 25 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, Lori Ginter,
Dorothy Yingling, Hedy Zumsteg
Sun. Feb. 26 - 8:00 AM - Jane Becker, John Becker,
Ginny Reeder, Mary Truesdale
Sun. Feb. 26 - 11:00 AM - Walter Bloom, Lou Ann Clark,
Peg Madden, Wally Wargo
Weds. March 1 - 6:00 PM - Barb Aubrey, Helen Miller,
Charlie Moore, Ed Stoltz

SACRISTAN:

Sat. Feb. 25 - 4:00 PM - Joyce & Ron Cunningham
Sun. Feb. 26 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. Feb. 26 - 11:00 AM - Barbara Bundy
Weds. March 1 - 6:00 PM - Darlene Scarpaci

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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY•TUESDAY•THURSDAY•FRIDAY: 8:30AM
WEDNESDAY: 6:00PM
SATURDAY: 4:00PM
SUNDAY: 8:00AM•11:00AM

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

February 20 - Parish Office closed
March 1 - Lenten Soup Supper after 6:00 PM Mass
March 11 - Love Feast
March 11 - Discover the Church after 4:00 Mass
March 12 - Parish Penance Service 4:00
April 23 - New Parishioners Luncheon
April 30 - First Communion
May 6 - Spring Fling

A Few Words from the Pastor:

Administrating Our Lady of Lourdes Parish – It is important for me to have some pastoral presence at our Lady of Lourdes Parish. For that reason, I will be presiding at all of their liturgies this weekend. I am grateful to Msgr. Timothy Swope, one of our retired priests, who will be celebrating Masses here at St. John's this weekend. Again, thank you for your prayers for the people of Our Lady of Lourdes, and for their pastor, Father Rizzo.

Commemorating of the Reformation - All are invited to an ecumenical worship service celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, to be held at 2pm on Sunday, February 26, 2017 at First Lutheran Church in Altoona, PA (1401 12th Ave, Altoona PA). A highlight of this service will be the proclamation by Bishop Michael Rhyne of the Allegheny Lutheran Synod, and Bishop Mark Bartchak of the multiple points of agreement on ministry, mission, and Eucharist upon which Lutherans and Catholics agree.

The Chair of St. Peter – Wednesday the Church Universal celebrates the feast of the Chair of St. Peter. This feast brings to mind the mission of teacher and pastor conferred by Christ on Peter, and continued in an unbroken line down to the present Pope. We celebrate the unity of the Church, founded upon the Apostle. The feast of the Chair of Saint Peter at Rome has been celebrated from the early days of the Christian era. In both Rome and Antioch a chair (cathedra) was venerated which the Apostle had used while presiding at the Eucharist.

Who was Saint Polycarp? Imagine being able to sit at the feet of the apostles and hear their stories of life with Jesus from their own lips! Imagine walking with those who had walked with Jesus, seen him, and touched him. That was what Polycarp was able to do as a disciple of St. John the Evangelist. Polycarp was to be named bishop of Smyrna in Asia Minor, and was martyred for his faith. Like St. Polycarp, each one of us is called to be a friend and companion of St. John the Evangelist! We celebrate his feast on Thursday, February 23.

Stations & Bible Study this Lent - We would like to place a greater focus on the Stations of the Cross, a venerated tradition in the Catholic Faith in which we journey with Christ to Calvary. Stations are observed each Friday of Lent at 7:00 PM. Following Stations, there will be an adult bible study of the Passion narratives, to be held in the parish center. Mark your calendar; make a mental note to walk in the steps of Jesus this Lent.

Operation Rice Bowl – This Lent we will again be participating in Operation Rice Bowl. Your generosity for those most in need is so very much appreciated. Rice Bowls will be distributed in the Gathering Space.

Children's' Liturgy of the Word – We have begun the beautiful practice at our 11AM Mass of providing a special "Liturgy of the Word for Children." Before the readings, our little ones are called to the altar for a blessing, and then led by one of our catechists to the Day Chapel, where they will hear the word of God in a way that they can better understand. They then return at the time of the creed. If you would like to help with this ministry, don't hesitate to give a call or email to Mary Haenig, our Director of Religious Formation.

Travel Plans – We would like to plan an overnight trip this spring to New York City, with St. Patrick's Cathedral, the Cloisters Museum, and the World Trade Center Museum as our prime destinations as well as a Broadway show. Stay tuned! Also, we are considering a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in May of 2018. More information on both trips will be forthcoming!

Someone in the Hospital? – Because parishes are not notified by the hospital when a parishioner has been admitted, it is important that family members contact the parish office with that information. This will give us an opportunity for a pastoral visit, as well as inclusion in our prayers!

Adult Ed – Our Sunday sessions continue with the Robert Barron series, *Pivotal Players*, which highlights some of the great figures in Christian history. We continue this week with the life of the great philosopher and theologian, St. Thomas Aquinas.

Blessed Palms Collection - Do you still have palm leaves from previous Palm Sunday celebrations? Leave them with us! They will be added to the ashes that will be distributed at our Ash Wednesday liturgies on March 1, 2017. If you have blessed palms from previous years, we invite you to drop them off in our basket for blessed palms in the gathering space over the next few weeks. Thank you!

ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPER: This year our 11th 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 March 1st. 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

February 26th ... Family Lent event...parents and students attend 9:15-10:45

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD DURING LENT

We will be having Children's Liturgy weekly at the 11:00 AM Mass during Lent. If you have a love of children, we have the tools for you to deliver the Word to them on a child's level. Please contact Mary Haenig mshaenig@gmail.com for more information. High school students are welcome to volunteer too!



MARDI GRAS CHANGE: This year, in place of the Mardi Gras, the parish will have a *Spring Fling* on Saturday, May 6. For more information or to help with this event, please contact Joan Price at 944-3207.

Interested in helping the church budget but do not have any wiggle in the house budget? Consider using Scrip. Using our scrip gift cards could earn the church 4%. This might not seem like much, but at the end of the year that could be between \$500 and over \$1000 per family, which could turn into tens of thousands for the church if we all do a little. Please join our Scrip for St. John's community.

CCW SUNDAY SABBATH SERIES: Carmelite Community of the Word offers Opportunities for Spiritual Enrichment CCW Sunday Sabbath Series: Spend a Sunday afternoon enriching yourself spiritually! Sunday February 26, 2017 Based on her true story, THE LETTERS explores the life's work of Nobel Peace Prize recipient Mother Teresa, one of the greatest humanitarians of all time. Sunday Sabbath gatherings begin at 1:30 PM and end at 4:30 PM. It includes the DVD presentation and time for prayer and reflection. There is no charge for the session but a free will donation will be welcomed. Pre-registration is required by Friday, February 24.

OVERNIGHT SILENT RETREAT: February 24-25, 2017 Living in the Present Moment Retreat begins on Friday evening at 7 PM; ends on Saturday at 3 PM. and will include presentations on the theme, guided prayer opportunities and time for quiet personal reflection. An opportunity for personal Spiritual direction will be made available. Cost for the overnight retreat: \$40/person or \$50/married couple which includes overnight accommodations, meals and all materials. Pre-registration with fee is required by the Tuesday before the retreat.

Sessions will be held at Carmelite Community of the Word Incarnation Center, 394 Bem Rd., Gallitzin, PA. To register, get directions, or for more information, call 814-886-4098.

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 gabby.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:*

- Millie Bilski • Bob Broadwater • Debbie & Ed Ergler
 - Michelle Fasline • Carol Field • Wayne Flanagan
 - Bob George • JoAnne Gerardine • Ron Hord • Judy Hurm
 - Brian Kopp • Bill Loth • June Miller • Deacon Gene Neral
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 - Judy Roberts • Olga Romerowicz • Fran Semelsberger
 - Madison Shura • Patty Teufel • Noah Wills
- Comfort for the afflicted**

HOME WITH THE LORD: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:

Elizabeth Baumgartner

Mary Jane Horton - mother of Dennis Horton

Don Vogel - father of Linda Mueller

May they rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER *"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." Matthew 5:44*

Love your enemies, easier said than done, no doubt. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it towards God and others. It allows us to have a little more empathy for "our enemy". When we pray for others, even "our enemies", maybe it softens their hearts as well.

Stewardship at St. John's

OFFERTORY for February 12, 2017

Envelopes:	\$ 5,133.00
Loose:	\$ 709.00
Children's:	\$ 6.00
Parish Development	\$ 101.00
Catholic Education	\$ 80.00
Total:	\$ 6,029.00
Online Giving:	\$ 2,370.00
TOTAL:	\$ 8,399.00

2016 Contribution Statements are available upon request. Please call the Parish Office at 814-942-5503.

OUR PARISH FAMILY ...

Rick & Patsy Fownes celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary in November, have 3 adult children who all live in this area, and 4 grandchildren. They own and operate 3 local Dairy Queens, which Patsy said is a "family business" with their children involved and maybe someday also their grand-children. Patsy was raised Methodist, but says that she was "always seeking more" and found her way to our RCIA program in 2010. She had been attending another church and was involved in a group that was learning about other religions, but they were not covering Catholicism, so she came to RCIA originally just to learn more. As part of her journey, she read "Rome Sweet Home" by Scott & Kimberly Hahn who are both also converts to Catholicism, and said Rick picked it up and read it also. She feels the Holy Spirit guided Rick, and he decided to join her in the RCIA program. She said that she now "feels complete" and has "no reason to go anywhere else". They both attend our Adult Ed and Patsy is a member of the local Catholic Daughters of America. She also volunteers at St Leonard's Home where she plays the piano & leads a "Monday morning hoo-haw" for the residents, one of whom is her aunt. They usually attend the 11:00 Mass, and Patsy feels St John's is a "blessed congregation" with a "feeling of harmony". *If you're willing to be included in this weekly feature, designed to help us learn more about our St John's family, contact: Cecelia Bloom, at 695-2806 or ceceb13@verizon.net.*



THE PARISH DIRECTORY IS HERE! If you had your portrait taken for the directory, your complimentary copy is in the gathering space.

CHRISTIAN PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY COURSE will be offered at two locations this March. Sr. Marilyn Welch, CCW will be teaching Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 PM at St. Catherine of Siena, Duncansville, beginning March 8th and Deacon Michael Russo will be teaching Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 PM at St. Patrick School, Johnstown beginning March 7th. During this 8 week course, participants will explore both traditional and contemporary expressions of Christian prayer and spirituality that will help deepen their relationship with God. The cost of this course which includes registration and materials is \$55. For further information and registration please contact the Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry at (814) 361-2000 or email mheinze@dioceseaj.org. All our welcome!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday February 19 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*
11:00AM-Mass for *Ronald Hildebrand* requested by Eric & Jody Petrunak & family

Monday February 20 - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for the Faithful

Tuesday February 21 - Weekday

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

Wednesday February 22 - Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

5:00PM- Confession
6:00PM- Mass for *Joseph Dullinger* requested by Phyllis Lilly

Thursday February 23 - St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM- Mass for *John & Helen Despot* requested by Bill & Dee Schmerbeck

Friday February 24 - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for the Faithful

Saturday February 25 - Vigil of the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday February 26 - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM-Mass for *Eugene & Eileen O'Neill* requested by Family
11:00AM-Mass for *Lena Colyer* requested by Dick & Jenni Difolco

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19
Thursday: Sir 5:1-8;; Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12





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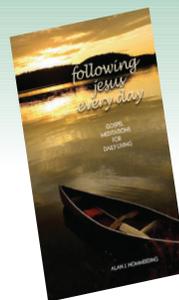


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