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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  
**Mar. 21st**- Parish Pilgrimage, Trip to Washington D.C.  
**April 19, 2015**- New Parishioner Luncheon  
**June 13th- June 20th**- Rhine Getaway

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## Weekday Readings

- Mon. Feb.** Gn 1:1-19, Mk 6:53-56  
**Tues. Feb.** Sg 8:6-7, Lk 10:38-42  
**Wed. Feb.** Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17, Mk 7:14-23  
**Thurs. Feb.** Gn 2:18-25, Mk 7:24-30  
**Fri. Feb.** Gn 3:1-8, Mk 7:31-37

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# St. John the Evangelist Church

309 Lotz Ave Altoona, PA 16602  
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**February 8, 2015**  
**5th Sunday in Ordinary**  
**Time**



## APPOINTMENTS

### ACOLYTES:

- Sat. Feb. 14- 4:00PM- Alycia Auerbeck, Alexandria Auerbeck  
Sun. Feb. 15 - 8:00AM-Zoey Landeck, Amber Yasolsky  
Sun. Feb. 15- 11:00AM-Keaton Swope, Matthew Woolridge  
Wed. Feb. 18- 6:00PM-Tyler Conigy, Caitlin Conigy

### LECTORS:

- Sat. Feb. 14- 4:00PM- Mary Petrak, David Petrak  
Sun. Feb. 15- 8:00AM- Tim Rea, Thomas Robison  
Sun. Feb. 15- 11:00AM- Paul Dennis, Patrick Schurr  
Wed. Feb. 18- 6:00PM-Joseph Klobuka, Susanna Tomlinson

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

- Sat. Feb. 14- 4:00PM- Betsy Schultz, Bill Schultz, Connie Baker  
Sun. Feb. 15- 8:00AM- Jenna Stokes  
Sun. Feb. 15- 11:00AM- Dee Capriotti, Susanna Tomlinson, Kenneth Gorman  
Wed. Feb. 18-6:00PM-Kenneth Gorman, Ann Mingyar, Debbie Smith

### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

- Sat. Feb. 14- 4:00PM- Kathleen Heller, Coleen Langguth, David Langguth, Heather Nackley  
Sun. Feb. 15- 8:00AM- Carol Field, Mary Grace Horton, Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky  
Sun. Feb. 15- 11:00AM- Marilyn Bevan, Walter Bloom, Lou Ann Clark, Patrick Podeletz  
Wed. Feb. 18-6:00PM-Lori Ginter, Larry VanSickel, Paula VanSickel, Hedy Zumteg

### Sacristan:

- Sat. Feb. 14- 4:00PM- Kathleen Heller  
Sun. Feb. 15- 8:00AM- Darlene Scarpaci  
Sun. Feb. 15- 11:00AM- Barbara Bundy  
Wed. Feb. 18-6:00PM- Barbara Bundy

## A Few Words from the Pastor:

**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>. The cost per person is \$65, which will cover lunch and admittance to the Shrine and Museum. Sign up on the kiosk.

**Pilgrims, not Tourists** – The path to spiritual maturity is a life-long journey. You are invited to make that journey with Father Anthony Ciorra, PhD, renowned retreat director and preacher. Each Sunday morning after the 8 AM Mass he will be exploring the “Steps” that are necessary for this growth in spirituality. Over the next few weeks he will address such topics as “The Art of Happiness,” “What You Desire Defines Who You Are,” and “Leaning into the Darkness.” Do join in the discussion with your fellow parishioners.

**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 wonderful reminder of our former worship space, and a beautiful depiction of Christ, who is our eternal High Priest. Do stop to see it!

**Meet the Prodigal Son** – 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 meditations by the renowned spiritual writer, Henri Nouwen. Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Space!

**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.

**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!

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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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**SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB:** We have not been meeting for a variety of reasons, including weather. However, we plan to have 1 discussion before lent--MONDAY, FEB. 16 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the rectory. We will be discussing **Forming Intentional Disciples: the Path to Knowing and Following Jesus.** I will put a copy of the book in the gathering space for persons to borrow for several days at a time, as well as copies of chapters 5,6,&7 which are most relevant for discussion. Please join us. If you have questions, call Joyce Cunningham (695-5346) or e-mail [jmc1863@atlanticbb.net](mailto:jmc1863@atlanticbb.net).

**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.

**Round Tables and Chairs** – Our sincerest gratitude to all those who have donated to provide new tables and chairs for Father Bailey Hall. They were put to good use for the School Bake Sale last week, and will be perfect for our Mardi Gras party coming up next Saturday. A complete list of donors will be given in next week's bulletin.

## Religious Education:

**Lent Faith Sharing Group:** Please consider joining the discussion group led by Ann Mingyar. The group will meet in the rectory on Sundays during Lent from 9:20-10:40.

**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

**Family Class** for students in grades 6 through 8 and their parents. Our topic is Lent

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

**March 15: Junior High Youth Day, 11:00 - 6:00** at Bishop Carroll High School

Mary Petrak: 201-2982 (home), 502-6076 (cell), [mfpetrak@hotmail.com](mailto:mfpetrak@hotmail.com)

**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 - \$16,343.00

Approximate Profit - \$740.33

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

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

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14 AT 5:30 PM** IN THE GYM. 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 February 1, 2015**

Loose: \$910.00

Envelope: \$6509.00

Children's: \$13.50

Black & Indian Mission: \$129.00

Total: \$7561.50

**Online Giving 1/26-2/1: \$2391.00**

**Grand Total: \$ 9952.50**

**LOVE FEAST news:** You will notice a new sign-up list for our next Love Feast on **Saturday, February 21** at Simpson Temple United Church. This could again be a great opportunity for high school students to obtain service hours. We won't need as many supplies this time due to retaining those from October, when our participation in the Love Feast was cancelled the day before the event due to scheduling problems at Simpson Temple. The cupcakes delivered for the October Love Feast went to The Father's House, which serves dinners to about 60 people 3 times weekly.

**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

Sunday, February 8, 2015

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

**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

**Mon. Feb. 9th- Weekday**

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration  
8:10AM- Morning Prayer  
8:30AM- Mass for *Steven Dubaniewicz*

**Tues. Feb. 10th -Saint Scholastica**

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration  
8:10AM- Morning Prayer  
8:30AM- Mass for *Eileen Becker* requested by Mr. & Mrs. Jim Roccio

**Wed. Feb. 11th- Weekday**

5:00PM- Eucharistic Adoration  
5:30PM- Confessions  
6:00PM- Mass for *Connie Stoltz* requested by Vic & Janet Dinicola  
6:30PM- Rosary for Life

**Thurs. Feb. 12th- Weekday**

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration  
7:55AM- Morning Prayer  
8:30AM- Mass for *Henry Evangelista* requested by Family

**Friday Feb. 13th- Weekday**

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration  
8:10AM- Morning Prayer  
8:30AM- Mass for *Butch Litzinger* requested by Vince Frank

**Sat. Feb. 14th- Vigil of 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00AM- Mass for *People of the Parish*  
3:00PM- Confessions  
4:00PM- Mass for *Marie Therese* requested by Crevecouer Family

**Sun. Feb. 15th- 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00AM- Mass for *Ida Prosperi* requested by John Prosperi  
11:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*  
6:30PM - Lectionary Based Faith Sharing

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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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**SAVE THE DATE:** Scholastic Book Fair will be in the gym after all masses beginning Saturday, Feb. 21st and Sunday, Feb. 22nd.

**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 [bfbundy@gmail.com](mailto:bfbundy@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.