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## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

**Jan. 16th**- Bus Trip- Harrisburg

**Feb. 14th**- Mardi Gras/Valentine Party

**Feb. 21st**- Love Feast

**April 19, 2015**- New Parishioner Luncheon

**June 13th- June 20th**- Rhine Getaway

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## Weekday Readings

**Mon. Jan. 12**-Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20

**Tues. Jan. 13**- Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28

**Wed. Jan. 14**- Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39

**Thurs. Jan. 15**- Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45

**Fri. Jan. 16**- Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12

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# *St. John the Evangelist Church*

309 Lotz Ave Altoona, PA 16602

814-942-5503

**January 11, 2015**

**Baptism of the Lord**



## APPOINTMENTS

### ACOLYTES:

Sat. Jan. 17- 4:00PM- Jack Donoughe, Kelsey Donoughe

Sun. Jan. 18- 8:00AM- Nate Rudolph, Jessica Rudolph

Sun. Jan. 18- 11:00AM- Cherie Langenbacher, Makayla Langenbacher

### LECTORS:

Sat. Jan. 17- 4:00PM- Matt Michelone, Mark Sloan

Sun. Jan. 18- 8:00AM- Ron Adams, Tom Robison

Sun. Jan. 18- 11:00AM- Richard Karcher, Steve Wilson

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. Jan. 17- 4:00PM- Connie Baker, David Loth, Mary Petrak, David Petrak

Sun. Jan. 18- 8:00AM- Darlene Scarpaci, Jenna Stokes

Sun. Jan. 18- 11:00AM- Lou Ann Clark, Ginger

Cooney, Mary Dennis, Paul Dennis, Ann Mingyar,

Debbie Smith

### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Sat. Jan. 17- 4:00PM- Coleen Langguth, David Langguth, Peg Madden, Judy Sneath

Sun. Jan. 18- 8:00AM- Ray Kennedy, Charlie Moore, Ginny Reeder, Ed Stoltz

Sun. Jan. 18- 11:00AM- Marilyn Bevan, Walter Bloom, Dee Capriotti, Kathleen Heller

### Sacristan:

Sat. Jan. 17- 4:00PM- Ron Cunningham, Joyce Cunningham

Sun. Jan. 18- 8:00AM- Michele DeFrancisco

Sun. Jan. 18- 11:00AM- Dee Capriotti

## A Few Words from the Pastor:

**Praying for Christian Unity** - Beginning next Sunday, from January 18-25, we will be observing the *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*. There has never been a time in our history when Christian need to be united and speaking with one voice, especially in the face of persecutions in the Middle East and in response to the rampant materialism in our own culture. This is an urgent mission for Pope Francis, as it should be for all of us!

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**The Story of the Other Wise Man** - The story of Arteban, the "other wise man," is not found in Sacred Scripture, but was written by Henry Van Dyke, and published in 1895. It was made into a film starring Martin Sheen in 1985. If you wish to read the whole of this beautiful short story, it is available from Amazon.com. I told this story on the Feast of the Epiphany because continues to inspire generations of Christians who seek to understand the mystery of Christ.

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**Adult Ed to Resume This Sunday** - Our Sunday morning Adult Ed program resumes this Sunday morning, when we will complete the Alpha Course and begin discussing other topics for future sessions. 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.

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**Marian Vestments** - For the many Feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary that are celebrated annually, we would like to purchase special Marian vestments especially fitting for the occasions. The one we would like to acquire is shown on the front of this bulletin. We would be purchasing a chasuble for the priest (\$450) and a dalmatic for the deacon (\$350). Such beautiful vestments can be a gift to the parish in memory of a loved one. If you would like to donate a Marian vestment in someone's memory, please contact the parish office or speak with either Deacon Gene or myself. Your loved one will be especially remembered on every Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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**A Successful Appeal** - Our "end of the year" appeal for the matching grant has been most successful. We have achieved the goal, and more so! Our gratitude to all who participated! The final total will be published next week!

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**Saturday Morning Mass** - A team of men preparing for the next Cursillo retreat will be meeting here each Saturday for the next 8 weeks, as they get ready for the March Cursillo. We will resume our Saturday morning Mass for those weeks, as a special incentive for these faith-filled men. All are most welcome, with Mass beginning at 9 o'clock.

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## Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis

PEACE

**That those from diverse religious traditions and all people of good will may work together for peace.**

CONSECRATED LIFE

**That in this year dedicated to consecrated life, religious men and women may rediscover the joy of following Christ and strive to serve the poor with zeal.**

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**Our Next Bus Trip: The Pennsylvania Farm Show** - We've all seen it on TV, but there is nothing like an actual visit to the PA Farm Show! **OUR TRIP IS FRIDAY, JANUARY 16**, with departure from St. John's Parking Lot at approximately 9:00 AM (immediately following the 8:30 AM Mass.) We will be returning by 8:00 PM Friday evening. Pennsylvania hosts the largest indoor agricultural exposition in the nation, with nearly 6,000 animals, 10,000 competitive exhibits and 300 commercial exhibits. This will be the 99<sup>th</sup> annual Farm Show! There is no cost for admission, with an amazing food court to satisfy all your culinary desires! The cost for transportation is only \$40 per person. Sign up now in the Gathering Space! **THERE ARE STILL SEATS AVAILABLE!**

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## Religious Education:

*Happy New Year!* Check out the pictures of our Advent activities on the kiosk.

Our 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade Religious Ed teacher would like to have a volunteer helper to assist in the classroom.

### **Mark your calendar:**

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade Religious Ed Rescue Mission Project:** 11<sup>th</sup> graders will deliver food from the second Sunday food collection to the Altoona Rescue Mission on **Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>**. They will meet at 9:15 and will finish by noon. Adult drivers are needed.

**Sat., Jan. 24:** Baptism Retreat for 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Candidates and parents, (BG and Religious Ed students), 9:00-1:00

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**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.

**SECOND SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION:** You will find a sign-up list to participate in gathering the bags of donated non-perishable food for delivery to a designated food bank. The list will begin in Feb. and end in Oct., as we always donate food collected in Nov. and Dec. to the Angel Tree families. This year the food collected in January will be delivered by Joyce Lowe's religious education students to a new food bank--Altoona Rescue Mission, 815 Lexington Ave., Altoona--operated by Jared Bowling.

## **Scrip Gift Card Program**

1/3/15- 1/4/15

Total Sales - \$8,863.00

Approximate Profit - \$419.98

**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. \$10 cards are gone for Giant Eagle and Martin's Food, but we still have 14 \$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 CAKE WALK 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 December 25, 2014**

Loose: \$1,846.00

Envelope: \$8,456.50

**Total: \$10,302.50**

#### **Offertory for December 28, 2014:**

Loose: \$390.00

Envelope: \$4,269.50

Children's: \$10.00

Christmas Flowers: \$50.00

**Total: \$4,719.50**

#### **Solemnity of Mary: \$2,374.50**

#### **Offertory for January 4, 2015:**

Envelopes: \$7,244.00

Loose: \$1,745.00

Children's: \$4.00

Parish Development: \$20.00

Religious Retirement Fund: \$25.00

**Total: \$9,038.00**

# School News

Sunday, January 11, 2015  
SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

**LOTTERY CARDS:** Please remember to submit all stubs and money to the School Office in a timely manner. Sales can continue through the beginning of 2015, but lottery cards **CANNOT** be paid out on until the money and stubs are returned and registered. Please contact Kathleen Iachini (814) 942-5058.

**Financial Peace University classes** begin January 11, 2015 from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm in the 7th & 8th grade classroom of the school. Classes will run weekly until March 8, 2015. You may register online at; [www.daveramsey.com](http://www.daveramsey.com). Use the Find a class link. Cost of Lifetime Membership kit is \$93.00. You may register online without purchasing a kit and send check into the school, written out to St. John Church in order to save the \$9.20 shipping and handling fee. For more information you can call 814-515-9020. If you have a membership kit and would like to refresh your skills you are welcome to sign up and attend classes.

**A BIG THANK YOU:** The school wishes to thank all of the parishioners who have been saving their box tops and putting them into the container at church. We really appreciate your help!!

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**A Message from the Kibler Family:**

Msgr. Becker, Deacon Gene and "all" who came to the aid of my husband Jerry Sunday at the 11 am Mass.

I am overwhelmed and humbled by your outpouring of "love" and sincerely "Thank" each of you!

Know that Jerry is home and doing well, and yes your prayers were answered.

With deepest gratitude and may God bless each of you!

Rita Kibler

**Sun. Jan. 11th- Baptism of the Lord**

8:00AM- Mass for *John M. Stoltz* requested by Edward Stoltz

11:00AM- Mass for *People of the Parish*

6:30PM - Lectionary Based Faith Sharing

**Mon. Jan. 12th- Weekday**

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Ralph Carland* requested by Cora Bacon

**Tues. Jan. 13th- Weekday**

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Lorraine Campbell* requested by David & Tracy Auerbeck

**Wed. Jan. 14th- Weekday**

5:00PM- Eucharistic Adoration

6:00PM- Mass for *Glenn Sr. & Anna Aungst* requested by Dick Carnicella & Family

6:30PM- Rosary for Life

**Thurs. Jan. 15th- Weekday**

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

7:55AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Mary Anne Lamont* requested by Her Children

**Friday Jan. 16th- Weekday**

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Special Intention* requested by Betsy Slat

**Sat. Jan 17th- Vigil of 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

3:00PM- Confessions

4:00PM- Mass for *Amelia Haberstroh* requested by Jim Miller

**Sun. Jan. 18th- 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00AM- Mass for *Guido Prospero* requested by John Prospero

11:00AM- Mass for *People of the Parish*

6:30PM - Lectionary Based Faith Sharing