

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES:

Sat. Jan. 21 - 4:00 PM - Julie Resick, Claire Resick
Sun. Jan. 22 - 8:00 AM - Emily Miller, Ethan Miller
Sun. Jan. 22 - 11:00 AM - Cherie Langenbacher, Makayla
Langenbacher

LECTORS:

Sat. Jan. 21 - 4:00 PM - David Andrews, Mark Sloan
Sun. Jan. 22 - 8:00 AM - Fran Semelsberger, Cora Bacon
Sun. Jan. 22 - 11:00 AM - Mark Krepich, Claudia Anderson

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. Jan. 21 - 4:00 PM - Barb Aubrey, Joyce Cunningham
Sun. Jan. 22 - 8:00 AM - Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
Sun. Jan. 22 - 11:00 AM - Debbie Dougherty, Walter Bloom,
Cecelia Bloom, Barbara Bundy, Dolores Capriotti, Lou Ann Clark

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Sat. Jan. 21 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, Bill Stokan, Billy Sweet,
Mary Frances Stokan
Sun. Jan. 22 - 8:00 AM - Carolyn English, Mike O'Neill,
Paula VanSickel, Larry VanSickel
Sun. Jan. 22 - 11:00 AM - Peg Madden, Anna Podoletz,
Patrick Podoletz, Wally Wargo

SACRISTAN:

Sat. Jan. 21 - 4:00 PM - Billy Sweet
Sun. Jan. 22 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. Jan. 22 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

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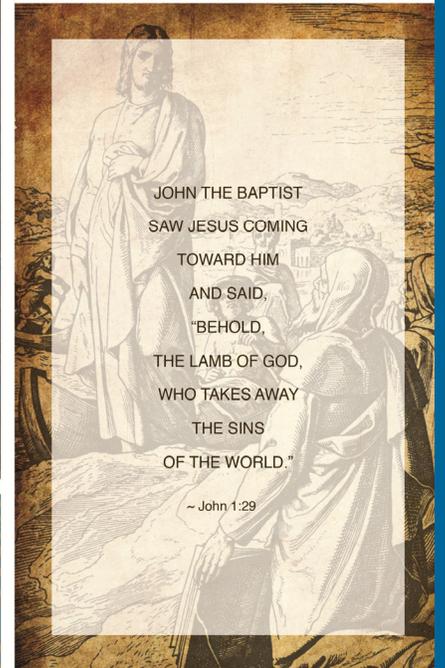
WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY•TUESDAY•THURSDAY•FRIDAY: 8:30AM

WEDNESDAY: 6:00PM

SATURDAY: 4:00PM

SUNDAY: 8:00AM•11:00AM



JOHN THE BAPTIST
SAW JESUS COMING
TOWARD HIM
AND SAID,
"BEHOLD,
THE LAMB OF GOD,
WHO TAKES AWAY
THE SINS
OF THE WORLD."

~ John 1:29

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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

January 16 - Parish Office closed.

March 1 - Ash Wednesday/Lenten Soup Supper

March 11 - Love Feast

A Few Words from the Pastor:

Unbound – We welcome this weekend Father John D. Kirwin, who will be here preach on the ministry of “Unbound.” Formerly known as the Christian Foundation for Children and Aging (CFCA), Unbound is a nonprofit sponsorship organization headquartered in Kansas City, Kansas. Unbound was founded by lay Catholic workers acting on the Gospel call to serve the poor. “Unbound” partners with families living in poverty, empowering them to become self-sufficient and fulfill their desired potential. Rather than a special collection, Unbound encourages sponsorships. Father Kirwin will provide materials and all the necessary information about how YOU can help the disadvantaged!

Praying for Christian Unity -- In 2017 Catholics and Lutherans jointly observe the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation. Catholics and Lutherans (as well as all Protestants) today enjoy a growth in mutual understanding, cooperation and respect. In response to the call for what Saint Pope John Paul II termed “Spiritual Ecumenism,” Christians of all denominations are urged to come together in prayer for Christian unity. Next Sunday, January 22, at 3:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona, Bishop Mark Bartchak will preside at a Lutheran-Catholic Common Commemoration of the Reformation. Presiding with our bishop will be Bishop Michael Rhyne, Lutheran bishop of the Allegheny Lutheran Synod, who will preach. All are encouraged to attend!

Our Poinsettias – We are most grateful for the generous contributions which made possible the beautiful poinsettias for Christmas. We will continue to adorn the altar with them for the next forty days, until Candlemas Day, February 2nd, the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the temple. The spirit of Christmas lingers!

Adult Ed to Resume – Our Sunday sessions continue with the Robert Barron series, *Pivotal Players*, which highlights some of the great figures in Christian history. We will continue this week with the second part of the presentation on St. Francis of Assisi, and next week consider the life of one of the great women in our tradition, St. Catherine of Siena.

Our Saint of the Week - On Tuesday we celebrate the life of St. Anthony, Abbot, who lived as a hermit in the Egyptian desert. Called the Father of Monasticism, Anthony lived a life of solitude, fasting, and manual labor in the service of God. He never stopped challenging himself to go one step beyond in his faith. This life had left him a healthy, vigorous man until very late in life. Anthony died when he was one hundred and five years old. Saint Athanasius, who knew Anthony and wrote his biography, said, "Anthony was not known for his writings nor for his worldly wisdom, nor for any art, but simply for his reverence toward God." We may wonder nowadays at what we can learn from someone who lived in the desert, wore skins, ate bread, and slept on the ground. We may wonder how we can become him. We can become Anthony by living his life of radical faith and complete commitment to God.

Celebrating the Nativity at St. John's – There is no more enduring image for Christmas than the Crèche, which reveals in all simplicity the story of the birth of Christ. Might we consider adding to the figurines in our Nativity scene in the front of the church, to include the shepherds and the magi? We are exploring the cost of such figures, and will keep you posted.

OUR PARISH FAMILY ... Patrick & Andrea Schurr were married here at St John's in August 2004. Andrea and her family (the Klobuka's) have been members for many years, and Andrea attended St John's School. Patrick is currently the Executive Assistant to Senator John Eichelberger, and Andrea is the Community and Public Relations Manager for Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries. They have three young sons: Aidan 9, Colin 5, and Liam 3. Prior to its closing, Aidan and Colin also attended St John's School, and both parents were active in school activities. Patrick serves our parish as a lector, and the family usually attends the 11:00 Mass. When I asked them how they felt about St John's, Andrea said that it's “home” for her, and Patrick said that they “feel comfortable here”. They also mentioned our music program, and said the choir adds much to the worship experience. *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. We'd especially like to hear from some of our 4:00 & 8:00 Mass people!*



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education Schedule

- January 15 Regular class 9:15-10:45
- January 22 Regular class 9:15-10:45
- January 29 Regular class 9:15-10:45

BOOK CLUB: Our discussion of Islam & the rise of ISIS was stimulating but incomplete. We plan to meet again at D"Lite at 11 a.m. on *Friday, February 3, 2017*. Anyone is welcome to attend.

MARCH FOR LIFE EVENTS:

30th Annual Respect Life March: St. Matthew Church, Tyrone. Sunday, January 15, 2017 at 12 noon. Walk 1.25 miles to grave of Baby Agnes Doe. Lunch after the March in the Parish Hall. Bring a sign.

BUS TRIP to Washington D.C. is Friday, January 27, 2017. The cost is \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for students. For reservations, call Patricia or Marita Forr 946-0681, Roxann Blazewicz 695-8008 or Anne Zelnosky 942-2723.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb..." Isaiah 49:5

You have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do. Guess what, each of us has been given a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and generously share them with others.

Stewardship at St. John's

OFFERTORY for January 8, 2017

Envelopes:	\$	4,127.00
Loose:	\$	635.00
Children's:	\$	4.00
Parish Development	\$	95.00
Catholic Education	\$	10.00
Total:	\$	4,871.00
Online Giving:	\$	2,564.00
TOTAL:	\$	7,435.00

- ACA update: \$64,296 in Receipts
- The parish has exceeded the goal of \$49,405.
- Parish Share is \$14,891 as of 12/27/16.

2016 Contribution Statements will be available upon request beginning January 17, 2017.
Please call the Parish Office at 814- 942-5503.

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:*

- Judy Baird • Millie Bilski • Debbie & Ed Ergler
 Carol Field • Bill Foose • JoAnne Gerardine • Judy Hurm
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 For Christian unity**

LOVE FEAST: You will notice strips on the kiosk to donate food items for our next Love Feast which is **Saturday, March 11**. Please return items by **March 6** to the designated area under the coat-rack. Also, we will need new servers for this event as some of our usual helpers have gone south for sea & sunshine. Please volunteer to help by signing up on the kiosk.

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION AND DELIVERY:

We are now collecting cereal for the Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at the Assumption Chapel. There will be a separate container in the gathering space for the cereal. Please add cereal to our ongoing monthly Food Collection.



Also, please consider signing up on the kiosk to deliver the food that we collect to a designated food bank. Details are on the sheet attached to the sign-up. Most volunteers pick up the bags of food after morning Mass on the Monday after the second Sunday.

HAITI UPDATE: We will be taking a trip to Haiti from January 18th to January 24th. If you missed the bulletin insert sharing Father Banive's Christmas letter, it is posted on the kiosk. We will soon display a photo of the new school desks. Also, *please consider making a donation* toward extra checked baggage, printer ink for school worksheets, school supplies, and another battery for the solar panel. It would be nice to have some of these costs covered for our trip. During Lent we will be promoting a fund to help with the teacher salaries. For more information, please contact Mary Lee Madigan-Davis at mlmdcreek@aol.com or 814-931-2651.

ECUMENICAL SERVICES: On Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 3:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona, Bishop Mark Bartchak will preside at a Lutheran-Catholic Common Commemoration of the Reformation. Presiding with our bishop will be Bishop Michael Rhyne, Lutheran bishop of the Allegheny Lutheran Synod, who will preach.

On Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 3:00 PM, at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Richland (Johnstown), Bishop Michael Rhyne, Lutheran bishop of the Allegheny Lutheran Synod, will preside at a Lutheran-Catholic Common Commemoration of the Reformation. Presiding with Bishop Rhyne will be Bishop Mark Bartchak, who will preach.

Star of the Sea Council 4245, Hollidaysburg, will hold its **Free Throw Championship** on January 28, 2017 from 12:00-2:00pm at St. Patrick's Gym in Newry. REGISTRATION 12:00-12:30pm. Competition is free, but a donation of a non-perishable food item for a local food bank is encouraged. Open to boys and girls 7-14 as of January 1, 2017. Participants must bring proof of age and may only participate in one council competition. Awards for all age groups. Questions or pre-register by calling Dennis Dombrosky at 695-1509 or emailing dinopapt@aol.com.

St. Valentine's Dinner Dance - Saturday, February 11th benefits Young People Who Care Ministries. Doors open at 6pm & Chicken Dinner at 6:30pm Music by 14th Street Jazz Band and door prizes Will be held at the Florian Banquet Center, Clearfield. Donation: \$30 per person. For tickets or ticket locations call Bethany Retreat Center 814-263-4855.

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: As we enter Ordinary Time following the Christmas season, our readings suggest that something extraordinary is going on. In the passage from Isaiah, during the time of their exile, the people of Israel are terribly confused and lost, and they long desperately for the healing and renewing presence of God. A servant is chosen, called to remind God's people that God's promises to them will be fulfilled. In the Gospel, as we move to the ministry of John the Baptist, Israel is again aching for God to be present among them. John proclaims that Jesus is the real deal, the Lamb of God, the fulfillment of God's promises. The Holy Spirit remains with Jesus. And as John testifies, when Jesus baptizes with the Spirit, this is God healing and renewing the people.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday January 15 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00AM-Mass for *Jeff Sefchock* requested by Terry & Kathy Tomassetti

Monday January 16- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:30AM- Morning Prayer and Communion Service

Tuesday January 17 - St. Anthony, Abbot

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Marie Farrell* requested by Cecelia Bloom

Wednesday January 18 - Weekday

5:00PM- Confession

6:00PM- Mass for *Eileen Becker* requested by Clarence Becker

Thursday January 19- Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Frank & Mary Bednarski*

Friday January 20 - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Joseph & Jean Dardzinski*

Saturday January 21 - Vigil of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00PM- Confession

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

Sunday January 22 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM-Mass for *Ryan Ergler* requested by Ed & Debbie Ergler

11:00AM-Mass for *Serena Stevens* requested by Harry & Sandy Murphy

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25 -- 8:6; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19



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