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## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Feb. 14th- Mardi Gras/Valentine Party

Feb. 21st- Love Feast

Mar. 2nd- Parish Penance Service- 6:30pm

April 19, 2015- New Parishioner Luncheon

June 13th- June 20th- Rhine Getaway

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## Weekday Readings

Mon. Jan. 19- Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22

Tues. Jan. 20- Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28

Wed. Jan. 21- Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Mk 3:1-6

Thurs. Jan. 22- Heb 7:25-8:6/Mk 3:7-12

Fri. Jan. 23- Heb 8:6-13/Mk 3:13-19

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# St. John the Evangelist Church

309 Lotz Ave Altoona, PA 16602

814-942-5503

January 18, 2015

2nd Sunday in Ordinary  
Time

## APPOINTMENTS

### ACOLYTES:

Sat. Jan. 24- 4:00PM- Tyler Conigy, Caitlin Conigy

Sun. Jan. 25- 8:00AM- Ethan Miller, Abbie Starr

Sun. Jan. 25- 11:00AM- Matthew Woolridge, Amber Yasolsky

### LECTORS:

Sat. Jan. 24- 4:00PM- Matt Michelone, Victor Rizzo

Sun. Jan. 25- 8:00AM- Tim Rea, Thomas Robison

Sun. Jan. 25- 11:00AM-

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. Jan. 24- 4:00PM- Connie Baker, David Loth, Betsy Shultz, Bill Shultz

Sun. Jan. 25- 8:00AM- Dan Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky

Sun. Jan. 25- 11:00AM- Ginger Cooney, Ken Gormna, Ann Mingyar, Bob Olson, Jo-Ann Semko, Susanna Tomlinson

### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Sat. Jan. 24- 4:00PM- Connie Baker, Betsy Lloyd, Peg Madden, Dorothy Yingling

Sun. Jan. 25- 8:00AM- Carol Field, Mary Grace Horton, Charlie Moore, Ginny Reeder

Sun. Jan. 25- 11:00AM- Dee Capriotti, David Petrak

### Sacristan:

Sat. Jan. 24- 4:00PM- Joyce Cunningham, Ron Cunningham

Sun. Jan. 25- 8:00AM- Michele DeFrancisco

Sun. Jan. 25- 11:00AM- Marilyn Bevan

Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit  
within you.— 1 Corinthians 6:19a

## A Few Words from the Pastor:

**Deacon Gene** - Our prayers are with Deacon Gene, who has been diagnosed with diverticulitis, and will out of action for a few months. He is home now from the hospital, though there is some surgery ahead. He would certainly appreciate hearing from you. Cards can be sent to Deacon Gene Neral, 1100 Flamingo Drive, Apt 7103, Altoona, PA 16602. Your kindness will mean a lot to him! And to Barbara, too!

**Adult Ed** - In two weeks we will have completed the Alpha Course! Even if you have been there for no other talks, these are the ones not to miss. Beginning in February 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.

**Marian Vestments** - I was not out of church last Sunday before someone came up and offered to purchase these vestments for our Marian celebrations! These vestments have been purchased by Jo-Ann Semko in memory of her father George Semko.

**A Successful Appeal** - Our "end of the year" appeal for the matching grant has been most successful. Total receipts for this appeal are \$19,854, with contributions from 68 households. Many, many thanks to all who participated!

**Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark** - I will be leading a 4 week bible study on the Gospel of Mark beginning this Wednesday, January 21, at 7:00, in the rectory. Our study will continue until Ash Wednesday. This in 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** - We are challenged with a shortage of tables for Father Bailey Hall and the cafeteria, especially when we have simultaneous events. The Parish Council has approved the purchasing a set of ten round tables for Father Bailey Hall, along with stackable chairs. The Council also suggested that we ask for donors who would purchase a table and 8 chairs, for a total of \$375.00. If you would like to be a benefactor for this very worthy project, please notify the office and/or drop your gift in the collection. We would love to have the round tables in place for our Mardi Gras.

**Our Administrative Assistant Lindsay Reffner** is expecting her first child and will be going on maternity leave any day now. Any bulletin announcements, please forward to Heather Reimer (stjohnchurch@atlanticbb.net).

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### January 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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**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.

**Bishop Mark Bartchak will preside at a Prayer Service on January 21 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. The Bishop will offer a special blessing to those in our Diocesan Church who will travel to the March for Life the following day. The service is also an opportunity for all individuals - whether or not they are able to attend the March for Life - to come together to remember the victims of abortion and to pray for the sanctity of human life.

## Religious Education:

### Dates to Remember:

#### 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. Snacks will be served mid-morning. In celebration of Right to Life Month students are asked to bring diapers or baby food.

**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

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

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**Welcome Adult Christian Initiation Candidates.** Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated The Rite of Welcoming the Candidates as a step in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process. The candidates and (their sponsors) are Ashlee Mauk (Carole Litzinger), Debbie Appleby (David Petrak), Rachel Raneri (Megan Swope) and Anna Dick (Tyne Palazzi). Also, we recognized adult confirmation candidates Brenda Dick (Heather Yasolsky) and Jennifer Patrick (Mary Lee Madigan-Davis). They have now entered a period of more intense preparation for the Easter sacraments. Please pray for our candidates and their sponsors.

## **Scrip Gift Card Program**

Total Sales - \$14,170.00

Approximate Profit - \$650.78

**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 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 January 11, 2015

Loose: \$510.00

Envelope: \$4,775.75

Children's: \$4.00

Parish Development: \$145.00

Total: \$5,434.75

Online Giving Jan. 5-11: \$2,621.00

**Grand Total of: \$8,055.75**

**2nd Sunday Food Collection: \$531.00**

**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.

# School News

Sunday, January 18, 2015

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

**LOTTERY CARDS:** If your number comes up, we will be sending the check through the mail unless stated otherwise. Please give us a week or two for you receive your money. Please contact Kathleen Iachini (814) 942-5058.

**Financial Peace University classes** have begun on Sundays 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!!

## 7th & 8th Bake Sale:

**Where~** St. John's Gym

**When~** Saturday, January 31st and 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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## 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.

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

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

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

6:30PM - Lectionary Based Faith Sharing

### Mon. Jan. 19th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *William Kopp* requested by Tom & Patricia Forr

### Tues. Jan. 20th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Rosemary Wiedemer* requested by Davie & Tracy Auerbeck

### Wed. Jan. 21st- Saint Agnes

5:00PM- Eucharistic Adoration

6:00PM- Mass for *Eileen Becker* requested by Mr. & Mrs. Ron Peschock

6:30PM- Rosary for Life

### Thurs. Jan. 22nd- Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

7:55AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Lorraine Gillinger* requested by Jan Grzesinski

### Friday Jan. 23rd- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Frank & Mary Bednarski* requested by Rich & Joyce Lowe

### Sat. Jan 24th- Vigil of 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

3:00PM- Confessions

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

### Sun. Jan. 25th- 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00AM-Mass for *Lena Coyle* requested by Dana Chamberlain & May Carnele

6:30PM - Lectionary Based Faith Sharing