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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Feb. 14th- Mardi Gras/Valentine Party

Feb. 21st- Love Feast

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

Mar. 7th- Discover the Church after 4:00pm Mass

April 19, 2015- New Parishioner Luncheon

June 13th- June 20th- Rhine Getaway

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Weekday Readings

Mon. Jan. 26-2 Tm 1:1-8/Lk 10:1-9

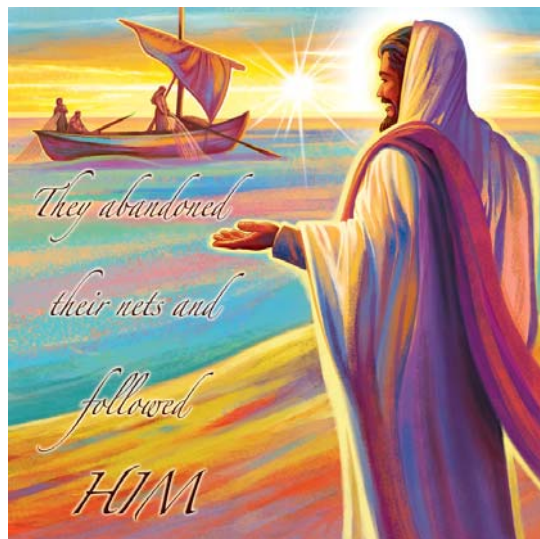
Tues. Jan. 27- Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35

Wed. Jan. 28- Wis 7:7-10, 15-16/Mt 23:8-12

Thurs. Jan. 29- Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25

Fri. Jan. 30- Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34

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St. John the Evangelist Church

309 Lotz Ave Altoona, PA 16602

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January 25, 2015
3rd Sunday in Ordinary
Time

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES:

Sat. Jan. 31- 4:00PM- Axelle Marcelli, Gianna Marcelli

Sun. Feb. 1 - 8:00AM- Danielle Miller, Ethan Miller

Sun. Feb. 1- 11:00AM- David Auerbeck, Alycia Auerbeck

LECTORS:

Sat. Jan. 31- 4:00PM- David Andrews, Maria Spayd

Sun. Feb. 1- 8:00AM- Joyce Cunningham, Victor Rizzo

Sun. Feb. 1- 11:00AM-

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. Jan. 31- 4:00PM- Connie Baker, David Loth, Betsy Schultz, Bill Schultz

Sun. Feb. 1- 8:00AM- Darlene Scarpaci, Fran Semelberger

Sun. Feb. 1- 11:00AM- Bill Foose, Norma Foose, Ann Mingyar, Bob Olson, Susanna Tomlinson, Steve Wilson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Sat. Jan. 31- 4:00PM- Lori Ginter, Coleen Langguth, David Langguth, Hedy Zumsteg

Sun. Feb. 1- 8:00AM- John Becker, Jane Becker, Larry VanSickel, Paula VanSickel

Sun. Feb. 1- 11:00AM- Dee Capriotti, David Petrak

Sacristan:

Sat. Jan. 31- 4:00PM- Kathleen Heller

Sun. Feb. 1- 8:00AM- Darlene Scarpaci

Sun. Feb. 1- 11:00AM- Barb Bundy

**The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent,
and believe in the gospel.**

Mark 1:15

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. His CORRECT address is 1101 Flamingo Drive, Apt 7103, Altoona, PA 16602. Your kindness will mean a lot to him! And to Barbara, too!

Adult Ed - This is our last week for the Alpha Course. 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.

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 - All are welcome to join in our bible study on the Gospel of Mark beginning this Wednesday, 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 - This parish is always up to a challenge! Already we have received payment for 6 sets of tables and chairs for Father Bailey Hall! This new furniture will help deal with the shortage of tables for Father Bailey Hall and the cafeteria when we have simultaneous events. If you would like to be a benefactor for this very worthy project, please notify the office and/or drop your gift (\$375) in the collection. We would love to have the round tables in place for our Mardi Gras.

Twelve Step Spirituality - Perhaps the most significant American contribution in the field of Spirituality has been the development of the Twelve Steps. In our very addicted society, these steps have been the life-saving path to recovery for hundreds of thousands of folks trapped in their addiction to food, drugs, alcohol, shopping, sex, eating, etc. Even for those who may not have a recognizable addiction, the Steps are a path to greater spiritual freedom. Here are Steps 1 - 3:

1. We admitted we were powerless over alcohol (etc.) —that our lives had become unmanageable.
2. Came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God *as we understood Him*.

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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.

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Saturday Morning Mass - Remember that there will be a 9 AM Mass on the next six Saturdays as a support for the Cursillo Planning Team which is meeting here at St. John's.

Religious Education:

We offer congratulations to our 7th and 8th grade teacher, **Russ O'Reilly**. This fall Russ's painting, *Today You Will Be With Me in Paradise*, was displayed in the Fifth Nationwide Catholic Art Exhibition at The Saint Vincent Gallery. This juried competition, established by the late Br. Nathan Cochran, O.S.B, seeks to foster the arts of the Western Christian tradition and other artistic traditions of Christian subject matter. A copy of the painting is displayed on the kiosk.

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: 11th 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, 9th 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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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). Mr. Andrew Stachmus will also be in the office to help Heather with phone calls and other duties. Thank you for your patience.

Scrip Gift Card Program

Total Sales - \$15,055.00

Approximate Profit - \$687.10

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 DELICIOUSFOOD, MUSIC, DANCING, ENTERTAINMENT, A KING CAKEWALK 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 18, 2015

Loose: \$645.00

Envelope: \$5,659.25

Children's: \$3.00

March for Life: \$386.00

Parish Development: \$70.00

Total: **\$6,765.25**

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 25, 2015

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

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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OPEN HOUSE FOR ALL NEW

STUDENTS: The school is having an open house for all new students on Thursday, January 29, 2015 from 1:00pm-6:00pm. Pre-k is having a play date on Thursday, January 29th from 1:15pm- 2:15pm.

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. 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 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. 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

Mon. Jan. 26th- Saints Timothy and Titus,

Bishops

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Leonard & Joan Farrell*

Tues. Jan. 27th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Connie Tipton* requested by Michele DeFrancisco

Wed. Jan. 28th- Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

5:00PM- Eucharistic Adoration

6:00PM- Mass for *Joseph & Jean Dardzinski*

6:30PM- Rosary for Life

Thurs. Jan. 29th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

7:55AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Michael DelGuercio* requested by Mary & Ray King

Friday Jan. 30th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Joseph Szarwark*

Sat. Jan 31st- Vigil of 4th Sun. in Ordinary

Time

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

3:00PM- Confessions

4:00PM- Mass for *Connie Stoltz* requested by Jim & Elaine Weaver

Sun. Feb. 1st- 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM- Mass for *People of the Parish*

11:00AM-Mass for *David "Butch" Litzinger* requested by Rob & Renee Luciano

6:30PM - Lectionary Based Faith Sharing