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## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Jan. 16th- Bus Trip- Harrisburg

Feb. 14th- Mardi Gras/Valentine Party

April 19, 2015- New Parishioner Luncheon

June 13th- June 20th- Rhine Getaway

# St. John the Evangelist Church

309 Lotz Ave Altoona, PA 16602  
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January 4, 2015  
Epiphany of the Lord

*Loving Father, remembering that the Holy Family fled violence and lived for a time as refugees, we ask that you protect all refugee families fleeing persecution, and provide them a place of safety and comfort.*

*For children who are making perilous journeys, often alone and without the protection of loved ones, we ask that you reunite them with their families and protect them from violence on the journey. For all migrants, that they not feel compelled to migrate but have opportunities in their homeland where they can thrive and live fully human lives. Open our hearts so that we may provide hospitality for those who come in search of refuge. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

## APPOINTMENTS

### ACOLYTES:

Sat. Jan. 10- 4:00PM- David Auerbeck, Piper Brunhuber

Sun. Jan. 11- 8:00AM- AJ Abraham, Drew Abraham

Sun. Jan. 11- 11:00AM- Tyler Conigy, Kaelab Ruggles

### LECTORS:

Sat. Jan. 10- 4:00PM- David Langguth, Maria Spayd

Sun. Jan. 11- 8:00AM- Diane Turcovsky, Dan Turcovsky

Sun. Jan. 11- 11:00AM- Bill Foose, Norma Foose

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. Jan. 10- 4:00PM- Connie Baker, David Loth, Betsy Shultz, Bill Shultz

Sun. Jan. 11- 8:00AM- Darlene Scarpaci, Fran Semelberger

Sun. Jan. 11- 11:00AM- Dee Capriotti, Mary Dennis, Paul Dennis, Ken Gorman, Debbie Smith, Susanna Tomlinson

### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Sat. Jan. 10- 4:00PM- Kathleen Heller, Mary Petrak, David Petrak, Bill Sweet

Sun. Jan. 11- 8:00AM- John Becker, Jane Becker, Carol Field, Ed Stoltz

Sun. Jan. 11- 11:00AM- Marilyn Bevan, Wendy Campbell, Lou Ann Clark, Patrick Podoletz

### Sacristan:

Sat. Jan. 10- 4:00PM- Kathleen Heller,

Sun. Jan. 11- 8:00AM- Darlene Scarpaci

Sun. Jan. 11- 11:00AM- Barb Bundy



**National Migration Week**  
**January 4th- 10th**

## A Few Words from the Pastor:

**Many Thanks!** Our celebration of the Nativity of the Lord was splendid, made even more so by the choir, those who decorated the church, and all those who exercised liturgical ministries for the feast. Many thanks as well to those who purchased flowers for the altar. Our poinsettias were the most beautiful in memory. May the spirit of the season remain with us throughout the New Year!

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**One Family Under God** - The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops invites us to observe *National Migration Week*, beginning today, January 4, and continuing to the January 10. The theme for this year is "We are One Family Under God," which brings to mind the importance of family in our daily lives. This reminder is particularly important when dealing with the migration phenomenon, as family members are too often separated from one another. We pray in earnest for the unaccompanied children who have come to America. We remember as well the thousands of refugees from wars in the Middle East, and the suffering victims of human trafficking throughout the world.

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**Adult Ed to Resume** - Our Adult Ed program continues this weekend, as we complete our participation in the Alpha Course. The door is open to everyone! Come! Share in fellowship and deepen your faith!

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**Praying for Christian Unity** - Later this month, 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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**Apostleship of Prayer** - In the mailing that went out to all parishioners was included materials for the Apostleship of Prayer for 2015. With a vision of the church which is much broader than our own, Pope Francis invites us each month to pray for a General Intention and also for a Missionary Intention. We ask that you keep these special needs of our world in your daily prayer!

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**Family Life Calendars for 2015** - We are blessed to have such an active Family Life Office in our diocese, which has for many years made available a beautiful calendar. These are available now in the Gathering Space, compliments of Stevens Mortuary.

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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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**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!

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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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### *Stewardship at St. John's*

#### OFFERTORY for December 21, 2014

- Loose: \$667.00
- Envelope: \$6,768.50
- Solemnity of Mary: \$30.00
- Christmas Flowers: \$40.00
- Children's: \$4.00
- Religious Retirement: \$20.00
- Christmas Offering: \$597.00
- Parish Development: \$177.00
- Total: \$8,319.00**

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#### **Weekday Readings**

**Mon. Jan. 5-** 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tues. Jan. 6-** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

**Wed. Jan. 7-** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

**Thurs. Jan. 8-** 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Lk 4:14-22a

**Fri. Jan. 9-** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

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## **Scrip Gift Card Program**

**Dec. 18th- 21st**

Total Sales - \$29,065.00

**Approximate Profit - \$1,459.06**

**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 27 \$10.00 Weis cards left.**

## **School News**

**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 **SELL, SELL, SELL!** This is a big fundraiser for our school, and our sales are well below last year at this time. These make great Christmas gifts for co-workers, grandparents, clients or any of those "hard to shop for" people on your Christmas list. If you need additional cards, 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.

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bishop Guilfoyle will be hosting a blood drive on Saturday, January 10th from 9:00am-3:00pm. Stop by the cafeteria and support the American Red Cross by donating blood. Think about giving a gift that costs nothing, but means everything.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

Star of the Sea Council 4245, Hollidaysburg, will hold its Free Throw Championship on Sunday Jan. 25, 2015 from 11 am - 1 pm at St. Patrick's Gym in Newry. Participation is free but bringing a non-perishable food item for Saint Vincent De-Paul is encouraged and appreciated. Open to boys and girls 7-14 as of Jan. 1, 2014. Must bring proof of age. Pre-register by calling Dennis Dombrosky at 695-1509 or email at [dina-papt@aol.com](mailto:dina-papt@aol.com)

## **Sunday, January 4, 2015**

### **SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK**

#### **Sun. Jan. 4th- Epiphany of the Lord**

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

11:00AM-Mass for *Butch Litzinger* requested by Charlie & Diana Horton

6:30PM - Lectionary Based Faith Sharing

#### **Mon. Jan. 5th- Saint John Neumann**

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Connie Stoltz* requested by Marge Moschella

#### **Tues. Jan. 6th- Christmas Weekday**

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Fred Biller* requested by Betsy & Bill Shultz

#### **Wed. Jan. 7th- Christmas Weekday**

5:00PM- Eucharistic Adoration

6:00PM- Mass for *Eileen Becker* requested by Dr. & Mrs. Richard Capriotti

6:30PM- Rosary for Life

#### **Thurs. Jan. 8th- Christmas Weekday**

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

7:55AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Bill Kopp* requested by Steve & Mary Barr

#### **Friday Jan. 9th- Christmas Weekday**

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *All Caregivers*

#### **Sat. Jan 10th- Vigil of Baptism of the Lord**

**9:00AM- NO MASS**

3:00PM- Confessions

4:00PM- Mass for *Marie Therese* requested by The Crevecoeur Family

#### **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