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APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES:

- Sat. July 16 - 4:00 PM - Caitlin Conigy, Tyler Conigy
- Sun. July 17 - 8:00 AM - Mai Linh Do, Nate Rudolph
- Sun. July 17 - 10:00 AM - Cherie Langenbacher, Makayla Langenbacher

LECTORS:

- Sat. July 16 - 4:00 PM - David Petrak, Mary Petrak
- Sun. July 17 - 8:00 AM - Ronan Adams, Tim Rea
- Sun. July 17 - 10:00 AM - Claudia Anderson, Donna Moyer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

- Sat. July 16 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, Bill Stokan
- Sun. July 17 - 8:00 AM - Joyce Cunningham, Fran Semelsberger
- Sun. July 17 - 10:00 AM - Barbara Bundy, Bill Foose, Norma Foose, Susanna Tomlinson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

- Sat. July 16 - 4:00 PM - Dennis Moughemer, Karen Moughemer, Heather Nackley, Wally Wargo
- Sun. July 17 - 8:00 AM - Ed Stoltz, Mary Truesdale, Larry VanSickel, Paula VanSickel
- Sun. July 17 - 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Dolores Capriotti, Lou Ann Clark, Peg Madden

SACRISTAN:

- Sat. July 16 - 4:00PM - Kathleen Heller
- Sun. July 17 - 8:00AM - Darlene Scarpaci
- Sun. July 17 - 10:00AM - Dolores Capriotti

MOMENT OF MERCY

Pope Francis on Mercy – “Merciful like the Father”. This is the theme of the Jubilee, but it is also the prayer we make for all of you as we welcome you in the name of Jesus. To be merciful means to grow in a love which is courageous, generous and real. It means to grow physically and spiritually. You are preparing to be Christians capable of making courageous choices and decisions, in order to build daily, even through little things, a world of peace.



JULY 10, 2016
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. JOHN THE
EVANGELIST CHURCH
309 LOTZ AVENUE
814-942-5503

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WHO
IS MY

NEIGHBOR?

LUKE 10:29



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

A Few Words from the Pastor:

Our Parish Picnic - ALL ARE ENCOURAGED to join us for our annual parish picnic on Sunday, July 24th. This year we will be celebrating our picnic at Legion Park in Hollidaysburg, beginning with mass at 11:00 AM. This is a wonderful time of fellowship for our parish family. Please come and share in the joy of the day!

Caring for Our Common Home - Beginning this week, St. John's will again host the Summer Interfaith Series which is sponsored by the Interfaith Committee of the Ecumenical Conference of Greater Altoona. Held on the next three Tuesday evenings, July the 12th, 19th and 26th, it will begin each evening at 7:00 PM and conclude by 9:00 PM. This will be a continuation of the excellent program on the care of the environment which was offered in the fall, though expanding to include the responses of various faith traditions! Please join us!

More on our Mission to Haiti - It became very clear to us on our visit to St. Peter & Paul Parish in Haiti that there is a great need for desks for the school children. It is financially unrealistic to pack up our extra desks and send them to Haiti. However, there is a diocesan-run carpenter shop in the town of Hinche, near to our sister parish, which builds desks and pews for parishes in their diocese. We will be making an appeal in the next couple weeks for assistance in furnishing the classrooms, and in the process, will be providing work for carpenters in Haiti.

A Visit to Longwood Gardens - It has been quite a while since our last trip to Longwood Gardens, a trip which everyone enjoyed! Thus, we are planning to go again this summer, on Friday, August 19th. We will be leaving from our parking lot at 7 AM, with a stop along the way for a light brunch and we will be returning by 11 PM. The cost is \$75.00 per person. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space, or you

may call our parish office to make reservations. The Gardens are a feast for the eyes and heart, a touch of paradise! Join us!

Saints of the Week - There are three saints we celebrate this week! Monday is the feast of Saint Benedict, most memorable for his founding of a monastic community in the 5th century at Monte Cassino in Italy. We are, of course, blessed by the largest community of Benedictines in the world at St. Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe. Thursday we remember St. *Kateri Tekakwitha*, the first Native American to be recognized as a saint by the Catholic Church. She was born in 1656, lived a short but fruitful life, and is considered the Lily of the Mohawks. The parish in Spring Mills in Centre County is dedicated to her. Finally, on Friday we celebrate the great Franciscan bishop and doctor of the Church, St. Bonaventure, the 13th century theologian whose wisdom merited him the title "Seraphic Doctor."

Second Sunday - Just a reminder that this Sunday, July 10, is the day for our monthly food collection to benefit our local food banks.

Stewardship at St. John's

OFFERTORY for July 3, 2016

Envelopes:	\$ 7,126.00
Loose:	\$ 957.00
Children's:	\$ 3.00
Parish Development	\$ 120.00
Catholic Register	\$ 35.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 100.00
Catholic Education	\$ 100.00
Total:	\$ 8,441.00
Online Giving:	\$ 3,421.00
TOTAL:	\$ 11,862.00

OUR PARISH FAMILY ...

... is taking a summer break and will return in August or September. Thank you for your comments and cooperation. If you've already agreed to be a part of this feature and have had your picture taken for it, we'll be in touch soon to get your information.

Or, if you're willing to appear in this feature but haven't yet been asked, please contact: Cecelia Bloom, by phone at 695-2806, or by email at ceceb13@verizon.net.



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:*

Millie Bilski · JoAnne Gerardine

Judy Hurm · Brian Kopp · Joel Myers

Ron Peschock · Bob & Mary Rajnish

Olga Romerowicz · Madison Shura

Patty Teufel

Students, Staff & Family of our school

Victims of abuse

This Wednesday, July 13, St. John's Adult and Handbell Choirs will provide the music for the Fatima Devotions in Loretto. On the 13th of each month from May to October, the Fatima Devotions are held at The Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima. The Shrine is located at Mount Assisi (the former Schwab Estate) in the Sunken Gardens. The musical prelude begins at 6:15. Devotions begin at 6:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair and join us. (In the event of inclement weather, Devotions are held at the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel, the Loretto parish church.)

FLOWER POTS AND WINDOW BOXES: Please help us keep our flowers in pots and window boxes beautiful by signing up on the kiosk to water them for a week. They need water daily when it doesn't rain.. If you have any questions, call Joyce Cunningham (695-5346) or email at jmc1863@atlanticbb.net.

MULCH: You will note that we have two slowly shrinking piles of mulch. We would appreciate any help parishioners might provide in its distribution at their leisure. We have extra wheelbarrows & shovels in the shed. You may contact either Ken Dunmire (school office: 943-4966) or Joyce Cunningham (695-5346) if you are unsure of where to distribute the mulch.

Support Catholic Schools with PA Income Taxes

With recent changes to the PA Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program, many more individuals are now eligible to support Catholic Schools by earning tax credits. "Accredited investors" - generally considered to be individuals with annual income of \$200,000 or more who are employed by for-profit companies - would earn EITC tax credits, offset their personal income taxes and support their favorite Catholic School. Individuals who are subject to the federal AMT tax would greatly benefit by earning tax credits. Please contact Chris Ringkamp at the Second Century Scholarship Fund by phone (814-695-5577) or by e-mail (cringkamp@dioceseaj.org) for more information.



Please take the time to sign up on the kiosk in the gathering space if you plan to attend our Parish Picnic on Sunday, July 24. We will begin with mass at 11:00 AM.

(Also, please note that there will not be a 10:00 mass at the church on July 24.)

SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB returns for the summer! Join Fr. Mike on the rectory front porch after Wednesday evening Mass to discuss JESUS, by James Martin, on the following 4 dates: July 13 & 20 & Aug. 10 & 17. The book combines Fr. Martin's pilgrimage to the Holy Land with rich insights into Jesus' life & teachings in a very "readable" manner. Feel free to focus on whatever questions or thoughts you might have in the following 4 segments of the book: pp. 1-129, pp. 130-239; pp. 240-353; & pp. 354 to the end. If you have any questions, please call Joyce Cunningham, phone 695-5346 or email jmc1863@atlanticbb.net. You can order the book online at Amazon for \$10-\$12.

The church lovingly desires to walk with and support families who are struggling with infertility or who have lost a child through miscarriage and early infant death recently or in the past. All of those who are experiencing this heartbreak are invited to celebrate a *Mass of Healing and Remembrance* with Bishop Mark Barchak on Thursday, July 14th at 6:30 pm at Holy Name Church, 500 North Julian St. Ebensburg, PA. A Light Reception will follow the mass in the church Narthex. Reservations are appreciated by July 12. Contact Family Life at 814-886-5551; email familylife@dioceseaj.org

The Altoona-Johnstown Diocesan Family is invited to participate and to pray for those living the Sacrament of Marriage at an Outdoor Mass honoring Married Couples next Sunday evening, July 17 at 7:00 pm at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto. Bring a lawn chair. Mass will be held indoors if it rains. Bishop Mark is the celebrant and homilist. This is a wonderful way to celebrate, encourage and support married couples! Come early, bring food and picnic together.

HOLY TRINITY FOOTBALL EXTRAVAGANZA
Holy Trinity Catholic School is selling tickets for the NFL Football Extravaganza. The cost of the ticket is \$20. Each week of the regular NFL season, tickets will be assigned a combination of three NFL teams. The final score for each team is then added up and the ticket with the highest score wins \$500, 2nd highest \$250, 3rd highest \$100, and the lowest score \$50. Ticket scores are also cumulatively tracked for the entire season with the highest scoring ticket receiving \$3,000, 2nd highest \$2,000, 3rd highest \$1,000 and lowest score \$500. If a team does not play, for any reason, the score for the last game played will be used for the week the team does not play. All ties split the prize money. Results will be posted on Facebook under the title Holy Trinity Catholic School Altoona PA and on the School's Web Site (holytrinitycatholic.school). To purchase these tickets please contact in the morning, Monday - Thursday, Holy Trinity Catholic School Middle School at 942-7835 or Holy Trinity Catholic School Altoona Campus at 381-7011.

Sunday, July 10, 2016
SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday July 10th - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM—Mass for *People of the Parish*
10:00AM—Mass for *Gary Bevan* requested by
Grant & Sharon Condron

Monday July 11th – St. Benedict, Abbot

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM—Mass for *James Watkins*

Tuesday July 12th - Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM— Mass for *Ruthie Dodd*

Wednesday July 13th -Weekday

5:00PM—Confessions
6:00PM—Mass for *John Docherty and Mary Ruth*
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Thursday July 14th -St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM— Mass for *Ida Prosperi* requested by John
Prosperi

Friday July 15th - Saint Bonaventure, Bishop

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM— Mass for *Roberta and Sidney Garrett*

Saturday July 16th – Vigil of the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00PM—Confessions
4:00PM—Mass for *People of the Parish*

Sunday July 17th - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM—Mass for *Ida Prosperi* requested by John Prosperi
10:00AM—Mass for *Bob & Loretta Olson* in celebration
of their 40th wedding anniversary

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34 -- 11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8

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