

# St. John the Evangelist Church

309 Lotz Ave Altoona, PA 16602  
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## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 12, 2015

Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.  
*-Psalm 85:12*

### APPOINTMENTS

#### ACOLYTES:

Sat. July 18- 4:00PM- Jack Donoughe, Kelsey Donoughe  
Sun. July 19- 8:00AM- AJ Abraham, Drew Abraham  
Sun. July 19- 10:00AM- David Auerbeck, Keaton Swope

#### LECTORS:

Sat. July 18- 4:00PM- Kathleen Heller, David Langguth  
Sun. July 19- 8:00AM- Ron Adams, Joyce Cunningham  
Sun. July 19- 10:00AM- Richard Consiglio, Jo-Ann Semko

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. July 18- 4:00PM- Joyce Cunningham, John Lloyd  
Sun. July 19- 8:00AM- Cora Bacon, Melissa McHugh  
Sun. July 19- 10:00AM- Cecelia Bloom, Walter Bloom, Lou Ann Clark, Ann Mingyar

#### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Sat. July 18- 4:00PM- Connie Baker, Betsy Lloyd, Bill Stokan, Mary Frances Stokan  
Sun. July 19- 8:00AM- Jane Becker, John Becker, Carol Field, Fran Semelsberger  
Sun. July 19- 10:00AM- Walter Bloom, Dee Capriotti, Anna Podoletz, Patrick Podoletz

#### Sacristan:

Sat. July 18- 4:00PM- Kathleen Heller  
Sun. July 19- 8:00AM- Michele DeFrancisco  
Sun. July 19- 10:00AM- Dee Capriotti

### PASTORAL STAFF:

- Msgr. Michael Becker- mbecker253@aol.com
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- Mr. Bill & Mrs. Norma Foose-Stephen Ministry- norma.foose@yahoo.com
- Mrs. Heather Reimer- Business Manager- stjohchurch@atlanticbb.net
- Mrs. Lindsay Reffner- Admin. Assistant- stjohsecretary@atlanticbb.net
- Mr. Ken Dunmire, Maintenance

Office Hours: The office hours for the summer are 9:00am to 3:00pm.

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#### Weekday Readings

Mon. July 13- Ex 1:8-14, 22/Mt 10:34-11:1  
Wed. July 14- Ex 2:1-15a/Mt 11:20-24  
Thurs. July 15- Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Mt 11:25-27  
Fri. July 16- Ex 3:13-20/Mt 11:28-30

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### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

July 15th & 16th- Communion Services  
July 26th- Church Picnic after 10:00am Mass

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## July

### Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis

#### Politics

That political responsibility may be lived at all levels as a high form of charity.

#### The Poor in Latin America

That, amid social inequalities, Latin American Christians may bear witness to love for the poor and contribute to a more fraternal society.

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## **A Few Words from the Pastor:**

**Parish Picnic**- So that we have an accurate count in preparing for the parish picnic, we ask that you sign up THIS WEEKEND. If you miss the sign up, please call the parish office to let us know you are coming!

**Second Sunday Food Collection**- Just a reminder that today is the second Sunday of the month. Your gifts of food or finance is greatly appreciated!

**Adult Help Wanted!**- The Catholic Church invites the laity to be active in parish life! One area of service is at the Liturgy for the Lord's Day. In thought and prayer this summer, please give consideration to serving the parish as a Lector, Hospitality Minister, Eucharistic Minister, or perhaps in one of our choirs. There will be training sessions in September! Allow the Holy Spirit to move in your heart to step forward and offer your time and talent! The words of the Psalmist come to mind: "*What return can I make to the Lord for all that he has done for me?*" (Ps. 116)

**A New Bishop for Greensburg**- The diocese of Greensburg welcomes Father Edward Malesic as its new bishop on Monday, July 13. Bishop Malesic was a student of mine when I served as Spiritual Director at the Pontifical College Josephinum back in the 1980's. He is an wonderful priest and will be a terrific bishop. We rejoice with our brothers and sisters in our neighboring diocese.

**A Priests' Pilgrimage**- The diocese is sponsoring a pilgrimage for priests to the Shrine of the North American Martyrs and Saint Kateri Tekakwitha this Wednesday and Thursday, July 15-16. The parishioners of our diocese will be remembered in a concelebrated Mass which we will offer with Bishop Mark.

**Saint Junipero Serra**- During his visit to the United States in September, Pope Francis will canonize Father Junipero Serra, the 16<sup>th</sup> century Spanish missionary who came to Mexico in 1749 and was eventually sent to California. Father Serra established his first mission, San Diego, in 1769. He built eight more missions over the next thirteen years: San Carlos Borromeo, San Antonio de Padua, San Gabriel, San Luis Obispo, San Juan Capistrano, Santa Clara, San Francisco, and San Buenaventura. Serra worked tirelessly to maintain the missions and is credited with helping the Spanish establish a presence in California. Serra died in 1784 at Mission San Carlos Borroméo de Carmelo located in present-day Carmel, California.

**A big thank-you to everyone who helped make the Chicken BBQ fundraiser a huge success.** Thank you to all those who bought, sold or donated tickets. Special thanks to Ginny Reeder for organizing this event. Thank you to all those who helped by making and distributing the dinners. This couldn't be done without you.

***Conversations on Interfaith Marriage All sessions will be held in Temple Beth Israel Social Hall  
3004 Union Avenue,  
Altoona PA, 16602***

**Tues., July 14 -7:00 p.m. Local Faith Perspectives**

We will hear from a panel of local representatives of the Jewish, Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholic and Buddhist traditions and their approach to this ubiquitous issue.

**Tues., July 21 -7:00 p.m. Local Perspectives**

We will hear from a panel of local representatives of the Muslim, Baha'i, and Latter Day Saints and their approach to this ubiquitous issue.

**Refreshments Needed** - St. John's has been asked again this year to assist in providing refreshments for the Interfaith Program, held this year at Temple Beth Israel on Union Avenue. Our help is needed this Tuesday, July 14th, at 7:00. Your kind baking skills are appreciated. If you can assist, please contact Mary Kay O'Connor at your earliest convenience at [oc901@hotmail.com](mailto:oc901@hotmail.com). Again, many thanks!

## Religious Education:

**Looking Ahead to 2015-16:** Volunteers are needed! We are looking for:

- A teacher for the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade class.
- Substitutes to fill in for teachers on occasion
- Adults to help with special activities during the year.

Please let Msgr. Becker know if you are able to help next year.

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**This Monday, July 13, the Adult and Handbell Choirs** will be providing the music for the Fatima Devotions in Loretto, Pa. The devotions are held on the 13th of each month from May through October at 6:30 in the Sunken Gardens of the former Schwab estate. In case of inclement weather, the devotions will be moved to the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel. You are welcome to join us.

### Picnic Plans:

#### **Auction donations**

Help us bring back the auction at the church picnic! We are looking for donations of items to auction off to benefit St. John's school. Examples include: tickets to parks, movies, etc.; themed baskets (jewelry, Pampered Chef, movie night...); homemade baked goods or a home-cooked meal; handmade scarves, blankets, etc.; home decor items; gift certificates... Showcase your talents and share your treasure to help our school!

To donate or for more information, please contact Steph Krug at 934-6752 or [stephaniekrug@gmail.com](mailto:stephaniekrug@gmail.com).

This is the **last weekend** to sign up for the parish picnic to be held on Sunday, July 26th. So check your calendars and plan to join your parish family as we feast on hamburgers and hot dogs fresh off the grill!

## Haiti News:

### **\$2.00 MAKES AND SENDS A BACKPACK TO A STUDENT**

Please check the gathering space for samples of the string bags being made by parishioners for the students at Sts. Peter and Paul. Using due diligence with sales and coupons, each bag can be made and sent to Haiti for \$2.00. There will be about 300 students in the fall. We are asking for help to finance this project which demonstrates our support for Haitian education and fosters community at St. John's.

We collected \$610.73 from the Rice Bowls. This is a great help. Do not forget the Common Sense Jug, Mass Intentions, and cards for gift donations. Thank you.

### Stewardship at St. John's

#### **OFFERTORY for July 5, 2015**

Loose: \$653.00

Envelope: \$5,390.00

Children's: \$3.00

Parish Development: \$100.00

**Total: \$6,147.00**

***Online Giving: \$3,313.00***

**Total: \$9,460.00**

**SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB:** Please join us for summer book discussions on Wednesday evenings after 6 p.m. Mass from 6:45 to 8 p.m. in the rectory, where Fr. Mike can join us. I have chosen high merit, low cost books that can easily be discussed in 2 sessions due to short length. Both books are available on Amazon for from \$3 to \$12; & if you need help getting the books, contact **Joyce Cunningham, phone 695-5346 or [jmc1863@atlanticbb.net](mailto:jmc1863@atlanticbb.net)**. **The book for July 15 & 29 is *Scarred by Struggle, Transformed by Hope* by Joan Chittister. The book for August 5 & 19 is *Crisis of Faith, Crisis of Love* by Thomas Keating.** Keating's book traces a gospel map of the spiritual journey, & Chittister's book deals with maintaining hope in the midst of life's struggles & suffering.

**CLEANING SCHEDULE:** On July 27th-August 2nd the **GYM** will be getting cleaned and waxed. Also, on August 6-8th the office will be cleaned.

# Scrip Gift Card Program

Total Sales -\$6,770.00

Approximate Profit -\$319.60

Scrip is sold in the gathering space at every weekend Mass.

Any discrepancies, call Matt or Alicia Reilly at 943-6875.

## Summer Scrip...

The sun is shining, the water is hot, so get out and enjoy it!

Whether you are heading out for Summer fun for an afternoon movie or a week at the beach **PLEASE don't forget to PURCHASE SCRIP for all of your needs.**

Summer Scrip is sold after all weekend masses. Thursday sales will resume in late August.

Purchasing SCRIP helps the school and costs you nothing. Your reward is knowing that you helped all those cute, smiling faces of ST. JOHN'S.



**FREE BG FOOTBALL CLINIC:**  
Tom Irwin Field, Bishop Guilfoyle High School. July 15, 2015 from 5:00pm- 8:00pm. Flyers are located in gathering space of the church.

## Sunday, July 12, 2015 SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

### Sun. July 12th- 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

**10:00AM**-Mass for *Frank & Arline Gabriel* requested by Paula Gabriel

6:30PM - Lectionary Based Faith Sharing

### Mon. July 13th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Ruthie Dodd*

### Tues. July 14th- Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Mary & Americo Mincin* requested by Family

### Wed. July 15th- Saint Bonaventure

5:00PM- Eucharistic Adoration

**6:00PM- Evening Prayer & Communion Service**

6:45PM-8:00PM- Spiritual Book Club (rectory)

### Thurs. July 16th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

**8:30AM- Morning Prayer & Communion Service**

### Friday July 17th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Donald McHugh* requested by Daughter, Melissa

### Sat. July 18th- Vigil for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00PM- Confessions

4:00PM- Mass for *Joan Bean* requested by Maria & Doug Spayd

### Sun. July 19th- 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM- Mass for *Ida Proserpi* requested by John Proserpi

**10:00AM**-Mass for *People of the Parish*

6:30PM - Lectionary Based Faith Sharing