

St. John the Evangelist Church

309 Lotz Ave Altoona, PA 16602
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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 19, 2015

Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David.
-Jeremiah 23:5a

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES:

Sat. July 25- 4:00PM- Claire Nackley, Matthew Woolridge
Sun. July 26- 8:00AM- Nate Rudolph, Amber Yasolsky
Sun. July 26- 10:00AM- Cherie Langenbacher, Makayla Langenbacher

LECTORS:

Sat. July 25- 4:00PM- David Langguth, Matt Michelone
Sun. July 26- 8:00AM- Cora Bacon, Tom Robison
Sun. July 26- 10:00AM- Barb Bundy, Susanna Tomlinson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. July 25- 4:00PM- Joyce Cunningham, John Lloyd
Sun. July 26- 8:00AM- Darlene Scarpaci, Fran Semelsberger
Sun. July 26- 10:00AM- Donna Moyer, Bob Olson, Jo-Ann Semko, Debbie Smith

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Sat. July 25- 4:00PM- Lori Ginter, Heather Nackley, Judy Sneath, Hedy Zumsteg
Sun. July 26- 8:00AM- John Becker, Jane Becker, Helen Rentz, Jerry Rentz
Sun. July 26- 10:00AM- Walter Bloom, Dee Capriotti, Patrick Podoletz, Anna Podoletz

Sacristan:

Sat. July 25- 4:00PM- Ron Cunningham, Joyce Cunningham
Sun. July 26- 8:00AM- Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. July 26- 10:00AM- Barb Bundy

PASTORAL STAFF:

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- 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 20- Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42
Wed. July 21- Ex 14:21-15:1/Mt 12:46-50
Thurs. July 22- Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Fri. July 23- Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Mt 13:10-17

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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

July 26th- 11:00am

Mass at Brush Mountain Sportsmen

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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- We have extended the sign-ups to include this weekend as well. Don't miss our annual Picnic! A good time is always had by all!

Consider Liturgical Ministries! -- 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)

St. John's Does It Again! – A thousand and one *Thanks* to the Social Committee for providing the fabulous refreshments for the Ecumenical Gathering this past Tuesday! I especially appreciate your help on such short notice!! You have done us proud!

Interfaith Marriages – The final evening of our program on interfaith marriages will take place on Tuesday evening, July 21, at Temple Beth Israel at 7:00. Yours truly will be presenting the Catholic approach, and our other panelists will be presenting the Muslim, Mormon, and Baha'I perspectives. It should make for an interesting evening! Do join us!

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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.

THANK YOU to Denny Stachmus for donating a square of shingles, & to Greg Geishouser--& his helper-crew Sarah & Luke--for putting a new roof on the shed between the church & school. It looks great, as do the grounds, given our new crew of weeders & waterers. If we are patient, we will also find the circle in front of the church transformed.

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.

Picnic Planning:

The Social Committee is holding a meeting on **Tuesday, July 21 at 6:45 pm** in the cry room. We will be finalizing plans for the parish picnic. If you are able to help with the picnic please attend the meeting or contact me by email at oc901@hotmail.com.

Thanks, Mary Kay



Religious Education:

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

- A teacher for the 3rd/4th 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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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 12, 2015

Loose: \$889.00
Envelope: \$6,702.00
Children's: \$0.00
Parish Development: \$70.00
Total: \$7,661.00
Online Giving: \$2,248.10
Total: \$9,909.10

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**. **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.

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.

SCHOOL NEWS:

Sunday, July 19, 2015
SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

August 8th– Uniform Exchange in cafeteria from 12:30-3:30

August 9th– Uniform Exchange after all Masses in the cafeteria

August 26th– 1st Day of School

School Packets: School packets should be ready by the end of July. There will be a school reach sent out when they are ready.



Outdoor Mass honoring Married Couples with Bishop Mark 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 on Sunday evening, August 2 at 7:00 pm at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto. Bring a lawn chair. Indoors if rain. 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. Singers needed for the choir. One rehearsal at 6:00 before the Mass. Contact choir director Kevin Luke by July 17 at 814-944-2044.

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

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

10:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*
6:30PM - Lectionary Based Faith Sharing

Mon. July 20th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

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

Tues. July 21st- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Mary Anne Lamont* requested by Her Children

Wed. July 22nd- Saint Mary Magdalene

5:00PM- Eucharistic Adoration

6:00PM- Mass for *Roberta & Sidney Garrett, Donald Watkins*

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

Thurs. July 23rd- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Florence George* requested by Kathy Phillips

Friday July 24th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

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

Sat. July 25th- Vigil for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00PM- Confessions

4:00PM- Mass for *John M. Stoltz* requested by UPMC Family

Sun. July 26th- 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00AM-Mass for *Lena Colyer* requested by **Bob & Ginny Reeder (Brush Mountain Sportsmen)**

6:30PM - Lectionary Based Faith Sharing