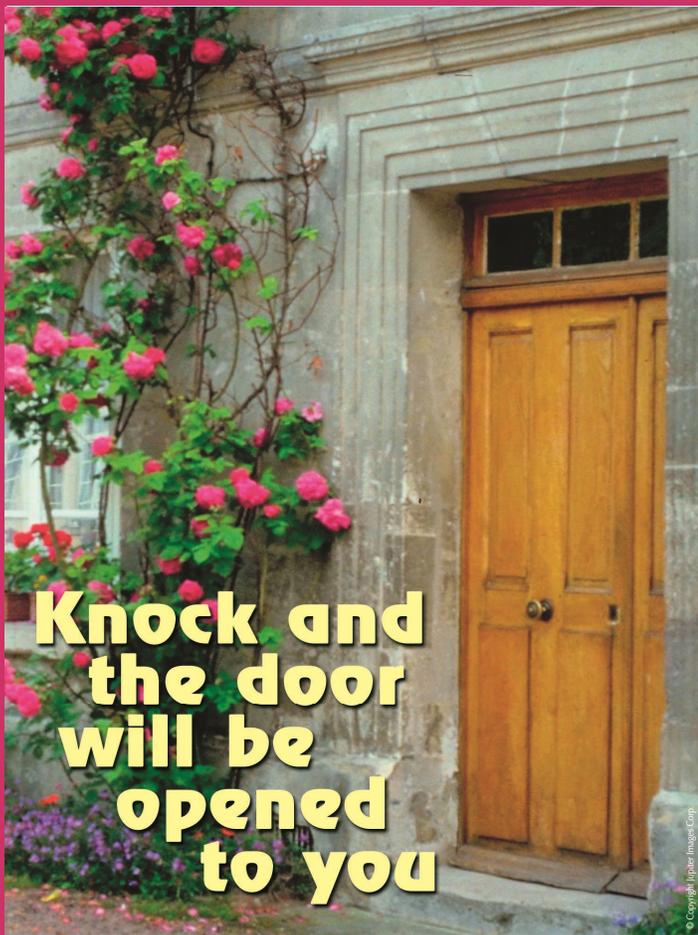


JULY 24, 2016
SEVENTEETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. JOHN THE
EVANGELIST CHURCH
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**Knock and
the door
will be
opened
to you**

MOMENT OF MERCY

Pope Francis on Mercy – Pope Francis has recently written: *“Let us remain with Christ—abiding in Christ—and let us always try to be one with him. Let us follow him; let us imitate him in his movement of love, in his going forth to meet humanity. Let us go forth and open doors. Let us have the audacity to mark out new paths for proclaiming the Gospel.”*



APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES:

Sat. July 30 - 4:00 PM - Alycia Auerbeck, Lauren Bunk
Sun. July 31 - 8:00 AM - Emily Miller, Ethan Miller
Sun. July 31 - 10:00 AM - Cherie Langenbacher, Makayla Langenbacher

LECTORS:

Sat. July 30 - 4:00 PM - David Langguth, Heather Nackley
Sun. July 31 - 8:00 AM - Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
Sun. July 31 - 10:00 AM - Richard Consiglio, Patrick Schurr

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. July 30 - 4:00 PM - Kathleen Heller, John Lloyd
Sun. July 31 - 8:00 AM - Francene Boland, Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. July 31 - 10:00 AM - Barbara Bundy, Paul Dennis, Mary Dennis, Kenneth Gorman

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Sat. July 30 - 4:00 PM - Lori Ginter, Christine Stachmus, Denny Stachmus, Hedy Zumsteg
Sun. July 31 - 8:00 AM - Carolyn English, Mary Grace Horton, Fran Semelsberger, Mary Truesdale
Sun. July 31 - 10:00 AM - Barb Aubrey, Wendy Campbell, Dolores Capriotti, Peg Madden

SACRISTAN:

Sat. July 30 - 4:00PM - Kathleen Heller
Sun. July 31 - 8:00AM - Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. July 31 - 10:00AM - Barbara Bundy

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A Few Words from the Pastor:

Our Parish Picnic – As we celebrate our parish picnic this weekend, we pray that it will continue to be a sign of the fellowship we enjoy as the family of St. John the Evangelist. Many thanks to all who have been preparing for this event, and for all who participated. May God’s peace be upon us!

Stop By Our New Office – Our new parish office is now located in the former Pre-K room on the lower level of the church. Stop by for a visit to our secretary/business manager Mary Anne Mirabelli and our music director/pastoral associate, Debbie Johnson! There is a doorbell that alerts them of your arrival, and you will be “buzzed in,” as you were in our previous office.

Saints of the Week: On Monday we celebrate the feast of the Apostle James. Tradition tells us that he was responsible for bringing the faith to Spain, and is buried in the city of Compostela, where there is a magnificent basilica dedicated to Santiago (the Spanish name for James). Since the middle ages, this basilica has been a popular pilgrimage destination. The Way of St. James extends across northern Spain, and this pilgrimage route is called *El Camino de Santiago de Compostela*. On Tuesday we celebrate the parents of Mary, the grandparents of Jesus – Saints Joachim and Anne. There is a long tradition of celebrating a novena to St. Anne, which is observed by the Sisters of St. Anne in Ebensburg, and by the parish of St. John Gualbert in Johnstown, where there is a beautiful chapel dedicated to St Anne. On Friday, we will hear again the gospel proclaimed last Sunday, as we celebrate the memory of St. Martha, who, you will remember, was busy with all the details of hospitality in caring for Jesus and his friends.

Caring for Our Common Home – This Tuesday evening, July 26th, the final evening of our Summer Interfaith Series, the topic is *Creating Partnerships: Faith, Earth, Science*. It will feature speakers representing civic and religious organizations whose missions are the care of the environment: John Frederick, Executive Director, Intermunicipal Relations Committee; Cricket Eccleston Hunter, Program Director of Pa. Interfaith Power and

Light; and Reverend William Thwing, United Church of Christ, certified BPI and Resnet energy auditor.

More on our Mission to Haiti – It became very clear to us on our visit to our sister 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. However, there is a diocesan-run carpenter shop in the town of Henche, near to our Sister Parish, which builds desks and pews for parishes in their diocese. We are looking first for donors who might wish to purchase a classroom full of desks: the 1st and 2nd grade classroom is in need of 30 desks, at the cost of \$2,700. The 3rd and 4th grade classroom needs the same number, at the cost of \$2,850. A classroom of even larger desks for the 5th and 6th graders will be \$3,000. Ninety chairs are needed for the pre-school and kindergarten children @ \$2,250, and 9 tables for \$1,710. For the teachers, we need 10 desks and 10 chairs at the cost of \$1,670. The Lord will never be outdone in generosity and any gift of any amount will be most helpful!

Kudos to Ken! - Ken has done an exceptional job in preparing our school building for the NHS school, which begins moving in on August 1. The floors are waxed to a gleaming shine, and all is in order. We extend a warm St. John’s welcome to our tenants, and we want them to feel that they are part of the St. John’s Family.

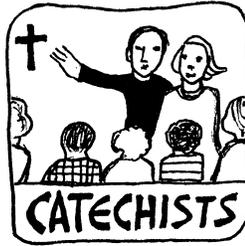
Stewardship at St. John’s

OFFERTORY for July 17, 2016

Envelopes:	\$ 4,562.50
Loose:	\$ 914.00
Children’s:	\$ 4.00
Parish Development	\$ 45.00
Peter’s Pence	\$ 50.00
Catholic Register	\$ 28.00
Total:	\$ 5,603.50
Online Giving:	\$ 1,690.00
TOTAL:	\$ 7,293.50

CATECHISTS NEEDED

If you have a love for Jesus and sharing your faith with the children of our parish, please give me a call. I am looking for catechists for 7th & 8th grade. We have really good new books and resources that provide all you need. You can teach alone or have a friend and co-teach. Bringing our faith to the children (our future) is truly a priceless ministry. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like more information. I look forward to hearing from you. Mary Haenig 814-317-5578 or mshaenig@gmail.com



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Religious Education at St. John's is looking for donations to purchase a large flat screen smart TV. This will enable us to use "technology" through videos, YouTube and

PowerPoint to enhance the teaching of our faith to the youth of our parish. If you are interested in making a donation, please email Mary Haenig (mshaenig@gmail.com) or call MaryAnn at the church office 814-942-5503.

LOVE FEAST: Our parish will again participate in a Love Feast on Saturday, **October 22, 2016.** The committee will meet to begin planning on **Tuesday, August 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the church.** Please continue to keep in your prayers John & Judy Hurm, original Love Feast committee members/workers who had always coordinated kitchen activities. Judy suffered a severe stroke.

BOOK CLUB: Our next 2 meetings to discuss the second half of the book, **Jesus** by James Martin will be **Wednesday, August 10 and Wednesday, August 17, 7 to 8:30 p.m. on the rectory porch.** Please feel free to join us even if you haven't already.

SECOND SUNDAY: Our next collection of funds & non-perishable food for the Salvation Army will be **Sunday, August 14.** Please be generous and not of the mind that "if you're unwilling to work, you may not eat". For, of the 23 million households currently receiving SNAP, three fourths include children, the disabled or elderly who cannot work.

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**

**For all students, parents, teachers and
administrators during the new
2016-2017 school year**

**For an end to violence and unrest in our
country**

Congratulations! Longtime members of our parish, Ed and Eva Coho will be married for 60 years on August 11, 2016. Please join their children in celebrating this milestone by sending a card to the following address:

Ed & Eva Coho
382 Raible Drive
Duncansville, PA 16635

Liturgical Reflection...

Ask and you will receive. Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened to you. Know that the Father in heaven gives the Holy Spirit to those who ask him. Jesus urges his disciples to persist in prayer. We pray that God's will be done. The advice of the Lord is to be persistent in prayer. His encouragement is to remember that God is a Father who loves his children. God shows mercy and kindness to all. When we persist in prayer, we become enveloped in the Lord's kindness, understanding, and mercy. Grounded in prayer, we are grounded in the mercy of God.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

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.

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 the Holy Trinity Catholic School Facebook page and on the School's Web Site (holytrinitycatholic.school). You can purchase these tickets from any Holy Trinity student or by calling in the morning, Monday - Thursday, Holy Trinity Catholic School Middle School at 942-7835 or Holy Trinity Catholic School Altoona Campus at 381-7011.

A Basket Bingo to support St. Leonard's Personal Care Home charity care fund will be held on Saturday, September 24 from 1:00 -3:30 pm at St. Catherine Church Hall in Duncansville. Beautiful themed baskets for 20 bingo prizes and silent auction. Lunch available for purchase from noon. For more information or tickets (\$25), please call 695-9581 during business hours. Thank you for your support.

Sunday, July 24, 2016
SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday July 24th - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM—Mass for *Tammy Field* requested by Larry & Carol Field

10:00AM—Mass for *Connie Stoltz* requested by the Stoltz Family

Monday July 25th – St. James, Apostle

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM—Mass for *John E. Dunn*

Tuesday July 26th - Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM— Mass for *John Despot* requested by the family

Wednesday July 27th -Weekday

5:00PM—Confessions

6:00PM—Mass for *Leonard Majestic* requested by Barbara Bundy

Thursday July 28th -Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM— Mass for *Will Baumgartner* requested by Elizabeth & children

Friday July 29th - Saint Martha

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM— Mass for *Leroy Musselman* requested by Anna Musselman

Saturday July 30th – Vigil of the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00PM—Confessions

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

Sunday July 31st - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM—Mass for *Tammy Field* requested by Bob & Ginny Reeder

10:00AM—Mass for *Lena Colyer* requested by Mr. & Mrs. John Cuzzolina

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