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Weekday Readings

Mon. July 27- Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Mt 13:31-35
 Wed. July 28- Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Mt 13:36-43
 Thurs. July 29- Ex 34:29-35/Jn 11:19-27
 Fri. July 30-Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53

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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

July 26th- 11:00am; Mass at Brush Mountain Sportsmen
 Aug. 15th-16th- Mission Appeal

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St. John the Evangelist Church

309 Lotz Ave Altoona, PA 16602
 814-942-5503

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 26, 2015



The eyes of all look hopefully to you, and you give them their food in due season. -Psalm 145:15

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES:

Sat. Aug. 1- 4:00PM- Axelle Marcelli, Gianna Marcelli
 Sun. Aug. 2- 8:00AM- AJ Abraham, Drew Abraham
 Sun. Aug. 2- 10:00AM- Patrick Donoughe, Sean Donoughe

LECTORS:

Sat. Aug. 1- 4:00PM- David Petrak, Mary Petrak
 Sun. Aug. 2- 8:00AM- Dan Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
 Sun. Aug. 2- 10:00AM- Bill Foose, Norma Foose

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. Aug. 1- 4:00PM- Joyce Cunningham, Jenna Jenkins
 Sun. Aug. 2- 8:00AM- Cora Bacon, Fracene Boland
 Sun. Aug. 2- 10:00AM- Barb Bundy, Dee Capriotti, Ginger Cooney, Steve Wilson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Sat. Aug. 1- 4:00PM- Heather Nackley, Christine Stachmus, Denny Stachmus, Dorothy Yingling
 Sun. Aug. 2- 8:00AM- Mary Grace Horton, Charlie Moore, Mike O'Neill, Ed Stoltz
 Sun. Aug. 2- 10:00AM- Lou Ann Clark, Kathleen Heller

Sacristan:

Sat. Aug. 1- 4:00PM- Ron Cunningham, Joyce Cunningham
 Sun. Aug. 2- 8:00AM- Darlene Scarpaci
 Sun. Aug. 2- 10:00AM- Kathleen Heller

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

PASTORAL STAFF:

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- Mr. Ken Dunmire, Maintenance

CLEANING SCHEDULE:

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

A Few Words from the Pastor:

Our New Director of Religious Education - We are delighted to welcome Mary Haenig to our staff as the new director of our religious education program. Mary has recently move to the area, and has already found a home in our parish. Prior to coming to Altoona with her family, Mary resided in St. Richard's parish in the North Hills of Pittsburgh. She comes to us with lots of experience in the field of Religious Ed, having been director of the St. Richard's program for the past 8 years. This past spring she had over 120 children in her First Communion Class! Her love of the Catholic Faith and her experience in directing a very large and active program certainly qualify her to continue the fine program we have developed here at St. John's. Again, our sincerest welcome!

Parish Picnic - Many thanks to our Social Committee for their work in preparing for our parish picnic this weekend. There is always so much that is done behind the scenes, but is essential for a good picnic!

Surgery for Deacon Gene - Our deacon will be hospitalized this week for surgery in his bout with diverticulitis. Please keep him in your prayers. He would love to hear from you during his recuperation. His home address is 1101 Flamingo Drive, Apt. 7203, Altoona, 16602.

Looking Ahead to the Pope's Visit - At the end of September, Pope Francis will be in Philadelphia for the World Conference on the Family. He will also be traveling to New York City to address the United Nations, and to Washington to address a joint session of Congress and to visit with our president. His message continues to challenge us who live so well to be attentive and compassionate toward those living on the margins of society - the poor, the elderly, the immigrant. We begin praying NOW for the safety and success of his mission to America.

Some Great Saints This Week - In our church calendar we celebrate some rather significant saints this week. On Wednesday, we honor Saint Martha, who was sister of Lazarus and Mary. She is well known for speaking up on behalf of those who get left with all the household duties! On Friday, we honor the founder of the Jesuits, St. Ignatius of Loyola, whose greatest gift to the Church has been his *Spiritual Exercises*. On August 1st we will honor St. Alphonsus Ligouri, founder of the Redemptorists and declared a Doctor of the Church for his writings on Moral Theology.

Second Sunday Food

Collection: You should know that our generosity with food donations is **greatly appreciated** by our local food banks, where demand remains very high. Also, Mary Petrak has organized our religious ed. teens for delivery of the food as well as help in its distribution for 3 of the last 4 months. Their involvement enlightens them about the needs of the poor in our midst and opens the door to a worthwhile volunteer activity at the food bank. Please consider signing up next year to deliver food if you haven't already done so.

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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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Mission Appeal: The weekend of AUGUST 15-16, 2015, Reverend Kenneth Oguzie, C.S.SP., will visit our parish to speak at the Masses about the missionary work of the Church and in particular that of the Fathers of the Holy Spirit ("the Spiritans"), earlier know as the Holy Ghost Fathers. To learn more about the Holy Spirit Fathers, visit their website at www.spiritans.org. This visit is part of a national program whereby annually a representative of one of the missionary groups visits parishes of the Diocese to enlist support for the mission work of the Church. The Congregation of the Holy Spirit is an international community engaged in a wide range of missionary activity in many areas of the world. Fr. Kenneth himself is from Nigeria. He presently assists with ministry at a Spiritan parish in Pittsburgh, while continuing his studies at Duquesne University. When Jesus said: "You shall witness to me in Jerusalem and in Samaria and to ends of earth", He made the spread of the Gospel an essential part of our Catholic life. We urge you to respond generously to Father Oguzie's appeal.

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.

Stewardship at St. John's

OFFERTORY for July 19, 2015

Loose: \$583.00

Envelope: \$4,230.00

Children's: \$8.00

Parish Development: \$45.00

Total: \$4,866.00

Online Giving: \$2,048.00

Total: \$6,914.00

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**. **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 -\$6,295.00

Approximate Profit -\$264.39

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:

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.

Sunday, July 26, 2015 SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

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

Mon. July 27th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Special Intention*

Tues. July 28th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Eileen Becker* requested by Rich & Joyce Lowe

Wed. July 29th- Saint Martha

5:00PM- Eucharistic Adoration

6:00PM- Mass for *Peggy Harber* requested by Bill & Deborah Aigner

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

Thurs. July 30th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Fr. Leroy Beyer* requested by Bill & Dee Schmerbeck

Friday July 31st- Saint Ignatius of Loyola

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Leroy Musselman* requested by Anna & Family

Sat. Aug. 1st- Vigil for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00PM- Confessions

4:00PM- *Celebrating 50th Birthday for Roland Crevecoeur* requested by Family

Sun. Aug. 2nd- 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:00AM-Mass for *Bill Kopp & Connie Tipton* requested by Ginny & Bob Reeder

6:30PM - Lectionary Based Faith Sharing