

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES:

Sat. Aug. 6 - 4:00 PM - Kelsey Donoughe, Ryan Donoughe
Sun. Aug. 7 - 8:00 AM - Emily Miller, Danielle Miller
Sun. Aug. 7 - 10:00 AM - Nathan Ringkamp, Keaton Swope

LECTORS:

Sat. Aug. 6 - 4:00 PM - David Petrak, David Andrews
Sun. Aug. 7 - 8:00 AM - Francene Boland, Tim Rea
Sun. Aug. 7 - 10:00 AM - Bill Foose, Norma Foose

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. Aug. 6 - 4:00 PM - John Lloyd, not filled
Sun. Aug. 7 - 8:00 AM - Joyce Cunningham, Mary Truesdale
Sun. Aug. 7 - 10:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti, Lou Ann Clark,
Pam Klobuka, Bob Olson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Sat. Aug. 6 - 4:00 PM - Betsy Lloyd, Heather Nackley, Billy Sweet,
Wally Wargo
Sun. Aug. 7 - 8:00 AM - Helen Miller, Darlene Scarpaci,
Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
Sun. Aug. 7 - 10:00 AM - Barb Aubrey, Marilyn Bevan,
Walter Bloom, Wendy Campbell

SACRISTAN:

Sat. Aug. 6 - 4:00 PM - Ray & Mary King
Sun. Aug. 7 - 8:00 AM - Michelle DeFrancisco
Sun. Aug. 7 - 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

MOMENT OF MERCY

Pope Francis on Mercy – *As World Youth Day concludes today, the words of Pope Francis to young people for the year of Mercy can inspire us all: "This grace-filled year also concerns you, dear young people. I encourage you to take an active part in this celebration and to realize that each of you is a child of God (cf. 1 Jn 3:1). I would like to invite you, one by one, calling you by name, as Jesus does each day. For you know that your names are written in heaven (Lk 10:20), in the heart of the Father, that Merciful Heart which is the source of all reconciliation and kindness.*



A beautiful, fun summer day was appreciated by the parishioners who attended our annual Parish Picnic.

JULY 31, 2016
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
ST. JOHN THE
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A Few Words from the Pastor:

Our Parish Picnic – Many, many thanks to all who helped with our parish picnic last Sunday. It was certainly HOT, but all enjoyed the fellowship which we share as a parish family. May this spirit continue throughout the year! A special thanks to the Social Committee, who did so much to prepare for the day. Legion Park in Hollidaysburg was an excellent location for our picnic! I suspect strongly that it will be our annual destination!

A Time of Transition – As difficult as it was to have our parish school closed, we are confident that the newly formed Holy Trinity School will continue to provide for the children of our parish and city an excellent Catholic Education. We are also grateful that St. Patrick's has been able to continue its educational ministry, providing a PreK-8 model. With children from this parish in both schools, we extend our prayers and support for the new school year, which begins soon and very soon! Virtually all of our teachers were able to find employment in these schools, so our children will find some familiar faces when they arrive!

We Welcome our Tenants! – Our lease with NHS (Northwestern Human Services) begins on August 1. A special welcome to the principal, Kelly Brennan, a life-long resident of Altoona, and niece to Father Clem Gardner and the late Father Daniel O'Friel. I anticipate a good working relationship with Kelly and her faculty and staff! We pray that this association is beneficial to all involved.

Stop By Our New Office – Our new parish office is now located in the former PreK room on the lower level of the church. Stop by for a visit to our business manager/secretary, Mary Ann Mirobelli 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, the church honors St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori, who was born of a noble family in Italy in 1696. He received an exceptional education in philosophy, literature, and the arts. At the age of 18 he joined the Confraternity of Our Lady of Mercy with whom he cared for the sick at the hospital for "incurables," washing afflicted bodies, feeding the

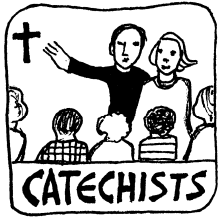
helpless, changing bedclothes and devoting himself to works of mercy and compassion. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1726, and caring for the poor, wherever his journey took him, was the hallmark of his calling. He sought others who were called as he was, to care for the least of God's people, and adopted a style of ministry to "mission among the people" — and so began the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, commonly known as the Redemptorists.

The patron of parish priests, St. John Vianney, is honored on August 4. Born in 1786, he would become known as the Cure of Ars, he spent countless hours in the confessional and hundreds of thousands of people would come to the little French village of Ars annually to hear him preach and to go to confession to him.

Finally, Saturday of this week is the Feast of the Transfiguration, when Christ was revealed in glory on Mt. Tabor to Peter, James and John. This feast is included in the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, which were promoted by Saint John Paul II.

An Annual Class Reunion – This week I am taking a trip to Atlanta to spend time with former classmates. I am grateful, as always, for Deacon Gene and his assistance in my absence!

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 Hinche, 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!



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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

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.



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This fall we will be compiling a new Parish Directory that will contain color portraits of all our families, some candid pictures of our activities and updated addresses and phone numbers. Each family photographed will receive a free 8X10 portrait and a new Church Directory. Photography sessions will be scheduled September 30 through October 8. Candid digital photos of parish events can be emailed to Debbie Johnson at dj219@msn.com.

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

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

HOME WITH THE LORD: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:

John (Jack) Nagle (father of Barb Nagle)

May he rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.

Are You Interested in the Catholic Faith?

We are beginning a new journey in faith as we share the richness of the Catholic Church and our parish family. We invite you to learn what the Church teaches. These sessions also are opportunities for you, and others that you may wish to invite, to ask any perplexing and difficult questions you may have about the Church. These gatherings are for inquirers and are open to all persons who are unbaptized, as well as those who are baptized Christians from other faith traditions. If you have any questions or want further information please call Mark Krepich at **932-2223** or email at mark.krepich@gmail.com.



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.

Stewardship at St. John's

OFFERTORY for July 24, 2016

Envelopes:	\$ 3,101.00
Loose:	\$ 533.00
Children's:	\$ 0.00
Parish Development	\$ 2.00
Total:	\$ 3,636.00
Online Giving:	\$ 1,455.00
TOTAL:	\$ 5,091.00

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. The bus leaves 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 (9425503) to make reservations.

August

Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis

Sports

That sports may be an opportunity for friendly encounters between peoples and may contribute to peace in the world.

Living The Gospel

That Christians may live the gospel, giving witness to faith, honesty, and love of neighbor.

Have questions about the Catholic Faith?

If you've been coming to Mass for a while, but are not Catholic, we invite you to look deeper into the Catholic faith. Our parish will soon begin a series of sessions to share with others the truths of the Catholic faith and the fellowship of our church family. We invite you to learn what Catholics believe in an open and welcoming environment. These gatherings also are opportunities for you to ask those perplexing and difficult questions you may have about the Church. Sessions will begin in early September. Please call Mark Krepich if you have questions or would like further information at **932-2223** or email at **mark.krepich@gmail.com**

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday August 1st – St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:30AM– Morning Prayer and Communion Service

Tuesday August 2nd - St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:30AM– Morning Prayer and Communion Service

Wednesday August 3rd -Weekday

5:00PM—Eucharistic Adoration

6:00PM—Evening Prayer and Communion Service

Thursday August 4th -St. John Vianney

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:30AM– Morning Prayer and Communion Service

Friday August 5th - Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:30AM– Morning Prayer and Communion Service

Saturday August 6th – Vigil of the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00PM—Confessions

4:00PM—Mass for *Bill Shultz* requested by Betsy Shultz

Sunday August 7th - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:00AM—Mass for *Serena Stevens* requested by Dave & Judy Kimmen

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 28:1-17; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt 14:22-36

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Jer 31:31-34; Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Mt 16:24-28

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