

St. John the Evangelist Church

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

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 5, 2015

My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.
-2 Corinthians 12:9

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES:

Sat. July 11- 4:00PM- Claire Resick, Rachel Resick
Sun. July 12- 8:00AM- Nick Rasmussen, Nate Rudolph
Sun. July 12- 10:00AM- Patrick Donoughe, Sean Donoughe

LECTORS:

Sat. July 11- 4:00PM- David Andrews, Maria Spayd
Sun. July 12- 8:00AM- Francene Boland, Fran Semelsberger
Sun. July 12- 10:00AM- Joe Klobuka, Bob Olson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. July 11- 4:00PM- David Petrak, Mary Petrak
Sun. July 12- 8:00AM- Dan Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
Sun. July 12- 10:00AM- Barb Bundy, Dee Capriotti, Ken Gorman, Donna Moyer

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Sat. July 11- 4:00PM- Coleen Langguth, David Langguth, Peg Madden, Bill Sweet
Sun. July 12- 8:00AM- Carol Field, Ginny Reeder, Larry VanSickel, Paula VanSickel
Sun. July 12- 10:00AM- Walter Bloom, Kathleen Heller, Patrick Podoletz, Ann Podoletz

Sacristan:

Sat. July 11- 4:00PM- Ron Cunningham, Joyce Cunningham
Sun. July 12- 8:00AM- Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. July 12- 10:00AM- Kathleen Heller

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 6- Gn 28:10-22a/Mt 9:18-26
Wed. July 7- Gn 32:23-33/Mt 9:32-38
Thurs. July 8- Gn 41:55-57, 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Mt 10:1-7
Fri. July 9- Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Mt 10:7-15

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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

July 7th-10th- Choral Institute Rehearsal
5:30-9:00 (church)
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:

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

Wedding Bells - Congratulations to Brian Weimer, son of Tom and Nancy Weimer, who will be joined in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony with Megan Hintenberger, daughter of Charles and Debra Hintenberger, with the wedding celebrated this Saturday. Our prayers and best wishes for a joyous life together.

Class Reunion - It is a rare occasion when high school seminary classmates get together. The 4th of July weekend is one of those occasions. I will be visiting with classmates from St. Louis and Atlanta. I am most grateful to Father Clem Gardner, retired pastor of St. Michael's in Hollidaysburg, who will be here for weekend Masses, and to deacon Gene for presiding at some daily Communion Services!

Director of Religious Education Needed - We are most grateful to Mary Petrak for the excellent work she did this past year in directing our Religious Education Program. Because of increased family responsibilities, however, Mary is going to limit herself to working with the Confirmation program in the coming year. Thus, we are in need of someone to take on the position of Director of Religious Education. It is a part-time, paid position. We are looking for someone who is well organized, who has good rapport with young people and their parents, and has a passion for sharing the gospel. If interested in applying, or if you have any questions, call Msgr. Becker.

Conversations on Interfaith Marriage

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

Tues., July 7 -7:00 p.m. An Evening with Author Naomi Schaefer Riley, Author of Till Faith Do Us Part.

Ms. Riley will join us via *Skype* to provide an overview of her extensive research in the areas of interfaith marriage and the changing status of religion in America.

About our Guest Author

Naomi Schafer Riley is an American journalist, syndicated columnist, lecturer, non fiction writer, editor and blogger for various news outlets including The New York Post, Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, The Boston Globe, The Los Angeles Times and The Washington Post. Ms Schaefer has researched and written extensively about issues of faith in America.

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.

Visitors from Belarus -

St. John's is delighted to welcome back to our parish the Sisters of St. Elisabeth Convent from Minsk, Belarus. They will be with us on the weekend of **July 4 & 5, 2015**. They come bearing handmade gifts from the Orthodox tradition. The Sisterhood of St. Elisabeth was founded in 1996. Their mission began in the National mental hospital located not far from the Convent. These sisters take care of mentally challenged children and adults. In the recent years a shelter for former drug and alcohol addicted people was organized 20 miles away from the Convent. In order to help these people, some workshops were organized on the convent grounds where vulnerable people have a possibility to express themselves in art for God working together with nuns and sisters and making icons (including hand painted), crosses, crucifixes, wood carvings, embroidered and ceramic gifts, rosaries and vestments. All these goods are made with love and prayer and will be available for purchase after all Masses.

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BIG Chicken BBQ Up-

date: Thank you to all who helped in any way for the success of this year's BBQ. We sold 450 dinners & were able to donate dinners to St. Leonard's Home & American Rescue Workers in Hollidaysburg.

We are especially grateful to St. John's student workers:

Nathan Ringkamp, Noah Brunhuber, Daniel Wandersee, and Evan Wandersee for their help on Saturday night & all day Sunday. It is gratifying to be in the company of such respectful and hard working young people.

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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Picnic Update: The social committee received some suggestions about the parish picnic. Unfortunately it is too late to change the venue or the date for this year. (We tried.) So the picnic will be held on the last Sunday in July (7/26) at the **Brush Mountain Sportsmen's** pavilion. A **picnic lunch** will follow an 11:00 AM Mass at the picnic site with an **auction** to follow. Please sign-up for what you'd like to contribute (bring food **or** volunteer to help). The sign-up sheets are on the kiosk in the gathering space.

Next year we are going to try a new venue.....Legion Park in Hollidaysburg.

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.

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.

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 June 21, 2015

Loose: \$660.00
Envelope: \$4,662.00
Children's: \$3.00
Parish Development: \$0
Peter Pence: \$280.00
Catholic Register: \$20.00
Total: \$5,625.00
Online Giving: \$1,528.00
Total: \$7,153.00

SISTERS OF SAINT ANN:

The Sisters of Saint Ann invite you to join our annual "Ladies Retreat" at Mount St. Ann, Ebensburg, PA on August 7-9, 2015.

On October 15th we will celebrate 500th anniversary of St. Teresa of Avila's birthday.

St. Teresa, a Spanish Carmelite, reformer, founder of the Discalced Carmelites, mystic and Doctor of the Church. To enlighten the treasure of her writing and spiritual life for our benefits, the Very Rev. Jude Peters, Provincial Superior of the Carmelites Friars from Hubertus, Wisconsin, will be the Retreat spiritual director.

For more information, write to the Sisters of Saint Ann P.O. Box 328, Ebensburg, PA 15931 OR CALL 814-472-9354. The Retreat is open to commuters.

Scrip Gift Card Program

Total Sales -\$11,145.00

Approximate Profit -\$551.75

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.



Sunday, July 5, 2015 SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. July 5th- 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:00AM-Mass for *Bob Ernest* requested by Barb Bundy

6:30PM - Lectionary Based Faith Sharing

Mon. July 6th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:30AM- Morning Prayer & Communion Service

Tues. July 7th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Eileen Becker* requested by Dorothy Roberto

Wed. July 8th- Weekday

5:00PM- Eucharistic Adoration

6:00PM- Mass for *Donald McHugh* requested by Daughter, Melissa

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

Thurs. July 9th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *James Watkins*

Friday July 10th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *John Docherty* requested by Dan & Judy Roberts

Sat. July 11th- Vigil for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00PM- Confessions

4:00PM- Mass for *Marie Therese* requested by The Crevecoeur Family

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