

# St. John the Evangelist Church

309 Lotz Ave Altoona, PA 16602  
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## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 21, 2015

*Whoever is in Christ is a new creation. -2 Corinthians 5:17*

### APPOINTMENTS

#### ACOLYTES:

Sat. June 27- 4:00PM- Caitlin Conigy, Tyler Conigy  
Sun. June 28- 8:00AM- Zoey Landeck, Amber Yasolsky  
Sun. June 28- 10:00AM- Cherie Langenbacher, Makayla Langenbacher

#### LECTORS:

Sat. June 27- 4:00PM- Mary Petrak, David Petrak  
Sun. June 28- 8:00AM- Ron Adams, Tom Robison  
Sun. June 28- 10:00AM- Richard Karcher, Patrick Schurr

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. June 27- 4:00PM- Connie Baker, Jenna Jenkins, Betsy Shultz, Bill Shultz  
Sun. June 28- 8:00AM- Cora Bacon, Melissa McHugh  
Sun. June 28- 10:00AM- Cecelia Bloom, Walter Bloom, Bill Foose, Norma Foose, Donna Moyer, Debbie Smith

#### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Sat. June 27- 4:00PM- Heather Nackley, Mary Frances Stokan, Bill Stokan, Dorothy Yingling  
Sun. June 28- 8:00AM- Ray Kennedy, Helen Rentz, Jerry Rentz, Fran Semelsberger  
Sun. June 28- 10:00AM- Marilyn Bevan, Dee Capriotti, Lou Ann Clark, Patrick Podoletz

#### Sacristan:

Sat. June 27- 4:00PM- Ron Cunningham, Joyce Cunningham  
Sun. June 28- 8:00AM- Kathleen Heller  
Sun. June 28- 10:00AM- Marilyn Bevan

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### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

**June 28th—Big Chicken BBQ**  
**June 28th— Faith Day at Delgrosso's**  
**July 7th— Choral Institute Rehearsal 5:30-9:00 (church)**

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### PASTORAL STAFF:

- Msgr. Michael Becker- mbecker253@aol.com
- Deacon Gene Neral- gene@lifeinfocus.net
- Ms. Tabatha Griffin- stjohprincipal@atlanticbb.net
- Mrs. Mary Petrak- DRE- mfpetrak@hotmail.com
- Mr. Mark Krepich-RCIA & Parish Council President- mark.krepich@gmail.com
- Mrs. Deb Johnson- Music Director- dj219@msn.com
- Mr. Bill & Mrs. Norma Foose- Stephen Ministry- norma.foose@yahoo.com
- Mrs. Heather Reimer- Business Manager- stjohchurch@atlanticbb.net
- Mrs. Lindsay Reffner- Admin. Assistant- stjohsecretary@atlanticbb.net
- Mr. Ken Dunmire, Maintenance

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### Weekday Readings

Mon. June 22- Gn 12:1-9/Mt 7:1-5  
Tues. June 23- Gn 13:2, 5-18/Mt 7:6, 12-14  
Wed. June 24- Is 49:1-6/ Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80  
Thurs. June 25- Gn 16:1-12, 15-16  
Fri. June 26- Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Mt 8:1-4

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## **A Few Words from the Pastor:**

**Father Dennis Mullen** -Father Dennis is a retire priest from the diocese of Superior, Wisconsin. He will be with us until the 24<sup>th</sup>. I know everyone will make him feel at home.

**New Members of the Parish Council:** The following have been selected for parish council: Cecelia Bloom, Cindy Karcher, Chris Palazzi, and Pat Podoletz. We are most grateful for the service of the outgoing council members: Paul Dennis, Bill Stoken, Ann Brown and Susanna Tomlinson. May God continue to guide our parish family with his Wisdom and Grace.

**WE ARE SCRIP NATION!** - One of the simplest ways to support our parish and school is through the purchase of SCRIP. Stop at the SCRIP table in the Gathering Space before or after any of our weekend Masses to learn more about how you can help your parish and school with each dollar you spend!

**The Miracle of Childbirth** - Dorothy Day, the founder of the Catholic Worker Movement here in the United States and who is up for canonization for her work among God's poor, wrote in her diary these beautiful and inspiring words about the birth of her daughter, Tamar: If I had written the greatest book, composed the greatest symphony, painted the most beautiful painting or carved the most exquisite figure, I could not have felt the more exalted creator that I did when they placed my child in my arms. No human creature could receive or contain so vast a flood of love and joy as I often felt after the birth of my child. With this came the need to worship, to adore."

**Office Hours:** The office hours for the summer are 9:00am to 3:00pm. The office will be closed Friday, July 3rd.

**Please report any changes to your address, phone number or leaving the parish to the office. This will help keep our records up-to-date. Thank you.**

**CLEANING:** On June 29th-July 5th, the cafeteria will be getting cleaned and waxed.

## **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:**

Sunday, June 28 - 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM 1/2 chicken, homemade potato salad, baked beans, roll/butter, & dessert - \$9.00. Please support this fund raiser by buying, selling, or donating tickets. Tickets are available after all Masses or by calling Ginny at 695-7671. Thank you.

## **Scrip Gift Card Program**

Total Sales - \$9,166.00

Approximate Profit - \$462.30

Scrip is sold in the gathering space at every weekend Mass.

Any discrepancies, call Matt or Alicia Reilly at 943-6875

## **Religious Education:**

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

- A teacher for the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> 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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## **June**

### **Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis**

#### **Immigrants and Refugees**

**That immigrants and refugees may find welcome and respect in the countries to which they come.**

#### **Vocations**

**That the personal encounter with Jesus may arouse in many young people the desire to offer their own lives in priesthood or consecrated life.**

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## **Haiti News:**

We have begun our string bag project for the students at Sts. Peter and Paul next autumn. Another idea has been to provide material and sample designs for scarves for the women who would like to begin working as a business. The scarves would be sold at St. John's and the local area. If anyone has material, thread, floss, and other sewing supplies to be donated we would be happy to receive them. Check the Gathering Space for what we have in mind. Thank you. Contacts: Mary Lee Madigan-Davis 931-2651, [mlmdcreek@aol.com](mailto:mlmdcreek@aol.com), Mary Kay O'Connor 696-3052, [oc901@hotmail.com](mailto:oc901@hotmail.com)

## **Stewardship at St. John's**

### **OFFERTORY for June 14, 2015**

Loose: \$570.00

Envelope: \$5,408.50

Children's: \$3.00

Parish Development: \$155.00

Peter Pence: \$21.00

**Total: \$6,157.50**

**Online Giving: \$2,528.00**

***Grand Total: \$8,685.50***

**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](mailto: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.**

# Other News

Sunday, June 21, 2015  
SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

**Person needed in Hollidaysburg Area to assist an elderly man. Interested please contact Traci at 695-2913 between 10-2 on Monday-Friday.**

## 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.

## Sun. June 21st- 12th Sunday in Ordinary

### Time

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

**10:00AM**-Mass for *Wolf Family* requested by The Family

6:30PM - Lectionary Based Faith Sharing

## Mon. June 22nd- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Bill Kopp* requested by Bernie & Julie Beiswenger

## Tues. June 23rd- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Stan Weaver* requested by Bill & Dee Schmerbeck

## Wed. June 24th- Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

5:00PM- Eucharistic Adoration

6:00PM- Mass for *Dorothy Hetterich* requested by Rich & Joyce Lowe

## Thurs. June 25th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Josephine Reiter* requested by Barb Bundy

## Friday June 26th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Eileen Becker* requested by Bill & Norma Foose

## Sat. June 27th- Vigil of 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00PM- Confessions

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

## Sun. June 28th- 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

**10:00AM**-Mass for *Lena Coyle* requested by The Riccio Family

6:30PM - Lectionary Based Faith Sharing