

# St. John the Evangelist Church

309 Lotz Ave Altoona, PA 16602  
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## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 28, 2015

You change my mourning into dancing; O Lord, my God, forever will I give you thanks.  
*-Psalm 30:13*

### APPOINTMENTS

#### ACOLYTES:

Sat. July 4- 4:00PM- Claire Nackley, Dustin Smith  
Sun. July 5- 8:00AM- Danielle Miller, Ethan Miller  
Sun. July 5- 10:00AM- Axelle Marcelli, Gianna Marcelli

#### LECTORS:

Sat. July 4- 4:00PM- David Petrak, Mary Petrak  
Sun. July 5- 8:00AM- Tim Rea, Fran Semelsberger  
Sun. July 5- 10:00AM- Bill Foose, Norma Foose

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. July 4- 4:00PM- Connie Baker, David Loth  
Sun. July 5- 8:00AM- Dan Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky  
Sun. July 5- 10:00AM- Donna Moyer, Bob Olson, Jo-Ann Semko, Susanna Tomlinson

#### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Sat. July 4- 4:00PM- John Lloyd, Betsy Lloyd, Christine Stachmus, Denny Stachmus  
Sun. July 5- 8:00AM- Mary Grace Horton, Charlie Moore, Mike O'Neill, Ed Stoltz  
Sun. July 5- 10:00AM- Walter Bloom, Lou Ann Clark, Patrick Podoletz, Anna Podoletz

#### Sacristan:

Sat. July 4- 4:00PM- NOT FILLED  
Sun. July 5- 8:00AM- Michele DeFrancisco  
Sun. July 5- 10:00AM- Dee Capriotti



**CONGRATULATIONS  
FR. DENNIS ON HIS 45TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION  
TO THE PRIESTHOOD.**

### **PASTORAL STAFF:**

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

**Thanks, Father Dennis** – Many thanks for the warm St. John's hospitality extended to Father Dennis Mullen during his stay in Altoona. He was especially appreciative of the reception held for his 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. We look forward to his next visit, whenever that might be!

**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!

**Class Reunion** – It is a rare occasion when high school seminary classmates get together. The 4<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Nocturnal Adoration** – Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, is the First Friday of the month, and Nocturnal Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Church, with 10:00 to 11:00 being the hour designated from members of St. John's. Do come, and nourish your love for Christ Jesus in the Eucharist.

**May She Rest in Peace** – Our prayers are offered for the peaceful repose of Peggy Harber, who died unexpectedly on Monday. She is preceded in death by her husband, Regis. Her daughter Kim McNelis and her husband Chris are members of St. John's.

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

**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 29<sup>th</sup>-July 5<sup>th</sup>, 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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**A Prayer Rally for Unity  
(In response to the tragic  
shootings at Emanuel AME  
Church in Charleston, SC.**

On Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM,  
**Simpson Temple United  
Parish on 6th Ave.** Rain or  
Shine.

## Scrip Gift Card Program

Total Sales - \$11,995.00

Approximate Profit - \$599.75

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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**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.

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### **Weekday Readings**

Mon. June 29- Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Tues. June 30- Gn 19:15-29/Mt 8:23-27

Wed. July 1- Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Mt 8:28-34

Thurs. July 2- Gn 22:1b-19/Mt 9:1-8

Fri. July 3- Fph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29

## 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: \$1,015.00

Envelope: \$4,898.50

Children's: \$2.00

Parish Development: \$20.00

Peter Pence: \$75.00

**Total: \$6,010.50**

**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 28, 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.

## 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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### 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)**

**July 26th— Church Picnic after 10:00am Mass**

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### 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

### Mon. June 29th- Saints Peter & Paul

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Sam Neal* requested by Julie & Bernie Beiswenger

### Tues. June 30th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Mary Ruth Steibich* requested by Dan & Judy Roberts

### Wed. July 1st- Weekday

5:00PM- Eucharistic Adoration

6:00PM- Mass for

### Thurs. July 2nd- Weekday

8:30AM- Morning Prayer & Communion Service

### Friday July 3rd- Saint Thomas

8:30AM- Morning Prayer & Communion Service

### Sat. July 4th- Vigil for the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00PM- Confessions

4:00PM- Mass for *Leo & Cecelia Long* requested by Connie & Dave McManuels

### 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