

# St. John the Evangelist Church

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**June 7, 2015**

## **Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ**

*The cup of salvation I will take up, and I will call upon the name of the Lord.*

### APPOINTMENTS

#### ACOLYTES:

Sat. June 13- 4:00PM- Claire Resick, Julie Resick  
Sun. June 14- 8:00AM- Danielle Miller, Ethan Miller  
Sun. June 14- 10:00AM- Alycia Auerbeck, Keaton Swope

#### LECTORS:

Sat. June 13- 4:00PM- Bill Shultz, Betsy Shultz  
Sun. June 14- 8:00AM- Ron Adams, Tom Robison  
Sun. June 14- 10:00AM- Joe Klobuka, Mark Krepich

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. June 13- 4:00PM- Connie Baker, Bill Shultz, Betsy Shultz, Jenna Stokes  
Sun. June 14- 8:00AM- Cora Bacon, Darlene Scarpaci  
Sun. June 14- 10:00AM- Cecelia Bloom, Walter Bloom, Dee Capriotti, Ken Gorman, Ann Mingyar, Jo-Ann Semko

#### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Sat. June 13- 4:00PM- Lori Ginter, Christine Stachmus, Denny Stachmus, Hedy Zumsteg  
Sun. June 14- 8:00AM- Mary Grace Horton, Charlie Moore, Mike O'Neill, Ed Stoltz  
Sun. June 14- 10:00AM- Lou Ann Clark, Kathleen Heller, Patrick Podoletz, Anna Podoletz

#### Sacristan:

Sat. June 13- 4:00PM- Ron Cunningham, Joyce Cunningham  
Sun. June 14- 8:00AM- Darlene Scarpaci  
Sun. June 14- 10:00AM- Barb Bundy

### **UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

**June 10th- June 20th** -Rhine Getaway  
**June 28th**-Big Chicken BBQ  
**June 28th**- Faith Day at Delgrosso's  
**July 7th**- Choral Institute Rehearsal 5:30-9:00 (church)



***Congratulations, Deacon Gene!***  
**Celebration of Deacon Gene's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination to the deaconate.**

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**Weekday Readings**

**Mon. June 1- Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8/Mk 12:1-12**  
**Tues. June 2 -Tb 2:9-14/Mk 12:13-17**  
**Wed. June 3- Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Mk 12:18-27**  
**Thurs. June 4 -Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/  
Mk 12:28-34**  
**Fri. June 5-Tb 11:5-17/Mk 12:35-37**  
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## A Few Words from the Pastor:

**Our Parish School** – No doubt you read in the paper or saw on TV10 reports of the meeting regarding our Catholic Schools here in the Altoona area. I am most grateful to so many of our parents, teachers and staff who attended the meeting and shared their thoughts on the proposal. I am also very grateful to Bishop Mark, who listened attentively to the concerns expressed, and is taking our parents' input into serious consideration. We are so proud of our school, and make sacrifices each day so that we can provide an excellent Catholic Education for our children.

**Amazing, Just Amazing!** – I was very much impressed last Sunday, the first day of our Summer Mass schedule. From the altar I saw not one person mistakenly coming for an 11:00 Mass. I guess our robo calls and postcards did the trick!

**Welcome Father Dennis Mullen** – Father Dennis arrives on Tuesday of this week, and will be providing priestly service to the parish while I am away on vacation. He is very much looking forward to being here, remembering the warm welcome he has received here in the past. He will arrive on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June and will be with us until the 24<sup>th</sup>. I know everyone will make him feel at home.

**Cruising Down the Rhine** – On Wednesday morning we depart for our trip down the Rhine River. Thank you for your prayers for a safe journey. We will be back on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Parish Council Nominations** – The following have offered their names for consideration for Parish Council: Cecilia Bloom, Cindy Karcher, Chris Palazzi, Pat Podoletz, and Fran Semelsberger. This weekend we will do our selections under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We thank in advance those who will be chosen, indeed, all who have “put their name in the hat.”

**Nocturnal Adoration** – A reminder that Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for the First Friday of the June will be held this month at Mt. Carmel. Consider spending some time before the Blessed Sacrament.

**Thanks to the Social Committee** – Many thanks to our social committee for presenting such a nice reception for Deacon Gene last Sunday! It was perfect!

**Our Diocese's Annual Catholic Men's Conference** will be held Saturday, June 13th 2015 at St. Francis University in Loretto, PA. for 18 years, this day has provided a wonderful way to deepen the faith and fellowship with the men of our diocese. It's truly a great day full of energy and renewal! For more information see the posters/brochures in the church or call Jeff Philibin, 814-525-1818.



## Thank you!

Words cannot express the gratitude that we feel for the cards, gifts, both monetary

and otherwise, and the supportive comments that we received on the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of my ordination. A special thank you to all the young people from our school who made their own cards of prayer and good wishes. Also, a special thank you to all those who took time to join in the reception last Sunday. Your continued prayers for our family and my ministry would be greatly appreciated.

**Deacon Gene and Barbara Neral**  
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**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.

## Scrip Gift Card Program

Total Sales - \$12,650.00

Approximate Profit - \$632.50

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

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

**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)

## 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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## Social Committee Reorganizational

**Meeting:** A meeting will be held Wednesday, June 10 at 6:45pm in the church (cry room). All are welcome to attend. The main topic will be the upcoming picnic followed by the appointment of chairman for specific events. (examples: Mardi Gras Chairman- Joan Price, Fundraising Chairman- Ginny Reeder).

Please come to the meeting to share your talents and ideas. If you cant attend this meeting, but have something to share email me before the meeting at [oc901@hotmail.com](mailto:oc901@hotmail.com).

Thank you Mary Kay O'Connor

## *Stewardship at St. John's*

### OFFERTORY for May 31, 2015

Loose: \$428.00

Envelope: \$5,302.00

Children's: \$0

Parish Development: \$0

Peter Pence: 35.00

**Total: \$5,765.00**

**Online Giving: \$1,483.00**

**Grand Total: \$7,248.00**

## *Ministry Scheduler*

After all the Masses this Sunday there will be forms available in the gathering space for the next three month scheduling for those of you **who do not have access to the internet.**

Please fill one out and return it by **Sunday, June 14th.** Family members can fill out one card front and back.

For those who have access to the internet and are not quite sure about how to login, instructions were included in the Email you received on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

Remember that we are looking for you to tell us **when you are unavailable.**

**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.

# Other News

Sunday, June 7, 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.

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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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### Sun. June 7th- Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

8:00AM- Mass for *Barbara Mitchell* requested by Charlene & Denny Lancy

10:00AM- Mass for *Leonard Majestic* requested by Barb Bundy

6:30PM - Lectionary Based Faith Sharing

### Mon. June 8th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Ann Petrak* requested by Mary & David Petrak

### Tues. June 9th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Ward & Marcella Diehl* requested by John & Carol Bismark

### Wed. June 10th- Weekday

5:00PM- Eucharistic Adoration

6:00PM- Mass for *Leo & Cecelia Long* requested by Bill & Dee Schmerbeck

### Thurs. June 11th- Saint Barnabas

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Caroline Oliphant* requested by Rich & Joyce Lowe

### Friday June 12th- Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Joan Bean* requested by Janice Grzesinski

### Sat. June 13th- Vigil of 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00PM- Confessions

4:00PM- Mass for *Helen Evangelista* requested by Family

### Sun. June 14th- 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:00AM- Mass for *Rosemary Wiedemer* requested by Paul & Kathy Vincent

6:30PM - Lectionary Based Faith Sharing