

## APPOINTMENTS

### **ACOLYTES:**

Sat. Apr. 1 - 4:00 PM - Keaton Swope, Amber Yasolsky  
 Sun. Apr. 2 - 8:00 AM - Mai Linh Do, Nathan Ringkamp  
 Sun. Apr. 2 - 11:00 AM - Nate Rudolph, Kaelab Ruggles

### **LECTORS:**

Sat. Apr. 1 - 4:00 PM - Jenna Jenkins, John Lloyd  
 Sun. Apr. 2 - 8:00 AM - Fran Semelsberger, Tim Rea  
 Sun. Apr. 2 - 11:00 AM - Bob Olson, Richard Consiglio

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Apr. 1 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, Joyce Cunningham  
 Sun. Apr. 2 - 8:00 AM - Cora Bacon, Danielle Miller  
 Sun. Apr. 2 - 11:00 AM - Paula Adams, Bill Foose, Norma Foose,  
 Pam Klobuka, Joseph Klobuka, Susanna Tomlinson

### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Sat. Apr. 1 - 4:00 PM - Lori Ginter, Heather Nackley, Billy Sweet,  
 Hedy Zumsteg  
 Sun. Apr. 2 - 8:00 AM - Helen Rentz, Jerry Rentz,  
 Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky  
 Sun. Apr. 2 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Lou Ann Clark,  
 Walt Bloom, Mary Petrak

### SACRISTAN:

Sat. Apr. 1 - 4:00 PM - Billy Sweet  
 Sun. Apr. 2 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci  
 Sun. Apr. 2 - 11:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti

### **WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE:**

**MONDAY•TUESDAY•THURSDAY•FRIDAY: 8:30AM**

**WEDNESDAY: 6:00PM**

**SATURDAY: 4:00PM • SUNDAY: 8:00AM•11:00AM**

### **PASTORAL STAFF:**

- Msgr. Michael Becker** mbecker253@aol.com
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- Mr. & Mrs. Bill & Norma Foose** Stephen Ministry norma.foose@yahoo.com
- Mrs. Mary Ann Mirobelli** Business Manager stjohnchurch@atlanticbb.net
- Mrs. Mary Haenig** Religious Education Director mshaenig@gmail.com
- Mr. Ken Dunmire** Maintenance

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

**March 31** - Stations of the Cross/Bible Study - 7:00 PM  
**April 9** - Second Sunday Food Collection  
**April 9** - Easter Egg Hunt after 11:00 Mass  
**April 12** - Tenebrae - 7:45 PM  
**April 23** - New Parishioners Luncheon  
**April 30** - First Communion  
**May 6** - Spring Fling  
**May 21** - Scam & Fraud Protection Program  
**May 27** - Love Feast  
**June 11** - Chicken Barbecue

**MARCH 26, 2017**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**ST. JOHN THE**  
**EVANGELIST CHURCH**  
**309 LOTZ AVENUE**  
**814-942-5503**  
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### **THE LIVING STATIONS**

A big "THANK YOU" to all who came to watch and pray the "Living Stations of the Cross" last Sunday. The teens of St John's did a wonderful job acting out Jesus' journey to Calvary. Another big "THANK YOU" to our youth ministers, Steph and Jim Krug, for all their help.



## A Few Words from the Pastor:

**Inspiring!** – We are most grateful to the young people of our parish for their excellent and moving presentation of the Living Stations last Sunday. Special thanks to your young people who put so much into the production, and to the adults who were the producers/directors.

**Tenebrae** – Please join us for the prayerful observance of "Tenebrae" during Holy Week. The word itself is Latin for "shadows" or "darkness." It is a Christian religious service celebrated in Holy Week within Western Christianity. The service is unique among our religious practices, because of its focus upon the gradual darkening of the church.

Candles are extinguished, one by one, while a series of readings and psalms are chanted or recited. The church is left in only the darkest of shadows. It is meant to capture the looming darkness which comes upon the world at the death of Christ. **We will be celebrating Tenebrae here at St. John's on Wednesday evening of Holy Week, with Mass at 7:00 and Tenebrae at 7:45.**

**Praying before the Crucifix** – Throughout Lent we have been invited to keep our attention fixed upon the Crucified Christ. Placing a crucifix upon your kitchen or dining room table can be an inspiring way to remained focused upon God's infinite Love, revealed on Calvary. Pray this prayer of St. Francis of Assisi each day before the Crucifix. *Most High, glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my heart, and give me true faith, certain hope, and perfect charity, sense and knowledge, Lord, that I may carry out Your holy and true command. Amen.*

**Stations & Bible Study this Lent** - We would like to place a greater focus on the Stations of the Cross, a venerated tradition in the Catholic Faith in which we journey with Christ to Calvary. Stations are observed each Friday of Lent at 7:00 PM. Following Stations, there will be an adult bible study of the Passion narratives, to be held in the parish center.

### The Blessing of Easter Baskets: A Cherished Catholic

**Easter Tradition** - The blessing of the Easter Basket has been a cherished Catholic ritual for centuries among families of Eastern European origin and adopted by people of all ethnic backgrounds who enjoy this richly symbolic custom. On Holy Saturday, families prepare their Easter Baskets to be later blessed at church. After Easter Sunday's Resurrection Mass, the family and guests would share this blessed fare and exchange good wishes. Our Easter Basket Blessing here at St. John's will take place on Holy Saturday at noon. Please come and bring your baskets!

**Sight and Sound** – We are planning a day trip to Sight and Sound in Lancaster to see their terrific production of "Jonah" on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. The trip would include travel, ticket and dinner. We will be leaving from the parish parking lot mid-morning, and returning in the evening. The cost per person will be \$125. Don't miss this wonderful spring get-away! You can sign up on the kiosk in the gathering space or call the office to make reservations.

**Catholicism** – During the season of Lent, on Tuesday evenings, I will be conducting the Catholicism Series at Our Lady of Lourdes, from 6:00 – 7:30PM. It will be held in the parish hall, and all are most welcome. This series features Bishop Robert Barron, our country's most noted Catholic teacher.



Thank you!

Again Barbara and I would like to express our gratitude for all the prayerful support, the cards and words of encouragement, plus the food and help with transportation that we received from you through my recent time in the hospital and recuperation. Your continued prayers for both of us are greatly appreciated.



**OUR PARISH FAMILY...** Dorothy Yingling, who is originally from Lilly, has been a member of St John's since 1981. Now retired, she worked with the mentally handicapped for 37 years, first at the Cresson Center and later at the Altoona



Center, as a medical secretary and administrative assistant. Dorothy also served in the U.S. Army for 20 years, including 3 years active duty and 17 years as a reservist, and retired as a Sergeant First Class. In addition, she has been a Mary Kay (cosmetics) consultant for 22 years. Here at St John's, Dorothy is a past Parish Council member and currently a Hospitality Minister and Scrip volunteer. She feels that St John's parishioners are "friendly and caring people who are always ready to help one another and those in the community", and she also "admires" all that is being done for our twin parish in Haiti. And like other parishioners that we've featured here, she appreciates all the activities that are offered and said "I especially enjoy the bus trips".

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE**

April 2: regular class 9:15-10:45

April 2<sup>nd</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> grade Rite of Sending at the 11:00 Mass  
and Confirmation/Sponsor Meeting directly after Mass in  
the school gym

April 9<sup>th</sup>: NO CLASS Palm Sunday/Easter Egg Hunt

April 23<sup>rd</sup>: Last class of the year 9:15:10:45



*Notice that the first pew at the 11:00 AM Mass is filled with our students preparing to make their First Holy Communion. Please pray for them as they continue their journey thru Lent.*

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** will be held every Sunday in Lent at the 11:00 AM Mass.



#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

*June 19-23 daily*

*9AM to 12 noon*

Registration forms on our website:  
[www.stjohnsaltoona.org](http://www.stjohnsaltoona.org)



# EASTER EGG HUNT

come experience the fun & fellowship

**APRIL 9TH FOLLOWING THE 11:00 MASS  
ALL ARE WELCOME, UP TO 9 YEARS OF AGE**

**LOVE FEAST:** Thanks for another successful service of a meal to over 110 poor & elderly persons & families of our community. Again, we received many compliments on the food as well as the attentiveness, service, & support of all who prepared & served the food & decorated gift/snack bags. Our religious education students decorated the gift bags & many of you provided the non-perishable food items. Those parishioners who helped via set-up, cooking, serving &/or clean-up were: Rhonda & Alyson Adams, Barb Aubrey, Dee Capriotti, Joyce Cunningham, Carolyn English, Deb & Ed Ergler, Sue Houseman, John Hurm, Ray & Mary King, Danielle, Ethan & Emily Miller, Sue Mock, Barb Nagle, Dave & Mary Petrak, Marge Rudolph, Jerry & Helen Rentz, & Baylee Ruggles. We are hopeful that we can repeat this successful effort with our next LOVE FEAST ON SATURDAY, MAY 27 (Memorial Day weekend). Again, you will find strips to purchase non-perishable items on the kiosk in the gathering space. Please sign up also to set up & serve.

*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 [ginny.reeder@gmail.com](mailto:ginny.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 • Vicky Buda • Yolanda Buda • Robert Cole  
Michelle Fasline • Carol Field • Wayne Flanagan  
Bob George • JoAnne Gerardine • Judy Hurm  
Brian Kopp • Bill Loth • Jim McLaren • June Miller  
Anne-Marie Norris • Ron Peschock • Dave Petrak  
Bob & Mary Rajnish • Olga Romerowicz  
Madison Shura • Justine Wareham Smith • Patty Teufel  
Noah Wills • Support for persecuted Christians**

**ST. PATRICK SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE/REGISTRATION** for the 2017-18 school year will be held at Saint Patrick School in Newry from 1-4 PM on Sunday, March 26 and from 9AM to 5PM on Tuesday, March 28, 2017.

**EASTER FLOWERS** All memorial donations for Easter flowers should be submitted by April 9 in order to be acknowledged in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

- **STEWARDSHIP CORNER** “Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart.” 1 Samuel 16:7 How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talents and treasure here on earth.

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

**OFFERTORY for March 19 2017**

Envelopes	\$	4,477.00
Loose	\$	661.00
Children's:	\$	2.00
Parish Development	\$	75.00
Catholic Education	\$	50.00
Easter Flowers	\$	125.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$	25.00
SubTotal	\$	5,415.00
Online Giving	\$	1,420.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,835.00</b>

**2016 Contribution Statements are available upon request.  
Please call the Parish Office at 814-942-5503.**

## **CARMELITE COMMUNITY OF THE WORD OVERNIGHT RETREAT:**

April 7-8, 2017: Silence as Gift. The retreat, which begins on Friday evening at 7 PM and ends on Saturday at 3 PM, will include presentations on the theme, guided prayer opportunities and time for quiet personal reflection. An opportunity for personal Spiritual direction will be made available. Cost for the overnight retreat: \$40/person or \$50/married couple. Includes overnight accommodations, meals and materials. **Pre-registration with fee is required by Tuesday, April 4.** Sessions will be held at Carmelite Community of the Word Incarnation Center, 394 Bem Rd., Gallitzin, PA. To register, get directions, or for more information, call 814-886-4098.

**LAST SUPPER DRAMA** will be held on April 10 from 8:15 to 9:15 PM at St. Michael's Parish in Hollidaysburg. The event features an adult cast from St. Michael, St. Mary and St. Patrick Parishes of Hollidaysburg and Newry. Watch and listen as Christ's Disciples speak of their thoughts and emotions as they prepare to share in the First Eucharist and our Lord's Redeeming Passion. The drama is one hour long and requires no audience participation. There is no cost or offering.

**THE TEEN SHELTER** needs new (teen-age sizes) girls pajamas (sizes small-xl- misses/women's) and unisex sweat pants and sweatshirts or hoodies. There is a box in the gathering space for the donated items. Please have all items in by April 9. Thank you!

**CALLIGRAPHER NEEDED** Have you seen the "St John the Evangelist Parish Album" in the gathering space? This beautiful book was a gift from a parishioner, and is a place to record and commemorate special events that occur in our parish such as baptisms, weddings, anniversaries, etc. Many parishioners have asked about it, and we would like to begin using it again. But we need a talented, willing person to make the entries. If this is something that you could do, please let us know by calling Cecelia Bloom at 695-2806.

## **BISHOP GUILFOYLE'S 1ST ANNUAL MARCH MADNESS**

**EVENT** will be held on April 1st, 2017 from 5:30PM to 11:30PM in the Bavarian Ballroom. Tickets - \$25.00 Please contact Jackie Lund in the development office at Bishop Guilfoyle for reservations & sponsorships.(944-3987) [development@bguilfoyle.org](mailto:development@bguilfoyle.org)

**HAITI COLLECTION UPDATE:** So far we have collected \$5,010 to supplement the salaries of the nine teachers of our sister parish, Sts. Peter and Paul, in Haiti. There are special envelopes in the gathering space for your donation. Please place your contribution envelope in the Common Cents Jar or the offertory collection.

## **SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK**

### **Sunday March 26 - Fourth Sunday in Lent**

8:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*  
11:00AM-Mass for *Gary Bevan* requested by  
Rick & Donna Kelly

### **Monday March 27 - Lenten Weekday**

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration  
8:10AM-Morning Prayer  
8:30AM-Mass for the *Bud Bloom* requested by  
George & Betty Soisson

### **Tuesday March 28 - Lenten Weekday**

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration  
8:10AM-Morning Prayer  
8:30AM-Mass for *Marie McAleer* requested by  
Bill & Dee Schmerbeck

### **Wednesday March 29 - Lenten Weekday**

5:00PM- Confession  
6:00PM- Mass for *Connie Stoltz* requested by  
Ed Stoltz

### **Thursday March 30 - Lenten Weekday**

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration  
8:10AM-Morning Prayer  
8:30AM- Mass for *Mary "Mim" Billman* requested by  
David & Melanie Lee

### **Friday March 31 - Lenten Weekday**

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration  
8:10AM-Morning Prayer  
8:30AM-Mass for *Edward Bastian*  
7:00PM-Stations of the Cross/Bible Study

### **Saturday April 1 - Vigil of the Fifth Sunday in Lent**

3:00PM- Confession  
4:00PM-Mass for *People of the Parish*

### **Sunday April 2 - Fifth Sunday in Lent**

8:00AM-Mass for *Teddi Leiden* requested by  
Dee Lee & Children  
11:00AM-Mass for *Lena Colyer* requested by  
Bill & Norma Foose

## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54  
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16  
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30  
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47  
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30



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