

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

June 13th- June 20th -Rhine Getaway

June 28th-Big Chicken BBQ

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Weekday Readings

- Mon. May 11- Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26-16:4a
- Tues. May 12 - Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
- Wed. May 13- Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Jn 16:12-15
- Thurs. May 14 - Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17
- Fri. May 15- Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23

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APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES:

- Sat. May 16- 4:00PM- Axelle Marcelli, Gianna Marcelli
- Sun. May 17 - 8:00AM- Danielle Miller, Ethan Miller
- Sun. May 17- 11:00AM- Nathan Ringkamp, Kaelab Ruggles

LECTORS:

- Sat. May 16- 4:00PM- David Andrews, Maria Spayd
- Sun. May 17 - 8:00AM- Ron Adams, Victor Rizzo
- Sun. May 17- 11:00AM- Joe Klobuka, Jo-Ann Semko

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

- Sat. May 16- 4:00PM- Connie Baker, David Loth
- Sun. May 17 - 8:00AM- Cora Bacon, Francene Boland
- Sun. May 17- 11:00AM- Lou Ann Clark, Ginger Cooney, Ken Gorman, Donna Moyer, Bob Olson, Steve Wilson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

- Sat. May 16- 4:00PM- Peg Madden, Christine Stachmus, Denny Stachmus, Bill Sweet
- Sun. May 17 - 8:00AM- Ray Kennedy, Charlie Moore, Helen Rentz, Jerry Rentz
- Sun. May 17- 11:00AM- Walter Bloom, Wendy Campbell, Dee Capriotti, Kathleen Heller

Sacristan:

- Sat. May 16- 4:00PM- Joyce Cunningham, Ron Cunningham
- Sun. May 17 - 8:00AM- Darlene Scarpaci
- Sun. May 17- 11:00AM- Barb Bundy

St. John the Evangelist Church

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May 10, 2015

6th Sunday of Easter



It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit.

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A Few Words from the Pastor:

Special Collection for Nepal – The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has asked that every parish take a second collection for the suffering people of Nepal, where a devastating earthquake has taken the lives of thousands and has left tens of thousands homeless. We will take up that collection next Sunday, May 17th. Please be generous!

Ascension Thursday: A Holy Day of Obligation – Thursday the Church Universal celebrates the Ascension of the Lord. Our Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 6:00PM on Wednesday evening, and Masses of the Ascension Thursday will be offered at 8:30AM and 6:30PM. All are urged to make a special effort to participate in this Solemn Feast.

Heartfelt Thanks – I am so very much appreciative of the generosity of so many in their help in preparing for the celebration of my ordination anniversary. My God be praised for the gift of priestly ministry, and we pray that God will inspire more young men to follow the call to service of Christ in the priesthood. As Jesus reminds us, “the harvest is great, but the laborers are few.” Please pray for vocations!

May, the Month of Mary – May is traditionally the month of Mary, when Catholics are invited to venerate the Mother of God. Families are encouraged to pray the Rosary together, and even to prepare a special “May Altar” in the home, where a statue of Mary can be honored with fresh spring flowers. Pope Paul VI urged us to turn to Mary as the Queen of Peace, praying for an end to conflict and division in the world and in the family. Everyone is urged to carry their rosary throughout this month, and pray it daily.

May Crowning – This Sunday, May 10th, at the 11:00 o’clock Mass, we will celebrate the traditional May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin. What could be more appropriate for Mother’s Day than the honoring of Mary, the mother of Jesus!

May Devotions – On each Wednesday evening of May, at the conclusion of the 6PM evening Mass, there will be May devotions in honor of the Blessed Virgin, which will include the praying of the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary. All are encouraged to join us in honoring the Mother of God.

Parish Council Nominations – We are looking for interested parishioners to serve on Parish Council. This is a wonderful opportunity to give your valued input into the direction and mission of the parish. You can mention your interest to the pastor, or call the parish office. You may nominate yourself, or someone whom you think will be an asset to this important endeavor. We are in need of four new members, and these names will be drawn on Pentecost Sunday.

A Brief Trip to Raleigh – I have been asked by the Bishop of the Diocese of Raleigh to conduct a one-day preaching workshop this week for his priests. I will be away from Wednesday until Saturday. I am grateful for your prayers, that the Holy Spirit will guide me in this adventure!

Graduating Seniors – On May 24th, Pentecost Sunday at the 11:00 AM Mass, we will honor all of our Graduating Seniors! This includes our high school as well as our college graduates. Parents and families are urged to join with their graduates in expressing thanks to almighty God and to ask His blessing for a bright future. Seats will be reserved for our graduates. Personal invitations will be sent to each graduate. We celebrate their accomplishment!

College Graduates – Because it is difficult for the parish to keep track of our college students, we are not certain which of them are graduating this year. If you have a College Graduate in your family, please let the parish know so that we can extend to them an invitation to be part of our special Mass on Pentecost Sunday.

Pentecost Mass of Anointing– We will celebrate a Mass of Anointing on May 24th, Pentecost Sunday, at 2:00 PM. All those who wish to receive the Sacrament of the Sick as part of the Sunday Eucharist are urged to attend. Whether your need is physical or emotional, whether you are young or old, if you desire to experience the healing grace of the Sacraments, please plan on joining us!

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May

**Prayer Intentions
of Pope Francis**

**Care for the Suffering
That, rejecting the culture of indifference, we may care for our neighbors who suffer, especially the sick and the poor.**

**Openness to Mission
That Mary’s intercession may help Christians in secularized cultures be open to proclaiming Jesus.**

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Scrip Gift Card Program

Total Sales - \$13,560.00

Approximate Profit - \$640.53

Scrip is sold in the gathering space at every weekend Mass and each Thursday from 11:30 to 1:00 during the school year.

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

AS OF MAY 1ST THE NEW SCRIP YEAR BEGINS. ALL TOTALS WILL RESET.

Religious Education:

As the Religious Ed school year comes to an end a big thank you goes out to everyone who makes our program possible. Thank you to all of our Religious Ed teachers and helpers this year: Pat Podoletz, Angelina Long, Jennifer Helsley, Jane Krepich, Joyce Lowe, Alex Holsinger, Barb Aubrey, Chris Ringkamp, and Russ O'Reilly. Thank you to our substitutes: Heather Nackley, Mary Lee Madigan-Davis, and Jennifer Blair. A big thank you to Joan Price, Lori Baker, and their many helpers who provided delicious lunches for our Confirmation students and for second grade retreats. A very special word of thanks to the parents who faithfully brought their children to class on Sunday mornings!

If you didn't already do so, please register for next year:

Parents of children in public school, who will be in Kindergarten through 11th grade next year should register for Religious Ed. Parents of high school students who will attend BG should register for Confirmation. Please call Mary Petrak. Thank you for registering now so that we may prepare for next year.

Mary Petrak: 201-2982 (home), 502-6076 (cell), mfpetrak@hotmail.com

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Are You Interested in the Catholic Faith? The Lent and Easter celebrations may have touched you deeply and you feel drawn closer to our Lord. You may be attending Mass with your Catholic spouse or friend and have thought about becoming a member of our faith community. We invite you to learn what Catholics believe in an open and welcoming environment. Please give us a call if you have questions or would like further information at 932-2223 or email to mark.krepich@gmail.com

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, Mary Kay O'Connor 696-3052, oc901@hotmail.com

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

Stewardship at St. John's

OFFERTORY for May 3, 2015

Loose: \$665.00

Envelope: \$5,363.00

Children's: \$3.00

Parish Development: \$100.00

Catholic Home Missions: \$10.00

Catholic Comm: \$10.00

Ascension: \$10.00

Total: \$6,161.00

Online Giving: \$2,306.00

Grand Total: \$8,467.00

School News

St. John's School is now accepting all new students for the 2015-2016 school year. Please call the office to set up a time to meet with Ms. Tabatha and for a tour of the school.

****Purse Raffle/Luncheon****

The 2nd Annual Ladies Luncheon and purse raffle will be held on Saturday, May 16th, from 1-4 pm at the U S Hotel in Holidaysburg. STOP BY THE OFFICE FOR TICKETS. Get tickets by May 12th.

St. John's School will be selling Mother's Day flowers again this year as a school fundraiser Saturday May 9th and Sunday May 10th. So if you are looking to brighten up a lady's special day or a brighten up a porch or deck or place a beautiful flower at a cemetery area, please purchase your flowers through the St. John's School flower sale. The flowers will again be from Rozick's Greenhouse, and they are always gorgeous.

- May 12th: Talent Show at 6:00pm
- May 15th: Scholastic Buy One Get One Free Book Fair
- May 16th: Ladies Luncheon/Purse Raffle
- May 21st: Kindergarten Graduation at 8:30am (Thursday liturgy)
 - May 21st: Awards Night (Dessert Bar)
 - May 21st: Marianna's Hoagie Delivery
 - May 25th: No School-Memorial Day
- May 26th: 8th Grade Graduation (Evening liturgy and reception to follow)
 - **June 2nd-School Picnic at DelGrosso's Amusement Park****
 - **June 6th- Tentative Date for YARD SALE**
- **June 11th- School Belles Fitting here at St. John's 10-4pm in the gym.**

Sunday, May 10, 2015 SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. May 10th- Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00AM- Mass for *Ida Prosperi* requested by John Prosperi
11:00AM-Mass for *Doris Yetsko* requested by Bill & Betsy Shultz
6:30PM - Lectionary Based Faith Sharing

Mon. May 11th- Easter Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM- Morning Prayer
8:30AM- Mass for *Florence George* requested by Theresa Maccinile

Tues. May 12th- Easter Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM- Morning Prayer
8:30AM- Mass for *Deceased Members of Allegheny Club*

Wed. May 13th- Vigil of Ascension of the Lord

5:00PM- Eucharistic Adoration
5:30PM- Confessions
6:00PM- In Thanksgiving for *Msgr. Becker of 40 years in priesthood* requested by St. John's Choirs

Thurs. May 14th- Ascension of the Lord

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
7:55AM- Morning Prayer
8:30AM- Mass for *Ethel Noonan* requested by John & Carol Bismark
6:30PM- Mass for *Butch Demonico* requested by David & Tracy Auerbeck

Friday May 15th- Easter Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM- Morning Prayer
8:30AM- Mass for *Jane Myers* requested by Rich & Joyce Lowe

Sat. May 16th- Vigil of the Seventh Sunday of Easter

3:00PM- Confessions
4:00PM- Mass for *Marie Therese* requested The Crevecoeur Family

Sun. May 17th- Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00AM- Mass for *Jerry Bowmaster* requested by Kim & Todd Koelle
11:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*
6:30PM - Lectionary Based Faith Sharing