

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES:

Sat. May 27 - 4:00 PM - Claire & Rachel Resick
 Sun. May 28 - 8:00 AM - Emily & Ethan Miller
 Sun. May 28 - 10:00 AM - Amelia Partner, Nathan Ringkamp

LECTORS:

Sat. May 27 - 4:00 PM - Heather Nackley, Matt Michelone
 Sun. May 28 - 8:00 AM - Ronan Adams, Tim Rea
 Sun. May 28 - 10:00 AM - Claudia Anderson, Bob Olson

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. May 27 - 4:00 PM - Barb Aubrey, Joyce Cunningham
 Sun. May 28 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, Fran Semelsberger
 Sun. May 28 - 10:00 AM - Susanna Tomlinson, Donna Moyer,
 Mary Petrak, not filled

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Sat. May 27 - 4:00 PM - Lori Ginter, Christine Stachmus,
 Denny Stachmus, Hedy Zumsteg
 Sun. May 28 - 8:00 AM - Helen Miller, Charlie Moore,
 Ginny Reeder, Ed Stoltz
 Sun. May 28 - 10:00 AM - Walter Bloom, Dolores Capriotti,
 Lou Ann Clark, Peg Madden

SACRISTAN:

Sat. May 27 - 4:00 PM - Billy Sweet
 Sun. May 28 - 8:00 AM - Michele DeFrancisco
 Sun. May 28 - 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

May Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

CHRISTIANS IN AFRICA

That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY•TUESDAY•THURSDAY•FRIDAY: 8:30AM
WEDNESDAY: 6:00PM
SATURDAY: 4:00PM • **SUNDAY:** 8:00AM•11:00AM

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- Mr. Ken Dunmire** Maintenance

ASCENSION THURSDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, May 24 - Vigil: 6:00 PM
Thursday, May 25 - 8:30 AM & 6:30 PM

*“I will ask the Father,
 and he will give you . . .
 the Spirit of truth.”*

— John 14:16-17



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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- May 21** - Scam & Fraud Protection Program - 4:00 PM
- May 25** - Ascension of the Lord Masses:
Weds. May 24 - 6:00 PM • Thurs. May 25 - 8:30 AM & 6:30 PM
- May 25** - Parish Office Closed
- May 27** - Love Feast
- May 28** - Summer Schedule begins with Sunday Masses at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM
- June 11** - Chicken Barbecue
- June 11** - Second Sunday Food Collection
- July 23** - Parish Picnic

A Few Words from the Pastor:

Our Catholic Ministries Drive – Monies collected will be restricted to the following areas of concern in our diocese: Caring for the Poor and Strengthening Families, Nurturing our Youth, and Forming Clergy and Laity. *This Fund will no longer support the core administrative offices of the diocese, but will specifically be used to sustain our people-to-people ministries of the diocese.* Our parish goal is \$45,713, toward which we have received \$10,730 (as of May 14). Please be generous.

Parish Council Nominations.

On Pentecost Sunday, June 4, we will continue the tradition of choosing new members for our parish council. If you would like to nominate someone to serve our parish in this way or if you yourself would like to be considered, call Msgr. Becker. Parish council meetings are normally held on the second Monday of the month, with the exception of the months of December and July.

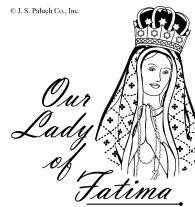
Scams and Fraud. This Sunday afternoon at 4 PM in Bailey Hall, St. John's parish is sponsoring a conference on Internet scams and fraud, with a presentation and discussion presented by Pennsylvania State Trooper Jeffery Petucci, Troop G, Hollidaysburg, PA.

Adult Education. This week is our final session Sunday adult education season. This Sunday we will continue our series on "Sacred Journeys", as we explore the various ways that different faiths observe pilgrimages as part of their religious tradition, exploring the holy pilgrimage to Mecca which is made annually by millions of Muslims.

Second Collection. Next week, our second collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ, here and around the world in developing countries, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. Fifty percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/ccc.



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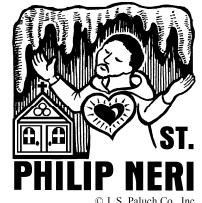


Fatima and Muslims - As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fátima, one aspect that often goes unnoticed is the subtle connection with Islam.

The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to the three shepherd children near the city of Fátima, Portugal, a place named after a Muslim princess, who in the 12th century converted to the Catholic Faith. This princess was herself named after one of the daughters of Mohammed, Fatimah bint Muhammad, a woman highly revered in Islam. This daughter was given the title, *al-Zahra*, "shining one," and Mohammed once said about her, "Thou shalt be the most blessed of all the women in Paradise, after Mary." Fr. Miguel Angel Ayuso, secretary of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue noted how "the Catholic Church recognizes that Muslims honor the Virgin mother of Jesus, Mary, and invoke her with piety... Mary is mentioned various times in the Koran. Respect for her is so evident that when she is mentioned in Islam, it is usual to add 'Alayha l-salam' ('Peace be upon her')... Mary, a model for Muslims and Christians, is also a model of dialogue."

Saint of the Week – In addition to our celebration of the Feast of the Ascension, we also rejoice in the life of the 16th century priest St. Philip Neri. Known as the Third Apostle of Rome, after Saints Peter and Paul,

Philip was an Italian priest noted for founding a society of secular clergy called the Congregation of the Oratory. Philip had a knack for starting up conversations and leading his listeners to consider a new and better way of life, the Christian Way. He easily caught others' attention with his warm personality and incredible sense of humor.



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Our Summer Mass Schedule. Just a heads up that our summer mass schedule will begin next Sunday, May 28, Memorial Day weekend. At that time, our second mass on Sunday will be offered at 10 o'clock and not 11.

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LOVE FEAST: We continue to need additional volunteers to bake cupcakes & to serve on the day of the Love Feast - Saturday, May 27. Please sign up on the kiosk.

STEWARSHIP CORNER "For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil."
1 PETER 3:17 The old line says "if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Many of us are diligent in our planning, making sure things are progressing smoothly, then disaster strikes, we don't get the result that was intended. An unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively. Why me? I did everything right! Here's the thing – God has a different and better plan in store for you.

Stewardship at St. John's OFFERTORY for May 7, 2017

Envelopes:	\$ 5,531.00
Loose:	\$ 695.00
Children's:	\$ 40.00
Parish Development	\$ 95.00
Catholic Education	\$ 25.00
Subtotal:	\$ 6,386.00
Online Giving:	\$ 1,700.00
TOTAL:	\$ 8,086.00

Second Sunday Food Collection: \$623.00

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 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 • Vicki Buda • Yolanda Bumann
Robert Cole • Michelle Fasline • Carol Field
Bob George • JoAnne Gerardine • Judy Hurm
Brian Kopp • Bill Loth • Jeane McDowell • Jim McLaren
June Miller • Anne-Marie Norris • Ron Peschock
Dave Petrank • Bob & Mary Rajnish • Olga Romerowicz
Justine Wareham Smith • Patty Teufel • Noah Wills
Christians in Africa

HOME WITH THE LORD: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:

Barbara Byers (mother of Shari Shultz)
Clara Martens (mother of Peter Martens)
Charles Donald Wilkinson (father of Linda Donahoe)
Madison Shura

CEREAL DRIVE: We will continue to accept boxes of cereal for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry in Pleasant Valley, Altoona. There is a box in the Gathering Space for the cereal donations.

PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY

FROM SCAMS AND FRAUD:

This Sunday, May 21, at 4:00 PM, the Family Life Committee is hosting a free presentation on scams and fraud, presented by Pennsylvania State Trooper Jeffery Petucci, Troop G, Hollidaysburg, PA. The program will be held in Father Bailey Hall (Gym) and is open to all members of the community. Invite your family and friends!



BIG CHICKEN BBQ: Our annual chicken barbecue fundraiser will be held on Sunday, June 11, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. \$10.00 ticket purchase will include 1/2 Chicken, Homemade Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Roll/Butter, & Dessert. Please support this fund raiser for the Social Committee by buying, selling, or donating tickets. Tickets will be available after all Masses or by calling Ginny at 695-7671. Thank you!





OUR PARISH FAMILY...

Billy & Patti Sweet have been members here for about 9 years. Billy is retired, after working 5 years for PennDot and 30 years as a toll collector for the PA Turnpike. Patti worked at Mercy/Bon Secours Hospital for over 30 years, and is now

a Nurse Manager at Healthsouth. They have 2 adult children, Crystal and Travis, and 7 grandchildren. Billy and Patti are both converts to Catholicism, first Billy and then Patti. Billy said that he had been searching for a more "substantial, disciplined type of faith" and first became interested in Catholicism through watching EWTN. Patti had worked with the late Connie Stoltz from our parish and Connie arranged for her husband, Ed, to sponsor Billy in our RCIA program. Patti followed, entering the RCIA program about a year later. Billy currently serves our parish as a Sacristan and Hospitality Minister, and they both are active in the community as well. Billy is currently the vice president and Patti is the treasurer of the local chapter of the NAACP. Both are also life members of the Claysburg Volunteer Fire Co., and Billy previously was a volunteer fire fighter for many years. They usually attend the 4:00 Mass, and Billy said that they "generally just like being here".

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE: If you are willing to tackle the weeding and mulching of any section of the Church grounds, please sign up on the kiosk. (We don't plan to have the mulch until after outside work on the Church is done in a week or two). We will also appreciate the simpler but necessary task of watering pots/window boxes in front of the Church and between the rectory and school during the summer. There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk. For any questions or suggestions, please contact Joyce Cunningham by phone at 695-5346 or email at jmsc1863@gmail.com.



HEALING MASS: There will be a Healing Mass on Tuesday, June 6, 2017, at 7:00 PM, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Fr. Bill Kiel, from the Diocese of Greensburg, will be the main celebrant. All are welcome, especially those in need of physical, emotional, or spiritual healing, and those who support and care for them as well. Music for the Mass will be led by the Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group Music Ministry. For more information, please call 814-941-3832.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday May 21- Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*
11:00AM-Mass for *Serena Stevens*
requested by Chris Feathers

Monday May 22 - Easter Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Rosary
8:30AM-Mass for *the Faithful*

Tuesday May 23 - Easter Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Rosary
8:30AM-Mass for *Bud Bloom* requested by
Becky, Heather & Nick Reed

Wednesday May 24 - Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord

5:00PM- Confessions
6:00PM- Mass for *Brian Zitzlsperger* requested by
Barb Bundy

Thursday May 25 - The Ascension of the Lord

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Rosary
8:30AM-Mass for *Grace Moore* requested by
Cora Bacon
6:30 PM Mass for *People of the Parish*

Friday May 26 - St. Philip Neri, Priest

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Rosary
8:30AM-Mass for *Donald R. Watkins*

Saturday May 27 - Vigil of the Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

Sunday May 28- Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00AM-Mass for *Anna Marie Shura* requested by
the Wieland and Martens Families
10:00AM-Mass for *Barbara Byers*
requested by St. John Adult Choir

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 -- 16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 -- 18:1; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23



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