



Congratulations to our First Communicants
We rejoice with the children who made their first communion last Sunday, and express our gratitude to our catechists, who have done so well in preparing them for their special day!

MAY 7, 2017
FOURTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER
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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.



UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- May 7** - Mass of Anointing - 2:00 PM
- May 13/14** - Second Sunday Food Collection
- May 14** - May Crowning at 11:00 AM Mass
- May 21** - Scam & Fraud Protection Program - 4:00 PM
- May 27** - Love Feast
- May 28** - Summer Schedule begins with Sunday Masses at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM
- June 11** - Chicken Barbecue
- July 23** - Parish Picnic

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES:

- Sat. May 13 - 4:00 PM - Keaton Swope, Claire Nackley
- Sun. May 14 - 8:00 AM - Nicholas Helsley, Nathan Ringkamp
- Sun. May 14 - 11:00 AM - Cherie & Makayla Langenbacher

LECTORS:

- Sat. May 13 - 4:00 PM - David Andrews, Mark Sloan
- Sun. May 14 - 8:00 AM - Tim Rea, Fran Semelsberger
- Sun. May 14 - 11:00 AM - Wally Wargo, Richard Karcher

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS

- Sat. May 13 - 4:00 PM - Jenna Jenkins, John Lloyd
- Sun. May 14 - 8:00 AM - Melissa McHugh, Mary Truesdale
- Sun. May 14 - 11:00 AM - Walter Bloom, Cecelia Bloom, Bob Olson, Lou Ann Clark, Bill Foose, Norma Foose

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

- Sat. May 13 - 4:00 PM - Barb Aubrey, Christine Stachmus, Denny Stachmus, Heather Nackley
- Sun. May 14 - 8:00 AM - Paula VanSickel, Larry VanSickel, Ray Kennedy, Mary Grace Horton
- Sun. May 14 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Dolores Capriotti, Peg Madden, Paula Adams

SACRISTAN:

- Sat. May 13 - 4:00 PM - Joyce & Ron Cunningham
- Sun. May 14 - 8:00 AM - Billy Sweet
- Sun. May 14 - 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

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A Few Words from the Pastor:

Mass of Anointing - Today, Sunday, May 7th, at 2:00PM, we will celebrate our annual Mass of Anointing of the Sick. If you know of anyone in need of anointing, please invite them to join us this afternoon at 2:00.

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 – Sunday, May 14, at the 11 o'clock Mass, we will celebrate the traditional May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin. All children attending mass that day are invited to be a part of the opening procession. What could be more appropriate for Mother's Day than the honoring of Mary, the mother of Jesus?

Our Annual Catholic Appeal – This annual diocesan appeal has been changed and refined, and is now called the **Catholic Ministries Drive**. Monies collected will 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, which are to be funded separately.* Please read the information on the flyer enclosed in today's bulletin.

Someone in the Hospital? – Because parishes are not notified by the hospital when a parishioner has been admitted, it is important that family members contact the parish office with that information. This will give us an opportunity for a pastoral visit, as well as inclusion in our prayers!



OUR PARISH FAMILY... Pat, Laurie, Dakota, and Nick Leamer have been members of our parish for about 15 years. Pat is a Physical Therapist and manages the Healthsouth outpatient clinic located at the Summit. He also is the lineman coach for BGHS and runs the weightlifting gym there. Laurie is an RN and the Marketing Liaison for Healthsouth. Dakota is a BG Graduate, where he played on the football team for 4 years including 2 of their recent state title years. He received an academic and football scholarship to Gannon University, where he is now majoring in mechanical engineering. Nick is a junior at BG and has been a member of the football team for all 3 state title years, so he has the rare distinction of never having lost a high school football game. While both of their sons were students at St John's School, Pat coached sports and Laurie was on the school board. Pat is also a past Parish Council member. Laurie said that they always found St John's School to be “nurturing, both spiritually and academically”, and that they continue to “feel blessed to be part of our parish”.

Summer Mass Schedule – Please note that Memorial Day Weekend we will change our Mass schedule for the summer. Beginning on Sunday, May 28th, our second Sunday Mass is celebrated at 10:00 AM instead of 11:00 AM.

Second Sunday Food Collection – Just a reminder that next Sunday we will be having our monthly collection of food and finance for the needy of our community.

Mass Intentions – You will notice that there are Mass intentions listed for weekdays and for weekends. If there is a special anniversary or birthday of a loved one, living or deceased, don't hesitate to have Mass offered for your loved one's intentions. There are special envelopes for mass requests in the gathering space. We will attempt to satisfy all Mass requests in a timely manner.

HAITI UPDATE : To date, \$12,200 has been raised to supplement the teacher salaries in Haiti. This includes the matching donations by the Krugs and an anonymous donor. Mary Lee Madigan-Davis traveled to Haiti to deliver the funds and sent us this report: Teacher, staff and principal salaries were paid from April to August along with 2 month bonuses for the teachers and principal and a 1 month bonus for the staff. Money is also being used for training for one of the teachers, Audinel Pierre, who is studying for his principal papers. The remaining balance of approximately \$5,000 will be used for teacher training, school supplies and savings for next year.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

May 14th at 11:00 AM Mass: Crowning of

Mary. All children are invited to be in the opening procession as we crown Mary, the mother of Jesus.



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 • Vicky 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 Petrak • 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:

**Charles Donald Wilkinson - father of Linda Donahoe
Madison Shura**



Helen and Dan Miller, for receiving the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Matthew 25 Youth Humanitarian Award. This award is given to a student who does outstanding work in helping others in our diocese and community.

Danielle is a high school senior at Bishop Guilfoyle and, in addition to her academic studies and playing on the varsity volleyball team, her love for helping others is nothing but amazing. Danielle is a dedicated catechist for our 2nd graders who just received the sacrament of First Holy Communion. She is also a Eucharistic minister and was a leader in vacation bible school last summer. Danielle's favorite activity is volunteering for the Love Feast 4x year and, lastly, she spends her Thursdays after school volunteering for the Mountain Lion Backpack Project. The mission of the Mountain Lion Backpack Program is to provide elementary children in the Altoona Area School District with food for the weekends when other resources may not be available. They provide meals for 1,300 children every Thursday. Danielle is an amazing young woman who will be attending Duquesne University in the fall for Pharmacy. Please give her a big Congratulations when you see her and thank her for many works of mercy!

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULING: It is time to begin scheduling for June – August. This is “summer vacation” and our Sunday 11:00 AM Mass moves to 10:00 AM during these months. **We are asking that you give us the dates for which you are NOT available for June through August.** If you have internet access please update your profile in **Ministry Scheduler Pro**. There is a link from our parish website: stjohnsaltoona.org and a link in the email reminder you received. There are cards available in the gathering space for those who do not have access to the internet. **Please update your profile online or fill out a card and return it by next Sunday, May 14th.** Family members can fill out one card front and back. **Again, please tell us when you are NOT available in June through August.** Thank for your help in working with this change and – as always – thank you for your service to our faith community throughout the year.



Please be generous with food or monetary donations for our **Second Sunday food collection** next weekend, which will be delivered by Bob & Ginny Reeder to the Family Services Shelters.

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

STEWARSHIP CORNER “And Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...’ ACTS 2:38 The word “repent” means to turn from sin, to change our actions. When it comes to change, do we take responsibility for change or do we think that others have to change instead? Change that is permanent comes from within, we must take control and be disciplined. Remember though that we are not alone, Jesus is there to help lighten the load.

Stewardship at St. John's **OFFERTORY for April 30, 2017**

Envelopes:	\$ 4,542.00
Loose:	\$ 631.00
Children's:	\$ 16.00
Parish Development	\$ 122.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$ 25.00
Subtotal:	\$ 5,336.00
Online Giving:	\$ 1,625.00
TOTAL:	\$ 6,961.00

PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY FROM SCAMS AND FRAUD: On 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!



ATTENTION GOLFERS: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Youth Ministry will hold its 9th Annual Golf Outing on Thursday, June 8 at Park Hills Country Club. The entrance fee is \$75 per golfer (\$300 per foursome) and includes green fees, cart, skills contests, on-course refreshments and luncheon. Registration begins at 9:00AM and tee time is 9:30AM. Tee sponsorship for businesses and organizations is \$100. To register an individual or a foursome or for more information, call 814-659-8773 or email avcdepaul@atlanticbb.net

CARMELITE COMMUNITY OF THE WORD GOLF TOURNAMENT: The Carmelite Community of the Word sisters will hold our 13th Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, June 9, at Scotch Valley Country Club. This event has proven to be a fun day for all, and includes a Shotgun start at **12:00 noon**, Golf, Lunch, Course Refreshments, Dinner, Prizes and a Live Auction. Dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. Take advantage of our **Early "Birdie" Special!** If you register **before May 20**, the cost is \$115 per golfer; \$425 per foursome. After May 20, the cost is \$125 per golfer; \$475 per foursome. Final deadline for Registration is May 31. To register, or for more information, contact Sr. Jane Miller at 814-886-4098 or email at jmseashell@msn.com.



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.

MARIAN CELEBRATION: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will host a Marian Celebration at St. Therese of the Child Jesus parish at 2:00pm Sunday May 21. All are invited to honor our Blessed Mother. There will be prayer, music and Scriptural Rosary. Music will be provided by the Cathedral Charismatic Choir.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday May 7 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*
11:00AM-Mass for *Gary Bevan* requested by
Rod & Rose Baronner

Monday May 8 - Easter Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Rosary
8:30AM-Mass for *Bud Bloom* requested by
Bob & Rose Rieg

Tuesday May 9 - Easter Weekday

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

Wednesday May 10 - Easter Weekday

5:00PM- Confessions
6:00PM- Mass for *Eileen Becker* requested by
Clarence Becker

Thursday May 11 - Easter Weekday

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

Friday May 12 - Easter Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Rosary
8:30AM-Mass for *Serena Stevens* requested by
Tom & Patricia Forr

Saturday May 13 - Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Sunday May 14- Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00AM-Mass for *Ida Prosperi* requested by
John Prosperi
11:00AM-Mass for *Lena Colyer & Amelia Klobuka*
requested by *Dr. Joseph & Pam Klobuka*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24 -- 13:5a; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

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