

## APPOINTMENTS

### ACOLYTES:

Sat. Sept. 17- 4:00 PM - Claire Nackley, Madison Bunk  
 Sun. Sept. 18 - 8:00 AM - Sarah Geishauser, Amber Yasolsky  
 Sun. Sept. 18 - 10:00 AM - Nate Rudolph, Nathan Ringkamp

### LECTORS:

Sat. Sept. 17- 4:00 PM - Mark Sloan, David Langguth  
 Sun. Sept. 18 - 8:00 AM - Fran Semelsberger, Ronan Adams  
 Sun. Sept. 18 - 10:00 AM - Bob Olson, Richard Consiglio

### EUCARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. Sept. 17- 4:00 PM - Bill Stokan, David Loth, John Lloyd,  
 Joyce Cunningham,  
 Sun. Sept. 18 - 8:00 AM - Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky  
 Sun. Sept. 18 - 10:00 AM - Walter Bloom, Cecelia Bloom, Susanna  
 Tomlinson, Debbie Dougherty, Kenneth Gorman, Ginger Cooney

### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Sat. Sept. 17- 4:00 PM - Heather Nackley, Lori Ginter,  
 Hedy Zumsteg, Kathleen Heller  
 Sun. Sept. 18 - 8:00 AM - Ed Stoltz, Ginny Reeder, Charlie Moore,  
 Mike O'Neill  
 Sun. Sept. 18 - 10:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti, Marilyn Bevan,  
 Lou Ann Clark, Wendy Campbell

### SACRISTAN:

Sat. Sept. 17- 4:00 PM - Billy Sweet  
 Sun. Sept. 18 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci  
 Sun. Sept. 18 - 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

**Sept. 11 - 18 - Schedule Your Portrait Session**

*September 30 through October 8 - Parish Directory*

*Portrait Sessions in Parish Center*

**October 15 - Hollidaysburg Pumpkin Festival Soup Sale**

**October 22 - Love Feast**

### MOMENT OF MERCY Pope Francis on Mercy:

Standing under a canvas hung from St. Peter's Basilica showing Mother Theresa in her blue-hemmed white robes, Francis said she was a "dispenser of divine mercy" and held world powers to account "for the crimes of poverty they created". "For Mother Teresa, mercy was the salt which gave flavor to her work, it was the light which shone in the darkness of the many who no longer had tears to shed for their poverty and suffering."



*Prayerfully  
Remembering 9-11*

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**TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY**  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**  
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## A Few Words from the Pastor:

**9/11** - On the 15th anniversary of the September 11th tragedy, we remember and reflect upon these powerful words of President Obama: "*Even the smallest act of service, the simplest act of kindness, is a way to honor those we lost, a way to reclaim that spirit of unity that followed 9/11.*" We consider as well these words of Sandy Dahl, wife of Flight 93 pilot Jason Dahl: "*If we learn nothing else from this tragedy, we learn that life is short and there is no time for hate.*"

**Living Your Strengths** – We all have talents and gifts that are meant to be shared with others. But how do we know our talents? Come to a workshop at St. John's and find out! Living Your Strengths is a program developed by the Gallup Organization to assist in enabling individuals to name and claim their God-given talents, utilizing an online survey that names your top five strengths and talents. For four consecutive Thursday evenings, beginning on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, I will be conducting this workshop in the parish center from 6:30 to 8:30. The only expense is the cost of the book (\$15.00). This exciting workshop will give you confidence in yourself and in the knowledge that your talents are appreciated by the community. You will not be disappointed, I promise!

**Of Feasts and Saints** – On Wednesday we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, followed on Thursday by the feast of our Mother of Sorrows. These celebrations go side by side for good reason, for certainly it was at the foot of the Cross that Mary was overcome with sorrow! Book-ending these feasts are the commemoration of St. John Chrysostom on Tuesday, and the martyrs Cornelius and Cyprian on Friday. St. John Chrysostom lived in the 4<sup>th</sup> century and is considered one of the great preachers of Christian history. He served as Bishop of Constantinople before being exiled by his adversaries, and died in exile in 407 AD. Cornelius and Cyprian were lasting friends, and are always remembered together. Serving the church in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century, both were martyred

for their faith – Cornelius as Pope, and Cyprian as bishop of Carthage. Of Cyprian St. Jerome wrote: "It is superfluous to speak of his greatness, for his works are more luminous than the sun."

**Give Us This Day** – Those who would like to subscribe or renew a subscription to this monthly missal are to place your payment of \$20 in the envelope provided in the Gathering Space and drop it in the collection. Give Us This Day is a wonderful resource for personal prayer, as well as for your preparation for daily or Sunday Mass.

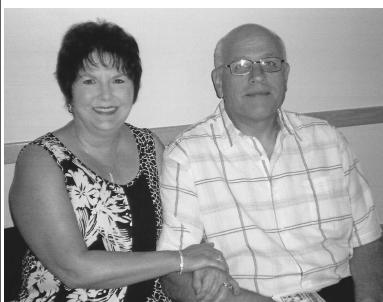
**Being a SCRIP Parish!** – There is no simpler way to assist your parish financially than by participating in our SCRIP program. For with every dollar you spend at the mall or the market or Sheetz, comes a financial benefit to the parish. It's that simple!

**Liturgical Ministries** – For those who would like to serve the parish as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, or Ministers of Hospitality, there is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk. Training for each ministry will be scheduled soon.

**Our Gift of Desks!** – We are most grateful to those donors who have provided funds for the purchase of classroom furniture for the children of our sister parish in Haiti. To date we have collected \$12,000, with only \$3,000 remaining to achieve our goal! The cost of each desk is \$95. Your generous contribution is deeply appreciated!

**Adult Ed to Resume!** – Our Sunday morning Adult Ed Program will resume this Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> in the cafeteria. Our focus will be upon the Mass – its history, its meaning, and how it is rooted in the Sacred Scriptures. All are most welcome to participate.

**Learning the Mass, at Mass!** – Beginning in September, Deacon Gene and I will focus on the Mass in our preaching and instruction. This is the highest form of worship which we can give almighty God, and it is the center of our Catholic Faith.



**OUR PARISH FAMILY ...** Gary Buda and his wife, Christina Berardinelli, joined our parish about 10 years ago. They have four adult children and two grandchildren, with a third on the way. Christina is a retired LPN, and Gary is an electrical supervisor with the local I.B.E.W. Christina is just beginning a term on our Parish Council, has served as a lector at the Wednesday evening Mass, and has also taught in our Religious Education program. She is involved outside of the parish as well -- as a member of Cursillo, a weekly volunteer at Sr. Paula's soup kitchen, and a member of the PA Prison Society. (Prison Society members visit inmates at state and county prisons to offer support, guidance, and religious instruction.) Gary and Christina said they enjoy the "friendliness and warmth" here at St John's. They usually attend the 11:00 Mass, and Christina said that she loves the choir and also the homilies.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

### **Religious Education Begins on Sunday September 18th**

(Families will meet in the gym for a quick start of the year meeting at 9:15am)

#### **Psalm 62: Trust in God Alone**

St John's is so very blessed to have so many wonderful people answer the call to teach our faith to the children of this parish. Please pray for a wonderful, successful year in religious education. I can't thank them enough!

K/1st grade -Jennifer Helsley and Jane Krepich

2nd grade - Danielle Miller

3/4th grade - Christopher and Tyne Palazzi

5/6th grade - Barbra Aubrey

7th grade - Mary Susick

8th grade - Megan Swope

9-11th grade - Patrick Podoletz

#### **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 [ginnylee.reeder@gmail.com](mailto:ginnylee.reeder@gmail.com) to add their name to the prayer list.

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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 • JoAnne Gerardine**

**Judy Hurm • Brian Kopp • Joel Myers**

**Ron Peschock • Bob & Mary Rajnish**

**Olga Romerowicz • Madison Shura**

**Patty Teufel**

**For all students, parents, teachers and  
administrators during the new**

**2016-2017 school year**

**For an end to violence and unrest in our country**

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*Comrades in Christ* men's group returns on the second and forth Saturday of the month from 8-9 AM in the school cafeteria. All men are welcome to faith share. For more information, please contact Vic Rizzo, 940-8506 or [vjrizzo1@aol.com](mailto:vjrizzo1@aol.com)

The Pastoral Care Department at UPMC Altoona is in need of several Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to serve on weekends. Times are flexible. Those who are interested may contact Tony Conrad, Director of Pastoral Care, at 814-889-4323.



## **Parish Directory**

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***Our parish directory will not be complete without you!*** Please schedule your portrait session today. Photos will be taken on September 30 from 2-9, October 1 from 10 - 5, October 3-7 from 2-9 and October 8 from 10 - 5. *All portrait sessions will be held in our Parish Center in the basement of the church.*

When you come to mass, you can stop at the table in the gathering space to schedule your appointment or you can go online to schedule your session on our website at [www.stjohnsaltoona.org](http://www.stjohnsaltoona.org). You may also call the office at 942-5503 to schedule an appointment. It takes about an hour to check in, be photographed, view your images and purchase any additional portraits. Your appointment time is your check-in time, so there is no need to come early. There's no cost to participate in our parish photo directory. Each family will receive a complimentary 8 X 10 portrait and free directory for participating. Other photo packages will also be available for sale, but there is absolutely no obligation to purchase anything.

**Ministry Scheduling:** It is time to begin scheduling our liturgical ministries for October through December. For those of you who do not have access to the internet, there are forms available in the gathering space to schedule the next three months. If you have internet access, please update your profile online at [stjohnsaltoona.org](http://stjohnsaltoona.org) > **Ministry Schedule** button in the left column.

Please fill out a card and return it by **September 11th**. 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 are included in the email recently sent to you. Remember that we need you to tell us **when you are not available for October – November – December**.

Joy Drummers are conducting a fall drumming retreat on September 24, 2016 at the Canoe Creek State Park in the swimming area from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm. Everyone is welcome; drumming experience is not necessary. Bring your own lunch or a covered dish to share. The afternoon will feature guest drummer Yamoussa Camara, a talented drummer and enthusiastic instructor. The event is free; however, donations will be accepted to defray the cost of bringing Yamoussa to our event. Contact Dave Despot at 944-8655 for more information.

# Stewardship at St. John's

## OFFERTORY for September 4, 2016

Envelopes:	\$ 4,852.00
Loose:	\$ 1,001.00
Children's:	\$ 3.00
Parish Development	\$ 174.00
Catholic Education	\$ 111.00
Catholic Register	\$ 10.00
Priest Retired/Medical	\$ 60.00
Total:	\$ 6,211.00
Online Giving:	\$ 2,210.00
TOTAL:	\$ 8,421.00

Our music director, Debbie Johnson, is looking for ringers and singers for the music ministry program here at St. John's. If you would like to participate in any of our choirs, please come to rehearsal this week. The Adult Choir rehearses on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. The Children's Handbell Choir rehearses on Thursdays from 6:00 to 7:00 pm, and the Adult Handbell Choir rehearses after that at 7:15 pm. Our Children's Choir rehearses on Sundays from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. All rehearsals are held in the church. *If you can't attend rehearsal this week, but would like to join us, contact Debbie Johnson: 931-2867 or email dj219@msn.com.*



## DIVINE MERCY 101

On Wednesday evening, **Sept. 14, @ 7 PM** we will show a video which is designed to help everyone understand the message of God's Mercy and Love, from the Garden of Eden to the daily sacrifice of the Mass. **The video will take one hour** and there will be time for questions immediately following. All are welcome and encouraged to take this opportunity to better appreciate how God continually offers His Mercy to us and how we can respond more fully every day. Deacon Gene Neral will offer the video again on **Tuesday, Sept. 20, at the same time.**

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Lk 7:1-10  
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Lk 7:11-17  
Wednesday: Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17  
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 7:36-50  
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3

## SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday September 11th - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Time

- 8:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*  
11:00AM-Mass for *Fr. Paul Turnbull* requested by  
Barb Bundy

### Monday September 12th – Weekday

- 7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration  
8:10AM-Morning Prayer  
8:30AM-Mass for *Jerry Johnson*

### Tuesday September 13th - St. John Chrysostom

- 7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration  
8:10AM-Morning Prayer  
8:30AM-Mass for *Grace Moore* requested by  
Cora Bacon

### Wednesday September 14th - The Exultation of the Holy Cross

- 5:00PM-Eucharistic Adoration  
6:00PM- Evening Prayer and Communion Service

### Thursday September 15th - Our Lady of Sorrows

- 7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration  
8:10AM-Morning Prayer  
8:30AM-Mass for *Eileen Becker* requested by  
Clarence Becker

### Friday September 16th - St. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

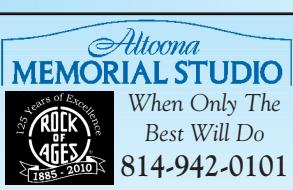
- 7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration  
8:10AM-Morning Prayer  
8:30AM-Mass for *Eleanore Trimarco* requested by  
Olga Romerowicz

### Saturday September 17th – Vigil of the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

### Sunday September 18th - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00AM-Mass for *Tim Kimmel* requested by  
Dave Despot & Mary Coho  
11:00AM-Mass for *Jeff Sefchock* requested by  
Terry & Kathy Tomassetti

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