

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES:

Sat. Sept. 10- 4:00 PM - Jack Donoughe, Kelsey Donoughe
 Sun. Sept. 11 - 8:00 AM - Nicholas Helsley, Danielle Miller
 Sun. Sept. 11 - 10:00 AM - Kaelab Ruggles, Matthew Woolridge

LECTORS:

Sat. Sept. 10- 4:00 PM - Maria Spayd, Victor Rizzo
 Sun. Sept. 11 - 8:00 AM - Fran Semelsberger, Ronan Adams
 Sun. Sept. 11 - 10:00 AM - Patrick Schurr, Richard Karcher

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. Sept. 10- 4:00 PM - Bill Stokan, Connie Baker, Jenna Jenkins,
 Kathleen Heller
 Sun. Sept. 11 - 8:00 AM - Francene Boland, Mary Truesdale
 Sun. Sept. 11 - 10:00 AM - Barbara Bundy, Dolores Capriotti,
 Lou Ann Clark, Bill Foose, Norma Foose,
 Susanna Tomlinson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Sat. Sept. 10- 4:00 PM - Dennis Moughemer, Karen Moughemer
 Mary Frances Stokan, not filled
 Sun. Sept. 11 - 8:00 AM - Mary Grace Horton, Helen Rentz,
 Jerry Rentz, Helen Miller
 Sun. Sept. 11 - 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Walter Bloom,
 Peg Madden, Wally Wargo

SACRISTAN:

Sat. Sept. 10- 4:00 PM - Ray & Mary King
 Sun. Sept. 11 - 8:00 AM - Michelle DeFrancisco
 Sun. Sept. 11 - 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Sept. 4 - Sept. 11 - Schedule Your Portrait Session
September 11 - 2nd Sunday mass begins at 11:00 AM
 September 30 through October 8 - Parish Directory
 Photo Sessions in Bailey Hall
 October 15 - Hollidaysburg Pumpkin Festival Soup Sale
 October 22 - Love Feast



MOMENT OF MERCY

Pope Francis on Mercy -- "Nothing unites us to God more than an act of mercy, for it is by mercy that the Lord forgives our sins and gives us the grace to practice acts of mercy in his name. Nothing strengthens our faith more than being cleansed of our sins."



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SEPTEMBER 4, 2016
TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
ST. JOHN THE
EVANGELIST CHURCH
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A Few Words from the Pastor:

Labor Day Mass – Understood from the faith perspective, our daily labors are seen as our sharing in the work of the Creator. Labor Day is an invitation to rest from our work and consider how we are co-creators in building a better world. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 on Monday morning, and all are encouraged to attend. Celebrate with us the blessings that come to our world through our daily labors!

Mary's Birthday! – The late Father Regis Myers, founding pastor of St. Catherine of Siena parish in Duncansville, was the priest who began the local festivities celebrating the Feast of the Birth of Mary, observed this Thursday, September 8. This celebration has been held continuously for 35 years. Highlights of the celebration include masses in the church at 7:45 am and 12:05 pm, mass at the Shrine with Procession and Benediction at 6:00 pm with Bishop Mark presiding, and continuous Rosary from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Food is available for purchase from 11:00 am to 5:30 pm. All are most welcome to attend!

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!

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!

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.

Adult Ed to Resume! – Our Sunday morning Adult Ed Program will resume next Sunday, September 11th 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.

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.

Penn State Altoona Mass – In September, Mass held in Eve Chapel for the college students will resume each Sunday evening at 7:00. Should you miss Mass here, you are always welcome with the students!

Mass Schedule Reminder! THE LATE SUNDAY MORNING MASS WILL RETURN TO ITS USUAL TIME OF 11:00AM NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH.



Our Parish Family... Rich & Barb Luckner have been parishioners here for over 35 years. Their two grown daughters are both married and living in the Pittsburgh area. Recently they welcomed their fourth grandchild to the family. Both Rich & Barb are retired teachers – Barb was a Special Education teacher and Rich taught 6th grade. For many years, Barb has also worked part-time as a waitress and Rich now works part-time at a local car dealership. Currently they are very busy being grandparents, which requires them to be away from home often. But in the past they both taught in our Religious Education program, served on Parish Council, and were Hospitality Ministers. Rich has also been involved on the maintenance committee and both were a big part of the "Sacred Suds" group. They usually attend the 11:00 Mass and feel that St John's is "just really a wonderful place with awesome people". Barb also praised our music program, and feels that good music makes the liturgies even more meaningful. She said no other place where they've ever attended a Mass has had the "top notch" music that we have here, and likes that so many different people with different talents are involved.

If you're willing to be included in this weekly feature, designed to help us learn more about our St John's family, contact: Cecelia Bloom, at 695-2806 or ceceb13@verizon.net.

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 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 • 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

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

Cecelia Wilson

May they rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.

**Sunday, September 11
Our second mass starts at
11:00 am.**



**A
Reminder**

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Parish Directory

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Time is running out to lock in the preferred day and time for your parish directory portrait sessions, so stop at the table in the gathering space when you come to mass this weekend to schedule your appointment. You can also go online to schedule your session at our website: www.stjohnsaltoona.org. Please know that you need to allow 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. If you are going to be out of town during our photography dates, Lifetouch can find another nearby location for you to schedule your portrait session. Contact Debbie Johnson for more information at 931-2867 or email dj219@msn.com.

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

Please fill out a card and return it by **Sunday, 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**.



Nativity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, September 8 35th Annual

Birth of Mary Celebration

St. Catherine of Siena Church/Shrine
Duncansville, PA

Masses in the church - 7:45 am & 12:05 pm

Shrine Mass/Procession/Benediction at 6:00 pm.

Continuous Rosary – 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Displays: "Focus on Mary, Mother of Mercy"

Food available for purchase from 11:00 am - 5:30 pm

Stewardship at St. John's

OFFERTORY for August 28, 2016

Envelopes:	\$ 3,802.00
Loose:	\$ 511.50
Children's:	\$ 5.00
Parish Development	\$ 28.00
Catholic Register	\$ 10.00
Missionary Coop	\$ 10.00
Total:	\$ 4,366.50
Online Giving:	\$ 1,340.00
TOTAL:	\$ 5,706.50



Choir News

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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, plan on attending rehearsal this week. Adult Choir begins on Wednesday, Sept. 7, at 7:00 pm. The Children's Handbell Choir begins on Thursday, Sept. 8, at 6:00 pm and the Adult Handbell Choir rehearses after that at 7:15 pm. Our Children's Choir begins on Sunday, Sept. 11, at 6:00 pm. All rehearsals are held in the church. Please read the flyer enclosed in the bulletin today for more information. *If you would like to join one of our choirs but cannot attend rehearsal this week, contact Debbie Johnson: 931-2867 or email dj219@msn.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.

A Basket Bingo to support St. Leonard's Personal Care Home charity care fund will be held on Saturday, September 24 from 1:00 - 3:30 pm at St. Catherine Church Hall in Duncansville. Beautiful themed baskets for 20 bingo prizes and silent auction. Lunch available for purchase beginning at 12:00 pm. For more information or tickets (\$25), please call 695-9581 during business hours.

The St. John Bowling league will start this Friday, September 9 at Holiday Bowl. Please consider joining us. Start time is 6:15 for practice and 6:30 to bowl. It's a fun night out twice a month and a good way to get to know fellow parishioners. For more information or to join the league, please call: Mary & Becky Moran at 317-7490 or Ann Brown at 330-2644.



SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday September 4th - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Time

8:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*
10:00AM-Mass for *Gary Bevan* requested by
Larry Turchetta

Monday September 5th – Weekday/Labor Day

9:00 AM - Mass for *Connie Stoltz* requested by
The Stoltz Family

Tuesday September 6th - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Andrew & Janet Szarwark*

Wednesday September 7th - Weekday

5:00PM-Confessions
6:00PM-Mass for *Robert Nemcek*

Thursday September 8th - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Muriel Stoepker*

Friday September 9th - St. Peter Claver, Priest

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Albert Houseknecht*
Saturday September 10th – Vigil of the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00PM-Confessions
4:00PM-Mass for *Bill Shultz* requested by
Julie & Bernie Beiswenger
Sunday September 11th - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11,
Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Lk 6:39-42



CHOIR NOTES



Now is an excellent time to join one of the choirs we have at St. John's:



Adult Choir rehearses every Wednesday evening at 7:00 and sings at the 11:00 Mass on Sunday. High school students are also welcome to sing in the Adult Choir. There is no audition and you do not need to know how to read music. New Adult Choir members are invited to join the choir on **Wednesday, September 7 at 7:00**.



Children's Choir rehearsals will begin on **Sunday, September 11 at 6:00**. Students in grades 1 through 8 are welcome to sing in the choir. Once again this year, the Children's Choir will sing with the Altoona Chorus (Sweet Adelines) in their fall show on Saturday, November 11. The Children's Choir will be performing in the Advent of Christmas Concert here at St. John's on Sunday, December 11. The choir is also scheduled to sing for the occasional weekend mass, as well as on Christmas Eve at the 4:00 Mass.



Children's Handbell Choir is new this year. The choir will rehearse on Thursdays from 6:00 to 7:00 and is open to students in grades 4 through 12. Our first rehearsal is this **Thursday, September 8 at 6:00**.



Adult Handbell Choir Looking for a way to participate in the music program at St. John's, but can't carry a tune in a bucket? Join our adult handbell choir. No bell experience is necessary; reading music is a great help, but isn't absolutely required. No auditions, no pressure, just a lot of fun! If you love music, but can't sing, this could be the musical opportunity for you! (If you love music and you can sing, you're also welcome.) New handbell choir members are invited to attend rehearsal this **Thursday, September 8 at 7:15**.



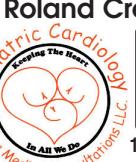
Instrumentalists: We are also looking to add several more instrumentalists to our growing group of talented musicians. If you play an instrument and would like to play at mass, please call or email Debbie Johnson.



New cantors are always welcome. Training is provided and you may schedule your own times to cantor. Students are also welcome to cantor!

If you can't attend rehearsal this week or for more information, call

Debbie Johnson at 931-2867. You can also email her at dj219@msn.com.

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