

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES:

Sat. Mar. 17 - 4:00 PM - Caitlin & Tyler Conigly
 Sun. Mar. 18 - 8:00 AM - Mai Linh Do, NOT FILLED
 Sun. Mar. 18 - 11:00 AM - Bob Olson, NOT FILLED

LECTORS:

Sat. Mar. 17 - 4:00 PM - David Andrews, Jack Donoughe
 Sun. Mar. 18 - 8:00 AM - Joyce Cunningham, Tim Rea
 Sun. Mar. 18 - 11:00 AM - Richard Consiglio, Claudia Anderson

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Mar. 17 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, NOT FILLED
 Sun. Mar. 18 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, Fran Semelsberger
 Sun. Mar. 18 - 11:00 AM - Pauline Adams, Marilyn Bevan

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Sat. Mar. 17 - 4:00 PM - Carolyn English, Heather Nackley,
 Wally Wargo, Dorothy Yingling
 Sun. Mar. 18 - 8:00 AM - Jane Becker, John Becker,
 Ray Kennedy, Ed Stoltz
 Sun. Mar. 18 - 11:00 AM - Patrick Podoletz, Judy Sneath,
 NOT FILLED

SACRISTAN:

Sat. Mar. 17 - 4:00 PM - Mary & Ray King
 Sun. Mar. 18 - 8:00 AM - Michele DeFrancisco
 Sun. Mar. 18 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

SCRIP:

Sat. Mar. 17 - 4:00 PM - Julie Beiswenger, Becky Merilli
 Sun. Mar. 18 - 8:00 AM - NOT FILLED
 Sun. Mar. 18 - 11:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph

March Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

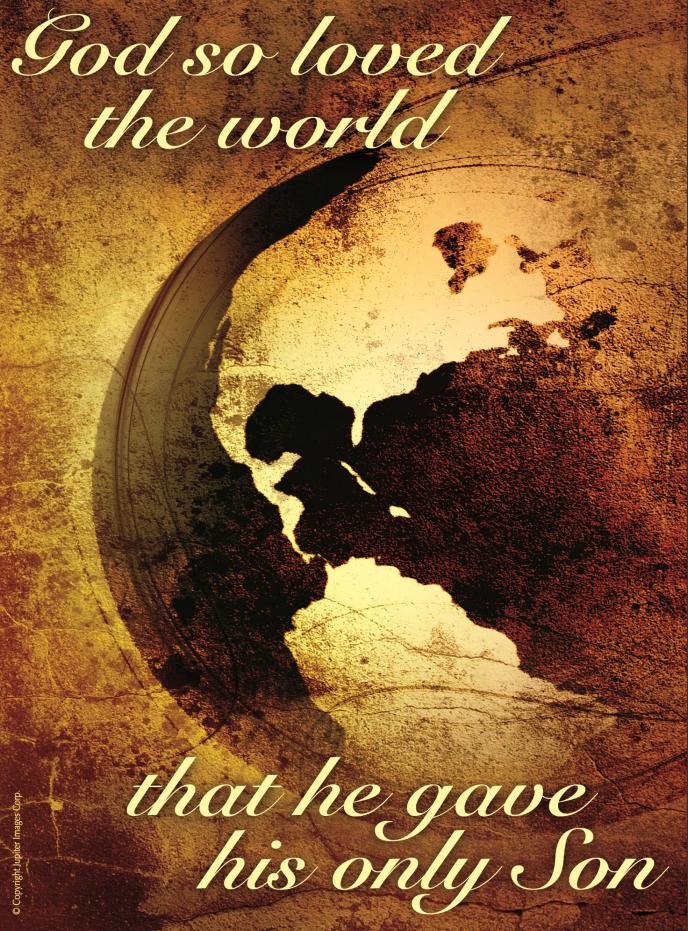
FORMATION OF SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT

That the Church may appreciate the urgency
 of formation in spiritual discernment, both
 on the personal and communitarian levels.



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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT
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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- March 11 - Second Sunday Food Collection
- March 16 - Stations of the Cross: 7:00 PM
- March 18 - Living Stations in Fr. Bailey Hall: 9:30 AM
- March 23 - Stations of the Cross: 7:00 PM
- March 23 - "Human Flow" movie - 7:30 PM
- March 25 - Easter Egg Hunt
- March 28 - Tenebrae - 7:30 PM
- March 29 - Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 PM
- March 30 - Stations of the Cross & Meditations -12:00PM

A Few Words from the Pastor:

FOOD FOR THE POOR – Many thanks for the warm St. John’s welcome given to Msgr. Marron as he came to us preaching for the organization Food for the Poor, and to Msgr. Marron himself, for the gift of his priestly ministry in the spirit of Christ’s love for the poor. St. John’s has consistently shown care and generosity for the poor. I am certain that Father Marron’s appeal did not fall on deaf ears!

FRIDAY AT THE MOVIES: March 23, at 7:30, (following Stations of the Cross). Over 65 million people around the world have been forced from their homes to escape famine, climate change and war in the greatest human displacement since World War II. ***Human Flow***, an epic film journey led by the internationally renowned artist Ai Weiwei, gives a powerful visual expression to this massive human migration. This documentary elucidates both the staggering scale of the refugee crisis and its profound personal human impact.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - We would like to place a greater focus on the Stations of the Cross, a venerated tradition in the Catholic Faith in which we journey with Christ to Calvary. Stations are observed each Friday of Lent at 7:00 PM. Mark your calendar, and plan to walk in the steps of Jesus this Lent.

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!

MAKING A GOOD CONFESSION – When was the last time you went to confession? Consider doing so this Lent, each Wednesday evening at 5:00PM, or on Saturdays at 3:00PM. Ask God for the Holy Spirit’s help to examine your conscience well by prayerfully reviewing your conduct in light of the commandments and the example of Christ. Don’t let this Lent pass without making a good confession!

ADULT ED – For the remaining Sundays of Lent, and into the Easter Season, we will be reflecting upon Pope Francis’ Letter “The Joy of the Gospel.” This inspiring document challenges every Christian to look more seriously at their vocation to be a “Missionary Disciple.”

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE IN LENT - Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

OPERATION RICE BOWL – This Lent we are again participating in Operation Rice Bowl. Your generosity for those most in need is so very much appreciated.

OUR PARISH FAMILY: Mick & Barb Frye were married here at St John’s in 1984, and have been parishioners ever since.



And even before that, Mick’s family had a long history at our parish and he attended elementary school here. His grandparents, Raymond & Mary Porta, were active members here. And also his parents, Frank & Joan Frye. Frank is deceased, but Joan still attends here. Mick is a Police Mechanic for the City of Altoona, and plans to retire at the end of this month. Barb is a Behavior Specialist for Skills, a health and human services organization. They have two adult children and two grandchildren. Their son, Sam, has a PhD in Sociology and currently does consulting work in Philadelphia. Their daughter, Teela, is an Admission Counselor for

Pyramid Healthcare and lives in Altoona with her husband and two children. Teela’s daughter, Giada, previously attended our school and is preparing to receive her First Communion here in April. Mick & Barb have been involved in various parish activities over the years, and said they like to help out as needed. They don’t have a set Mass time, and attend any of our three Masses as their schedules permit. Barb said that they “really enjoy St John’s”, but they do regret that our school could not remain open.

Whether you are a new or longtime parishioner, we’d love to feature you in a future bulletin. We’ll only include information that you provide and only what you want us to share. If you’re willing, please contact: Cecelia Bloom, at 695-2806 or ceceb13@verizon.net.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Sunday March 11th - No Class

Sunday March 18th - Family Lent Event. All families are to report to the gym for Living Stations of the Cross. Students MUST be accompanied by an adult.

Sunday, March 25th - No Class / Palm Sunday

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

Saturday March 17th - Living Stations at Garvey Manor.



Sunday March 18th - Living Stations at St John's

CONFIRMATION SERVICE PROJECTS

Saturday March 24th - 10th grade students stuff Easter eggs - school gym - 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Sunday March 25th - 9th grade students help with Easter Egg hunt - 10:30AM - 1:30 PM

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE: Our Catholic Ministries Drive "Making Christ A Home in Your Heart" launches today in parishes throughout our diocese. This drive focuses on a select group of ministries with emphasis on the poor, families, youth seminarians and leadership development of clergy and laity. Please return your pledge card in the collection basket next weekend. Thank you for supporting these vital ministries with sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure.

AREA PENANCE SERVICES:

Sacred Heart: During Annual Novena, March 12-20

Saint Therese of the Child Jesus: Sat. March 17 - 10 AM

Saint Mark and Holy Rosary (at Saint Mark's): Sunday, March 18 - 3 PM

Saint Rose of Lima: Sunday, March 18 - 5 PM

Our Lady of Mount Carmel: Monday, March 19 - 7 PM

Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday, Mar. 21
6:30 PM

Our Lady of Lourdes: Thursday, March 22 - 5:30 PM

STEWARSHIP CORNER: Darkness or light — Jesus tells us that if we live our lives as faithful stewards our deeds will shine out and be clearly seen as we reflect God's dream. How much light do your deeds give off?

Stewardship at St. John's

OFFERTORY for March 4, 2018

Envelopes	\$ 6,950.00
Loose	\$ 806.00
Children's	\$ 3.00
Catholic Education	\$ 77.00
Parish Development	\$ 25.00
<i>SubTotal</i>	\$ 7,861.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,648.00
Total Offertory	\$ 10,509.00

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

All are welcome to Witness, Worship and Pray the "Living Stations of the Cross" next Sunday, March 18, at 9:30 AM in Fr. Bailey Hall.

The stations are presented by St John's high school students (9th, 10th & 11th grade) who attend religious education. It's a live, interactive experience you don't want to miss this Lent!



EASTER FLOWERS All memorial donations for Easter flowers should be submitted by Sunday, March 25 in order to be acknowledged in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

LAST SUPPER DRAMA will be held on March 26 from 8:00 to 9:00 PM at St. Michael's Parish in Hollidaysburg. The event features an adult cast from St. Michael, St. Mary and St. Patrick Parishes of Hollidaysburg and Newry. Watch and listen as Christ's Disciples speak of their thoughts and emotions as they prepare to share in the First Eucharist and our Lord's Redeeming Passion. The drama is one hour long and requires no audience participation. There is no cost or offering. Please consider attending this thought provoking service as part of your Lenten journey along with other scheduled Holy Week services.

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 ginnen.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:

Baby Adam • Millie Bilski • Jen Buda • Robert Cole
Millie Grace Capon • Mary Lee DeStefano
Michael DeStefano • Keith DeMastens • Carol Field
JoAnne Gerardine • Dianna Green • Brian Kopp
Adam Leiden • Sherri Maffettone • Bryson Miller
June Miller • Karan Pasquariello • Ron Peschock
Dave Petrank • Bob & Mary Rajnish • Allison Recker
Dorothy Roberto • Olga Romerowicz
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SIGHT AND SOUND BUS TRIP: The Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Bishop Garvey Assembly are sponsoring a bus trip to the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA for "JESUS". The date is Wednesday, June 20, departing from Martins Grocery Store in Duncansville at 7:00 AM and the Bull Pen Restaurant in Tyrone at 6:30 AM. The cost is \$120.00pp and includes transportation, performance, and a family style meal at the Hershey Farm Restaurant. For reservations, call Ron Harella at 814-696-3295.

TEEN SHELTER: Thank you so much for your generous donations to the Teen Shelter. What they need now is boys jeans/pants waist sizes 28-32; length 28-32 in. Also the gift cards for pizza are very much appreciated, so please continue to donate them.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES: The deadline for the March 25, Palm Sunday, bulletin is Thursday, March 15 and the deadline for the April 1, Easter Sunday, bulletin is Thursday, March 22. All information should be submitted to Debbie Johnson - dj219@msn.com.

THANK YOU! The Ash Wednesday Soup Supper to support our Haiti mission received \$743.25. Thanks to all who enjoyed a pleasant community meal and special thanks and appreciation to the 11th grade Confirmation students, who did a splendid job in set up and serving .



OPEN HOUSE: Holy Trinity will host an open house on Thursday, March 22nd from 6:00-7:30 – at all 3 locations. Please come and meet the teachers, visit the classrooms and see what we are all about! Elementary offers Prek 3 – 4th grade. Middle school offers 5th-8th grade.
Altoona Elementary Campus: 424 Wopsononock Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601 | 381-7011
Hollidaysburg Elementary Campus: Spruce & Wayne Street, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648 | 695-6112
Middle School Campus: 5519 Sixth Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602 | 942-7835

PRAYER AND LUNCHEON FOR WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS: Remember your loved ones on Wednesday, March 21 with Mass at 11:00 am. Theme of the day: "New Beginnings." All spouses will be mentioned and remembered at Mass. Luncheon to follow. Widows and widowers throughout the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to attend. Sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office and hosted by the Immaculate Conception Church, 1640 New Germany Road, Summerhill. *Reservations required by March 15.* A \$5 donation is suggested. Contact the Family Life Office at 814-886-5551 or familylife@dioceseaj.org.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday March 11 - Fourth Sunday Of Lent

8:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*
11:00AM-Mass for *Clarence Becker* requested by Marilyn Bevan

Monday March 12 - Lenten Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Shirley Millin* requested by The Lloyd Family

Tuesday March 13 - Lenten Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *John C. Rupert* requested by Rich & Joyce Lowe

Wednesday March 14 - Lenten Weekday

5:00PM-Eucharistic Adoration/Confessions
6:00PM-Mass for *Angeline Capriotti* requested by Carole Litzinger

Thursday March 15 - Lenten Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Joe Robeson*

Friday March 16 - Lenten Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Eileen Becker* requested by the Becker Family
7:00PM - Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 17 - Vigil of the Fifth Sunday Of Lent

3:00PM-Confessions
4:00PM-Mass for *Margie Dzimiera* requested by Margaret Jeffreys

Sunday March 18 - Fifth Sunday Of Lent

8:00AM-Mass for *Bob Cooney* requested by Ginger Cooney & Family
11:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30





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