

May 21-27 MASS SCHEDULE
MONDAY • TUESDAY • THURSDAY • FRIDAY
8:30AM COMMUNION SERVICE
WEDNESDAY - 6:00 PM MASS
SATURDAY - 4:00PM • SUNDAY - 8:00AM & 10:00AM

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES

Sat. May. 26 - 4:00 PM - Caitlin & Tyler Conigy
 Sun. May. 27 - 8:00 AM - Mai Linh Do, NOT FILLED
 Sun. May. 27 - 10:00 AM - Bob Olson, NOT FILLED

LECTORS

Sat. May. 26 - 4:00 PM - David Andrews, Jack Donoughe
 Sun. May. 27 - 8:00 AM - Ronan Adams, Joyce Cunningham
 Sun. May. 27 - 10:00 AM - Claudia Anderson, Richard Consiglio

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. May. 26 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, NOT FILLED
 Sun. May. 27 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, Fran Semelsberger
 Sun. May. 27 - 10:00 AM - Paula Adams, Dolores Capriotti,
 Marilyn Bevan, Cecelia Bloom, Walter Bloom, Barbara Bundy

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. May. 26 - 4:00 PM - Judy Sneath, Wally Wargo,
 Dorothy Yingling, NOT FILLED
 Sun. May. 27 - 8:00 AM - Jane Becker, John Becker, Helen Miller,
 NOT FILLED
 Sun. May. 27 - 10:00 AM - Lou Ann Clark, Patrick Podoletz,
 NOT FILLED

SACRISTAN

Sat. May. 26 - 4:00 PM - Mary & Ray King
 Sun. May. 27 - 8:00 AM - Joyce Cunningham
 Sun. May. 27 - 10:00 AM - Barbara Bundy

SCRIP

Sat. May. 26 - 4:00 PM - Charlene Lancy, Becky Merilli
 Sun. May. 27 - 8:00 AM - Heather & Erika Yasolsky
 Sun. May. 27 - 10:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph

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There appeared to them tongues as of fire,
 which parted and came to rest on each one of them.
 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:3-4

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MAY 20, 2018
PENTECOST SUNDAY
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May Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- May 27 - Second Mass on Sunday begins at 10:00AM**
- June 3 - Graduate Mass/Reception - 10:00 AM
 - June 9 - Love Feast at Simpson Temple
 - June 10 - Second Sunday Food Collection
 - June 10 - Big Chicken Barbecue - 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
 - June 10 - Choir Concert - 7:00 PM
 - June 17 - Curve Game - 6:00 PM
 - June 24 - Diocesan Faith Day at DelGrosso's
 - July 22 - Parish Picnic

A Few Words from the Pastor:

Our Summer Mass Schedule - Just a heads up that our summer Mass schedule will begin on Sunday, May 27, Memorial Day weekend. At that time our second Mass on Sunday will be offered at 10 o'clock and not 11.

Honoring our Graduates – We will honor our grade school, high school and college graduates at the 10:00AM Mass on Sunday, June 3rd. Their achievements deserve our public acclaim and our ongoing prayers and support. A light reception will follow.

Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church – In February of this year it was announced that a new obligatory Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church was to be added to the General Roman Calendar. This memorial is celebrated every year on the Monday after Pentecost. This is a most appropriate addition to the calendar, given that Mary was present with the Apostles for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

Parish Council Nominations – It is that time of year when we solicit names of those to be considered for Parish Council. Parish council meetings are normally held on the second Monday of the month, with the exception of the month of December and the summer months. If you discern that you would like to serve in this capacity, or if you know someone whom you would like to nominate, please submit your name(s) to the parish office. Our selection will take place at Masses on the first weekend of June.

"Rejoice and be glad!" is what Jesus said on the Sermon on the Mount. It's also the title of Pope Francis' new apostolic exhortation on holiness in everyday life. Why should we "rejoice and be glad"? Because God, as Francis reminds us, calls us all to be saints. But how can we respond to that call? This is the **third** takeaway from Francis' new and very practical exhortation, as given by the noted Jesuit writer, James Martin, S.J.

3. Be kind "*Gaudete et Exsultate*" is filled with Pope Francis' trademark practical advice for living a life of holiness. For example, don't gossip, stop judging and, most important, stop being cruel.

That goes for online actions, too. Francis' comments on this topic are memorable. Online, he writes, "defamation and slander can become commonplace...since things can be said there that would be unacceptable in public discourse, as people look to compensate for their own discontent by lashing out at others.... In claiming to uphold other commandments, they completely ignore the eighth, which forbids bearing false witness or lying and ruthlessly vilifying others." To be holy, be kind!

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 \$44,438. To date we have received \$28,923 . Please be generous.

OUR PARISH FAMILY... Meet engaged couple Ryan Steinbugl & Shalen Perehinec. Ryan is originally from Altoona, and had previously been a member of St Mary's Parish. Shalen is originally from Patton, but moved to Altoona with her family in 2003 and has been a member of our parish since then. The couple met while attending Altoona High School, where they were both members of the track and field team. They've been dating since 2011, and are planning to be



married here at St John's on December 1st. Ryan is a Staff Accountant for CPA Associates in Huntingdon, and Shalen is the Communications & Events Coordinator at Centre Foundation in State College. They currently live in Warriors Mark, which Shalen says is "a nice middle-ground" between their two work locations. Shalen said that they both "really enjoy the family-like atmosphere" here, and find St John's parishioners to be "friendly and welcoming". She also appreciates the modern and unique style of our worship space. And she said they "LOVE" the choir, and feel that "you really can't find a better one around". Shalen has attended our summer picnic and outdoor Mass several times as a child, and has also participated in our Angel Tree project for many years. She said that although they live about a half hour from St John's, they "will continue making the trip" and "hope to become more involved".

CHOIR CONCERT: On Sunday, June 10, at 7:00 PM the adult choir will present a concert of some of their favorite songs. The concert will be recorded and cds will be available for purchase in the fall. This recording will include several songs sung by the youth and adult choirs from Sts. Peter & Paul Parish. All proceeds from the concert and sales of the cd will benefit our sister parish in Marmont, Haiti. If you love hearing our choir, you don't want to miss this special concert!



CURVE GAME: We are reserving tickets for the Altoona Curve baseball game on Sunday, June 17, at 6 PM. The cost is \$8.00 a seat (section 206). Join us for a fun filled night including fireworks after the game. Please call Patrick Podoletz at (717) 575-4224 or the church office at (814) 942-5503 to reserve your seat. This makes a great Father's Day gift!



BIG CHICKEN BBQ: Don't forget to buy tickets for our annual chicken barbecue fund raiser to be held on Sunday, June 10, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Your \$10.00 ticket purchase will include 1/2 Chicken, Home-made 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 Reeder at 695-7671 or Jane Becker at 696-0131. Thank you!

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 ginni.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 • Julie Beiswenger • Millie Bilski • Jen Buda
Robert Cole • Millie Grace Capon • Mary Lee DeStefano
Michael DeStefano • Keith DeMastens • Carol Field
JoAnne Gerardine • Dianna Green • Brian Kopp
Sherri Maffettone • Bryson Miller • June Miller
Karan Pasquariello • Ron Peschock
Dave Petrak • Bob & Mary Rajnish • Allison Recker
Olga Romerowicz • Dianne Stultz
Tim & Dina Temofonte • Patty Teufel • Lois Werfel
Bonnie Williams • Noah Wills**

Please respect the person's right to privacy and secure permission before placing a name on the Prayer List.

When a person recovers, please call the office and have their name removed from the list.

LECTOR TRAINING: Training for new lectors will be held on Tuesday, May 22, and also on Tuesday, May 29, at 7:00PM in the church. Anyone who wishes to begin serving as a lector at mass should plan on attending these two training sessions. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Olson at (814) 696-0581.

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP: We have modified our plans for the next several months. For our May 28 meeting we will discuss the whole of Teresa of Avila's theology of reforming a closed, broken Church. On June 25 we will discuss Therese of Lisieux's theology of suffering and the cross. Then, our meetings on July 23 and August 27 will be open to anyone who has an idea and is willing to share a few talking points to get discussion going. Meetings are at 6:30 p.m. in the parish center.

BABY ITEM COLLECTION: The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Prince Gallitzin Court #2625, Altoona, is collecting baby items for Catholic Charities and other agencies that work with children. There will be a box in the gathering space throughout the month of May for donations. Thank you for your generosity!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: "The Holy Spirit is the fire of Jesus. The Spirit, the first gift of the risen Christ to his people, give us both the ability to receive the Gospel of Jesus and, in the response, the power to proclaim it." (Go and Make Disciples – Tenth Anniversary Edition: USCCB: 2002)

Stewardship at St. John's

The offertory total for May 13, 2018 was unavailable before the bulletin deadline.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE

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The Catholic Ministries Drive exists to serve the parishes and the people of our Diocese. The 14 ministries that benefit from your generosity rely on this annual campaign—as 100% of donations supports them directly. From sacramental preparation to our sister diocese in Jamaica, no single parish could accomplish all that is offered. 'Making Christ a Home in Your Heart' reminds all of us that at the center of our lives as Catholics is love. The Catholic Ministries Drive is a concrete way to live out your faith and to express your love to those in need of spiritual, physical, and emotional support. Your gift can be mailed to the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, P.O. Box 409, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648; placed in your parish offertory; or made online at www.dioceseaj.org

LOVE FEAST: On the kiosk in the gathering space, you will find sign-up sheets to prepare food, serve, or provide needed items for our next Love Feast on Saturday, June 9, at Simpson Temple.

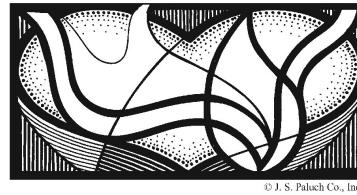
DIOCESAN FAITH DAY AT DELGROSSO'S ON SUNDAY, JUNE 24: Highlights of the day include; Liturgy at 3:00PM with Bishop Mark; Family Faith Procession; picnic in the diocesan pavilion at 5:00PM (tickets for the meal can be purchased at diocesan pavilion #2 at 5:00); park rides and games; water slides and Laguna Splash. A nonperishable food item or free-will offering for Catholic Charities will be collected that day. All day Fun Passes are available for a reduced price of \$20 with a Faith Day voucher. \$3 of each pass purchased will be donated back to the Angel Fund for Camp Zaccheaus and Camp Timothy. Faith Day vouchers are on the kiosk in the gathering space.

CHICKEN BARBECUE: Hollidaysburg Knights of Columbus and Jaffa Shrine Calliope Clowns 39th Annual Hand-in-Hand BBQ will be held on Sunday, June 3 at the Council Home, 324 Bedford Street, from 10:00AM to 2:00PM. Benefits children at Shriners Hospital in Philadelphia, PA. Eat in or take out are both available. Tickets are \$8.00 and are available now and at the door until sold out. Call 814-695-4752 for tickets.

HOLY TRINITY NEWS: HTCS YARD SALE: We will be holding our second annual Holy Trinity Yard Sale on Saturday, June 2nd. Items can be dropped off anytime between now and the end of May at the Maria Parish Center. Please keep in mind - we will not be selling clothing. For more information, please call 814-942-7835.

2018 WELGE SCHOLARSHIP: The Independent Catholic Foundation seek applicants for the 2018 Welge Scholarship which provides financial assistance to worthy parishioners who are entering their junior or senior year of college and are a member in good standing here at St. John's. Applications are available in the parish office or can be downloaded from the "Grants" page of the Foundation website, www.icfdaj.org. Completed applications, including the pastor's signature, are due no later than 4:00PM, Friday, June 15.

OUTDOOR SUMMER MASSES: Father John D. Byrnes, Rector, and the Parish Family of Saint Michael the Archangel Basilica, Loretto, invite the faithful to join us each Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. for the outdoor Sunday Mass at the beautiful Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto. The first Mass of the season will be celebrated on Sunday, May 27, 2018, and will continue through Labor Day Weekend, September 2, 2018. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel.



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Pentecost Sunday
May 20, 2018

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit.

— *I Corinthians 12:4*

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday May 20 - Pentecost Sunday

8:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*
11:00AM-Mass for *Matthew Geishauser* requested by
Cate & Roy Leister

Monday May 21 - Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Rosary
8:30AM-Morning Prayer & Communion Service

Tuesday May 22 - Easter Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Rosary
8:30AM-Morning Prayer & Communion Service

Wednesday May 23 - Easter Weekday

5:00PM-Eucharistic Adoration/Confessions
6:00PM- Mass for *Joe Robeson*
7:00PM-Rosary

Thursday May 24 - Easter Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Rosary
8:30AM-Morning Prayer & Communion Service

Friday May 25 - Easter Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Rosary
8:30AM-Morning Prayer & Communion Service

Saturday May 26 - Vigil of The Most Holy Trinity

3:00PM-Confessions
4:00PM-Mass for *Dave Litzinger* requested by
The Litzinger Family

Sunday May 27 - The Most Holy Trinity

8:00AM-Mass for *Joan E. Brua* requested by
Bob & Ginny Reeder
10:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14;
Jn 19:25-34
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17; Mk 9:38-40
Thursday: Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Jas 5:9-12; Mk 10:1-12





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