

ASCENSION THURSDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, May 9 - Vigil: 6:00 PM

Thursday, May 10 - 8:30 AM & 6:30 PM

APPOINTMENTS**ACOLYTES**

Weds. May 9 - 6:00 PM - Jack & Ryan Donoughe

Thurs. May 10 - 6:30 PM - Emily & Ethan Miller

Sat. May. 12 - 4:00 PM - David & Alexandria Auerbeck

Sun. May. 13 - 8:00 AM - Nicholas Helsley, NOT FILLED

Sun. May. 13 - 11:00 AM - Caitlin & Tyler Conigay

LECTORS

Weds. May 9 - 6:00 PM - Claudia Anderson, Jim Campbell

Thurs. May 10 - 6:30 PM - Paul Dennis, Gary Johnson

Sat. May. 12 - 4:00 PM - NOT FILLED, Betsy Slat

Sun. May. 13 - 8:00 AM - Fran Semelsberger, Ronan Adams

Sun. May. 13 - 11:00 AM - Richard Karcher, Patrick Schurr

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS

Weds. May 9 - 6:00 PM - NOT FILLED

Thurs. May 10 - 6:30 PM - Marilyn Bevan, Barbara Bundy

Sat. May. 12 - 4:00 PM - Barb Aubrey, Connie Baker

Sun. May. 13 - 8:00 AM - Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky

Sun. May. 13 - 11:00 AM - Susanna Tomlinson, Cecelia Bloom,
Walter Bloom, David Lee, Donna Moyer, NOT FILLED**MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY**Weds. May 9 - 6:00 PM - Wendy Campbell, Fran Semelsberger,
Daniel Turcovsky, Diane TurcovskyThurs. May 10 - 6:30 PM - Jane Becker, John Becker,
Coleen Langguth, David LangguthSat. May. 12 - 4:00 PM - Judy Sneath, Wally Wargo,
Dorothy Yingling, NOT FILLEDSun. May. 13 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, Ed Stoltz,
Larry VanSickel, Paula VanSickelSun. May. 13 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Dolores Capriotti,
Mary Grace Horton, Peg Madden**SACRISTAN**

Weds. May 9 - 6:00 PM - Dolores Capriotti

Thurs. May 10 - 6:30 PM - Darlene Scarpaci

Sat. May. 12 - 4:00 PM - Mary & Ray King

Sun. May. 13 - 8:00 AM - Michele DeFrancisco

Sun. May. 13 - 11:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti

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Sat. May. 12 - 4:00 PM - Charlene Lancy, Becky Merilli

Sun. May. 13 - 8:00 AM - NOT FILLED

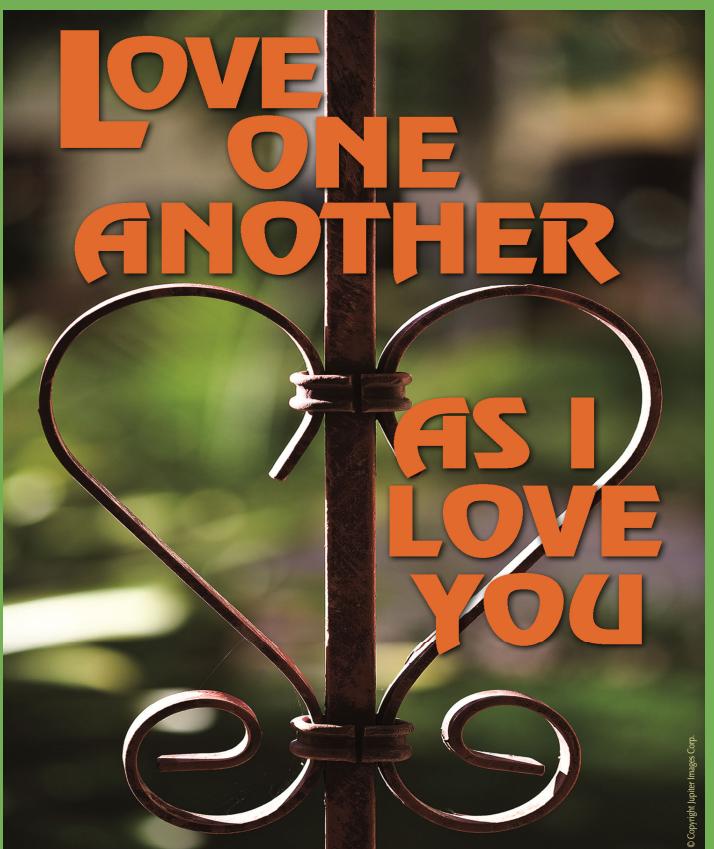
Sun. May. 13 - 11:00 AM - Jane Byrne, Carolyn English

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

May 13 - Second Sunday Food Collection

May 27 - Second Mass on Sunday begins at 10:00AM

June 3 - Graduate Mass/Reception - 10:00 AM



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MAY 6, 2018

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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A Few Words from the Pastor:

Second Sunday Food Collection - Just a reminder that next week is the second Sunday of the Month. We all know what that means!

Mother's Day - Mother's Day is a holiday honoring motherhood that is observed in different forms throughout the world. The American incarnation of Mother's Day was created by Anna Jarvis in 1908 and became an official U.S. holiday in 1914. Celebrations of mothers and motherhood can be traced back to the ancient Greeks and Romans, but the clearest modern precedent for Mother's Day is the early Christian festival known as "Mothering Sunday."

Parish Council Nominations – As we draw near to the end of the Easter season, it is that time of year when we solicit names of those to be considered for Parish Council. If you discern that you would like to serve in this capacity, please submit your name to the parish office. Perhaps you know someone you would like to nominate. Please do the same for that person and give their name at the parish office.

"**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 **second** takeaway from Francis' new and very practical exhortation, as given by the noted Jesuit writer, James Martin, S.J.

2. Everyday life can lead to holiness

You do not need to be a bishop, a priest or a member of a religious order to be holy. Everyone is called to be a saint, as the Second Vatican Council reminded us—a mother or a father, a student or an attorney, a teacher or a janitor. "Saints next door," Francis calls them. All we need to do is to "live our lives in love" and "bear witness" to God in all we do.

That also doesn't have to mean big, dramatic actions. Francis offers examples of everyday sanctity, like a loving parent raising a child; as well as "small gestures" and sacrifices that one can make, like deciding not to pass on gossip. If you can see your own life as a "mission," then you soon realize that you can simply be loving and kind to move towards holiness.

You also do not have to be "swooning in mystic rapture" to be a saint or walking around with "lowered eyes." Nor do you have to withdraw from other people. On the other hand, you do not want to be caught up in the "rat race" of rushing from one thing to another. A balance between action and contemplation is essential.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land – Our journey begins on May 16th, with Father Dennis Kurdziel and I leading a group of fellow Christians to walk in the footsteps of Jesus. We ask your prayers for safe travels and a truly prayerful experience!

OUR PARISH FAMILY... Charlie Moore was baptized here at St John's and has been a lifelong member. His wife, Lisa, is a member of St James Lutheran, but has attended Mass here with Charlie for many years. They both grew up in Altoona and graduated from Altoona High. Charlie works for Mondelez International (Nabisco) as a driver, and Lisa is a Special Education Aide in the Altoona School District. Lisa is also the advisor of the Altoona High Marching Band Silk Squad, and Charlie has been a cameraman for the Altoona Curve baseball team for 19 years. Together, they formerly owned Moore Video Productions. Their 3 adult children were the 4th generation to live in the Moore homestead, and they attended Baker Elementary, the same as their father and grandfather. Their son, C.J., also works for Mondelez and lives in Altoona with his wife. Daughter Nicole lives in Sayre PA, and works at an agency for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Nicole's twin brother, Nicholas, is a Sergeant Corrections Officer at SCI Huntingdon. And both C.J. and Nicholas are Sergeants in the 28th Infantry Division of the Army National Guard Band. Shown here with Charlie and Lisa are pets Murphy and LuLu, although they lost LuLu to illness this past winter. Charlie currently serves as a Hospitality Minister, and he has videotaped many special events for our parish. Being born and raised as a member of St John's, Charlie said that he "feels very at home with the church and its members".

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: Religious Education is over until September. You can register for the fall anytime. Registration forms can be found on our website at www.stjohnsaltoona.org.

ARISE Together In Christ: The *ARISE Together in Christ* process begins with a period of formation for the *ARISE* Parish Team, a group of 8-10 parishioners who will lead the parish through this process of spiritual renewal. We are still looking for a few more people to help with this program. If you would like to be a part of this team and the early planning, please call *Debbie Johnson in the parish office at 942-5503 or email dj219@msn.com*. Our planning meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15 at 7:00 in the Parish Center.

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY • TUESDAY • FRIDAY - 8:30AM
WEDNESDAY - 6:00 PM • THURSDAY - 8:30AM & 6:30PM
SATURDAY - 4:00PM • SUNDAY - 8:00AM & 11:00AM

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!

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 • 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**

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

Genie Semko - mother of Jo-Ann Semko

Kathy Matthews

Maureen Smithe

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULING: It is time to begin scheduling for June – September 2nd. This is “summer vacation” and our Sunday 11:00 AM Mass moves to 10:00 AM during these months. With the choir on “vacation” some members and spouses change their preferred Mass during these months for their other ministries such as lectors, Eucharistic ministers and hospitality ministers. **And so, we are asking that you give us the dates for which you are NOT available for June through September 2nd.** If you have internet access please update your profile in **Ministry Scheduler Pro**. There is a link from our parish website (<https://stjohnsaltoona.org>) and a link in the email reminder you will receive soon. There are cards available in the gathering space for those who do not have access to the internet.

Please update your profile online by midnight, Sunday, May 13th or fill out a card and leave it in the basket in the gathering space.

Family members can fill out one card front and back. **Again, please tell us when you are NOT available in June through September 2nd.**

Thank for your help in working with this change and – as always – thank you for your service to our faith community throughout the year.

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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: As the Father loves Jesus and Jesus loves us, we are called to love other in His name. St. John Paul II proclaims that, “In loving the poor the Christian imitates the attitude of the Lord, who during His earthly life devoted himself with special compassion to all those in spiritual and material need.” (*Ecclesia in America*; 1999)

Stewardship at St. John's

OFFERTORY for April 29, 2018

Envelopes	\$ 4,487.00
Loose	\$ 498.00
Children's	\$ 4.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$ 95.00
<i>SubTotal</i>	\$ 5,084.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,483.00
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CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE

Gifts - \$25,014 Pledges - \$6,875 Parish Goal \$44,438

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL 200 CLUB: Saturday, May 12 at 6:00PM at Park Hills Country Club. Tickets are \$100 and include dinner for 2 and dozens of chances to win cash prizes up to \$2000! For tickets, contact Steph Krug at 934-6752 or stephaniekrug@gmail.com.

LOVE FEAST: On the kiosk in the gathering space, you will find sign-up sheets to prepare food, serve, or buy needed items for our next Love Feast on Saturday, June 9, at Simpson Temple. Your generosity responds to Jesus' command: "*Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.*" (Matthew 25:40)

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL: Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Your contributions will help strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.

SPAGHETTI DINNER: On Sunday, May 20, the Knights of Columbus will hold a spaghetti dinner fundraiser at Our Lady of Lourdes from 11:30 till 2:30 in the church hall. All dinners will be take-out only. Tickets (\$7.00) can be purchased from the office by calling 943-6185 or at the door.

HOLY TRINITY NEWS: *Football Extravaganza tickets* are priced at \$20.00 each and contain 3 unique combinations of NFL teams for each week of the 17-week regular NFL season (Thursday – Monday). You can purchase these tickets from Holy Trinity Catholic families. **May Crowning Mass:** Join our HTCS school community on Friday, May 18th at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament as we celebrate the Mother of Jesus with a special May Crowning Mass at 9:30 A.M. **HTCS Yard Sale:** We will be holding our second annual Holy Trinity Yard Sale on Saturday, June 2nd. We have already started collecting those unwanted treasures. For more information on these events, please call 814-942-7835

Liturgical Reflection... This Thursday we commemorate the Ascension of the Risen Lord to the Father's right hand. *This is a holy day of obligation and Catholics are expected to participate at Mass.* Forty days have passed since the celebration of Easter Sunday. The Risen One has returned to the Father and taken his seat in the eternal kingdom. Easter time continues. We are filled with joy as the Son of God returns to his Father. We await his return in glory when all things will be made new. *Masses at St. John's will be held on Wednesday, May 9, at 6:00PM and Thursday, May 10, at 8:30AM and 6:30PM.*

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday May 6 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*
11:00AM-Mass for *Pauline Paule* requested by
Josephine Schochtner

Monday May 7 - Easter Weekday

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

Tuesday May 8 - Easter Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Rosary
8:30AM-Mass for *Margie Dzimiera* requested by
Margaret Jeffreys

Wednesday May 9 - Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord

5:00PM-Eucharistic Adoration/Confessions
6:00PM-Mass for *Clarence & Eileen Becker* requested by
their family
7:00PM-Rosary

Thursday May 10 - The Ascension of the Lord

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Rosary
8:30AM-Mass for *Jimmy Nguyen Family*
6:30PM-Mass for *Mark Kopp* requested by
Billy & Beth Ceglar

Friday May 11 - Easter Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Rosary
8:30AM-Mass for *Serena Stevens* requested by
Dr. Don Mrdjenovich & children

Saturday May 12 - Vigil of the Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

Sunday May 13 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00AM-Mass for *Ida Prosperi* requested by
John Prosperi
11:00AM-Mass for *Barbara Byers* requested by
her family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 -- 16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 -- 18:1; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13;
Mk 16:15-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23



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