

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES

Sat. June 30 - 4:00 PM - David & Alexandria Auerbeck
 Sun. July 1 - 8:00 AM - Mai Linh Do, Sarah Geishauser
 Sun. July 1 - 10:00 AM - Camille Krug, Nate Rudolph

LECTORS

Sat. June 30 - 4:00 PM - Heather Nackley, Betsy Slat
 Sun. July 1 - 8:00 AM - Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
 Sun. July 1 - 10:00 AM - Bill Foose, Norma Foose

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. June 30 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, Dorothy Yingling
 Sun. July 1 - 8:00 AM - Fran Semelsberger, Mary Truesdale
 Sun. July 1 - 10:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti, Joseph Klobuka,
 Pam Klobuka, Susanna Tomlinson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. June 30 - 4:00 PM - Judy Sneath, Larry VanSickel,
 Paula VanSickel, Wally Wargo
 Sun. July 1 - 8:00 AM - Jane Becker, John Becker, Helen Miller,
 Charlie Moore
 Sun. July 1 - 10:00 AM - Walter Bloom, Lou Ann Clark,
 Peg Madden, NOT FILLED

SACRISTAN

Sat. June 30 - 4:00 PM - Mary & Ray King
 Sun. July 1 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
 Sun. July 1 - 10:00 AM - Barbara Bundy

SCRIP

Sat. June 30 - 4:00 PM - Charlene Lancy, Becky Merilli
 Sun. July 1 - 8:00 AM - Marge Rudolph, NOT FILLED
 Sun. July 1 - 10:00 AM - Mary Haenig, NOT FILLED

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY • TUESDAY • THURSDAY • FRIDAY 8:30AM
WEDNESDAY - 6:00 PM
SATURDAY - 4:00PM • SUNDAY - 8:00AM & 10:00AM

PASTORAL STAFF:

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- Mrs. Mary Haenig** Religious Education Director
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- Mr. Ken Dunmire** Maintenance

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

June 24 - Diocesan Faith Day at DelGrosso's
 June 27 - OFFICE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAYS
 July 8 - Second Sunday Food Collection
 July 22 - NO 10:00 AM MASS IN THE CHURCH
 July 22 - Parish Picnic Mass - 11:00 AM @ Legion Park
 followed by lunch at 12:30 PM
 October 27 - Love Feast

JUNE 24, 2018

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Summer office hours: closed Wednesdays
Mon. Tues. Thurs. & Fri. 9 - 3



June 24, 2018



**THE NATIVITY
OF
ST. JOHN
THE BAPTIST**



*"Behold, one is
coming after me;
I am not worthy
to unfasten the
sandals of his feet."*

Acts 13:25

A Few Words from the Pastor:

Another Generous Gift – We are most grateful to the Allegheny Club of Hollidaysburg for their generous donation of \$10,000 to St. John's Church. This Catholic fraternal organization is to be commended for the support which they provide for our parish, as well as for St. Catherine's, St. Patrick's, St. Michael's and St. Mary's. Our deepest appreciation!

Renewed Lease – We are happy to announce that Merakey (formerly known as NHS) is renewing its lease of our school building for the next six years. This is a mutually beneficial arrangement, providing a safe school environment for the children as well as giving us some income to meet our many parish expenses. Because Merakey uses the school year round, they have requested, and our Finance Council has approved, air-conditioning the classrooms, with Merakey assuming 75% of the cost! This will be beneficial for us as a capital improvement to our facility. Let us pray for the wonderful work which Merakey does in providing a quality education for the special needs children of our area.

Our Saints this Week – On Thursday we honor the memory of Saint Irenaeus – born in 130 A.D. in Syria, he would become Bishop of Lyon in Gaul (now France), which was then a part of the Roman Empire. He was an early Church Father and apologist, and his writings were formative in the early development of Christian theology. He died a martyr's death in the year 202. On Friday we celebrate the Founding Fathers of our Faith, Saints Peter and Paul. Veneration of the two great Apostles, Peter and Paul, has its roots in the very foundations of the Church. They are the solid rock upon which the Church is built.

Our Parish Picnic – Don't forget to sign up for our parish picnic, to be held on Sunday, July 22nd, at Legion Park. Our festivities will not be complete without YOU!

Summer Office Hours – Until Labor Day, our parish office will be operating on modified hours. We will be CLOSED WEDNESDAYS. We will, of course, be checking our voicemail through the day should there be any urgent messages. Thank you for your understanding.

A Virtual Visit to Biblical Lands – On Thursday, July 19, we are planning a bus trip to Washington, DC, where we will visit the new **Museum of the Bible**, as well as the **National Geographic Museum**. Though you may not have been able to travel on pilgrimage with us to the actual cities of Bethlehem and Jerusalem, a visit to the Museum of the Bible will make the Holy Land come alive. At the Museum for National Geographic, we will experience an exhibition entitled the "Tomb of Christ," which takes you on a 3-D photographic journey into the very heart of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. We will be departing at 7:00 from our parking lot, and returning by 11. The cost is \$90 per person, which includes travel in a luxury coach, admission to both museums, and dinner on the way home. Mark your calendar for this inspirational journey! Sign up on the kiosk.

Our Catholic Ministries Drive – We are most appreciative of your support of our Catholic Ministries Drive. Caring for the Poor and Strengthening Families, Nurturing our Youth, and Forming Clergy and Laity, are the needs which your contributions sustain. Our parish goal is \$44,438, toward which we have received \$37,108. Please be generous.



Gathering together to learn from their Teacher, the Apostles also nourished each other by sharing their stories. They supported each other, laughed and cried together, ate and prayed together, and in the process their faith grew and their lives were enriched. ARISE is about people like you nourishing and supporting each other as you face the challenges of life.

Our Online Giving system provides you the opportunity to give to our special collections in addition to regular offerings. You can choose to do a One Time Gift or a special remembrance, or you can set up regularly scheduled contributions that are withdrawn on the date you specify in the system. Even if you typically use your offering envelopes, you may wish to contribute online to a particular collection. It's easy and it's convenient! Go to our parish website at www.stjohnsaltoona.org and click on Donate Online on the left side of the page to sign up.



STEWARSHIP CORNER: Christian stewards strive to live God's will, regardless of the consequences. They have faith that His plan for their lives will always lead them to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ. How far are you willing to go to share your time with those in need?

Stewardship at St. John's

OFFERTORY for June 17, 2018

Envelopes	\$ 4,788.00
Loose	\$ 900.00
Children's	\$ 4.00
Catholic Education	\$ 20.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 160.00
<i>SubTotal</i>	<i>\$ 5,872.00</i>
Online Giving	\$ 1,398.00
Total Offertory	\$ 7,270.00

LOVE FEAST FOLLOW-UP: We served our sloppy-joes, mac & cheese, cupcake meal to 85 grateful guests last Saturday. If you see any of our wonderful crew of prep, serving, clean-up volunteers, please thank them for their service: All 6 of the Angiolieris, Barb Aubrey, Joyce Cunningham, Carolyn English, Ray & Mary King, Dan & Linda MdcGrath, Barb Nagle, Bob Olson, Pat Podoletz, Melissa & Nathan Ringkamp, Marge Rudolph, Fran & Tom Semelsberger, Julian & Natalie Smith, Chris & Iris Tater, and Anna Mae Widney.

PETER'S PENCE: Next week, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

WATERING PLANTS: We're still in need of volunteers to sign up to water the planters and pots in front of the church and the rectory each week. The sign-up sheet is on the kiosk in the gathering space.

ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC: Join your parish family on July 22nd at Legion Park in Hollidaysburg, starting with Sunday Mass at 11:00 AM. There will be no 10:00 Mass at the church that morning. Following the Mass, lunch will be served at 12:30 PM. This occasion is most fruitful to form new and lasting friendships. Let's share our favorite dishes together at this memorable event. Two separate sheets are posted on the kiosk, volunteers are most needed for a successful gathering.



Liturgical Reflection... The name John means "the Lord has been generous". Indeed God had been abundantly generous to Elizabeth and Zechariah, elderly parents who had lost hope in conceiving a child in their old age. God had certainly favored them. And the child grew and became strong in spirit. The greatest prophet who would announce Jesus as the Lamb of God! At each Mass we hear the Baptist proclaim, "Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world." We celebrate the generosity of God towards us.

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	Sherri Maffettone
Cari Ann	Bryson Miller
Judy Baird	June Miller
Julie Beiswenger	Karan Pasquariello
Millie Bilski	Ron Peschock
Jen Buda	Dave Petrak
Robert Cole	Bob & Mary Rajnish
Millie Grace Capon	Allison Recker
Mary Lee DeStefano	Olga Romerowicz
Michael DeStefano	Anne Showalter
Keith DeMastens	Dianne Stultz
JoAnne Gerardine	Tim & Dina Temofonte
Dianna Green	Patty Teufel
Brian Kopp	Lois Werfel
Rev. Dennis M. Kurdziel	Bonnie Williams
Brenda Lykens	Noah Wills

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

Darla Curry - sister of Donna Fornwalt

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

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.

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP: This coming Monday, June 25, we will have the video and discussion of the theology of the cross of St. Therese of Lisieux at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.



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2018 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE

Making Christ A Home In Your Heart

Gifts - \$37,108

Parish Goal - \$44,438

One of the most important missions of our Diocese is to exercise God's works of mercy by building a compassionate community. We accomplish this through our 14 ministries. These ministries are the lifeline for the physical and spiritual needs of thousands of people in our immediate area. But these ministries come with operational costs. **Therefore, 100% of CMD gifts directly support these ministries.**

Here are some financial facts about the 2017 campaign and allocations.

This is where dollars go and why we need your support for the 2018 campaign.

- In 2017, the total cost to operate our ministries was \$2,906,355.
- The 2017 CMD target was \$2,341,744.
- Donations were \$2,095,769 (A shortfall of \$245,975).
- 27 parishes reached their goal and received refunds of \$319,929.
- The bottom line:** \$1,775,840 was allocated to the ministries in 2017. **This is \$1,130,515 less than what it cost to operate them.**
- The allocation breakdown:

Forming Clergy and Laity: \$476,958

Nurturing Our Youth: \$618,160

Caring for the Poor & Strengthening Families: \$680,722

YES, 100% of CMD gifts go to support these ministries, simply because they need the dollars to continue.

These ministries make an impact in the lives of thousands with such wonderful gifts as Catholic education and sacraments for children, adults, and families; shelter, food, and counseling for the struggling; formation of clergy and laity; and acts of compassion and hope to those who are seeking God's mercies.

Your help is needed so these ministries can continue to make an impact.

If every parish hits its target for the 2018 CMD Drive, these ministries can be sustained.

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



Nativity of Saint John
the Baptist
June 24, 2018

"Behold, one is coming after me;
I am not worthy to unfasten
the sandals of his feet."
—Acts 13:25

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday June 24 - Nativity of St. John the Baptist

- 8:00AM-Mass for *Dorothy Hetterich* requested by Rich & Joyce Lowe
10:00AM-Mass for *Jean Ann Franco* requested by Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Klobuka

Monday June 25 - Weekday

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

Tuesday June 26 - Weekday

- 7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Serena Stevens* requested by Jack & Fran Robine

Wednesday June 27 - Weekday

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

Thursday June 28 - St. Irenaeus, Bishop

- 7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Ida Prosperi* requested by John Prosperi

Friday June 29 - Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles

- 7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Sam Neal* requested by Julie & Bernie Beiswenger

Saturday June 30 - Vigil of the 13th Sunday In Ordinary Time

- 3:00PM-Confessions
4:00PM-Mass for *Deceased Members of the Docherty/Stibich Families* requested by Dan & Judy Roberts

Sunday July 1 - 13th Sunday In Ordinary Time

- 8:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*
10:00AM-Mass celebrating the *35th Wedding Anniversary of Jim & Wendy Campbell*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Mt 7:15-20
Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Mt 7:21-29
Friday: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

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