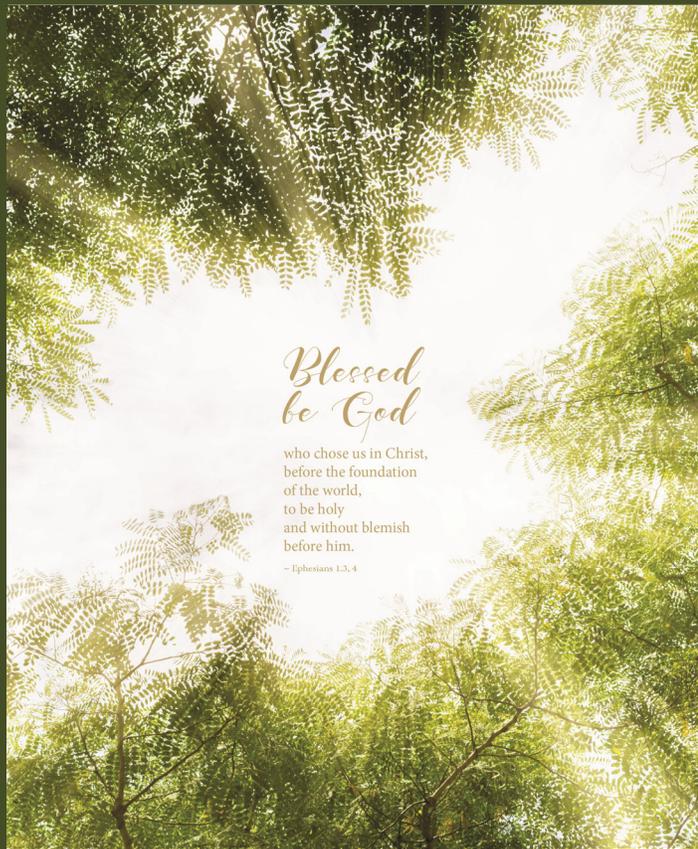


### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

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



*Blessed  
be God*

who chose us in Christ,  
before the foundation  
of the world,  
to be holy  
and without blemish  
before him.

— Ephesians 1:3,4

# JULY 15, 2018 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### July Prayer Intention of Pope Francis PRIESTS AND THEIR PASTORAL MINISTRY

That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.

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### MASS SCHEDULE

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

### APPOINTMENTS

#### ACOLYTES

Sat. July 21 - 4:00 PM - David Auerbeck, NOT FILLED  
Sun. July 22 - 8:00 AM - Emily & Ethan Miller  
Sun. July 22 - 11:00 AM - Nevaeh & Makayla, Langenbacher

#### LECTORS

Sat. July 21 - 4:00 PM - Wally Wargo, Heather Nackley  
Sun. July 22 - 8:00 AM - Fran Semelsberger, NOT FILLED  
Sun. July 22 - 11:00 AM - Mark Krepich, Mary Petrak

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. July 21 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, Dorothy Yingling  
Sun. July 22 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, Mary Truesdale  
Sun. July 22 - 11:00 AM - Barb Aubrey, Barbara Bundy,  
Bill Foose, Norma Foose

#### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. July 21 - 4:00 PM - Betsy Lloyd, Karen Moughemer,  
Dennis Moughemer, Billy Sweet  
Sun. July 22 - 8:00 AM - Ray Kennedy, Helen Miller,  
Daniel Roberts, Judy Roberts  
Sun. July 22 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Walter Bloom,  
Wendy Campbell, NOT FILLED

#### SACRISTAN

Sat. July 21 - 4:00 PM - Joyce Cunningham  
Sun. July 22 - 8:00 AM - Michele DeFrancisco  
Sun. July 22 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

#### SCRIP

Sat. July 21 - 4:00 PM - Mary Haenig, Anna Rasmussen  
Sun. July 22 - 8:00 AM - Erika & Heather Yasolsky  
Sun. July 22 - 11:00 AM - Jane Byrne, Carolyn English

## A Few Words from the Pastor:

**Our Parish Picnic** – Don't forget to sign up for our parish picnic, to be held on Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, at Legion Park. Our festivities will not be complete without YOU! A reminder that there will be NO 10AM Mass on Picnic Sunday. Mass will be celebrated at Legion Park at 11:00.

**10 Reasons Why Vacations Matter:** Vacations are not a luxury; they are a necessity for a well-balanced, healthy life. They are as important as eating well and getting exercise. Here are 10 reasons to make them a priority in your life!

1. Vacations Relieve Stress---
2. Vacations Help Prevent Heart Disease---
3. Vacations Help Maintain Focus---
4. Vacations Help Prevent Illness---
5. Vacations Make You Happier---
6. Vacations Strengthen Relationships---
7. Vacations Make You More Productive At Work---
8. Vacations Improve Your Sleep Quality---
9. Vacations Help You Get Thinner---
10. Taking Vacations Can Keep You Young!

**A Virtual Visit to Biblical Lands** – Our bus to Washington on Thursday to visit the new **Museum of the Bible**, as well as the **National Geographic Museum**, is full. However, since we have had such a good response, we are considering planning a second bus trip on Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, with the same itinerary. Please call the office to make reservations. 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.

**The Oberammergau Passion Play: Day 4** – Our June 2020 trip to Oberammergau for the Passion Play will continue from Munich to the Pilgrimage Church of Wies (German: Wieskirche). This is an oval rococo church, designed in the late 1740s. Located in the foothills of the Alps, The Wieskirche was added to the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1983 and underwent extensive restoration between 1985 and 1991. We will then travel to Neuschwanstein Castle, one of the most popular castles of Bavaria. This castle was used as the model for the castle in Disneyland. Those interested in making this pilgrimage can call the parish office. There will be an informational meeting on Monday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, at the Parish Center.

**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.

**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 voice-mail through the day should there be any urgent messages. Thank you for your understanding.

**Going On Vacation?** Please use Online Giving to stay up to date on your contributions. Go to [www.stjohnsaltoona.org](http://www.stjohnsaltoona.org) and click on the Donate Now link on the left side of the page. Complete the online registration form. It's quick and easy. Your support during summer months helps sustain our parish.

**DIOCESAN MISSION COOPERATION APPEAL:** On July 28-29, 2018 we will be honored to have Sister Marian Madden, SC with us to share the good news of the mission works of the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill in China, Korea and Ecuador. We are pleased to have this opportunity to learn about the missions and to help with our prayers and donations. As the sisters continue to bring the love of the Lord to the people they serve, they need our help—they cannot do it alone! Wherever we may live we are all missionaries and can help in different ways! Please give from the heart on July 28-29 to help spread the Gospel throughout the world and assist the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill to share God's love with those in need. Your prayers and donations will bring blessings of hope and healing!

**ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC:** Join your parish family on July 22<sup>nd</sup> 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. Appetizers will be served following the Mass, and lunch will begin 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. We encourage you to invite friends, neighbors and extended family to attend the picnic with you.





Bishop Mark has initiated a new program within our Diocese. *Arise Together in Christ* is a parish-centered process of spiritual renewal and evangelization that invites us:

- To develop a closer relationship with Christ,
- To deepen our faith,
- To grow in community, and
- To reach out in service to others.

This program provides a total renewal experience for the parish by spiritually transforming people through the proven model of small-group faith sharing. It also offers parish enrichment opportunities and encourages works of charity and social justice.

These small groups—with about eight people each—will gather for five six-week seasons, starting this October, followed by a Lenten season, another Fall season, another Lenten season, and a final Fall season. Each of these seasons has a major gospel theme that is broken down into weekly themes. Renew International will provide time-proven booklets for each season, to lead the small groups in prayer, Scripture passages, faith-sharing discussions, and possible community service. The focus for this coming Fall will be *Encountering Christ Today*.

**Currently, we are searching for small-group leaders, and then we will form the small groups, either based on weekly times that the leaders select or possibly on special-interest groups. We want to get as many parishioners involved as possible. Please consider being a small group leader. Guidance and training will begin in August. Contact Jane Becker at [jmbecker1207@gmail.com](mailto:jmbecker1207@gmail.com) or 814-414-9836 for more information.**

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** Participation in the Church's mission takes different forms according to people's different gifts and offices, but there is a fundamental obligation arising from the sacrament Baptism: that people place their gifts, resources, and themselves at God's service in and through the Church." (Stewardship: A Disciple's Response; USCCB; 1992).

**Stewardship at St. John's**

*OFFERTORY for July 8, 2018*

Envelopes	\$ 5,657.00
Loose	\$ 498.00
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Catholic Register	\$ 10.00
<i>SubTotal</i>	\$ 6,250.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,553.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 8,803.00</b>

**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 [gabby.reeder@gmail.com](mailto:gabby.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:*

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Baby Adam</b>               | <b>June Miller</b>              |
| <b>Cari Ann</b>                | <b>Barbara Moore</b>            |
| <b>Judy Baird</b>              | <b>Mary Oricko</b>              |
| <b>Millie Bilski</b>           | <b>Ron Peschock</b>             |
| <b>Frances Brown</b>           | <b>Dave Petrak</b>              |
| <b>Jen Buda</b>                | <b>Bob &amp; Mary Rajnish</b>   |
| <b>Robert Cole</b>             | <b>Allison Recker</b>           |
| <b>Millie Grace Capon</b>      | <b>Olga Romerowicz</b>          |
| <b>Mary Lee DeStefano</b>      | <b>Mike Rudolph</b>             |
| <b>Michael DeStefano</b>       | <b>Anna Showalter</b>           |
| <b>Keith DeMastens</b>         | <b>Dianne Stultz</b>            |
| <b>Jim Duffy</b>               | <b>Tim &amp; Dina Temofonte</b> |
| <b>Helen Fornwalt</b>          | <b>Patty Teufel</b>             |
| <b>Leann Frazier</b>           | <b>Lois Werfel</b>              |
| <b>Dianna Green</b>            | <b>Bonnie Williams</b>          |
| <b>Brian Kopp</b>              | <b>Noah Wills</b>               |
| <b>Rev. Dennis M. Kurdziel</b> | <b>Prayer requests of those</b> |
| <b>Sherri Maffettone</b>       | <b>served at the Love Feast</b> |
| <b>Bryson Miller</b>           |                                 |

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

**Mary Margaret Russell, cousin of Loretta Olson  
JoAnne Gerardine**

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

**JULY 23 WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP:** This month's theme will follow Pope Francis' interpretation of how to live out Jesus' preferential option for the poor. We will begin at 6:30 PM. Please come and share your thoughts. Some discussion materials will be on the kiosk in the gathering space.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS:** Help bring the "Word of God" to the children of our parish at the 11:00 mass on a simple level they can understand. We have books that easily guide you through the readings followed by topics to chat with the kids about. This small commitment on your part will reap huge rewards. Contact Mary Haenig - [mshaenig@gmail.com](mailto:mshaenig@gmail.com)

**WATERING PLANTS:** We appreciate your help with watering the planters & pots in front of the church and rectory several times a week. The sign-up sheet is on the kiosk in the gathering space.

**SCRIP TIP!** Although summer normally means taking a well-deserved break from school, it's never too early for families to think about back to school shopping, especially families with college freshmen looking for dorm essentials. Purchase scrip for your back to school shopping!

**IS GOD CALLING YOU TO A LIFE OF SERVICE AS A DEACON?** All those interested in learning about the Formation, Ministry and Life of the Permanent Diaconate, are invited to join Deacon Michael Russo at a special get together on Saturday, August 18th at the Carmelite Community of the Word Incarnation Center, Gallitzin from 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Married men are expected to attend with their wives. Space is limited. Reservations are required. To make reservations please contact the Office of the Permanent Diaconate at (814) 693-9870 or email: jnoonan@dioceseaj.org.

**Liturgical Reflection...** Following the most ancient Christian tradition, the Church insistently recommends that the bodies of the deceased be buried in cemeteries or other sacred places. In memory of the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord, the mystery that illumines the Christian meaning of death, burial is above all the most fitting way to express faith and hope in the resurrection of the body. By burying the bodies of the faithful, the Church affirms her faith in the resurrection of the body, and intends to show the great dignity of our humanity which was assumed by Jesus our Lord. Instruction *Ad resurgendum cum Christo*, Congregation for the Doctrine of the faith, 2016.



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Fifteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
July 15, 2018

Truth shall spring out of the earth,  
and justice shall look down from heaven.

— Psalm 85:12

## SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday July 15 - 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00AM-Mass for *Ida Prosperi* requested by John Prosperi

10:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*

### Monday July 16 - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Roberta & Sidney Garrett & Donald Watkins* requested by Rich & Joyce Lowe

### Tuesday July 17 - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Joyce Cordek* requested by Larry Cordek

### Wednesday July 18 - Weekday

5:00PM-Eucharistic Adoration/Confession

6:00PM-Mass for *Shirley Millin* requested by Tom & Sharon Schultz

7:00PM-Rosary

### Thursday July 19 - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:30AM-Morning Prayer & Communion Service

### Friday July 20 - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Joe Robeson*

### Saturday July 21 - Vigil of the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time

3:00PM-Confessions

4:00PM-Mass for *Deceased Member of the Dan Roberts Family* requested by Dan & Judy Roberts

### Sunday July 22 - 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*

11:00AM-Mass for *Maureen Smithe* requested by Kathleen & Jim Solberg

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34 -- 11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8



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