

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES

Sat. Aug. 4 - 4:00 PM - Claire Nackley, Trenton Wandersee
 Sun. Aug. 5 - 8:00 AM - Emily & Ethan Miller
 Sun. Aug. 5- 10:00 AM - Estella Koch, Nate Rudolph

LECTORS

Sat. Aug. 4 - 4:00 PM - Heather Nackley, Joyce Cunningham
 Sun. Aug. 5 - 8:00 AM - Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
 Sun. Aug. 5- 10:00 AM - Bill Foose, Norma Foose

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Aug. 4 - 4:00 PM - Dorothy Yingling, NOT FILLED
 Sun. Aug. 5 - 8:00 AM - Fran Semelsberger, Mary Truesdale
 Sun. Aug. 5- 10:00 AM - Joseph Klobuka, Pam Klobuka,
 Donna Moyer, Bob Olson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. Aug. 4 - 4:00 PM - Betsy Lloyd, Judy Sneath, Billy Sweet,
 Wally Wargo
 Sun. Aug. 5 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, Ed Stoltz,
 Larry VanSickel, Paula VanSickel
 Sun. Aug. 5- 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Dolores Capriotti,
 Peg Madden, NOT FILLED

SACRISTAN

Sat. Aug. 4 - 4:00 PM - Joyce Cunningham
 Sun. Aug. 5 - 8:00 AM - NOT FILLED
 Sun. Aug. 5- 10:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti

SCRIP

Sat. Aug. 4 - 4:00 PM - Mary Haenig, Marge Rudolph
 Sun. Aug. 5 - 8:00 AM - Jim & Wendy Campbell
 Sun. Aug. 5- 10:00 AM - Jane Byrne, Carolyn English

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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PARISH PICNIC 2018



The youngest & oldest members of our parish attending the picnic: Kylor Langenbacher (3 months old) with his parents, Dan & Amy, and Marian Monios.



Mary & Dave Petrak: Dave has been on our prayer list for over a year. We're happy he was able to attend the picnic & enjoy the company of his many St. John's friends. We'll continue to keep him in our prayers.

JULY 29, 2018
17TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

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Mon. Tues. Thurs. & Fri. 9 - 3

A Few Words from the Pastor:

Arise Together In Christ – You are beginning to hear more about this important program coming to our diocese and to our parish. “Arise” is an invitation to share your faith with others in a small group setting, as we develop friendships with one another and grow in our love for Christ. Adult Ed will focus on the “Scriptures and the Blessed Virgin Mary,” who is our patroness throughout the Arise program. Pray that you remain open to wherever the Spirit is leading you in this sacred time.

Our Parish Picnic – Despite the wash-out at Legion Park, our parish picnic was a wonderful celebration! We had a great turnout, and there were SO MANY folks who pitched in to help! Our picnic is a snapshot of what we mean by a “parish family.” Again, many thanks to all who participated and to all who helped in any way!

The Sisters of Charity – We welcome to our parish this weekend Sister Marian Madden, of the Sisters of Charity, who will be speaking at all our Masses in our Mission Coop program. The Sisters of Charity have a long history in our diocese, dating back to the establishment in Altoona of their motherhouse in the 19th century. It was located on the present site of the Cathedral. The motherhouse was re-located to Seton Hill in the early 20th century, though the sisters had an enduring presence in the diocese in the ministry of Catholic education, most notable at Cathedral Catholic School and Bishop Guilfoyle High School. The decline in vocations is cause of their absence now from our diocese, with Sister Donna Marie Leiden being the last to serve here. She has retired from the Education Office of the diocese at the end of June. On a personal note, my mother’s sister, Mary Catherine, was a member of the Sisters of Charity. She was affectionately known as “Aunt Sis.”

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.

A Virtual Visit to Biblical Lands – Because we have had such a positive responses for our bus trip to Washington to visit the new **Museum of the Bible**, as well as the **National Geographic Museum**, we are considering planning a second bus trip on Thursday, August 30th, 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 6 – The morning following the Play we will depart for the Czech Republic, with our destination being the beautiful city of Prague. On the way we will stop in the city of Pilsner, famous for its 19th century brewery. Here we will have a tour of the brewery, followed by lunch and some beer tasting! Then on to Prague, with its graceful bridges which span the Vltava River. If you wish to know more, there will be an informational meeting on Monday, July 30th at the Parish Center, at 7:00 PM.

Saints of the Week: On Tuesday we honor the founder of the Jesuits, St. Ignatius of Loyola, whose greatest gift to the Church has been his *Spiritual Exercises*. On Wednesday we honor St. Alphonsus Liguori, founder of the Redemptorists and declared a Doctor of the Church for his writings on Moral Theology. Saturday we remember St. John Vianney, the 19th century French priest who is revered as the Cure of Ars, and the patron saint of parish priests.

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 \$41,023. Please be generous.

PARISH PRAYER FOR ARISE TOGETHER IN CHRIST! Pull out your cell phones and set a reminder alarm every day for 3 PM. Every day at 3 PM when our alarms sound, we will all pray the Diocesan Arise Prayer. You can clip this copy to use or pick up an extra prayer card in the Gathering Space.

Holy Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church, you have given the world its true light, Jesus, your Son – the Son of God. You abandoned yourself completely to God's call and thus became a wellspring of the goodness which flows forth from Him. Show us Jesus. Lead us to Him. Teach us to know Jesus and to love Him. Help us to open the door of Christ's love by sharing our faith and living our faith with each other and with all who are searching for the way, the truth, and the hope and promise of eternal life. As patroness of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown be with us on our journey to ARISE Together in Christ.
Pray for us, Mother of the Church, Pray for 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 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	June Miller
Cari Ann	Barbara Moore
Judy Baird	Mary Oricko
Millie Bilski	Ron Peschock
Frances Brown	Dave Petrik
Jen Buda	Bob & Mary Rajnish
Robert Cole	Allison Recker
Millie Grace Capon	Olga Romerowicz
Mary Lee DeStefano	Mike Rudolph
Michael DeStefano	Anne Showalter
Keith DeMastens	Dianne Stultz
Jim Duffy	Tim & Dina Temofonte
Helen Fornwalt	Patty Teufel
Leann Frazier	Lois Werfel
Dianna Green	Bonnie Williams
Brian Kopp	Noah Wills
Rev. Dennis M. Kurdziel	Prayer requests of those served at the Love Feast
Sherri Maffettone	
Bryson Miller	

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

Shirley Sell, aunt of Ken Dunmire

Lillian A. Cichetto, aunt of Ron & Becky Merilli

Mary Margaret Russell, cousin of Loretta Olson

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

OUTSTANDING PICNIC: Approximately 165 guests attended our annual parish picnic. A BIG thank you to the committee for setting up & arranging the meal at St. John's, as Legion Park grounds were not suitable due to heavy rains on Saturday. Games were played in the gym, food was served in and outside the cafeteria. A GREAT time was had by all who attended. Thanks to all who set up, served, cleaned up and in any way added to the upbeat atmosphere for a very successful picnic. Our leftovers were donated to the American Rescue Workers on Scotch Valley Road, Hollidaysburg.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS: Help bring the "Word of God" to the children of our parish 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. Small commitment but huge rewards. Contact Mary Haenig - mshaenig@gmail.com

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

August 12 - Second Sunday Food Collection

August 15 - 7:00 PM Arise Small Group Leader Meeting

September 8/9 - Sign up weekend for Arise

October 27 - Love Feast

HAITI: More information on our Haiti mission will be coming soon. Please watch the bulletin for details on financial support, student sponsorship, and the next trip in late autumn.

SCRIPT TIP! Amidst the vacations and excursions to the beach, the summer months also mean wedding season is here. Families can continue to use scrip for all their summer activities, including giving scrip gift cards as presents to happy newlyweds!

ICON WRITING WORKSHOP: November 4 – 10 (Sun. to Sat.) Bethany Retreat Center, Frenchville. Come to Bethany Retreat Center for a special opportunity to learn about and create an icon based upon a 13th century image of Archangel Gabriel. The days will include class instruction and painting, personal prayer time, daily Mass and home-cooked meals provided by the Bethany staff. Materials to be provided include: a prepared icon board, set of brushes, palette, 23K gold leaf, pigments, and all other necessary materials to complete the icon. Everyone is welcome! To register or for more information: Email: bethanyretreatcenter@gmail.com or Call: 814-263-4855

PARISHCAST CALLING SYSTEM: If you did not receive two phone calls last Sunday morning giving the details of our change in location for the parish picnic, perhaps you are not on our calling list or we have an incorrect phone number for you. Please call the office if you would like to be added to our phone list to receive phone calls with important reminders and information from us.

STEWARSHIP CORNER: The account of the loaves and fishes is an awesome example of Christian stewardship. We re-create this miracle in our everyday lives when we generously share a portion of our time, talents, and possessions with others.

Stewardship at St. John's

OFFERTORY for July 22, 2018

Envelopes	\$ 3,171.00
Loose	\$ 575.00
Parish Development	\$ 55.00
Catholic Education	\$ 20.00
Catholic Register	\$ 11.00
<i>SubTotal</i>	\$ 3,832.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,483.00
Total Offertory	\$ 5,315.00

Catholic Ministries Drive - \$41,023 Goal - \$44,438

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



2018 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE

Making Christ A Home In Your Heart

Gifts - \$39,838.57 Parish Goal - \$44,438

100% of your gift supports 14 ministries like **The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**. *The road to becoming fully initiated into the Catholic Church is taken by many in our Diocese each year. We welcome the young and old through Baptism; unite them with Christ through the Eucharist; and strengthen them by the power of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. The journey to Discipleship begins with acceptance and commitment and ends with joyful hearts overflowing with Christ's love and grace.*

The Diocese is filled each year with grace and hope from individuals and families who are called to become Missionary Disciples. This year, 98 individuals became fully initiated in the Church and 25 received full Communion. From 2014 to 2018, 693 individuals became Catholic. Since 1998, more than 3,055 have joined the Church. "Like the 12 apostles who were sent out by Christ, the newly initiated also have their own stories of inspiration and encouragement to share," said Jeanne Thompson, coordinator of Christian Initiation.

Your support today of the RCIA program makes you the 'support team' needed to help others on their journey to have a new (or renewed) relationship with Jesus Christ. If you know someone who wants to join our Catholic family of believers, take the first step by contacting Jeannie Thompson at jthompson@dioceseaj.org or 814-693-9605, Ext. 2672.

Liturgical Reflection... Burial in a cemetery adequately corresponds to the piety and respect owed to the bodies of the faithful departed who through Baptism have become temples of the Holy Spirit. The Church considers the burial of the dead as one of the corporal works of mercy. Burial of the faithful departed in cemeteries encourages family members and the whole Christian community to pray for and remember the dead. Through the practice of burying the dead in cemeteries, in churches or their environs, Christian tradition has upheld the relationship between the living and the dead. Instruction, Ad resurgendum cum Christo, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 2016, Number 3.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday July 29 - 17th Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00AM-Mass for *Joan Brua* requested by

Mary Margaret Myers

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

Monday July 30 - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Clarence & Eileen Becker requested by
The Becker Family

Tuesday July 31 - St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Don Kruise* requested by
Doris Hollingshead

Wednesday August 1 - Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

5:00PM-Eucharistic Adoration/Confession

6:00PM-Mass for *Angeline Capriotti* requested by
John & Cindy Rita

7:00PM-Rosary

Thursday August 2 - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Ward & Marcela Diehl* requested by
John & Carol Bismark

Friday August 3 - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Joe Robeson*

Saturday August 4 - Vigil of the 18th Sunday In Ordinary Time

3:00PM-Confessions

4:00PM-Mass for *Jean Ann Franco* requested by
Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Klobuka

Sunday August 5 - 18th Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00AM-Mass for *Clarence & Eileen Becker* requested by

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Maschue

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 13:1-11; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58

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