

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



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JULY 8, 2018
14TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

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

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 14 - 4:00 PM - Claire Nackley, Brody Partner-Gore
Sun. July 15 - 8:00 AM - Mai Linh Do, Nicholas Helsley
Sun. July 15- 10:00 AM - Savannah & Makayla Langenbacher

LECTORS

Sat. July 14 - 4:00 PM - David Andrews, Wally Wargo
Sun. July 15 - 8:00 AM - Ronan Adams, Tim Rea
Sun. July 15- 10:00 AM - Claudia Anderson, Richard Karcher

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. July 14 - 4:00 PM - David Loth, NOT FILLED
Sun. July 15 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, Fran Semelsberger
Sun. July 15- 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Walter Bloom,
Cecelia Bloom, Bob Olson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. July 14 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, Heather Nackley,
Judy Sneath, Dorothy Yingling
Sun. July 15 - 8:00 AM - Mike O'Neill, Ed Stoltz, Daniel Turcovsky,
Diane Turcovsky
Sun. July 15- 10:00 AM - Wendy Campbell, Lou Ann Clark,
Mary Grace Horton, Peg Madden

SACRISTAN

Sat. July 14 - 4:00 PM - Joyce Cunningham
Sun. July 15 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. July 15- 10:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti

SCRIP

Sat. July 14 - 4:00 PM - Julie Beiswenger, Anna Rasmussen
Sun. July 15 - 8:00 AM - NOT FILLED
Sun. July 15- 10:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph

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 22nd, at Legion Park. Our festivities will not be complete without YOU!

The Oberammergau Passion Play – Our June 2020 trip to Oberammergau for the Passion Play will begin in Munich, Germany, where we will enjoy a city tour and unwind after our trip across the Atlantic. From Munich we will travel to the tiny pilgrimage town of Altotting, one of the most visited shrines in Germany. Known as the Chapel of Grace, this octagonal-shaped chapel houses a venerated statue of the Virgin Mary. According to legend, in 1489 a 3-year-old local boy who had drowned in the river was revived when his grieving mother placed him in front of a wooden statue of the Virgin Mary at the high altar. Both Saint John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI have visited this shrine. From here we will travel just a few miles to Markt am Inn, a small market town in Upper Bavaria, idyllically situated between the rivers Inn and Alz. This village is most notable because it is the birthplace of Pope Benedict XVI. Stay tuned next week for the next days of our tour! Those interested in making this pilgrimage can call the parish office.

Saints of the Week – Wednesday we celebrate the memory of **Saint Benedict**, whose "Rule" has been the foundation and way of life for monastic communities for 1500 years. Parishes in Cambria County have been staffed by Benedictines for many years, for which we are most grateful. On Saturday we remember the life of **Saint Kateri Tekakwitha**. St. Kateri, the daughter of a Mohawk warrior, was born in 1656 in what is now upstate New York. "Tekakwitha" was her Native American name. It means "she who bumps into things"! In a more reverent way, she is known as the Lily of the Mohawks, converting to Christianity as a child and dying at the tender age of 24. She was committed to life of prayer and penance, and is the first Native American to be canonized.

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**. 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. You can sign up in the Gathering Space or call the parish office. The bus is filling up!

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.



Listen to your heart and accept the invitation! Come and learn more about ARISE, a process of spiritual renewal and evangelization that enables people to develop a closer relationship with Christ, grow in community, and reach out in service to others. At the invitation of Bishop Mark, our parish is beginning *ARISE Together in Christ* this fall. All parishioners are welcome to join. ARISE enables people to: deepen their faith, develop a closer relationship with Christ, grow in community and reach out in service to others.

Going on vacation? Please use Online Giving to catch-up on offertory. . You can start, stop and change your contributions at anytime. Go to www.stjohnsaltoona.org and click on the Donate Online link under Parish Information 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.**



STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Ezekiel and Jesus were both rejected by those who were close to them. May we be open-minded enough to see God revealing his will for us from those whom we least expect. May we live and act with the heart of Jesus and not let people's judgements hold us back from being the stewards God has empowered us to be.

Offertory totals for July 1 are not available because of the early bulletin deadline this week.

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 thru the readings followed by topics to chat with the kids about (easy homilies for children)



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Contact Mary Haenig
mshaenig@gmail.com



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 ginyin.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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| Baby Adam | Bryson Miller |
| Cari Ann | June Miller |
| Judy Baird | Ron Peschock |
| Julie Beiswenger | Dave Petrak |
| Millie Bilski | Bob & Mary Rajnish |
| Jen Buda | Allison Recker |
| Robert Cole | Olga Romerowicz |
| Millie Grace Capon | Anne Showalter |
| Mary Lee DeStefano | Dianne Stultz |
| Michael DeStefano | Tim & Dina Temofonte |
| Keith DeMastens | 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 | |

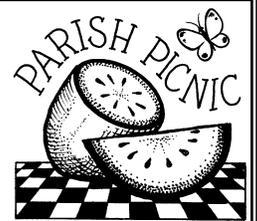
HOME WITH THE LORD: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:

JoAnne Gerardine

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

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. The Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill first missioned four sisters from Pennsylvania to Korea in 1960. At that time it took a month for the sisters to travel by freighter ship to Korea. Now it takes only hours by airplane! As our world grows smaller, our hearts grow larger and we reach out to others. 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!

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 resurrection of Jesus is the culminating truth of the Christian faith. Through his death and resurrection, Christ freed us from sin and gave us access to new life. It is true that Christ will raise us up on the last day, but it is also true that, in a certain way, we have already risen with Christ in the Sacrament of Baptism. Because of Christ, Christian death has a positive meaning. By death the soul is separated from the body, but when the Lord comes in all his glory, he will give incorruptible life to our body, transformed by reunion with our soul.

Instruction Ad resurgendum cum Christo, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 2016, Number 2.

USE SCRIP! Beat the summer heat with scrip for your favorite activities! Catch a summer blockbuster in the air conditioning of your favorite theater, or gas up and hit the lake for a picnic.

AN ANOINTING MASS will be held 1:30PM, Sunday, July 15 at St John Gualbert Cathedral, 117 Clinton Street, Johnstown. This particular liturgy will be especially joyous as we offer praise and thanks to receive God's healing. We will celebrate the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick within Mass that satisfies the Sunday obligation. For more information, please call (814) 539-2611.

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.

OUTDOOR MASS HONORING MARRIED COUPLES: The Altoona-Johnstown Diocesan Family is invited to participate and to pray for those living the Sacrament of Marriage at an Outdoor Mass honoring Married Couples on Sunday evening, July 15 at 7:00 pm at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto. Bring a lawn chair. Indoors if rain. Bishop Mark is the celebrant and homilist. This is a wonderful way to celebrate, encourage and support married couples!



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The education to become an apostle of Christ is also a costly one. Seminary school has tuition and expenses like any college and to help ease their burden, the diocese offers support to young men seeking His call. *Your support will provide the spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral tools for these young men to learn and teach the greatest joys of following Jesus Christ.*

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



**Fourteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
July 8, 2018**

I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me.

— 2 Corinthians 12:9

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday July 8 - 14th Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*
10:00AM-Mass for *Barbara Byers* requested by
George & Carol Thur

Monday July 9 - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *James Watkins* requested by
Rich & Joyce Lowe

Tuesday July 10 - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Ruthie Dodd*

Wednesday July 11 - St. Benedict, Abbot

5:00PM-Eucharistic Adoration/Confession
6:00PM-Mass for *Mark Kopp* requested by
Kathy Scott & Family
7:00PM-Rosary

Thursday July 12 - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Mrs. Helen Cordek* requested by
The Vizza Family

Friday July 13 - Weekday

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

Saturday July 14 - Vigil of the 15th Sunday In Ordinary Time

3:00PM-Confessions
4:00PM-Mass for *Tiff Michens* requested by
Her Aunt Linda

Sunday July 15 - 15th Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00AM-Mass for *Ida Prospero* requested by
John Prospero
10:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mt 10:16-23



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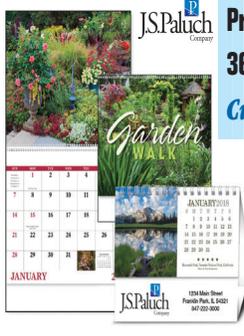
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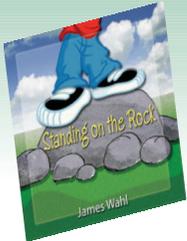
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