

**APPOINTMENTS**

**ACOLYTES**

Tues. Aug. 14 - 6:30 PM - Ryan & Jack Donoughe  
Weds. Aug. 15 - 6:00 PM - Emily & Ethan Miller  
Sat. Aug. 18 - 4:00 PM - Rylee Hershey, Amber Yasolsky  
Sun. Aug. 19 - 8:00 AM - Emily & Ethan Miller  
Sun. Aug. 19 - 10:00 AM - Estella Koch, NOT FILLED

**LECTORS**

Tues. Aug. 14 - 6:30 PM - Patrick Schurr, Claudia Anderson  
Weds. Aug. 15 - 6:00 PM - Donna Moyer, Jim Campbell  
Sat. Aug. 18 - 4:00 PM - Wally Wargo, Betsy Slat  
Sun. Aug. 19 - 8:00 AM - Fran Semelsberger, NOT FILLED  
Sun. Aug. 19 - 10:00 AM - Paul Dennis, Richard Karcher

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Tues. Aug. 14 - 6:30 PM - Bill Foose, Norma Foose  
Weds. Aug. 15 - 6:00 PM - David Lee, Susanna Tomlinson  
Sat. Aug. 18 - 4:00 PM - Dorothy Yingling, NOT FILLED  
Sun. Aug. 19 - 8:00 AM - Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky  
Sun. Aug. 19 - 10:00 AM - Barb Aubrey, Dolores Capriotti,  
Susanna Tomlinson, NOT FILLED

**MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY**

Tues. Aug. 14 - 6:30 PM - Ginny Reeder, Darlene Scarpaci,  
Dennis Moughemer, Karen Moughemer  
Weds. Aug. 15 - 6:00 PM - Patrick Podoletz, Fran Semelsberger,  
Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky  
Sat. Aug. 18 - 4:00 PM - Carolyn English, Billy Sweet,  
Larry VanSickel, Paula VanSickel  
Sun. Aug. 19 - 8:00 AM - Jane Becker, John Becker, Helen Miller,  
Charlie Moore  
Sun. Aug. 19 - 10:00 AM - Walter Bloom, Wendy Campbell,  
Mary Grace Horton, Peg Madden

**SACRISTAN**

Tues. Aug. 14 - 6:30 PM - Michele DeFrancisco  
Weds. Aug. 15 - 6:00 PM - Marilyn Bevan  
Sat. Aug. 18 - 4:00 PM - Mary & Ray King  
Sun. Aug. 19 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci  
Sun. Aug. 19 - 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

**SCRIP**

Sat. Aug. 18 - 4:00 PM - Becky Merilli, Anna Rasmussen  
Sun. Aug. 19 - 8:00 AM - Erika & Heather Yasolsky  
Sun. Aug. 19 - 10:00 AM - Patty & Bill Teufel

**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

August 15 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
August 15 - 7:00 PM Arise Small Group Leader Meeting  
September 8/9 - Sign up weekend for Arise

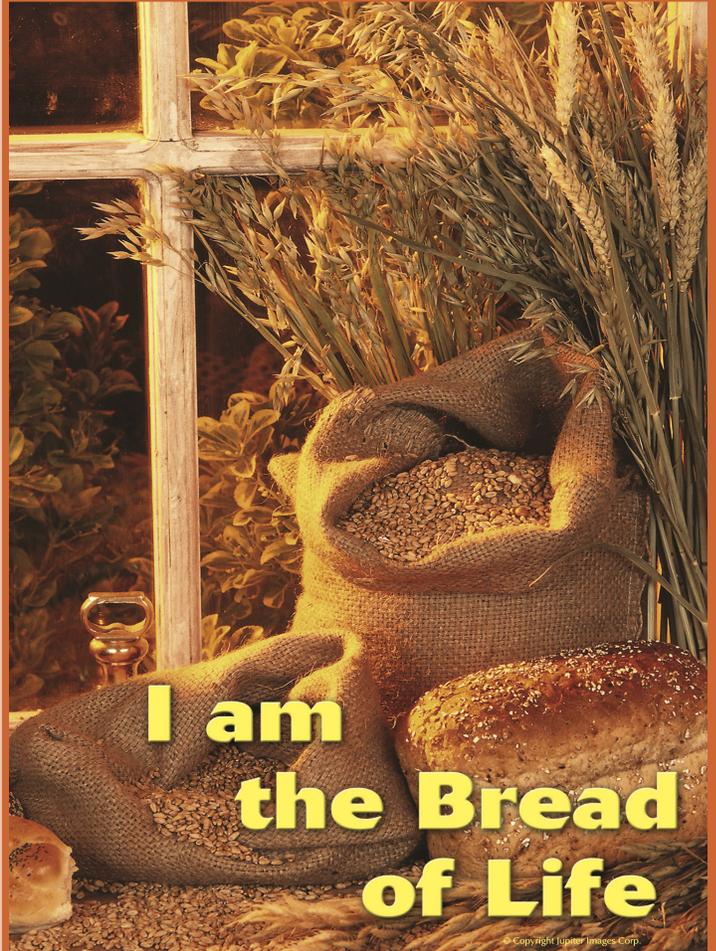


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please complete the Arise survey on our  
website: [www.stjohnsaltoona.org](http://www.stjohnsaltoona.org)

**HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE**

**TUESDAY AUGUST 14: 6:30 PM**

**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 15: 8:30 AM • 6:00PM**



**AUGUST 12, 2018**

**19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN  
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**August Prayer Intention of Pope Francis**

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## A Few Words from the Pastor:

**Holy Day of Obligation** – The church universal celebrates the Feast of Mary’s Assumption into heaven on Wednesday, August 15th. Our Vigil Mass for the Feast is Tuesday at 6:30 PM, and masses on the Feast Day itself are at 8:30 AM and 6:00 PM. The Latin Catholic Feast of the Assumption is celebrated on August 15, and the Eastern Orthodox and Eastern Catholics celebrate the Dormition of the Theotokos (the falling asleep of the Mother of God) on the same date, preceded by a 14-day fast period. Though there are homilies dating to the 5th century which speak of the Assumption of Mary, it was not until November 1, 1950, that this celebration of Mary was defined as a dogma of the Church by Pope Pius XII.

**Many Thanks, Mary Haenig** – We are most grateful for the ministry which Mary has offered our parish for the past three years as Director of Religious Education. She came to us with oceans of background in directing a large parish program in Pittsburgh, and we benefited greatly from her experience. Unfortunately, Mary will not be able to continue in this position, given the opportunity of full-time nursing with the Hollidaysburg School District. We have begun to advertise for a new DRE. If you have an interest in this position, or know of someone who is qualified and interested, please contact the parish office.

**Divine Mercy Painting:** We are most grateful to Ginger Cooney for the donation of the beautiful image of Jesus Christ, the Heart of Divine Mercy, which is now displayed in the Gathering Space. This image is a familiar one, an important element in the modern day devotion to Divine Mercy.

**Art in the Parish Center** – As a new piece of art has been added to the Gathering Space, we have begun (finally!) to display some art in the Parish Center. Because some of our religious education takes place there, we have a stunning painting of Jesus teaching children. On an adjacent wall, we have installed a group of small paintings, each of which captures glimpses of the mystery of Christ, his Mother, and the Church. It invites a careful reflection on the life of Jesus and his people. This collection of paintings hung at the Washington Theological Union, and was obtained at the Union’s closing in 2012.

**A Modern Day Saint** – On Tuesday we celebrate the memory of Saint Maximilian Maria Kolbe, a Polish Franciscan friar, who volunteered to die in place of a stranger in the German death camp of Auschwitz. When a prisoner escaped late in July of 1941, ten men from his barracks were picked to suffer death by starvation as both punishment and deterrent. Fr. Maximilian offered to take the place of one of the men; Franciszek Gajowniczek had let out a cry of pain for his family and this holy priest volunteered to take his place. He was beatified by Pope Paul VI in 1971 and canonized by his fellow Pole, Pope John Paul II in 1982. In attendance at St. Maximilian’s canonization in Vatican Square was the man for whom he gave his life: Franciszek Gajowniczek!

**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 \$41,348. Please be generous.

*To become once again a Church driven by evangelical momentum and audacity, we must again become faithful and evangelized disciples.* –Pope Francis  
**The Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry has announced classes for 2018-2019 which begin this fall.** For class information and registration forms please visit us online at [www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry/](http://www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry/) or contact us directly at (814) 361-2000 or by email at [mheinze@dioceseaj.org](mailto:mheinze@dioceseaj.org). **All are welcome!**

### PASTORAL STAFF:

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### **Religious Education classes resume September 16th.**

Please get your registration forms in ASAP. You can find the forms on our website or email Mary at mshaenig@gmail.com

**Children's Liturgy Needs Volunteers:** Can you help us bring the "Word of God" to the children of our parish this fall 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. It's a small commitment with huge rewards. If you can help, contact Mary Haenig - mshaenig@gmail.com.

### **IS GOD CALLING YOU TO A LIFE OF SERVICE AS A DEACON?**

To learn more about the Formation, Ministry and Life of the Permanent Diaconate, you 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. **Reservations are required.** To make reservations please contact the Office of the Permanent Diaconate at (814) 693-9870 or email: jnoonan@dioceseaj.org.

**ANNIVERSARY MASS:** Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, 55, and 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2018 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend the 2:00 mass Sunday, Sept. 9 in ALTOONA at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or the 2:00 mass Sunday, Sept. 16 in JOHNS-TOWN at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families. **Reservations must be made through the parish office (942-5503) for either celebration before Tuesday Aug. 21.**

**It is time to begin scheduling for September 8 to January 1.** This is the "Fall semester". Our late Sunday Mass returns to 11:00 AM after Labor Day and the choir again enhances the music of our liturgy. **And so, we are asking that you give us the dates for which you are NOT available for September 8 – January 1.** If you have internet access please update your profile in **Ministry Scheduler Pro.** There is a link from our parish website ([WWW.STJOHNSALTOONA.ORG](http://WWW.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 or fill out a card and return it by Sunday, August 19th.** Family members can fill out one card front and back. Thank you for your service to our faith community throughout the year!

## 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:**

Baby Adam	Bryson Miller
Baby Aiden	June Miller
Cari Ann	Barbara Moore
Judy Baird	Mary Oricko
Millie Bilski	Ron Peschock
Frances Brown	Dave Petrak
Jen Buda	Bob & Mary Rajnish
Robert Cole	Allison Recker
Millie Grace Capon	Olga Romerowicz
Mary Lee DeStefano	Mike Rudolph
Michael DeStefano	Sylvia Santoni
Keith DeMastens	Anne Showalter
Jim Duffy	Dianne Stultz
Helen Fornwalt	Tim & Dina Temofonte
Leann Frazier	Patty Teufel
Dianna Green	Lois Werfel
Brian Kopp	Bonnie Williams
Rev. Dennis M. Kurdziel	Noah Wills
Sherri Maffettone	

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

**Christina Flanagan - niece of Paul, Mary, & Betty Dennis**  
**Shirley Sell, aunt of Ken Dunmire**  
**Lillian A. Cichetto, aunt of Ron & Becky Merrill**

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** In his letter to the Ephesians, Saint Paul reminds us that as Christian stewards we imitate God through our kindness, compassion, and forgiveness. Let us be as generous in our actions as our gratitude is for the love of God.

### **Stewardship at St. John's**

*OFFERTORY for August 5, 2018*

Envelopes	\$ 4,944.00
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Online Giving	\$ 2,978.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 9,953.00</b>

**Catholic Ministries Drive - \$41,348 Goal - \$44,438**

**DO YOU ENJOY BOWLING?** St. John's Bowling League begins Friday, September 7th, continuing every other week through April. We are a fun, non-competitive adult league that welcomes bowlers of all levels and abilities. We also raise money for the church! A portion of the bowling fee is set aside to be donated to the parish for various projects each year. Please join us! A sign-up sheet is on the kiosk in the Gathering Space. For details, call Gary Johnson at 814-696-2683.



**Ecumenism: Understanding other Christians** - Christ is loved by many who are not of the Catholic Faith, but who are rooted in various Christian traditions. They are your neighbors, friends and spouses. But often we know so little about these traditions. Ecumenism involves the study of various Christian traditions with the desire to grow into communion and friendship with them. There is so much more that unites us than divides us. Monsignor Michael Becker, Ecumenical Minister for the diocese, will be offering a special introductory course on "Ecumenism: Understanding Other Christians," which will be an overview of Catholic ecumenical teaching. This course will be offered at the Family Life Office in Lilly on Monday, September 17, 24 and October 1 from 6:30 – 9:00 PM. There is a \$10 registration fee. To register, please contact the Family Life Office at (814) 886-5551.

**SCRIP TIP!** If home improvement is on your summer to-do list, make sure you use scrip to buy your supplies.

**AUGUST 27 DISCUSSION GROUP QUESTION:** What kind of transformation of our individual spirituality and relationships with others is necessary for us to be effective servants of the poor of our community and society? Some discussion materials will be on the kiosk. The meeting is open to everyone and is held in the Parish Center at 6:30 p.m.

**Liturgical Reflection...** The Church continues to prefer the practice of burying the bodies of the deceased. The reason is that this ancient Christian custom shows a greater esteem towards the deceased. Nevertheless, cremation is not prohibited, unless it is chosen for reasons contrary to Christian doctrine. In the absence of motives contrary to Christian doctrine, the Church after the celebration of the Funeral Mass or Funeral Liturgy outside Mass, accompanies the choice of cremation. The relevant liturgical rites are provided. And care is to be taken to avoid any appearance of religious indifference. Instruction, *Ad resurgendum cum Christo*, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 2016, Number 4.

## SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday August 12 - 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00AM-Mass for *Maureen Smithe* requested by Bob & Ginny Reeder

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

### Monday August 13 - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Leroy Musselman* requested by Anna Musselman

### Tuesday August 14 - Vigil of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30PM-Mass for *Joe Robeson*

### Wednesday August 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

5:00PM-Eucharistic Adoration

6:00PM-Mass for *Carlo & Rosa Risoldi* requested by Robert & Mary Ann Cole

### Thursday August 16 - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Mark Kopp* requested by Mr. & Mrs. Francis Dambeck

### Friday August 17 - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Travis Yingling* requested by Dick & Donna Yingling

### Saturday August 18 - Vigil of the 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time

3:00PM-Confessions

4:00PM-Mass for *Deceased Members of the King & Veronese Families* requested by Ray & Mary King

### Sunday August 19 - 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

10:00AM-Mass for *Matthew Geishouser* requested by Joe Burger

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Ez 2:8 -- 3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: *Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28

*Day:* Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21 -- 19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Mt 19:3-12



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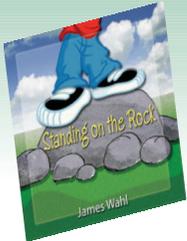
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