

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES

Sat. Aug. 25 - 4:00 PM - Claire Nackley, Keaton Swope
 Sun. Aug. 26 - 8:00 AM - Emily & Ethan Miller
 Sun. Aug. 26 - 10:00 AM - Trenton Wandersee, Amber Yasolsky

LECTORS

Sat. Aug. 25 - 4:00 PM - Jenna Jenkins, Matt Michelone
 Sun. Aug. 26 - 8:00 AM - Ronan Adams, Tim Rea
 Sun. Aug. 26 - 10:00 AM - Gary Johnson, Claudia Anderson

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Aug. 25 - 4:00 PM - Joseph Klobuka, Pam Klobuka
 Sun. Aug. 26 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, Fran Semelsberger
 Sun. Aug. 26 - 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Barbara Bundy,
 Lou Ann Clark, Kenneth Gorman

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. Aug. 25 - 4:00 PM - Coleen Langguth, David Langguth,
 Karen Moughemer, Dennis Moughemer
 Sun. Aug. 26 - 8:00 AM - Carolyn English, Mike O'Neill,
 Ginny Reeder, Mary Truesdale
 Sun. Aug. 26 - 10:00 AM - Barb Aubrey, Walter Bloom,
 Wendy Campbell, Dolores Capriotti

SACRISTAN

Sat. Aug. 25 - 4:00 PM - Mary & Ray King
 Sun. Aug. 26 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
 Sun. Aug. 26 - 10:00 AM - Barbara Bundy

SCRIP

Sat. Aug. 25 - 4:00 PM - Joan Price, Nancy Weimer
 Sun. Aug. 26 - 8:00 AM - Chris Palazzi, NOT FILLED
 Sun. Aug. 26 - 10:00 AM - Judy Sneath, Dorothy Yingling

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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- Mr. Ken Dunmire** *Maintenance*

**Unless you eat the flesh
of the Son of Man
and drink his blood,
you do not have life within you.**

— John 6:53

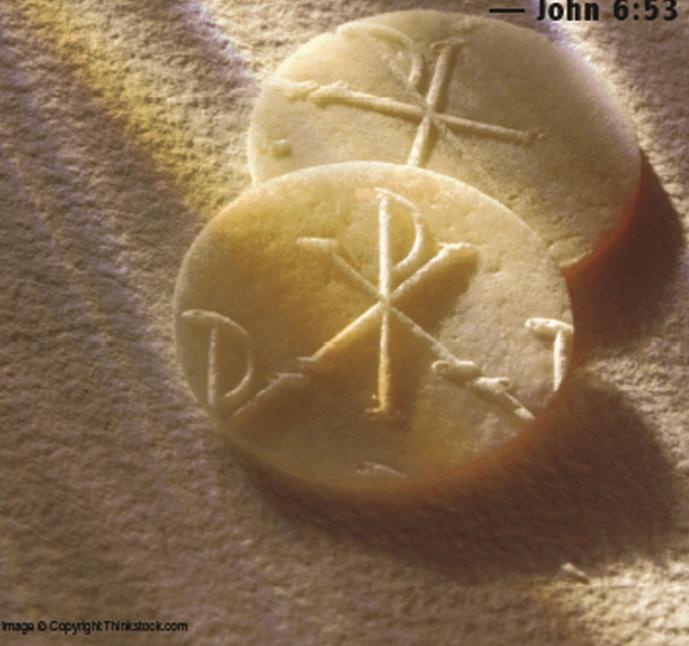


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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

September 1/2 - 2nd Sunday Food Collection moved to
1st Sunday in September!
 September 3 - Labor Day Mass - 9:00 AM
September 9 - Second Mass on Sunday begins 11:00 AM
 September 8/9 - Sign up weekend for Arise
 September 16 - Religious Ed classes resume

A Few Words from the Pastor:

Help the Parish! – There is no simpler way to assist your parish financially than by participating in our SCRIP program. For with every dollar you spend at the mall or the market or Sheetz, comes a financial benefit to the parish. It's that simple!

Honoring Mary – On the octave of the Assumption, Wednesday, August 22nd, the church celebrates the Queenship of Mary. Having been assumed into heaven, she is crowned queen of heaven and earth! These two events in Mary's life are the 4th and 5th Glorious Mysteries! On Friday we celebrate the feast of the Apostle Bartholomew. The parish in Wilmore, one of the oldest in the diocese, bears his name.

Communion at Age 7 - It was St. Pius X, whose feast we celebrate on Tuesday, who lowered the age of communion to the age of reason. He did this with an encyclical issued in August of 1910. His motto was "to restore all things in Christ." Making communion more available to the young, as well as encouraging frequent communion, was one step that he took in renewing the church in Christ.

Mass Schedule Reminder! The late Sunday morning Mass will return to its usual time of 11:00AM on September 9th, the Sunday AFTER LABOR DAY.

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.

To become once again a Church driven by evangelical momentum and audacity, we must again become faithful and evangelized disciples. –Pope Francis

Formation in the faith is a lifelong pursuit, both the duty and the joy of the Christian life. **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/ or contact us directly at (814) 361-2000 or by email at mheinze@dioceseaj.org. All are welcome!

A Virtual Visit to Biblical Lands – On Thursday, August 30th, we are planning a second bus trip to Washington, DC, where we will visit the new **Museum of the Bible**, as well as the **National Geographic Museum**. We will be departing at 6:30 AM from our parking lot, and returning by 11:00 PM. 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.

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. On the wall by Debbie Johnson's office, we have installed a group of small paintings, each of which captures glimpses of the mystery of Christ, his Mother, and the Church. This collection of paintings hung at the Washington Theological Union, and was obtained at the Union's closing in 2012. Do stop in the Parish Center for a visit.

Scholarship Available! The John and Helen Despot Scholarship Fund is making available two \$400 scholarships for children of St. John's who are attending a Catholic elementary school this coming school year. Applications are available in the Gathering Space or can be obtained from the parish office. The deadline for application is September 30. We are grateful for generosity of the Despot family, who have so generously established this fund in memory of their parents John and Helen.

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 \$42,758. Please be generous.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULING FOR SEPTEMBER 8 – JANUARY 1:

Have you logged into **Ministry Scheduler Pro** to update your profile? Please give us the dates for which you are NOT available for September 8 through January 1.

There is a link from our parish website (www.stjohnsaltoona.org) and a link in the email reminder you received. There are cards available in the gathering space for those who do not have access to the internet. **All information should be submitted 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!

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

A note from Mary Haenig: Serving the parish as the Director of Religious Education at St John's has been a true blessing. I love finding fun and creative ways to bring children to have a closer relationship and understanding of our amazing God. Last year I took a part time job as a school nurse at Hollidaysburg. Being an empty nester, I was looking for a little something to fill my time. I also grew to love this job too, so when they recently called asking me to work full time I was so very torn. I knew I couldn't do both: I would never see poor Chuck! So, after many hours of prayer and discernment, I have decided to take the job at Hollidaysburg. I will still be involved in many different things at St John's and will continue as DRE until we find a replacement. Thank you for letting me minister to the children of this great parish and I hope to continue - just on a smaller scale.

Peace and Blessings,
Mary Haenig

WORRIED ABOUT A LOVED ONE? St. Leonard's Personal Care Home in Hollidaysburg provides medication management, personal hygiene assistance, socialization, meals, housekeeping and a 24 hour staff in a home-like environment. We serve men and women 62+ for whom it is no longer safe to live alone. To tour our beautiful Victorian mansion or for more information, call Sr. Cynthia Meyer at 814-695-9581 during weekday business hours. We are a Catholic facility but accept all eligible applicants, and will assist with financial aid applications where applicable.

STEWARSHIP CORNER: Christian stewards recognize that their "possessions" are only on loan from God. They recognize these gifts, cherish them, cultivate them, and share them with others while "*giving thanks always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*" (Eph. 5:20)

Stewardship at St. John's

OFFERTORY for August 12, 2018

Envelopes	\$ 4,810.00
Loose	\$ 732.00
Children's Offerings	\$ 2.00
Catholic Education	\$ 20.00
Assumption of Mary	\$ 95.00
Missionary Co-op	\$ 80.00
Catholic Register	\$ 92.00
<i>SubTotal</i>	\$ 5,831.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,998.00
Total Offertory	\$ 7,829.00

Catholic Ministries Drive - \$42,758 Goal - \$44,438

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

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 this Tuesday, August 21.***

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. on Monday, August 27.

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 -

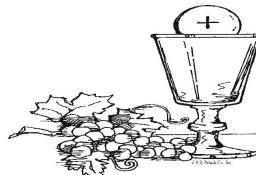
Christ is loved by many who are not of the Catholic Faith, but who are rooted in various Christian traditions. They are your neighbors, friends and spouses. But often we know so little about these traditions. Ecumenism involves the study of various Christian traditions with the desire to grow into communion 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.

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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.

THE BIBLE AND THE VIRGIN MARY is a twelve week program that will be offered for ADULT ED beginning on September 9th from 9:30 to 10:30 AM each Sunday morning with the exception of the Thanksgiving weekend. Since the deadline to order books is the 23rd of August, there is a sign-up sheet is on the Kiosk in the Gathering Space for those who wish to participate. The books required will cost between \$10 and \$15 each, so we will be asking for a donation to cover the cost. Those of you who can give a little extra to insure that our costs are covered will be doubly appreciated. If you give us a donation, you will receive a book; if you are unable to give a donation, you will receive a book, because we feel that it is more important that you invest your time, your prayer and your attention to this study than for us to miss you by requiring a payment. If you have any questions about this program, please talk to Monsignor Becker or Deacon Gene.



Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
August 19, 2018

Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.

— John 6:53

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday August 19 - 20th Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*
10:00AM-Mass for *Matthew Geishauser* requested by Joe Burger

Monday August 20 - St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Jimmy Nguyen Family*

Tuesday August 21 - St. Pius X, Pope

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Marge Jackson* requested by Ron & Betty Peschock

Wednesday August 22 - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00PM-Eucharistic Adoration
6:00PM-Mass for *Special Intention* requested by Betsy Slat

Thursday August 23 - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *John Lloyd* requested by Dr. & Mrs. David R. Lee

Friday August 24 - St. Bartholomew, Apostle

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:30AM-Morning Prayer & Communion Service

Saturday August 25 - Vigil of the 21st Sunday In Ordinary Time

3:00PM-Confessions
4:00PM-Mass *In Memory of Joseph & Marion Langguth* requested by Coleen & David Langguth

Sunday August 26 - 21st Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*
10:00AM-Mass for *Pauline Paule* requested by Fred & Jeanne Paule

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

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