

## APPOINTMENTS

### ACOLYTES

Sat. Sept. 22 - 4:00 PM - Rylee Hershey, Claire Nackley  
Sun. Sept. 23 - 8:00 AM - Mai Linh Do, Nicholas Helsley  
Sun. Sept. 23 - 11:00 AM - Trenton Wandersee, Alexandria Auerbeck

### LECTORS

Sat. Sept. 22 - 4:00 PM - Betsy Slat, Jack Donoughe  
Sun. Sept. 23 - 8:00 AM - Fran Semelsberger, Darlene Scarpaci  
Sun. Sept. 23 - 11:00 AM - Jim Campbell, James Merrick

### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Sept. 22 - 4:00 PM - Dorothy Yingling, Connie Baker  
Sun. Sept. 23 - 8:00 AM - NOT FILLED  
Sun. Sept. 23 - 11:00 AM - Susanna Tomlinson, Kenneth Gorman,  
Joseph Klobuka, Pam Klobuka, Lou Ann Clark, Barbara Bundy

### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. Sept. 22 - 4:00 PM - Heather Nackley, Karen Moughemer,  
Judy Sneath, NOT FILLED  
Sun. Sept. 23 - 8:00 AM - Mary Truesdale, Mike O'Neill,  
Helen Miller, Ed Stoltz  
Sun. Sept. 23 - 11:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti, Wnedy Campbell,  
Walter Bloom, Marilyn Bevan

### SACRISTAN

Sat. Sept. 22 - 4:00 PM - Joyce Cunningham  
Sun. Sept. 23 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci  
Sun. Sept. 23 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

### SCRIP

Sat. Sept. 22 - 4:00 PM - Carolyn English, Becky Merilli  
Sun. Sept. 23 - 8:00 AM - Erika & Heather Yasolsky  
Sun. Sept. 23 - 11:00 AM - Patty & Bill Teufel

## MASS SCHEDULE

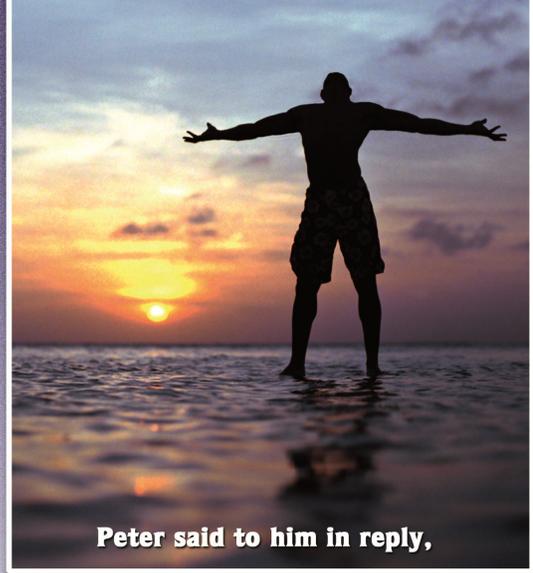
**MONDAY • TUESDAY • THURSDAY • FRIDAY 8:30AM**  
**WEDNESDAY 6:00 PM**  
**SATURDAY - 4:00PM • SUNDAY - 8:00AM & 11:00AM**

## PASTORAL STAFF:

- Msgr. Michael Becker** *mbecker253@aol.com*
- Deacon Gene Neral** *gene@lifeinfofocus.net*
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- Mrs. Deborah Johnson** Director of Music/Pastoral Associate  
*dj219@msn.com*
- Mr. & Mrs. Bill & Norma Foose** Stephen Ministry  
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- Mrs. Mary Haenig** Religious Education Director  
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- Mr. Mark Krepich** Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults  
Director *mark.krepich@gmail.com*
- Mr. Ken Dunmire** Maintenance

Jesus asked them,

*"Who do you say  
that I am?"*



Peter said to him in reply,

*"You are the Christ."*

Mark 8:29

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**SEPTEMBER 16, 2018**  
**24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN**  
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## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

September 16 - Religious Ed classes resume  
October 6 - Wine/Cider Tasting after the 4:00 PM Mass  
October 7 - Arise small group meetings begin  
October 14 - Second Sunday Food Collection  
October 20 - Hollidaysburg Pumpkinfest Soup Sale  
October 27 - Love Feast

## A Few Words from the Pastor:

**Arise Together in Christ** – We are blessed in our diocese with the encouragement of Bishop Mark to embark upon the “Arise Together in Christ” program. This gives a wonderful opportunity for every member of the parish to become part of a smaller group that will pray and reflect upon the sacred Scriptures. We are most grateful to our parish committee which is promoting and organizing our participation. We urge everyone to take this opportunity to deepen in their love for Christ by sharing their faith with others.

**Religious Ed** – A reminder to all parents of children in public school: Our Religious Education program begins this weekend. We are grateful to Megan Swope for stepping forward to provide leadership in coordinating our Religious Education program. We give her our prayers and support in this very important ministry. An essential part of training our children in the ways of faith is their active participation in the weekly celebration of the Eucharist. Remember that Religious Education and Sunday Mass go hand in hand!

**Give Us This Day** – It is time to subscribe or renew a subscription to this monthly missal. You are to place your payment of \$20 in the envelope provided in the Gathering Space and drop it in the collection. **Give Us This Day** is a wonderful resource for personal prayer, as well as for your preparation for daily or Sunday Mass.

**The Month of the Holy Rosary:** Relying on the intercession of Mary in our decision to “Arise Together in Christ,” during the month of October we will pray the Rosary in Church beginning 20 minutes before the beginning of Mass. We will need volunteers to lead the Rosary. There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk. We will provide rosaries for those who forget theirs, as well as a guide for each of the mysteries.

**Of Feasts and Saints** – Highlighting our week is the celebration on Friday of the Feast of St. Matthew, the Evangelist. Our parish in Tyrone has Matthew as patron, and is one of the earliest parishes in our diocese. Thursday we celebrate the courageous witness of the Korean Martyrs, who suffered under severe persecution in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. As many as 8,000 Catholic Christians were put to death for their faith. It is said that the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church. We should not be surprised, then, that the Catholic Church in South Korea is flourishing at an astonishing rate!

**Scholarship Available!** The John and Helen Despot Scholarship Fund is making available two \$400 Scholarship for children of St. John’s who are attending a Catholic school K – 8. Applications are available in the Gathering Space or can be obtained from the parish office. The deadline for application is September 30, and the scholarship will be awarded in early October. We are grateful for generosity of the Despot family, who have so generously established this fund in memory of their parents John and Helen.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE APP:** Did you know there’s an app for your smart phone that will give you access to the ministry schedule through Ministry Scheduler Pro? With this app you can view your schedule and open positions, submit sub and assignment requests and get push notifications for upcoming services. It’s available for android and iphone. Log in using the id teammates.



**THE ADULT CHOIR IS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN** to join the bass or tenor sections. The choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 and sings at the 11:00 Mass on Sunday mornings. With the loss of several of our male singers in the last few months, we could really use the help! Contact Debbie Johnson at 931-2867 or email [dj219@msn.com](mailto:dj219@msn.com).

### **September Prayer Intention of Pope Francis** **Young People in Africa**

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

**Children's Liturgy of Word** will be held each week at the 11:00AM Mass.



### Looking for a 7/8th Grade Co-Teacher or Sub!!

We're still Looking for a 7/8th grade catechist. This is a small class of 8 students. We have all the tools you need to teach. Please consider volunteering. Contact Mary Haenig 814-317-5578 or mshaenig@gmail.com.

## DONUT SUNDAY



As part of service for Confirmation, our 9th, 10th and 11th graders will be hosting a DONUT SUNDAY for St John's parish on the weekend of September 22 & 23rd at ALL MASS'S.

Take a minute after Mass to stop and mingle!

Coffee and donuts

Nametags so you get to know your Church family by name!!



HELLO my name is

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** When we truly believe that all we have is a gift from God, then we must be willing to give up some things so that we can share our blessings as God intended. Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for our own life, but the lives of others as well.

### Stewardship at St. John's

OFFERTORY for September 9, 2018

Envelopes	\$ 4,540.00
Loose	\$ 270.00
Children's Offerings	\$ 5.00
Parish Development	\$ 246.00
Catholic Education	\$ 10.00
Catholic University	\$ 131.00
Retired Priests	\$ 10.00
SubTotal	\$ 5,212.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,490.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 7,702.00</b>

**Catholic Ministries Drive - \$43,284 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 ginni.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  
Baby Aiden  
Cari Ann  
Judy Baird  
Jen Buda  
Robert Cole  
Millie Grace Capon  
Mary Lee DeStefano  
Michael DeStefano  
Keith DeMastens  
Jim Duffy  
Helen Fornwalt  
Leann Frazier  
Dianna Green  
Brian Kopp  
Sherri Maffettone  
Bryson Miller

June Miller  
Barbara Moore  
Mike Moran  
Mary Oricko  
Ron Peschock  
Dave Petrak  
Bob & Mary Rajnish  
Allison Recker  
Olga Romerowicz  
Mike Rudolph  
Sylvia Santoni  
Anne Showalter  
Dianne Stultz  
Tim & Dina Temofonte  
Patty Teufel  
Lois Werfel  
Noah Wills

## HOME WITH THE LORD

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of:

Millie Bilski  
Frances Brown

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

**HUMANE SOCIETY DONATIONS:** Catholic Daughters of the Americas Prince Gallitzin #2625, Altoona Court are in need of your help in securing items of dog food, cat food, etc. to be donated to our local Humane Society. Your donated items can be placed in the furnished box located in the Gathering Space from September 29 through October 28. We thank you for your generosity.

**LOVE FEAST:** October 27 is our next Love Feast. Our religious ed. students will again be decorating treat bags for our guests, and slips to buy non-perishable items are on the kiosk, as are sign-up sheets to bake cupcakes, cook, serve. Please plan to volunteer! In the event that you didn't see an article in the Altoona Mirror relevant to our Love Feast and Second Sunday activities, you may find the article--Food Insecure Families Face Tough Choices--on the kiosk.

**OPEN DISCUSSION GROUP:** Thanks to everyone who contributed to this endeavor. Since we have ample opportunity for faith-centered discussions in the fall and winter months, we will not convene again until next May.

**GIVE US THIS DAY:** To continue your subscription, please enclose payment in the envelope provided with your September booklet. If you would like to start a subscription, please enclose your payment in the envelope provided in the Gathering Space. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 942-5503.

**CELEBRATION FOR THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE RESTORATION OF THE PERMANENT DIACONATE:** Bishop Mark Bartchak and Deacon Michael Russo, Director of the Permanent Diaconate, cordially invite all parishioners of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown to attend a special Liturgy celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Restoration of the Permanent Diaconate on Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM to be held at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. All are welcome.

**FALL CRAFT FAIR:** The Catholic Daughters of the Americas is sponsoring a Fall Craft Fair on Saturday, November 3rd from 10 am to 3 pm at Harkin's Hall on the Parish Grounds located at 1105 Cameron Avenue in Tyrone, PA. Various crafters and vendors will be present, basket raffle, luncheon that includes soups, haluski, sandwiches, and baked goods. For more information or to request a table (cost \$15) please contact Debbie Zakrzwski at 632-3070.

**MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH** is the theme for this year's Family Marian Celebration (Mass & Rosary) to be held at St. Benedict's Church, 2310 Bedford Street, Johnstown, on Sunday, September 30 at 3:00 PM. Bishop Mark will be the principal celebrant and will give the homily. This Mass fulfills your Sunday obligation.

**A HEALING MASS** will held on Monday, October 8 at 7:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Fr. Bill Kiel, from the Diocese of Greensburg, will be the main celebrant. All are welcome, especially those in need of physical, emotional, or spiritual healing, and those who support and care for them as well. Music for the Mass will be led by the Cathedral Prayer Group Music Ministry.

**SCRIP TIP!** Raking leaves may not be fun, but it's another opportunity to rake in rebates! Pick up all your yardwork supplies with scrip to boost fundraising at St. John's.

**HAITI UPDATE:** Those wishing to sponsor a student will find the envelopes to the right of the exit doors in the Gathering Space. Please note that there are separate envelopes for those renewing a sponsorship and first time sponsors. The envelopes can be dropped in the collection basket or returned to the office. The next trip to Haiti will be October 31 to November 2. Contact Mary Lee Davis for more information at 695-0883.



Twenty-fourth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
September 16, 2018

The Lord God is my help,  
therefore I am not disgraced.

— Isaiah 50:7

## **SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK**

### **Sunday September 16 - 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time**

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

11:00AM-Mass for *Teresa Geishauer* requested by  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Chverchko

### **Monday September 17 - Weekday**

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:00AM-Mass for *Andrew & Janet Szarwark*

### **Tuesday September 18 - Weekday**

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Clarence & Eileen Becker* requested by  
Joe & June Miller

### **Wednesday September 19 - Weekday**

5:00PM-Eucharistic Adoration/ Confessions

6:00PM-Mass for *Kenneth Young* requested by Iris Tatar

6:45PM - Rosary

### **Thursday September 20 - Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng, Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs**

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Jimmy Nguyen Family*

### **Friday September 21 - St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist**

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Joe Robeson*

### **Saturday September 22 - Vigil of the 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time**

3:00PM-Confessions

4:00PM-Mass for *People of the Parish*

### **Sunday September 23 - 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time**

8:00AM- Mass for *Angeline Capriotti* requested by  
Joe & Eileen Koeck

11:00AM-Mass for *Jean Ann Franco* requested by  
Patrick & Andrea Schurr & Family

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31 -- 13:13; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 7:36-50

Friday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13



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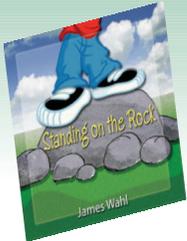
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