

## APPOINTMENTS

### ACOLYTES

Sat. Sept. 8 - 4:00 PM - Caitlin & Tyler Conigy  
 Sun. Sept. 9 - 8:00 AM - Mai Linh Do, Nicholas Helsley  
 Sun. Sept. 9 - 11:00 AM - Savannah & Makayla Langenbacher

### LECTORS

Sat. Sept. 8 - 4:00 PM - Jack Donoughe, Betsy Slat  
 Sun. Sept. 9 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, Russell O'Reilly  
 Sun. Sept. 9 - 11:00 AM - Donna Moyer, James Krug

### EUCARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Sept. 8 - 4:00 PM - Barb Aubrey, Connie Baker  
 Sun. Sept. 9 - 8:00 AM - Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky  
 Sun. Sept. 9 - 11:00 AM - Barbara Bundy, Lou Ann Clark, Kenneth Gorman, Daniel Langenbacher, Bob Olson, Susanna Tomlinson

### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. Sept. 8 - 4:00 PM - Betsy Lloyd, Heather Nackley, Judy Sneath, Dorothy Yingling  
 Sun. Sept. 9 - 8:00 AM - Helen Miller, Fran Semelsberger, Ed Stoltz, Mary Truesdale  
 Sun. Sept. 9 - 11:00 AM - Walter Bloom, Wendy Campbell, Dolores Capriotti, Wally Wargo

### SACRISTAN

Sat. Sept. 8 - 4:00 PM - Mary & Ray King  
 Sun. Sept. 9 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci  
 Sun. Sept. 9 - 11:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti

### SCRIP

Sat. Sept. 8 - 4:00 PM - Charlene Lancy, Judy Sneath  
 Sun. Sept. 9 - 8:00 AM - Christopher Palazzi, Patty Teufel  
 Sun. Sept. 9 - 11:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph

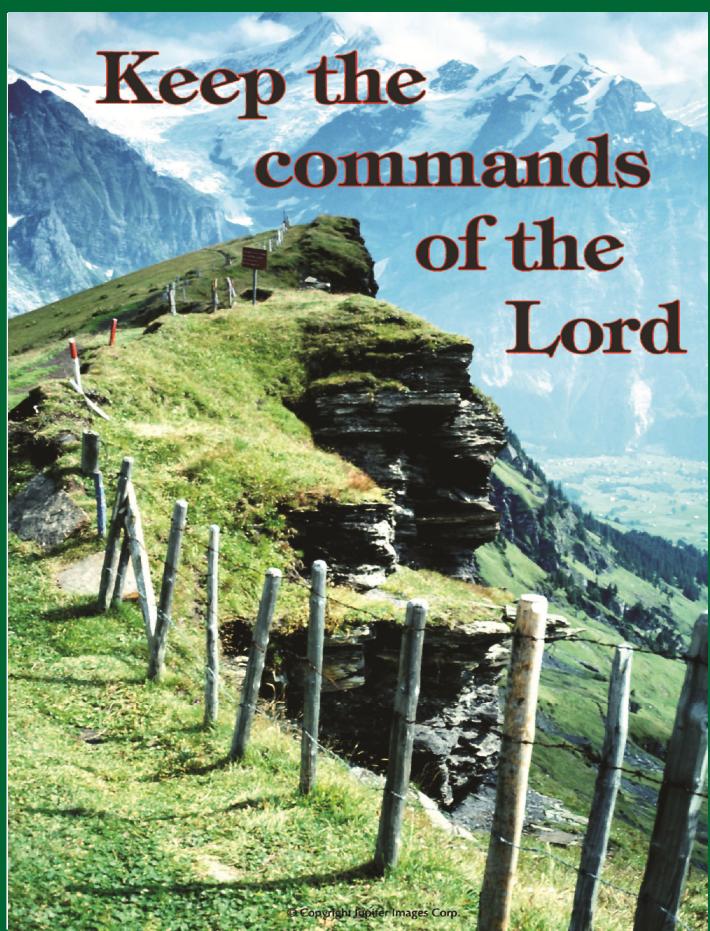
### **MASS SCHEDULE**

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

### **PASTORAL STAFF:**

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Director *mark.krepich@gmail.com*
- Mr. Ken Dunmire** Maintenance

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**SEPTEMBER 2, 2018**

**22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

### **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

October 6 - Wine/Cider Tasting after the 4:00 PM Mass

October 20 - Hollidaysburg Pumpkinfest Soup Sale

October 27 - Love Feast

## A Few Words from the Pastor:

**Arise Together in Christ, through Mary** – It is very encouraging to see the number of people who have signed up to participate in our Adult Education Program on *Mary in the Sacred Scriptures*. I am most grateful to Deacon Gene for taking the lead on this initiative, and for offering the insight that our Arise program will only be strengthened by a deeper relationship to Mary, the Mother of God.

**Labor Day Mass** - In thanksgiving for the share that God has given us in building up his Kingdom on earth, it is only fitting that on Labor Day we gather at the Eucharist, celebrating the many opportunities we've been given to serve the Lord by our labors. Mass on Labor Day will be at 9 AM. Please plan on joining us.

**Saint of the Week** – Labor Day this year falls on the Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great. Pope Saint Gregory I (540-604), commonly known as Saint Gregory the Great, was Pope of the Catholic Church from 590 until his death in 604. He is famous for instigating the first recorded large-scale mission from Rome, the *Gregorian Mission*, to convert the then-pagan Anglo-Saxons in England to Christianity. Gregory is also well known for his writings, which were more prolific than those of any of his predecessors. The only other pope given the title "Great" is St. Leo I (400 – 461). Both served during difficult times of barbarian invasions in Italy.

**Mass Schedule Reminder!** THE LATE SUNDAY MORNING MASS WILL RETURN TO ITS USUAL TIME OF 11:00AM NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Wedding Bells Are Ringing!** Last Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> we celebrated the wedding of a wonderful young couple, Hunter Noel and Alice Smith. Hunter is the grandson of our parishioners Jane and Kevin Byrne. Alice is planning to become Catholic this spring. This weekend we celebrated the wedding of our own Andrew Klobuka, son of Joe and Pam Klobuka. Andrew is wedded to Palak Patel, a recent convert to Catholicism from Hinduism. We rejoice with these young couples and their families, as they seek to found their marriages upon Christ!

**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.

**Penn State Altoona Mass** – Mass for the college students has resumed. It is celebrated in Eve Chapel each Sunday evening at 7:00 during the school year. Should you miss Mass here, you are always welcome to pray with the students! Father Allen Thomas is now Sacramental Minister there. I have been assigned to Mount Aloysius College for their Sunday Mass, which is also at 7PM.

**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.

**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.

**Do you enjoy singing?** So many people enjoy singing, but think that they are not good enough to sing in the choir. Everyone has a voice and can sing, though some people are naturally better at it than others. In fact, singing in the choir is an excellent way to improve your singing voice. As with anything, the more you practice a skill, the better you become. Also, participating in one of our choirs is an opportunity for involvement. *A church's ministry is only as effective as the people in its congregation who choose to get involved.* When you join one of our choirs, you're not just singing notes together, you're doing life and ministry together with other members of your church community. *Why not give choir a try? Rehearsals begin this week and we'd love to have you join us.* Rehearsal days & times are Tuesday at 6:00PM for Children's Choir and Wednesday at 7:00PM for Adult Choir. **Contact Debbie Johnson for more information at 814-931-2867.**



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



**Religious Education classes resume Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**Children's Liturgy of Word** will resume weekly starting Sunday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00 AM Mass.



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

Do you have a love of children and sharing our faith? Please consider helping teach our 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders. This is a small class of 9 students. We have a great book that gives you all the tools you need to help teach our faith to these young students. We only meet every other week September thru April. Please contact Mary Haenig if you have any interest or questions - mshaenig@gmail.com or 814-317-5578

**THE BIBLE AND THE VIRGIN MARY**, the 12 week ADULT ED study **will begin next week**. Because of the number who signed up, we got a \$10 price on the workbooks and they arrived last week. If you signed up to participate, you can pick up your book after Mass. If you were still thinking about it, we ordered extra books and you can sign up today. 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 for you to take advantage of this opportunity. Donations may be dropped in the basket in the gathering space or you can use an envelope provided and drop it in the regular collection basket on the weekend. If you are willing to give a little extra to help with the total cost, that would be very much appreciated. We feel blessed by the numbers who are ready to spend this time to get to know our Blessed Mother better and to understand why we should have a true devotion to her. If you have questions about the program please speak to Deacon Gene.

**STEWARSHIP CORNER:** "Every worthwhile gift, every genuine benefit, comes from above," says St. James in the second reading. But, he reminds us, true worship of God involves using those good gifts to benefit the less fortunate.

### Stewardship at St. John's

**OFFERTORY for August 26, 2018**

Envelopes	\$ 4,358.00
Loose	\$ 234.00
Children's Offerings	\$ 1.00
Parish Development	\$ 25.00
Catholic Register	\$ 20.00
SubTotal	\$ 4,638.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,403.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 6,041.00</b>

**Catholic Ministries Drive - \$43,033      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](mailto: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	Sherri Maffettone
Baby Aiden	Bryson Miller
Cari Ann	June Miller
Judy Baird	Barbara Moore
Millie Bilski	Mary Oricko
Frances Brown	Ron Peschock
Jen Buda	Dave Petrak
Robert Cole	Bob & Mary Rajnish
Millie Grace Capon	Allison Recker
Mary Lee DeStefano	Olga Romerowicz
Michael DeStefano	Mike Rudolph
Keith DeMastens	Sylvia Santoni
Jim Duffy	Anne Showalter
Helen Fornwalt	Dianne Stultz
Leann Frazier	Tim & Dina Temofonte
Dianna Green	Patty Teufel
Brian Kopp	Lois Werfel
Rev. Dennis M. Kurdziel	Noah Wills

## **HOME WITH THE LORD**

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

**Tom Lutton, brother of Dolores Capriotti  
Bonnie Williams**

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



**ST. JOHN'S BOWLING LEAGUE** starts Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 PM. We bowl twice a month on Friday nights from September through April at Holiday Bowl.

Please consider joining in on the fun and fellowship of an occasional night out at the bowling alley with fellow parishioners. A sign-up sheet is on the kiosk in the Gathering Space. Four-person teams are welcome, or sign-up as a single or couple; we'd be happy to get you on a team so you can start in on the fun. For details, call Gary Johnson at 814-696-2683.

**GIVE US THIS DAY:** Daily Prayer for Today's Catholic: Annual subscription (\$20) for December 2018 through November 2019. If you would like to continue your subscription, please enclose payment in the envelope provided with your September booklet. For those interested in seeing what **Give Us This Day** is, we've provide a basket of samples in the Gathering Space. If you would like to subscribe, please enclose your payment in the envelope provided and drop it in the collection basket.

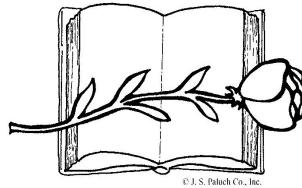
**SCRIP TIP!** What's better than fundraising every time you fire up the grill? This season, use scrip whenever you stock up on grub for game day and earn money for St. John's at the same time!

**BIRTH OF MARY CELEBRATION:** The 37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Birth of Mary will be held Saturday, Sept. 8, at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Duncansville. Mass at 7:45AM & 12:00PM, Celebrant Msgr. Robert Saly. Holy Rosary Commences 8:30AM-11:30AM in the church. 1:00PM – 4:00PM Rosary in the church and shrine. 5:00PM Mass – Celebrant/Homilist: Very Reverend Richard Davis. Rosary procession, church hall displays. Food available 11:30AM-4:00PM. Coffee and cake following the 5:00PM Mass. Evening Mass outdoors. Please bring a lawn chair.

**THE HOLLIDAYSBURG FRIAR'S NOOK GIFT SHOP IS OPEN!** The Friar's Nook Gift Shop located at 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg is not closing. In fact, we're getting all stocked up for Christmas! Please stop in to see our large selection of sacrament gifts, jewelry, home décor and much more! Our shop hours are Monday-Saturday 10:00 AM-4:00 PM. Call 814-695-3802 with any questions.

**Not sure Arise is for you?** Arise Together In Christ Season 1 might be just what your spirit needs. You may sign up for a group on the weekend of September 8&9. We have a variety of days, times and interest groups available, so take a look next weekend to see what works for you. These small faith sharing groups will begin meeting the week of October 7. For more information, contact Debbie in the office at 814-942-5503 or email dj219@msn.com.

**THE HANDBELL CHOIRS NEED YOUR HELP:** Several more handbell ringers are needed for our handbell choirs here at St. John's. Although it's helpful to have had some musical training, no matter how brief or how long ago, music reading skills are not required to join either handbell choir. Each ringer's notes are marked on the music, making it easy to follow. The Adult Handbell Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:15 to 8:30. Training is provided at rehearsals. You do not need any previous experience ringing bells, but it's helpful if you can keep a steady beat and know your left from your right! It's a lot of fun! The Children's Handbell Choir could also use a few more ringers. Students in grades 2 and up are eligible to be in this choir. The Children's Handbell Choir rehearses from 6:00 to 7:00 on Thursday evening. Rehearsals begin this week. Why not come see what it's like to ring in a handbell choir? If you are interested in joining, please call Debbie Johnson at 931-2867.



Twenty-second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
September 2, 2018

Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.

— James 1:21b

## SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday September 2 - 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

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

### Monday September 3 - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

9:00AM-Mass for *Mark Kopp* requested by  
John & Suzanne Eger & Family

### Tuesday September 4 - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Joe Robeson*

### Wednesday September 5 - Weekday

5:00PM-Eucharistic Adoration

6:00PM-Mass for *Robert Nemcek* requested by  
Bob & Jean Jones

### Thursday September 6 - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:30AM-Morning Prayer & Communion Service

### Friday September 7 - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Angeline Capriotti* requested by  
Mary Susick

### Saturday September 8 - Vigil of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time

3:00PM-Confessions  
4:00PM-Mass for *Deceased Members of the Sclafini Family* requested by Ray & Mary King

### Sunday September 9 - 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*  
11:00AM-Mass for *Albert Houseknecht* requested by  
Rich & Joyce Lowe

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor," nos. 907-911

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39

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