APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES

Sat. Sept. 15 - 4:00 PM - Alycia Auerbeck, Brody Partner-Gore
Sun. Sept. 16 - 8:00 AM - Emily & Ethan Miller
Sun. Sept. 16 - 11:00 AM - Estella Koch, Kaelab Ruggles

LECTORS

Sat. Sept. 15 - 4:00 PM - David Langguth, Maria Spayd
Sun. Sept. 16 - 8:00 AM - Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
Sun. Sept. 16 - 11:00 AM - Susanna Tomlinson, Barbara Bundy

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Sept. 15 - 4:00 PM - Barb Aubrey, Connie Baker
Sun. Sept. 16 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, Mary Truesdale
Sun. Sept. 16 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Dolores Capriotti, Walter Bloom, Cecelia Bloom, David Lee, Donna Moyer

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. Sept. 15 - 4:00 PM - Heather Nackley, Judy Sneath, Dorothy Yingling, NOT FILLED
Sun. Sept. 16 - 8:00 AM - Carolyn English, Charlie Moore, Ginny Reeder, Fran Semelsberger
Sun. Sept. 16 - 11:00 AM - Lou Ann Clark, Mary Grace Horton, Peg Madden, Patrick Podoletz

SACRISTAN

Sat. Sept. 15 - 4:00 PM - Joyce Cunningham
Sun. Sept. 16 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. Sept. 16 - 11:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti

SCRIP

Sat. Sept. 15 - 4:00 PM - Mary Haenig, Judy Sneath
Sun. Sept. 16 - 8:00 AM - Erika & Heather Yasolsky
Sun. Sept. 16 - 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

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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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, 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.

Religious Ed – A reminder to all parents of children in public school: Our Religious Education program begins next Sunday, September 16. 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!

Mass Schedule Reminder! THE LATE SUNDAY MORNING MASS WILL RETURN TO ITS USUAL TIME OF 11:00AM THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th.

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.

Of Feasts and Saints – On Friday we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, followed on Saturday by the feast of our Mother of Sorrows. These celebrations go side by side for good reason, for certainly it was at the foot of the Cross that Mary was overcome with sorrow! Preceding these feasts is the commemoration of St. John Chrysostom on Thursday. St. John Chrysostom lived in the 4th century and is considered one of the great preachers of Christian history. He served as Bishop of Constantinople before being exiled by his adversaries, and died in exile in 407 AD.

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.

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.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education classes resume Sept. 16th.

Children's Liturgy of Word will resume weekly starting Sunday, Sept. 16th 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 7th & 8th 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

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.

The following is a job description for those interested in joining the choir.

POSITION: Choir member in the soprano, alto, tenor and bass sections. No others need apply.

PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS: Must be able to carry light musical notes partway across the church. Must have good vision to see the director.

EXPERIENCE: No applications accepted from persons who have not sung, hummed, or whistled in the tub or shower at some time.

BEGINNING WAGES: Guaranteed satisfaction and abundant joy in the service of the Lord.

ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITY: Members who demonstrate unusual ability or courage might be asked to sing a solo sometime.

FRINGE BENEFITS: Social security – we promise you the security of fellowship with other fine members of the choir.

The Adult Choir rehearses every Wednesday evening from 7:00 to 8:30. In addition to adults, high school students are also welcome to sing in the Adult Choir. There is no audition and you do not need to know how to read music.

Anyone interested in joining the Adult Choir is invited to come to rehearsal on Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 7:00. For more information, contact Debbie Johnson at 931-2867.

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 ginny.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
Millie Bilski
Jen Buda
Robert Cole
Millie Grace Capon
Mary Lee DeStefano
Michael DeStefano
Keith DeMastens
Jim Duffy
Helen Fornwalt
Leann Frazier
Dianna Green
Brian Kopp
Rev. Dennis M. Kurdziel
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Barbara Moore
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Allison Recker
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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:

Frances Brown
Tom Lutton, brother of Dolores Capriotti
Bonnie Williams

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

SCRIP TIP! Traveling with the team? Don't miss out on fundraising for St. John's when you take your athletes on the road! Traveling team parents: stock up on scrip for your favorite restaurants, hotels, and gas stations so you can earn for St. John's every weekend.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Just as the deaf mute in today's Gospel received a new life from Jesus, so too, have we received new lives through Baptism. May we boldly proclaim all that God has given to us in our lives!

Stewardship at St. John's

OFFERTORY for September 2, 2018

Envelopes	$ 5,829.00
Loose	$ 760.00
Children's Offerings	$ 2.00
Catholic Education	$ 71.00
Catholic Register	$ 78.00
SubTotal	*$ 6,740.00*
Online Giving	$ 1,998.00
Total Offertory	***$ 8,738.00***

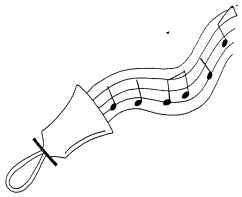
Catholic Ministries Drive - $43,033 Goal - $44,438

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.

2018 ALTOONA PLUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY: Join in the praying of the Rosary on the **101TH** Anniversary of the "Miracle of the Sun" at Fatima on Saturday, October 13th, 2018 at NOON at the Heritage Plaza, 11th Ave. and 14th Street, Altoona. This event is celebrated in over 20,000 cities around the world on this same day. Invite a friend. We will be praying for our nation, veterans and troops. For more information, go to www.anf.org.

THE FRIAR'S NOOK GIFT SHOP GARAGE SALE: Please join us for our second annual Garage Sale held at The Friar's Nook Gift Shop, 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg, on Saturday, Sept. 15th at 10:00 AM. The Garage Sale will include a variety of items including clearance items from the gift shop, and refreshments will also be available for purchase.

CELEBRATION FOR THE 50TH 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 50th Anniversary of the Restoration of the Permanent Diaconate on Monday, September 17th, 5:30 PM to be held at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. All are welcome.



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 could 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.
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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 9, 2018

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom?

— *James 2:5*

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday September 9 - 23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time
8:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*
11:00AM-Mass for *Albert Houseknecht* requested by Rich & Joyce Lowe

Monday September 10 - Weekday
7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:00AM-Mass for *Jerry Johnson*

Tuesday September 11 - Weekday
7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Muriel Stoepker*

Wednesday September 12 - Weekday
5:00PM-Eucharistic Adoration/ Confessions
6:00PM-Mass for *Kathie Matthews* requested by Bill & Dee Schmerbeck
6:45PM - Rosary

Thursday September 13 - St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Joe Robeson*

Friday September 14 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Daniel J. Monahan* requested by Constance Wirfel

Saturday September 15 - Vigil of the 24th Sunday In Ordinary Time
3:00PM-Confessions
4:00PM-Mass for *Deceased Members of the Yokitis Family* requested by Ray & Mary King

Sunday September 16 - 24th Sunday In Ordinary Time
8:00AM- Mass for *People of the Parish*
11:00AM-Mass for *Teresa Geishauser* requested by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Chverchko

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; 6:12-19
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38
Friday: Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

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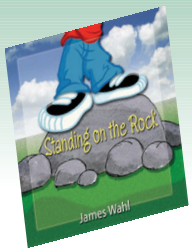

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