

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES

Sat. Jan. 19 - 4:00 PM - Brody Partner-Gore, Keaton Swope
 Sun. Jan. 20 - 8:00 AM - Mai Linh Do, NOT FILLED
 Sun. Jan. 20 - 11:00 AM - Alexandria & Alycia Auerbeck

LECTORS

Sat. Jan. 19 - 4:00 PM - Mark Sloan, Jack Donoughe
 Sun. Jan. 20 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, James Krug
 Sun. Jan. 20 - 11:00 AM - David Petrak, Mary Petrak

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Jan. 19 - 4:00 PM - Pam Klobuka, Joseph Klobuka
 Sun. Jan. 20 - 8:00 AM - Mary Truesdale, Fran Semelsberger
 Sun. Jan. 20 - 11:00 AM - Daniel Langenbacher, Kenneth Gorman,
 Marilyn Bevan, Bob Olson, Dolores Capriotti, Donna Moyer

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. Jan. 19 - 4:00 PM - Barb Aubrey, Dorothy Yingling,
 Connie Baker, Betsy Lloyd
 Sun. Jan. 20 - 8:00 AM - Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky,
 Carolyn English, Charlie Moore
 Sun. Jan. 20 - 11:00 AM - Lou Ann Clark, Walter Bloom,
 Peg Madden, Patrick Podoletz

SACRISTAN

Sat. Jan. 19 - 4:00 PM - Mary & Ray King
 Sun. Jan. 20 - 8:00 AM - Joyce Cunningham
 Sun. Jan. 20 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

SCRIP

Sat. Jan. 19 - 4:00 PM - Mary Haenig, Marge Rudolph
 Sun. Jan. 20 - 8:00 AM - Erika & Heather Yasolsky
 Sun. Jan. 20 - 11:00 AM - Christopher Palazzi, NOT FILLED

MASS SCHEDULE

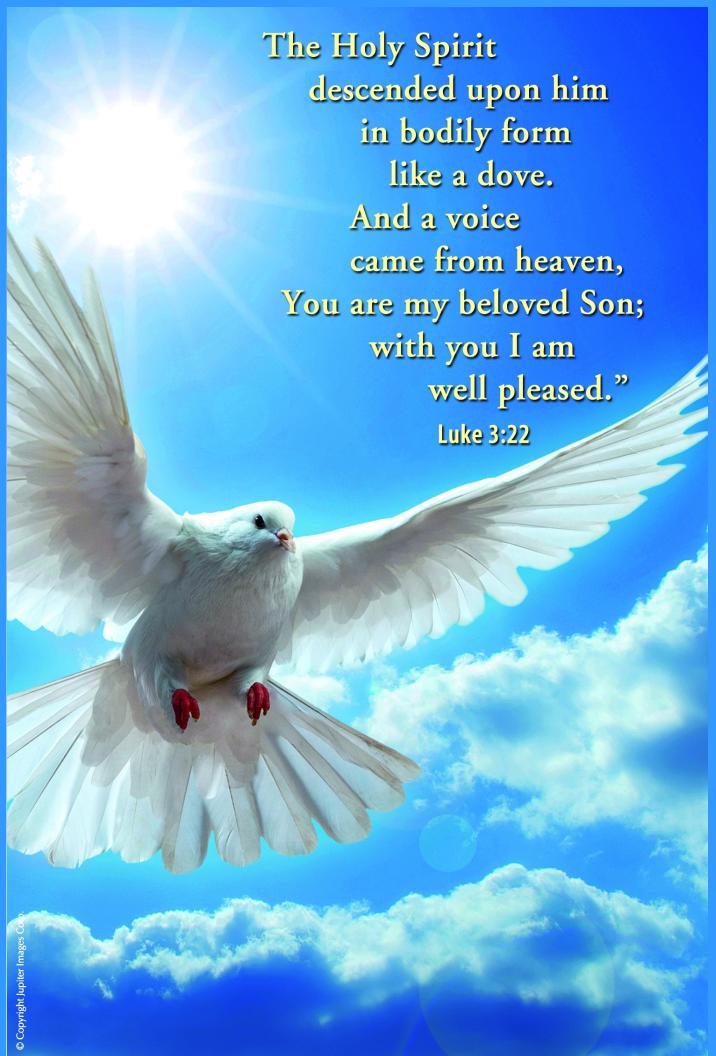
MONDAY • TUESDAY • THURSDAY • FRIDAY 8:30AM
WEDNESDAY 6:00 PM
SATURDAY - 4:00PM • SUNDAY - 8:00AM & 11:00AM

PASTORAL STAFF:

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- Mr. & Mrs. Bill & Norma Foose** Stephen Ministry norma.foose@yahoo.com
- Mrs. Megan Swope** Religious Education Director mswope726@gmail.com
- Mr. Mark Krepich** Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults mark.krepich@gmail.com
- Mr. Ken Dunmire** Maintenance

The Holy Spirit
 descended upon him
 in bodily form
 like a dove.
 And a voice
 came from heaven,
 You are my beloved Son;
 with you I am
 well pleased."

Luke 3:22



JANUARY 13, 2019

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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

January 13 - Second Sunday Food Collection
 January 14 - Parish Council Meeting - 7:00 PM
 January 18 - 21 - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
 January 21 - Parish Office Closed
 February 10 - Second Sunday Food Collection
 March 6 - Ash Wednesday Mass & Lenten Soup Supper

A Few Words from the Pastor:

From Feasts to Ordinary Time – The Christmas season ends with today's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Our vestments and altar cover will be changed to green until Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, March 6th. The Church's major feasts (Solemnities) highlight the central mysteries of our Christian Faith: Christ's birth, death, resurrection and ascension, and the Spirit's gift at Pentecost. **The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time, on the other hand, take us through the life of Christ. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ. Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation**, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ. The goal, toward which all of history is directed, is represented by the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This time of year invites contemplation, a review of one's life and goals.

Praying for Christian Unity – Later this month, from January 18-25, we will be observing the *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*. There has never been a time in our history when Christian need to be united and speaking with one voice, especially in the face of persecutions in the Middle East and in response to the rampant materialism in our own culture. This is an urgent mission for Pope Francis, as it should be for all of us! The theme for this year: *Justice, Only Justice, You Shall Pursue. (Dt. 16:20)*

Ecumenical Service at Christ the Savior Cathedral - For many years our diocesan bishop has been meeting with the Orthodox Bishop of Johnstown as well as the Lutheran Bishop of this area for an ecumenical prayer service. This year the service will be held at Christ the Savior Orthodox Cathedral in Johnstown, on Sunday, January 27, at 3 PM. I encourage as many as possible to participate, for not only will it give you great solidarity with your fellow Christians, but also an experience of the magnificent Christ the Savior Cathedral. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space. We will either take a small bus or carpool. In the dead of winter, what could be more life-giving than such a gathering as this? Please join us!

Restore! Repair! Rejoice! – As the New Year begins, the next phase of our 100th Anniversary campaign will commence. Brochures are prepared, and all will be encouraged to participate in this important initiative. Please take a moment to view the pictures posted in the Gathering Space which show the physical needs of our parish. We are grateful to those who have already made a pledge. Stay tuned in the next few weeks for more information.

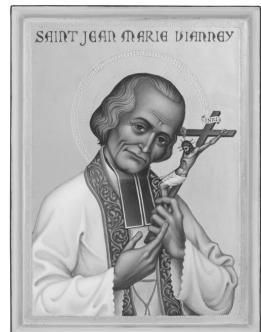
New Year's Reflection! As the new year unfolds, consider these words of Father Matthew Kelty, a Trappist who chose to live his life in solitude: *"I wanted to be by myself, not to nurse my wounds, not to count victories, but rather quietly to take all the mysterious fabric of my life, and there lay it all out and trace the hand of love that somehow ordered all things: the good and the bad, the crooked and the straight, the bitter and the sweet, the whole of it. And then take the whole thing, and throw it over me, as a garment woven in love."*

Arise! Together in Christ! – Our first "season" of Arise was welcomed spiritual nourishment for all who participated in the Fall. The second "season" will begin in Lent, with our parish committee meeting soon to lay out plans for continuing and perhaps expanding our small groups. *Arise Together in Christ* is a three-year, parish-centered process of evangelization and spiritual renewal, designed to help people develop a closer relationship with Christ, grow in community, and reach out in service to others.

ST. JOHN VIANNEY RELIC PILGRIMAGE: The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has been selected to participate in the Saint John Vianney Relic Pilgrimage. The relic of Saint John Vianney — his entire incorrupt heart — will be at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona on January 31, 2019. The relic will be present for veneration from 7:30 AM until 7:30 PM. The Cathedral's usual daily Mass schedule — 6:45 AM, 8:00AM, and Noon — will remain in place with the addition of a concelebrated Mass at 5:30 PM with Bishop Mark Bartchak presiding. Priests will be available throughout the day to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

A special indulgence has been granted to all those who will make pilgrimage to the Cathedral for veneration of the first class relic of Saint John Vianney, patron of priests.

For more information about St. Jean Vianney and the relic tour, please visit www.kofc.org/vianney.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education Schedule

January 13 – NO CLASS

January 20 – Class in Session 9:15a-10:45a

January 27 – NO CLASS

Any questions regarding Religious Education classes or schedule, please contact Megan Swope at mswope726@gmail.com or (814)631-8273

32nd ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE MARCH: January 13 at 12 noon at St. Matthew Church, Tyrone. Walk 1.25 miles to grave of Baby Agnes Doe; luncheon after the March in the Parish Hall. Bring a sign. If you are unable to walk this distance, please feel free to join in by driving at the end of the procession. Sponsored by the St. Gregory Council #1218 Knights of Columbus.

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP: Friday, January 18, 2019. Cost is \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for students. For reservations, call Patricia or Marita Forr - 946-0681, Roxann Blazewicz - 695-8008, or Anne Zelcosky- 942-2723.

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL: At Cana, we get a good insight into Mary's parenting style. She did not plead, argue, demand or manipulate. She merely pointed out the situation and trusted her son would make the best decision.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: "Jesus was led by the Spirit of God to the life of preaching and service, to the giving of himself in Sacrifice. Jesus Christ sends that same spirit upon everyone who is baptized in his name. This is not a Spirit of timidity of fear, but a bold Spirit of life, truth, joy, and grace."

Stewardship at St. John's

Offertory for December 30

Envelopes	\$ 2,895.00
Loose	\$ 1,112.00
Children	\$ 3.00
SubTotal	\$ 4,011.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,304.00
Total Offertory	\$ 5,315.00

Christmas \$8,847.00

Offertory for January 6

Envelopes	\$ 5,024.00
Loose	\$ 922.00
Children	\$ 4.00
Parish Development	\$ 100.00
Catholic Education	\$ 126.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 130.00
SubTotal	\$ 6,306.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,859.00
Total Offertory	\$ 9,165.00

Solemnity of Mary \$1,178.00

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.

Baby Adam	Bryson Miller
Baby Aiden	June Miller
Cari Ann	Barbara Moore
Judy Baird	Mary Oricko
Jen Buda	Ron Peschock
Robert Cole	Bob & Mary Rajnish
Millie Grace Capon	Allison Recker
Mary Lee DeStefano	Olga Romerowicz
Michael DeStefano	Mike Rudolph
Jim Duffy	Anne Showalter
Helen Fornwalt	Dianne Stultz
Leann Frazier	Tim & Dina Temofonte
Dianna Green	Patty Teufel
Ken Hartman	Lois Werfel
Boni Javier	Noah Wills
Brian Kopp	Amber Yasolsky
Sara Litzinger	Milan & Family
Sherri Maffettone	

Lord we ask for your blessings and care for these and all people in need:

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

Sylvia Santoni

Mary Catherine Majestic – Mother of Barbara Bundy

Nancy M. Keller - Mother of Mary Jo Dupont

Norma J. Belin - Mother of Denise Imler

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



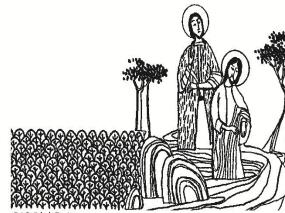
Season II of ARISE Together in Christ will take place this Lent. We encourage all parishioners to sign up for this season and be part of the small faith sharing communities that are forming here at St. John the Evangelist Parish. Even if you did not participate during the first season of ARISE last October, we invite you to participate during this Lenten season. Come and join us as we together "Change Our Hearts" and hence ARISE Together in Christ. Why is our parish participating in ARISE Together in Christ? All members of our parish are invited to come together to form a renewed community of faith, to welcome back those who may have been distanced from the Church and to spread the good News through active commitment to charity and justice.

Liturgical Reflection...

Today concludes the Christmas celebration. With the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan, a mystery is again revealed. God is present in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Another revelation is made. This Jesus is indeed

God's beloved Son and the Father is well pleased. With the Baptism of the Lord, all baptisms are confirmed. We have entered into the waters of rebirth. We stand with the Beloved Son of God

2019, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.



The Baptism of the Lord January 13, 2019

He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

— *Titus 3:5*

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday January 13 - The Baptism Of The Lord

8:00AM-Mass for *Angeline Capriotti* requested by

Jane Altemus

11:00AM-Mass for *Anne Lee* requested by

Marian Monios & Family

Monday January 14 - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Joe Robeson*

Tuesday January 15 - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Daniel Monahan*

Wednesday January 16 - Weekday

5:00PM-Eucharistic Adoration/Confessions

8:30AM-Mass for *Guido Prosperi* requested by
John Prosperi

6:45PM-Rosary

Thursday January 17 - St. Anthony, Abbot

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Clarence & Eileen Becker* requested by
Dan & Diane Turcovsky

Friday January 18 - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Frank & Mary Bednarski* requested by
Rich & Joyce Lowe

Saturday January 19 - Vigil of Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00 PM - Confessions

4:00PM-Mass for *John Lloyd* requested by
Ed & Karen Malone

Sunday January 20 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00AM-Mass for *Matthew Geishauser* requested by
Stanley & Susan Galant



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12



This Day's Greatest Gift

We can't change the past...

But we can gather up

It's lessons and move on,

Stronger and wiser.

We can't control the future...

But we can send our dreams

Ahead of us

To help prepare the way.

We can live each moment...

Heart and soul,

And cherish this day's

Greatest gift...

The gift of now.

May peace with the past

And faith in the future,

Gently guide you through each

Precious moment of Today.

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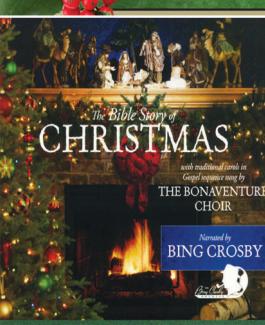
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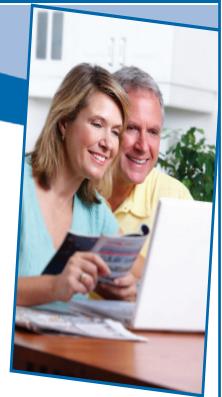
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