

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES

Sat. Jan. 26 - 4:00 PM - Rylee Hershey, Jack Donoughue
 Sun. Jan. 27 - 8:00 AM - Ethan & Emily Miller
 Sun. Jan. 27 - 11:00 AM - Nevaeh & Makayla Langenbacher

LECTORS

Sat. Jan. 26 - 4:00 PM - Matt Michelone, David Langguth
 Sun. Jan. 27 - 8:00 AM - Tim Rea, Fran Semelsberger
 Sun. Jan. 27 - 11:00 AM - Barbara Bundy, Susanna Tomlinson

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Jan. 26 - 4:00 PM - Dorothy Yingling, Barb Aubrey
 Sun. Jan. 27 - 8:00 AM - Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
 Sun. Jan. 27 - 11:00 AM - Lou Ann Clark, Daniel Langenbacher,
 Bob Olson, Kenneth Gorman, Marilyn Bevan, Dolores Capriotti

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. Jan. 26 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, Judy Sneath,
 Heather Nackley, Billy Sweet
 Sun. Jan. 27 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, Mary Truesdale,
 Ray Kennedy, Helen Miller
 Sun. Jan. 27 - 11:00 AM - Wendy Campbell, Peg Madden,
 Patrick Podoletz, NOT FILLED

SACRISTAN

Sat. Jan. 26 - 4:00 PM - Jane Byrne
 Sun. Jan. 27 - 8:00 AM - Joyce Cunningham
 Sun. Jan. 27 - 11:00 AM - Barbara Bundy

SCRIP

Sat. Jan. 26 - 4:00 PM - Becky Merilli, Julie Beiswenger
 Sun. Jan. 27 - 8:00 AM - Christopher Palazzi, Marge Rudolph
 Sun. Jan. 27 - 11:00 AM - Carolyn English, Jane Byrne

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
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- Mr. Mark Krepich** Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults mark.krepich@gmail.com
- Mr. Ken Dunmire** Maintenance

When the wine ran short,
 the mother of Jesus said to him,
 "They have no wine."
 And Jesus said to her,
 "Woman, how does your concern affect me?
 My hour has not yet come."

His mother
 said to the
 servers,
 "Do whatever
 he tells you."
 John 2:3-5

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JANUARY 20, 2019

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 309 Lotz Avenue, Altoona, PA
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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

January 21 - Parish Office Closed
 February 10 - Second Sunday Food Collection
 February 9/10 - Arise Sign-up begins
 March 2 - Parish Mardi Gras after 4:00 Mass
 March 3-9 - Season 2 Arise Group Meetings begin
 March 6 - Ash Wednesday Mass & Lenten Soup Supper

A Few Words from the Pastor:

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.

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.

Food Insecurity - In 2016, an estimated 1 in 8 Americans were “food insecure,” equating to 42 million Americans, including 13 million children. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) defines food insecurity as a lack of consistent access to enough food for an active, healthy life. In this “Poverty Awareness Month,” We remain committed as a parish family to share our blessings with the many people in our own communities who suffer from Food Insecurity. In addition to our Second Sunday Food Collection, as well as our participation in the Love Feast, are there other ways that we can reach out to the poor in our community and in our world?

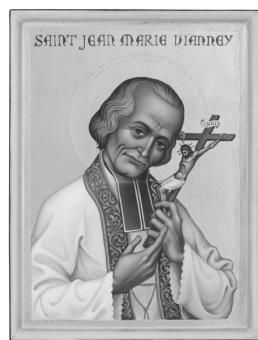
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children – This Tuesday, January 22nd, the anniversary of the *Rowe v. Wade* decision, all men and women of good will are urged to pray for the end of legalized abortions in this country and throughout the world. A special Eucharistic liturgy is provided by our Catholic bishops for this day. Please plan on joining us for Mass at 8:30 on Tuesday morning!

Preaching on the Lord’s Prayer – The prayer that Jesus taught his disciples is etched in the heart and soul of every devout Christian. It is one of the first prayers we learned as children. At each Eucharist, we prepare for communion by praying or singing this prayer. Certainly this important prayer invites further reflection. Beginning next Sunday and continuing until the beginning of Lent, we will be preaching on this prayer, exploring its deeper meanings. While we typically preach on the readings of the day, the Church does give us the option of preaching on the texts of the Mass. Our fruitful meditation on this prayer can move us away from our often rote recitation of these words of Jesus, so that it truly becomes a “lived” prayer, remaining the most important prayer we pray as Christians.

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 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



DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN:

Tuesday, January 22, all dioceses in the United States of America are observing a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. January 22 is the day of the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, Roe vs. Wade (1973), the Church in America prays for the violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee to the right to life. Members of the Diocese are encouraged to go to Mass on this day, pray the rosary, the chaplet of Divine Mercy, fast and abstain, and join the Altoona-Johnstown family in praying the following:

O God, who adorn creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in your image and likeness, awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands, and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of human life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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CALLING ALL BINGO PLAYERS! Holy Trinity Bingo program supports Holy Trinity Students! Bingo nights are every Tuesday and Friday. Doors open at 5pm with early bird games at 6pm - regular games start 7pm. Admission package only \$35 which includes: 18 cards, all 24 regular games, 5 cards for all jackpots except blitz. Early bird and bonanza games sold separately. Visa and Mastercard credit and debit accepted. Located in the St. Rose of Lima basement – 6th avenue and 56th street.

ARISE PLANNING TEAM MEETING:

The Parish Arise Team will meet this Tuesday, January 22 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center to begin planning for Season 2 of Arise Together In Christ. Small Group Discussion Leaders do not need to attend this meeting.



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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Stewardship is a way of thanking God for all of the Lord's blessings by returning to God a portion of the time, talent and treasure we have received.

Stewardship at St. John's

Offertory for January 6

Envelopes	\$ 3,438.00
Loose	\$ 676.00
Children	\$ 3.00
Parish Development	\$ 76.00
Catholic Education	\$ 5.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 10.00
<i>SubTotal</i>	\$ 4,208.00
Online Giving	\$ 4,427.00
Total Offertory	\$ 8,635.00

Liturgical Reflection...

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION This liturgical year the weekly inserts will review the practice of Eucharistic Adoration in the life of the church. Many clergy and laity have found this devotion to be strengthening in their spiritual lives. Parishes are encouraged to set regular hours for the solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament allowing time for quiet prayer and reflection. Reverence before the Blessed Sacrament is a clear and practiced tradition in our Catholic faith. In the hectic, busy schedules of life, Eucharistic Adoration gives an opportunity to pause and be still before the divine Presence. Believers take time to make visits to the Blessed Sacrament in a church and to attend scheduled times of Eucharistic Adoration.

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: On the Thursdays before 1st Friday, Mount Carmel Church, 806 11th Street, Altoona, will observe an hour of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 3--4 pm. After the Blessed Sacrament is exposed and reverenced, a reading from the day's Gospel will be proclaimed followed by the hour of adoration. Confession will also be available during this time. The hour will conclude with Benediction.

2018 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS will be available upon request beginning January 28, 2019. Please call the Parish Office at 814-942-5503 to request your giving statement. If you are registered with My Own Church, you can log in and download your statement yourself.

WINE TASTING FUNDRAISER: Please join Catholic Charities on Wednesday, February 6th at the Blairmont Club in Hollidaysburg for their Wines of Italy sampling event - an extraordinary evening of wine, food and fun, all while supporting families in your community. A sommelier will share six specially selected and spectacular Italian wines, carefully paired with delicious appetizers. The event will feature three red wines and three white wines, so there will be something for everyone to enjoy. Tickets are \$50 per person, and all proceeds will go towards funding services for those in need in your community. Space is limited for this unique event. Tickets are available by calling (814) 944-9388 or can be purchased online at: <https://www.catholicharitiesaj.org/>.

If you miss this special evening, Catholic Charities' next wine tasting event will be on March 14th at Amici's in Ebensburg, featuring Wines of Spain. Additional events are being planned for Johnstown and Centre County featuring wines from different parts of the world including France, Argentina, Portugal and Australia.



Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time
January 20, 2019

Nations shall behold your vindication,
and all the kings your glory.

— Isaiah 62:2

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday January 21 - St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Joseph & Jean Dardzinski* requested by
Rich & Joyce Lowe

Tuesday January 22 - Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Joseph Snyder*

Wednesday January 23 - Weekday

5:00PM-Eucharistic Adoration/Confessions
8:30AM-Mass for *Joe Robeson*
6:45PM-Rosary

Thursday January 24 - St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Mark Kopp* requested by
April Pellegrine Lloyd

Friday January 25 - The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

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

Saturday January 26 - Vigil of Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00 PM - Confessions
4:00PM-Mass for *People of the Parish*

Sunday January 27 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM-Mass for *Shirley Millin* requested by
Tom & Sharon Schultz
11:00AM-Mass for *Barbara Byers* requested by
Kelly, Shawn & Sons

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28,
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17;; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: Heb 7:25 -- 8:6; Mk 3:7-12
Friday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18





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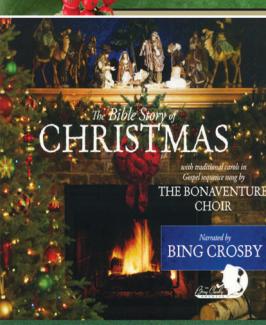
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