



JUNE 30, 2019
13TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
St. John the Evangelist Church
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Summer Office hours:

Monday • Wednesday • Friday 9:00-3:00

Tuesday • Thursday - Office Closed

MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

MONDAY • TUESDAY • FRIDAY 8:30AM

WEDNESDAY 6:00PM • THURSDAY 9:00AM

SATURDAY: 4:00PM • SUNDAY: 8:00AM 10:00AM

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

June 30 - Faith Night with the Curve - 6:00 PM

July 14 - Second Sunday Food Collection

July 21 - Parish Picnic at Legion Park - 11:00 Mass at Legion Park. **No 10:00 Mass in the church**

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES

Sat. July 6 - 4:00 PM - Brody Partner-Gore, Keaton Swope

Sun. July 7 - 8:00 AM - Mai Linh Do, Nicholas Helsley

Sun. July 7 - 10:00 AM - Estella Koch, NOT FILLED

LECTORS

Sat. July 6 - 4:00 PM - Maria Spayd, NOT FILLED

Sun. July 7 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, Tim Rea

Sun. July 7 - 10:00 AM - Richard Consiglio, Susanna Tomlinson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. July 6 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, Dorothy Yingling

Sun. July 7 - 8:00 AM - Fran Semelsberger, Mary Truesdale

Sun. July 7 - 10:00 AM - Walter Bloom, Cecelia Bloom, Barbara Bundy, Kenneth Gorman

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. July 6 - 4:00 PM - Betsy Lloyd, Judy Sneath, Larry VanSickel, Paula VanSickel

Sun. July 7 - 8:00 AM - Carolyn English, Helen Miller, Mike O'Neill, Ed Stoltz

Sun. July 7 - 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Wendy Campbell, Dolores Capriotti, Peg Madden

SACRISTAN

Sat. July 6 - 4:00 PM - Joyce Cunningham

Sun. July 7 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci

Sun. July 7 - 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

SCRIP

Sat. July 6 - 4:00 PM - Jane Byrne, Becky Merilli

Sun. July 7 - 8:00 AM - Christopher Palazzi, NOT FILLED

Sun. July 7 - 10:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph

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A Few Words from the Pastor:

PARISH PICNIC – Don't miss the opportunity to celebrate summer with your parish family on Sunday, July 21 at Legion Park. There will be Mass at the park at 11:00, followed by our delicious picnic lunch. Sign up now in the Gathering Space!

OUR NIGHT AT THE CURVE! - Many thanks to Pat Padoletz for organizing our night at the Curve this Sunday at 6:00. If you did not get a ticket in advance, but wish to join us, you will find us in section 216. There are always tickets available at the gate.

FORMING WORSHIPING CATHOLICS - Long after our young receive the sacrament of Confirmation and complete their formal instructions in the faith, what endures is a love for and participation in the Mass. The Lord's Day is an essential part of their faith throughout their lives. Thus, as we focus on faith formation with our young people during this coming year, we will make "participation in the liturgy" an essential part of their formation. They will be invited and trained to join the choir, serve at Mass, participate as lectors, assist in the ministry of hospitality, and be part of our Sunday offertory procession. To grow in love for the Mass will keep them worshipping on the Lord's Day, not only during their youth, but throughout their lives.

"RELIGIOUS EDUCATION" AND "FAITH FORMATION" – WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

For some time now I have been reflecting on how we might renew and strengthen our God-given mission to form true disciples of the Lord Jesus. This is the role of every parish: to make faith come alive in the hearts of parishioners! When we speak of "religious education," whether for children or for our adults, we seem to reduce faith to a subject to be learned, as in the classroom at school. Actually, it is much more appropriate to speak of "faith formation" rather than religious education. Why? Because Catholicism is not a subject; it is a way of life. Our goal as a parish is to bring the living spirit of faith into the lives of our parishioners. Our faith is not so much an idea about truth, God, heaven, etc. It is an encounter with a person, the living and glorified, Resurrected Christ. In order to stress this living encounter, we are intentionally steering our language away from "religious or adult education," and "CCD."

The changing of the name from religious education to "Faith Formation" will challenge us to look at how we approach this essential mission of the church – to "form" missionary disciples in the spirit of Christ Jesus. Over the next few weeks I will be reflecting with you upon a renewed and expanded approach that we wish to take in the formation of our children and adults as true disciples of Jesus.

A NEW OFFICE! We have been able to create a new space in which to store all of our catechetical materials, which have been somewhat scattered in the parish. The room in the back of the gym which has served as a rather large closet for sports equipment, we are converting into an office which will serve our catechists and those involved in faith formation.

WHAT'S THIS ABOUT THE DEVIL? - In his new book *Rebuking the Devil*, Pope Francis lays bare the devil's ploys and tactics, to help you avoid getting ensnared. Listen with care, as the pope tells the story of the devil's history, character, and works, and consider the pope's suggestions about what you can do to see victory over the devil. *Rebuking the Devil* will be an important and sobering awakening to those who have forgotten the reality of the spiritual battle that humanity is undergoing. And to those already fighting hard in spiritual battle, they will find great reassurance in the pope's certainty that we can overcome through Spirit-filled discernment and the power of God in Christ Jesus. Through the course of this book, you'll learn from Pope Francis about the practical tools of spiritual battle. The price on Amazon is only \$9.00.

A PASTORS' VACATION - I will be leaving for vacation on Friday July 5th, with my classmate Father Kurdziel from the Cathedral. We will be traveling on the Dnipro River in Ukraine, from the Black Sea to Kiev, returning on July 18th. We will be visiting some of the great churches and monasteries of the Orthodox faith. Thank you for your prayers! I am most grateful that Father Clem Gardner will be filling in on the weekends I will be away!

ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC: Have you signed up yet to join your parish family on July 21st at Legion Park in Hollidaysburg for our Parish Picnic? Sunday Mass begins at 11:00AM. *(Please note that the 10:00 Mass will not be held in the church on July 21.)* Following Mass, lunch will be served at 12:30PM. The parish will provide chicken, hamburgers and hot dogs. Please bring a dish to share. We ask that you use a disposable tray or bowl, if possible. Two separate sheets are posted on the kiosk - one to sign up to attend the picnic and the other to volunteer to help. Many volunteers are needed for a successful gathering!



HOME CARE WORKER FOR FEMALE PARISHIONER

NEEDED: General light household chores along with food shopping and errands. Must be 18 years or older and have own car. Hours are flexible - \$11.20 per hour. Call after 11:00 AM – 941-8279.

ALLEGHENY CLUB OF HOLLIDAYSBURG is looking for new members. This non-profit social organization has made monetary donations to the five area Catholic Churches including St. John's. They are hoping to round out their membership with those parishioners attending St. John's, St. Catherine's, St. Patrick's, St. Mary's & St. Michael's. If you are interested, please contact Charlie Elder (695-8763) or Dan Turcovsky (695-6878).

SCRIP TIP: The scrip fundraising program is an easy way for families to raise money for St. John's. Scrip is just another way to pay for everyday purchases using gift cards in place of cash, checks, and credit cards. You purchase gift cards from us at face value, and we order those cards from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a reduced price. By using scrip to pay for your regular grocery purchases, you can earn funds for our church every time you shop. You pay face value and your gift card is worth face value, but St. John's earns a rebate on every gift card you purchase. You can also order scrip gift cards and track your scrip rebates online at ShopWithScrip.com. Sign up for your free ShopWithScrip® account today! It's easy to get started! Simply visit ShopWithScrip.com and follow the simple steps to set up your new account in just minutes. Use the enrollment code E73D25C3842. Don't forget to buy scrip before you go on vacation! You can purchase scrip online for flights, cruises, and hotels. If you're more into road trips, you can buy scrip for fast food and gas stations! Sheetz and Exxon reloadable scrip gift cards can also be purchased online. Visit *ShopWithScrip.com* and sign up for your free ShopWithScrip® account today!

For more information, contact our scrip coordinator, Chris Palazzi, at cpalazzi52@yahoo.com.

ST JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

Please call Ginny Reeder (695-7671) or email her at gabby.reeder@gmail.com to add or remove someone from 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 • James Aubrey**
- Judy Baird • Robert Cole • Millie Grace Capon**
- Betty Dennis • Michael DeStefano • Jim Duffy**
- Charlie Elder • Helen Fornwalt • Leann Frazier**
- Dianna Green • Ken Hartman • Karen Horton**
- Boni Javier • Brian Kopp • Lisa • Sherri Maffettone**
- Ron Merilli • Bryson Miller • June Miller • Susie Miller**
- Barbara Moore • Ailani Myers • Nancy • Patricia Olson**
- Mary Oricko • Jeff Price • Karen Price • Ron Peschock**
- Dave Petrak • Mary Rajnish • Allison Recker**
- Vicki Riley • Olga Romerowicz • Mike Rudolph**
- Peggy Seiler • Anne Showalter • Dianne Stultz**
- Patti Sweet • Tim & Dina Temofonte • Patty Teufel**
- Lois Werfel • William Wieland • Noah Wills**
- Amber Yasolsky • Milan & Family**

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

Francis "Joe" Shura, brother of Bill Wieland
May he rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.

HOME NURSING AGENCY HEALING PATCH SEEKS NEW VOLUNTEERS:

New volunteers are needed to meet the growing number of families finding support at the Healing Patch. Volunteers are essential for group nights, which occur two evenings a month from September through May. New volunteers receive comprehensive training and have assistance in obtaining necessary clearances. For more information, contact Melody Ray, Volunteer Coordinator/Grief Specialist, at 814-947-7200 or raym@upmc.edu.

ONLINE GIVING: Please use Online Giving to catch-up on offertory, especially while you're on vacation. Go to www.stjohnsaltoona.org and click on the Online Giving link. It's quick and easy. Your support during summer months helps sustain our parish.

OUTDOOR MASS HONORING MARRIED COUPLES WITH BISHOP Mark:

The Altoona-Johnstown Diocesan Family is invited to participate and to pray for those living the Sacrament of Marriage at an Outdoor Mass honoring Married Couples on Sunday evening, July 14 at 7:00 pm at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto. Bring a lawn chair. Indoors if rain. Bishop Mark is the celebrant and homilist. This is a wonderful way to celebrate, encourage and support married couples!

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION: Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

TAG SALE: The Dorothy Day Outreach Center will hold its bi-annual TAG Sale from 8AM to 3PM on Saturday, July 27, 2019 at our new address of 115 St. Mary's Street, Loretto (former Franciscan Mission Store).

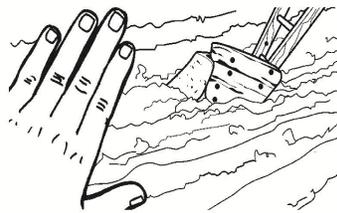
OUTDOOR SUMMER MASSES: : Father John D. Byrnes, Rector, and the Parish Family of Saint Michael the Archangel Basilica, Loretto, invite the faithful to join us each Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. for the outdoor Sunday Mass at the beautiful garden Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel. Summer masses will continue through Labor Day Weekend, September 1.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL: St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, Route 53, Frugality, PA (near Prince Gallitzin State Park and Glendale Lake)) will be holding their Annual Festival on Sunday, July 21st from 11 AM to 6 PM. We are featuring a Turkey and Noodle Dinner with all the trimmings served "Family Style" between the hours of 11 AM and 3 PM. Tickets for adults are \$10 and Children 5 to 12 are \$5 each. Children under 5 are free. Takeouts are available. Come enjoy Musical Entertainment, Basket Auction at 4:00 PM, Games, Bingo, Bake Sale, Refreshments, and lots more! Please come, we would like to meet you!

ST. ANN NOVENA: The Sisters of Saint Ann announce the annual Novena in honor of their Patroness, St. Ann, starting on Thursday, July 18. The Eucharist Celebration and Devotion will be held every evening at 7:00 PM at the outside shrine at Mt. St. Ann, 1120 North Center Street, Ebensburg, PA. The Most Rev. Bishop Mark L. Bartchak will be the main celebrant for the closing of the Novena on Friday, July 26.

LADIES RETREAT: LADIES RETREAT: August 9 to 11 at Mt. St. Ann Retreat Center, 1120 N. Center St., Ebensburg, with Spiritual Director Rev. Andrew Mazich, O.S.B. from the St. Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe. The retreat is open to commuters. To reserve a place, please contact the Sisters of St. Ann at 814-472-9354 or sistersann35@gmail.com.

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Thirteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
June 30, 2019

"No one who sets a hand to the plow
and looks to what was left behind
is fit for the kingdom of God."

— Luke 9:62

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday June 30 - 13th Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

10:00AM- Mass for *Elsie McKnight* requested by
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Pellegrine

Monday July 1 – Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Dorothy Hetterich* requested by
Rich & Joyce Lowe

Tuesday July 2 – Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Joe Robeson*

Wednesday July 3 – St. Thomas, Apostle

5:00PM- Eucharistic Adoration/Confessions

6:00PM- Mass for *Serena Stevens* requested by
John & Kathy Mittermeier

6:45PM- Rosary

Thursday July 4 – Weekday/Independence Day

9:00AM- Mass for *Clarence & Eileen Becker* requested by
Mr. & Mrs. Don Ruggery

Friday July 5 – Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *John Lloyd* requested by
Nancy Koehle

Saturday July 6 – Vigil of the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00 PM- Confessions

4:00PM- Mass for *Matthew Geishauser* requested by
Rich & Joyce Lowe

Sunday July 7 - 14th Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00AM- Mass for *Joyce Cordek* requested by
Larry Cordek

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 18:16-33; Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29; Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29

Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19; Mt 9:1-8; or, for *Independence Day*, any readings from the Mass "For the Country or a City, nos. 882-886, or For Peace and Justice, nos. 887-891

Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Mt 9:9-13



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