

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY • TUESDAY • THURSDAY • FRIDAY - 8:30AM
WEDNESDAY - 6:00PM
SATURDAY: 4:00PM • SUNDAY: 8:00AM 10:00AM

AUGUST 4, 2019

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

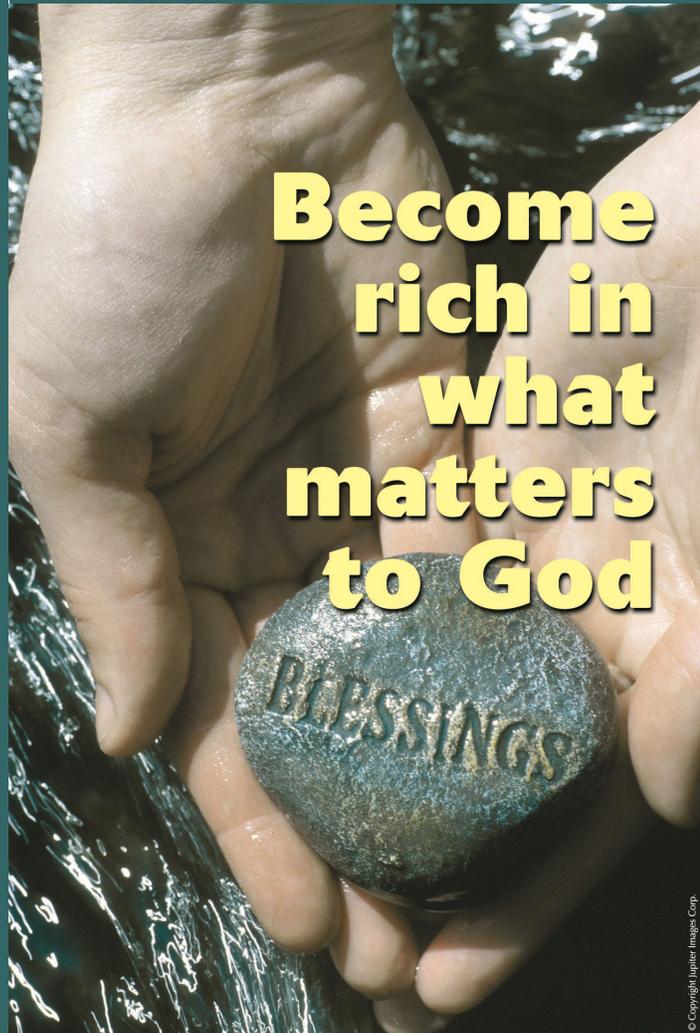
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APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES

Sat. Aug. 10 - 4:00 PM - Brody Partner-Gore, Claire Nackley
Sun. Aug. 11 - 8:00 AM - Mai Linh Do, Nicholas Helsley
Sun. Aug. 11 - 10:00 AM - Nevaeh & Makayla Langenbacher
Weds. Aug. 14 - 6:00 PM - Camille Krug, Mai Linh Do
Thurs. Aug. 15 - 6:30 PM - Brody Partner-Gore, Nicholas Helsley

LECTORS

Sat. Aug. 10 - 4:00 PM - Heather Nackley, Joyce Cunningham
Sun. Aug. 11 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, Russell O'Reilly
Sun. Aug. 11 - 10:00 AM - Norma Foose, Bill Foose
Weds. Aug. 14 - 6:00 PM - Bob Olson, Patrick Schurr
Thurs. Aug. 15 - 6:30 PM - Donna Moyer, Jim Campbell

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Aug. 10 - 4:00 PM - Joseph Klobuka, Pam Klobuka
Sun. Aug. 11 - 8:00 AM - Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
Sun. Aug. 11 - 10:00 AM - Bob Olson, Dolores Capriotti,
Marilyn Bevan, Donna Moyer
Weds. Aug. 14 - 6:00 PM - Barbara Bundy, NOT FILLED
Thurs. Aug. 15 - 6:30 PM - Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. Aug. 10 - 4:00 PM - Billy Sweet, Connie Baker,
Judy Sneath, NOT FILLED
Sun. Aug. 11 - 8:00 AM - Fran Semelsberger, Larry VanSickel,
Paula VanSickel, Mary Truesdale
Sun. Aug. 11 - 10:00 AM - Mary Grace Horton, Barb Aubrey,
Lou Ann Clark, Peg Madden
Weds. Aug. 14 - 6:00 PM - Darlene Scarpaci, Fran Semelsberger,
Mary Truesdale, Dorothy Yingling
Thurs. Aug. 15 - 6:30 PM - Darlene Scarpaci, Fran Semelsberger,
Charlie Moore, Ray Kennedy

SACRISTAN

Sat. Aug. 10 - 4:00 PM - Dorothy Yingling
Sun. Aug. 11 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. Aug. 11 - 10:00 AM - Jane Byrne
Weds. Aug. 14 - 6:00 PM - Barbara Bundy
Thurs. Aug. 15 - 6:30 PM - Joyce Cunningham

SCRIP

Sat. Aug. 10 - 4:00 PM - Becky Merilli, NOT FILLED
Sun. Aug. 11 - 8:00 AM - Patty & Bill Teufel
Sun. Aug. 11 - 10:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

August 11- Second Sunday Food Collection
August 14 - Assumption of Mary Vigil Mass - 6:00 PM
August 14 - Chair Meeting to schedule all Parish Activities
7:00 PM in Parish Center
August 15 - Holy Day Masses: Assumption of Mary
8:30 AM & 6:30 PM
August 18 - Arise Diocesan Mass in Loretto - 7:00 PM
Sept. 8 - Interfaith/Ecumenical Prayer Service - 5:00 PM
Nov. 9 - Love Feast

A Few Words from the Pastor:

The First "Green Pope" - Benedict XVI -- What did he say about our care for the Environment? *"We are in anxiety about the risk of destroying the creation. Men received it so that he might implement God's plan. However, by setting himself up at the center of the universe, forgetting the creator's mandate and shutting himself in a selfish search for his own well-being, the human being has managed the environment in which he lives by putting into practice decisions that threaten his own existence, whereas the environment requires the respect and protection of all who dwell in it."* September 1st begins the "Season of Creation," during which we are urged to consider our responsibility for caring for our common home, the Garden of God.



season of creation

Season of Creation - September 1 is the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The day has been celebrated as such by the Orthodox Churches since 1989; Pope Francis made it a day of prayer for creation in 2015. Many Christian churches started celebrating the "Season of Creation" (also known as Creation Time) between that date and October 4, which is the date of the feast many Western traditions observe for St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis is widely associated with nature, and for Catholics is the patron saint of those who promote ecology. Several statements from the past few years have called the faithful to observe this month-long Season of Creation, such as those of the Catholic Bishops of the Philippines in 2003 and the World Council of Churches in 2008. If there is anything which should unite the religions of the world, it is care for our common home. Over the next few weeks I will be writing more about this Season of Creation, in preparation for an interfaith/ecumenical prayer service to be held here at St. John's on Sunday, September 8th, at 5:00 PM.

Forming Worshipping 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 lecturers, 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.

The Transfiguration and Hiroshima -- It is certainly one of the extraordinary accidents of history that the first atomic bomb was dropped on August 6, which marks the annual Feast of the Transfiguration for Roman Catholic, Anglican, and Orthodox Christians around the world. As Matthew's Gospel describes the Transfiguration, "Jesus was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light...While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them..." Roughly 19 centuries later, and 74 years ago (August 6), the city of Hiroshima was destroyed with elements that cannot but recall the Transfiguration: a sun-bright white light, a roar from heaven, a cloud, terror, and -- most of all -- a world that would never be the same. The proliferation of such weapons of mass destruction has continued. We pray that the words spoken from heaven at the Transfiguration would be taken to heart: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Listen to Him." On August 6 we remember a transfiguration and a transformation. Both came with clouds, blazing light, and sound. One brought death in a scope never before seen. But the other revealed a life even greater, a life in Christ that reverences the sacredness of every human person. Pope Francis noted that the "teaching of John XXIII remains ever valid" in his 1963 encyclical, *Pacem in Terris*: "Unless this process of disarmament be thoroughgoing and complete, and reach men's very souls, it is impossible to stop the arms race, or to reduce armaments, or — and this is the main thing — ultimately to abolish them entirely."

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COMMITTEE CHAIRS MEETING: All committee chairs are asked to attend a special meeting immediately following the 6:00 PM Holy Day vigil mass on Wednesday, August 14 in the Parish Center. Please bring a list of events with date, time, location and any anticipated volunteer services. For more information, or if you are unable to attend, please contact Chris Ringkamp at 814-330-4074 or chris@icfdaj.org.

ARISE TOGETHER IN CHRIST EVENTS: On **Sunday, August 18th** at 7:00 PM, there is a Diocesan Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies for anyone participating or wishing to participate in Session 3. Please bring a lawn chair. The Mass will be celebrated indoors if weather is inclement. Please sign up online at www.dioceseaj.org. Click on the Arise circle and this event will be on the left side of the page. On **Saturday, September 21**, at Bishop Carroll Auditorium, the diocese is beginning Session 3 with an Arise Diocesan Convocation. Dr Donald Ascii, a professor from Steubenville University, will enlighten us on: Following Jesus and Transforming the World: The Social Dimension of Christian Discipleship. Anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Social Teachings of the Church is invited. You can also register online for this event by going to www.dioceseaj.org and clicking on the Arise Logo.

Liturgical Ministry Scheduling

September 7, 2019 through January 1, 2020

If you have internet access please update your profile in **Ministry Scheduler Pro**. There is a link from our parish website (WWW.STJOHNSALTOONA.ORG) and a link in the email reminder you will receive soon.

There are cards available in the Gathering Space for those who do not have access to the internet.

Please update your profile online or fill out a card and return it by Sunday, August 18th.

Family members can fill out one card front and back. Thank you for your service to our faith community throughout the year!

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL: Lk 12: 13-21

In today's gospel Jesus tells us: "One's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." We spend so much time working to obtain more stuff that we don't have time for the people in our lives. What is enough? Are the words of Jesus, "You fool!" meant for us?

August Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

Families

That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth".



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 • Molly Grenfell • Ken Hartman
- Elain Houseknecht • Boni Javier • Brian Kopp • Lisa
- Sherri Maffettone • 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
- 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:

- Audrey King - aunt of Dave McManuels
- William Schmerbeck

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

SILENT PRAYER: We are re-activating our silent prayer group from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. each Wednesday afternoon in the day chapel. No previous experience or sign-up is required. A brief teaching from the Contemplative Life Program will conclude each session. If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Cunningham at jmsc1863@gmail.com or 814-873,5678 or 695-5346.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Jesus uses the parable in today's Gospel to help us realign our values. Society defines "success" as an accumulation of material possessions. Jesus calls us to serve others through the faithful management of all our God-given gifts. What path will we take to accumulate God's gifts? What will be "our inheritance" to leave to those in need? As Christians, we are called to express our gratitude and love for God fulfilling our obligation to return to God the fruits of the gifts we have received. Do you serve others in a spirit of love and gratitude?

Stewardship at St. John's

Offertory for July 28

Envelopes	\$ 4,519.00
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2019 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE

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The Catholic Ministries Drive solely exists to provide funds to support 14 ministries that Nurture Our Youth, Form Clergy and Laity, and Care for the Poor/Strengthen Families. You can be assured that 100% of all CMD gifts are restricted to these ministries.

Our 2019 Catholic Ministries Drive Goal is \$43,116

Evangelization needs your support! 100% of your gift will make a difference!

Evangelizing is a way to preach the good news of the Gospel to those who seek a faithful life with Jesus Christ. As we get older, some of us tend to drift away from our faith. Evangelization helps welcome those who stray away back to the church. Evangelization teams, small prayer groups, and outreach ministries help active and inactive Catholics enliven their faith. **ARISE Together in Christ** is an evangelization program that brings teenagers, young and mature adults, and the elderly together to form a renewed community of faith to spread the good news.

In 2017-2018, \$155,672 was allocated to support active and non-active Catholics who want to hear and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ by offering outreach programs, small prayer groups, and unique ministries held at all parishes.

Be A Good Shepherd: Your gift can be mailed to the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, 2713 West Chestnut Avenue Altoona, PA 16601-1720 ; placed in your parish offertory; or made online at www.dioceseaj.org

HAITI STUDENT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM: Once again we will be sponsoring students from Sts. Peter and Paul for the academic year of 2019-2020. The gift is \$150. Most of the students cannot afford even part of the tuition cost but Sts. Peter and Paul wishes to open its doors to anyone who wants an education. Your \$150 donation will assure your student tuition, books, and lunch. Teacher salaries, which average \$42 a month, are the largest expense, followed by books, lunch, and supplies. There is a display in the Gathering Space providing envelopes to renew your sponsorship or begin a new one. There are about 200 students in the school. We had 60 students sponsored last year. Let's see if we can reach 100!

DO YOU ENJOY BOWLING? St John's Parish Bowling League begins Friday, September 13, continuing every other week through April. We are a fun, non-competitive league that welcomes bowlers of all abilities. Please consider joining in on the fun and fellowship of an occasional night out at the bowling alley with fellow parishioners! Look for the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space. For more information, call Gary Johnson at 696-2683.



Eighteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
August 4, 2019

Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.

— Psalm 90:12

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday August 4 – 18th Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00AM- Mass for *Elizabeth McKnight* requested by Bob & Ginny Reeder

10:00AM- Mass for *Dr. Dennis DeLeo* requested by Joyce Villani

Monday August 5 – Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Joe Robeson*

Tuesday August 6 – The Transfiguration of the Lord

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Clarence & Eileen Becker* requested by Chris & Natalie Smith & Children

Wednesday August 7 – Weekday

5:00PM- Eucharistic Adoration/Confessions

6:00PM- Mass for *Daniel Pettenati* requested by Betsy Lloyd & Family

6:45PM- Rosary

Thursday August 8 – St. Dominic, Priest

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM - Mass for *Frank Zitzlspurger* requested by Barb Bundy

Friday August 9 – Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Joan & Leonard Farrell* requested by Rich & Joyce Lowe

Saturday August 10 – Vigil of the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00 PM- Confessions

4:00PM- Mass for *John Lloyd* requested by Nancy Koehle

Sunday August 11 – 19th Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

10:00AM- Mass for *Matthew Geishouser* requested by Wyland & Binduga Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 -- 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35;
Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13; Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28

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