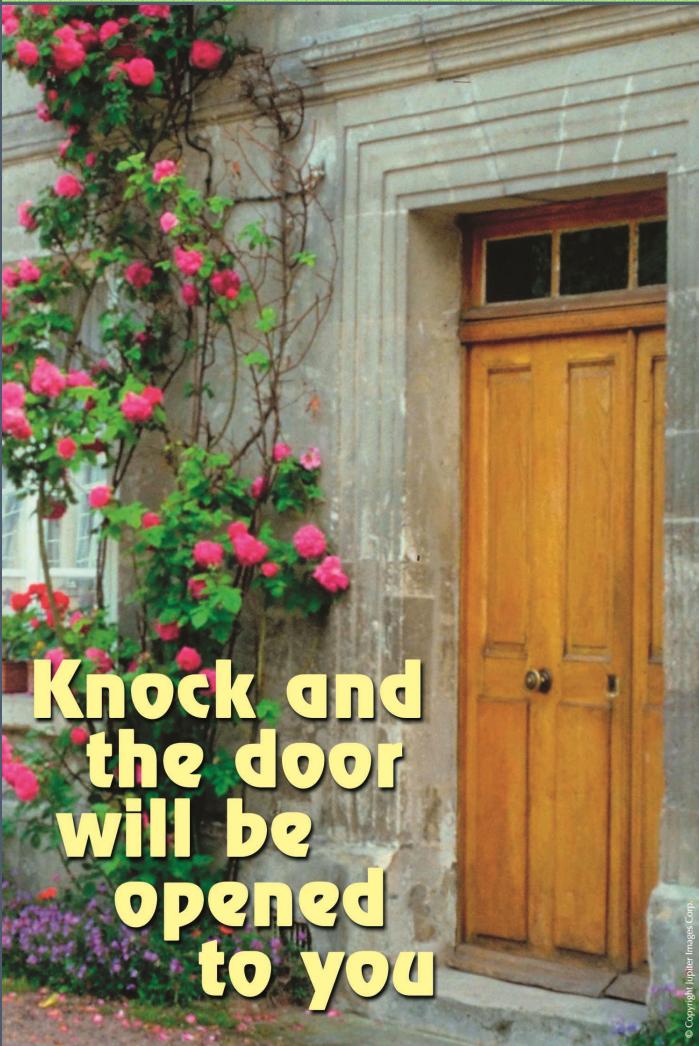


MASS SCHEDULE

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



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JULY 28, 2019
17TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
St. John the Evangelist Church
309 Lotz Avenue, Altoona, PA
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Summer Office hours:

Monday • Wednesday • Friday 9:00-3:00
Tuesday • Thursday - Office Closed

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES

Sat. Aug. 3 - 4:00 PM - Rylee Hershey, Claire Nackley
Sun. Aug. 4 - 8:00 AM - Mai Linh Do, Nicholas Helsley
Sun. Aug. 4 - 11:00 AM - Estella Koch, NOT FILLED

LECTORS

Sat. Aug. 3 - 4:00 PM - David Andrews, NOT FILLED
Sun. Aug. 4 - 8:00 AM - Fran Semelsberger, Tim Rea
Sun. Aug. 4 - 11:00 AM - Jim Campbell, Gary Johnson

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Aug. 3 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, Mary Haenig
Sun. Aug. 4 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, Mary Truesdale
Sun. Aug. 4 - 11:00 AM - Walter Bloom, Cecelia Bloom,
Lou Ann Clark, Bob Olson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. Aug. 3 - 4:00 PM - David Langguth, Coleen Langguth,
Judy Sneath, NOT FILLED
Sun. Aug. 4 - 8:00 AM - Ginny Reeder, Ed Stoltz,
Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
Sun. Aug. 4 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Wendy Campbell,
Dolores Capriotti, Patrick Podoletz

SACRISTAN

Sat. Aug. 3 - 4:00 PM - Dorothy Yingling
Sun. Aug. 4 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. Aug. 4 - 11:00 AM - Jane Byrne

SCRIP

Sat. Aug. 3 - 4:00 PM - Becky Merilli, Anna Rasmussen
Sun. Aug. 4 - 8:00 AM - Erika & Heather Yasolsky
Sun. Aug. 4 - 11:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

July 30 - Social at the Heidelberg Country Club - 6:00 PM
August 11 - Second Sunday Food Collection
August 14 - Chair Meeting to schedule all Parish Activities
7:00 PM in Parish Center
August 18 - Arise Diocesan Mass in Loretto - 7:00 PM
Sept. 8 - Interfaith/Ecumenical Prayer Service - 5:00 PM

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A Few Words from the Pastor:

GREAT PICNIC! – Many thanks to all who participated in our “indoor” parish picnic on Sunday. It was surely the right decision to move inside and out of the oppressive heat! Some have suggested that we plan on this regularly, given the comfort and convenience. We will then never have to worry about weather! A special thanks to our Parish Council and our Social Committee, who did the organizing and cleanup! Enjoy the rest of the summer.

PRAY FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS – Not only in this diocese, but in many dioceses across the country, there is a critical shortage of priests. The last thing that our bishop wants to do is close parishes due to this crisis, for he honors the strength and vibrancy of parish families. Please pray that God will raise up more young men to answer the call to priestly service.

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 worshiping on the Lord’s Day, not only during their youth, but throughout their lives.

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.

"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.

ARISE TOGETHER IN CHRIST EVENTS: There is a Diocesan Mass on **Sunday, August 18th** at 7:00 PM at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies. Anyone participating or wishing to participate in Session 3 in Arise is welcome to attend. Please bring a lawn chair. The Mass will be celebrated indoors if weather is inclement. If attending, please sign up online at www.dioceseaj.org. Click 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 Asci, 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.



FUN NIGHT AT THE HEIDELBERG: Please join the parish for food and drinks on Tuesday, July 30, beginning at 6:00 PM at the Heidelberg County Club in Lakemont. Social Committee is planning a night out (no set up, no serving, no clean up) for all parishioners. We've all worked hard to ensure a successful BBQ and picnic and we would like to relax and enjoy a night out. You can sign up on the kiosk! This event includes ALL parishioners - self pay.

SCRIP TIP: Before summer is over and school is back in session and you send those kids back onto the bus, get your scrip and make sure they're ready for the first day of class with new clothes, supplies, and everything else a student needs.

BISHOP TO CELEBRATE OUTDOOR MASS FOR COLLEGE-BOUND & NEWLY GRADUATED: All college students, as well as 2019 high school graduates who are entering the military or workforce, are invited with their family to attend the outdoor Mass on August 4 at 7:00 p.m. at the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine in Loretto. Bishop Mark L. Bartchak will be the celebrant and homilist. The Bishop will offer a special blessing to the students, words of wisdom, and a small gift. Bring your own lawn chair. If it rains, the Liturgy will be celebrated inside the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel next to the Shrine.

YARD SALE: Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court #1755, is having a yard sale on Saturday, August 3 from 7 AM to 1 PM at 1200 N. Juniata St. in Hollidaysburg. Furniture, kitchen items, toys books, seasonal décor and clothes. Come find and buy something you don't have!

STEWARSHIP CORNER: God knows his children's needs even before they know themselves. May we see as God does and prudently offer our resources of food, clothing and shelter. Do others see that you are a faithful steward and disciple of Jesus without having to tell them?

Stewardship at St. John's

Offertory for July 21

Envelopes	\$ 4,161.00
Loose	\$ 697.00
Children's	\$ 10.00
SubTotal	\$ 4,868.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,503.00
Total Offertory	\$ 6,371.00

*Restore*Repair*Rejoice*

Payments/Donations \$98,287
 Pledge Payment Committed \$50,571
 Total Pledges/Donations \$148,858

2019 Catholic Ministries Drive

Goal - \$43,116

As of June 30, 2019:
 Payments/Donations 21,075
 Pledge Payment Committed \$2,550
 Total Pledges/Donations \$23,625

ST JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

Please call Ginny Reeder (695-7671) or email her at ginny.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
 Elain Houseknecht • 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 • 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:

**William Schmerbeck
 Thomas A. Benton, brother of Jeanne Free
 May they rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.**

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.

HAITI STUDENT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM: Once again we will be supporting the school of Sts. Peter and Paul by sponsoring students 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 donation will assure your student tuition, books, and lunch. Teacher salaries, which average \$42 a month, are a large expense, then books, lunch, and supplies. The more students we sponsor the better the school budget and your student is assured what is needed. There will be 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!

