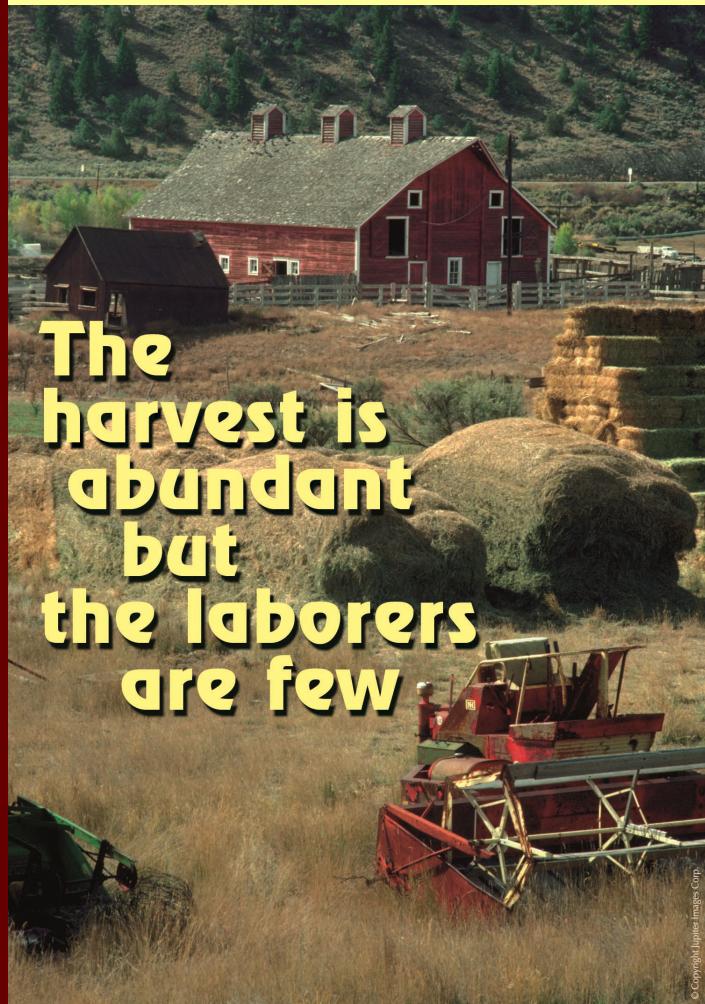


MASS SCHEDULE

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



The
harvest is
abundant
but
the laborers
are few

JULY 7, 2019
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Summer Office hours:

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

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES

Sat. July 13 - 4:00 PM - Rylee Hershey, Claire Nackley
Sun. July 14 - 8:00 AM - Mai Linh Do, Nicholas Helsley
Sun. July 14 - 10:00 AM - Nevaeh & Makayla Langenbacher

LECTORS

Sat. July 13 - 4:00 PM - Joyce Cunningham, David Langguth
Sun. July 14 - 8:00 AM - Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
Sun. July 14 - 10:00 AM - Norma Foose, Bill Foose

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. July 13 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, Dorothy Yingling
Sun. July 14 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, Mary Truesdale
Sun. July 14 - 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Dolores Capriotti,
Daniel Langenbacher, Donna Moyer

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. July 13 - 4:00 PM - Betsy Lloyd, Heather Nackley,
Judy Sneath, Billy Sweet
Sun. July 14 - 8:00 AM - Helen Miller, Fran Semelsberger,
Larry VanSickel, Paula VanSickel
Sun. July 14 - 10:00 AM - Barb Aubrey, Wendy Campbell,
Peg Madden, Patrick Podoletz

SACRISTAN

Sat. July 13 - 4:00 PM - Mary & Ray King
Sun. July 14 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. July 14 - 10:00 AM - Barbara Bundy

SCRIP

Sat. July 13 - 4:00 PM - Jane Byrne, Mary Haenig
Sun. July 14 - 8:00 AM - Christopher Palazzi, NOT FILLED
Sun. July 14 - 10:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

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**
August 4 - Second Sunday Food Collection
November 9 - Love Feast

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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!

COMMUNION SERVICES – In my absence, our parish is most grateful to Deacon Gene for his daily celebration of Communion Services. We are grateful as well to Father Clem Gardner, who is celebrating the Eucharist here at St. John's on the weekends.

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.

"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.

SCRIP TIP: Beat the summer heat with scrip for your favorite activities! Catch a summer blockbuster in the air conditioning of your favorite theater, or gas up and hit the beach for a picnic. Earn rebates on your summer fun with scrip.

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July Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

Justice

That those who administer justice may work with integrity and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.



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.



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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).

STEWARSHIP CORNER: Today's Gospel account is a wonderful motivational speech for Jesus' disciples. Clearly it is up to each of us to build God's kingdom here on earth. As a Christian steward and disciple of Jesus Christ in today's culture and society let us remember that every action we take in Jesus name is a step in building the Kingdom of God.

Stewardship at St. John's

Offertory for June 16 and June 23

Envelopes	\$ 10,052.00
Loose	\$ 595.00
Children's	\$ 1.00
Catholic Communication	\$ 25.00
<i>SubTotal</i>	<i>\$ 10,673.00</i>
Online Giving	\$ 3,206.00
Total Offertory	\$ 13,879.00

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Payments/Donations \$95,525
Pledge Payment Committed \$51,483
Total Pledges/Donations \$147,008

2019 Catholic Ministries Drive Goal - \$43,116

As of April 30, 2019:
Payments/Donations \$18,050
Pledge Payment Committed \$3,425
Total Pledges/Donations \$21,475

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

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 Pettrak • Mary Rajnish • Allison Recker

Vicki Riley • Olga Romerowicz • Mike Rudolph

Peggy Seiler • Anne Showalter • Dianne Stultz

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Lois Werfel • William Wieland • Noah Wills

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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.

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Parents are like the disciples in today's gospel. We are "sent ahead of Jesus" to prepare our children to know and receive Him. Jesus calls us "laborers" and "lambs among wolves" because parenting is hard work in a culture which rejects our values.

OUTDOOR MASS HONORING MARRIED COUPLES :

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!

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS MEETING:

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court 2625 will present THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY IN SONG at their next meeting, July 8, 2019 at St Rose of Lima Church Basement at 6:00 PM. Our regular meeting will start at 7PM. All are welcome.





2019 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE

BE A GOOD SHEPHERD.
GIVE HELP. BUILD HOPE. CHANGE LIVES.

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

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

Receiving the Holy Sacraments is an important part of becoming one with the church. As Catholics, we have the opportunity to receive the Sacraments of Initiation, Healing, and Service. Sacramental Preparation is one of the ministries from the Catholic Ministries Drives that helps prepare children and adults to receive those special sacraments.

In 2017-2018, \$3,335 was disbursed to assist 2,986 children and adults seeking a closer relationship with Christ by receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation, and Holy Matrimony.

How does Sacramental Preparation give help, build hope, and change lives?

Give Help: Sacramental Preparation provides help to children and adults that are to receive the sacraments by providing education, retreats for confirmation, and other learning opportunities.

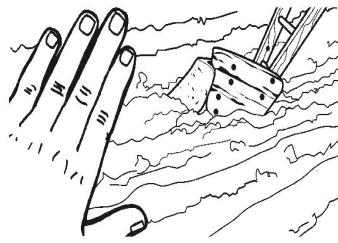
Build Hope: Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation, and Holy Matrimony provides a hope for a new beginning with Jesus. This year, 762 candidates are going to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in hopes of becoming a full member of the church and living the life God intended them to.

Change Lives: Each sacrament helps change the lives of those participating because they are building a stronger relationship with the Lord and are moving forward in their faith.

"For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ." - Galatians 3:27

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

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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 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*

Monday July 8 – Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:30AM- Morning Prayer & Communion Service

Tuesday July 9 – Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:30AM- Morning Prayer & Communion Service

Wednesday July 10 – Weekday

5:00PM- Eucharistic Adoration

6:00PM- Evening Prayer & Communion Service

6:45PM- Rosary

Thursday July 11 – St. Benedict, Abbot

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:30AM- Morning Prayer & Communion Service

Friday July 12 – Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:30AM- Morning Prayer & Communion Service

Saturday July 13 – Vigil of the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00 PM- Confessions
4:00PM- Mass for *Tiffany Mickens* requested by her aunt, Linda Weyandt

Sunday July 14 - 15th Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00AM- Mass for *Ida Prosperi* requested by John Prosperi

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23

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