

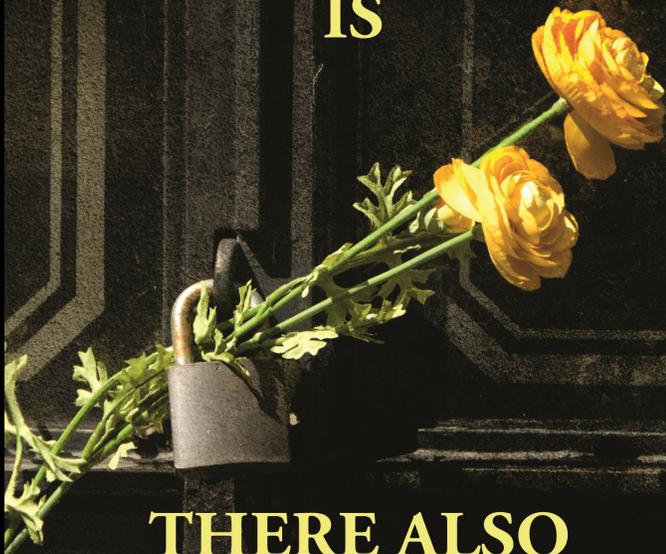


*Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Masses*

*Wednesday, August 14 @ 6:00 PM*

*Thursday, August 15 @ 8:30 AM & 6:30 PM*

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IS**



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HEART**

**AUGUST 11, 2019**

**19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN  
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**Summer Office hours:**

**Monday • Wednesday • Friday 9:00-3:00**

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**APPOINTMENTS**

**ACOLYTES**

Weds. Aug. 14 - 6:00 PM - Camille Krug, Mai Linh Do  
Thurs. Aug. 15 - 6:30 PM - Brody Partner-Gore, Nicholas Helsley  
Sat. Aug. 17 - 4:00 PM - Rylee Hershey, NOT FILLED  
Sun. Aug. 18 - 8:00 AM - Ethan & Emily Miller  
Sun. Aug. 18 - 10:00 AM - Estella Koch, NOT FILLED

**LECTORS**

Weds. Aug. 14 - 6:00 PM - Bob Olson, Patrick Schurr  
Thurs. Aug. 15 - 6:30 PM - Donna Moyer, Jim Campbell  
Sat. Aug. 17 - 4:00 PM - David Langguth, David Andrews  
Sun. Aug. 18 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, Tim Rea  
Sun. Aug. 18 - 10:00 AM - Paul Dennis, Gary Johnson

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Weds. Aug. 14 - 6:00 PM - Barbara Bundy, NOT FILLED  
Thurs. Aug. 15 - 6:30 PM - Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky  
Sat. Aug. 17 - 4:00 PM - Joseph Klobuka, Pam Klobuka  
Sun. Aug. 18 - 8:00 AM - Fran Semelsberger, Mary Truesdale  
Sun. Aug. 18 - 10:00 AM - Barb Aubrey, Lou Ann Clark,  
Kenneth Gorman, Bob Olson

**MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY**

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  
Sat. Aug. 17 - 4:00 PM - Carolyn English, Betsy Lloyd, Judy Sneath,  
NOT FILLED  
Sun. Aug. 18 - 8:00 AM - Helen Miller, Jane Strasser,  
Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky  
Sun. Aug. 18 - 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Wendy Campbell,  
Dolores Capriotti, Patrick Podoletz

**SACRISTAN**

Weds. Aug. 14 - 6:00 PM - Barbara Bundy  
Thurs. Aug. 15 - 6:30 PM - Joyce Cunningham  
Sat. Aug. 17 - 4:00 PM - Dorothy Yingling  
Sun. Aug. 18 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci  
Sun. Aug. 18 - 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

**SCRIP**

Sat. Aug. 17 - 4:00 PM - Julie Beiswenger, Carolyn English  
Sun. Aug. 18 - 8:00 AM - Erika & Heather Yasolsky  
Sun. Aug. 18 - 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 17 - Altar Server Training after the 4:00PM Mass  
August 18 - Arise Diocesan Mass in Loretto - 7:00 PM  
Sept. 8 - Interfaith/Ecumenical Prayer Service - 5:00 PM

## A Few Words from the Pastor:

**Holy Day of Obligation** – The church universal celebrates the Feast of Mary’s Assumption into heaven on Thursday, August 15th. **Our Vigil Mass for the Feast is Wednesday at 6:00, and Masses on the Feast Day itself are at 8:30 AM and 6:30 PM.** The Latin Catholic Feast of the Assumption is celebrated on 15 August, and the Eastern Orthodox and Eastern Catholics celebrate the Dormition of the Theotokos (the falling asleep of the Mother of God) on the same date, preceded by a 14-day fast period. Though there are homilies dating to the 5th century which speak of the Assumption of Mary, it was not until November 1, 1950, that this celebration of Mary was defined as a dogma of the Church by Pope Pius XII.

**A Modern Day Saint** – On Wednesday we celebrate the memory of Saint Maximilian Maria Kolbe, a Polish Franciscan friar, who volunteered to die in place of a stranger in the German death camp of Auschwitz. When a prisoner escaped late in July of 1941, ten men from his barracks were picked to suffer death by starvation as both punishment and deterrent. Fr. Maximilian offered to take the place of one of the men; Franciszek Gajowniczek had let out a cry of pain for his family and this holy priest volunteered to take his place. He was beatified by Pope Paul VI in 1971 and canonized by his fellow Pole, Pope John Paul II in 1982. In attendance at St. Maximilian’s canonization in Vatican Square was the man for whom he gave his life: Franciszek Gajowniczek!

**Our Catholic Ministries Drive** – We are most appreciative of your support of our Catholic Ministries Drive. Caring for the Poor and Strengthening Families, Nurturing our Youth, and Forming Clergy and Laity, are the needs which your contributions sustain. Please be generous.

**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: Prayer AND Action!**

– Prayer must be accompanied by action! During this Season of Creation, September 1 through October 4, all are encouraged to consider their relationship to the world around them, and how each of us can take greater care of our earth, our “Common Home.” Certainly recycling is something that all of us can do. Another suggestion is that we limit our use of “one use” plastic bags from the grocery store. We will be providing reusable bags in the hope that we limit the oceans of plastic that are placed in our landfills and oceans. We are also planning some activities for our young people, developing in them a greater awareness of our need to be good stewards of the earth! 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 8<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 PM.



season of  
**creation**

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### **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](http://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!

**ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED:** We are in need of more students to volunteer to be altar servers for the parish. Servers not only help their parish, but also deepen their relationship with Jesus, and gain a better understanding of our worship. Youth in fourth grade and above are eligible to serve. We will have a training session for new servers next Saturday, August 17 after the 4:00PM Mass. For more information contact Debbie Johnson - 942-5503.

**ARISE TOGETHER IN CHRIST EVENTS:**

**Sunday, August 18th** - 7:00 PM - 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 go to [www.dioceseaj.org](http://www.dioceseaj.org) and click on the Arise circle to register.

**Saturday, September 21,** at Bishop Carroll Auditorium - Arise Diocesan Convocation. 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](http://www.dioceseaj.org) and clicking on the Arise Logo.

**ACCOMPANIST NEEDED:** We are still in need of someone to accompany the choir at our 11:00 mass (10:00 AM from Memorial Day to Labor Day) as well as some holy days and special liturgies. Other responsibilities include playing for Wednesday evening rehearsal. Starting Date: Sunday, September 1. If you know anyone that may be interested, please ask them to contact Deborah Johnson: [dj219@msn.com](mailto:dj219@msn.com) or 814-931-2867.

**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! *There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the Gathering Space for new and returning bowlers.* For more information, call Gary Johnson at 696-2683.

**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!

**ST JOHN'S PRAYER LIST**

Please call Ginny Reeder (695-7671) or email her at [gabby.reeder@gmail.com](mailto: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
- Michael DeStefano • Jim Duffy • Charlie Elder
- Helen Fornwalt • Leann Frazier • Dianna Green
- Molly Grenfell • Ken Hartman • Elaine 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.*

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** Look beyond financial matters whenever you hear the well-known verse "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." *Luke 12:34* As a servant and steward ask yourself, "What do I treasure?" Is it your family, your friends, your parish faith community, your hope and faith in the Lord Jesus? "But who am I, and who are my people, that we should have the means to contribute so freely? For everything is from you and we only give you what we have received." (1 Chronicles 29:14)

**Stewardship at St. John's**  
*Offertory for August 4*

Envelopes	\$ 6,950.00
Loose	\$ 460.00
Children's	\$ 7.00
Catholic Education	\$ 101.00
Catholic Register	\$ 199.00
<i>SubTotal</i>	<i>\$ 7,717.00</i>
Online Giving	\$ 2,048.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 9,765.00</b>

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Payments/Donations	\$100,652
Pledge Payment Committed	\$49,826
Total Pledges/Donations	\$150,478

**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



## 2019 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE

BE A GOOD SHEPHERD.  
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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**

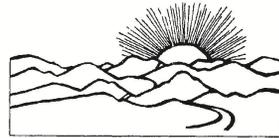
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**Be A Good Shepherd:** Your gift can be mailed to the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, 2713 West Chestnut Avenue Altoona, PA 16601-1720 ; placed in your parish offertory; or made online at [www.dioceseaj.org](http://www.dioceseaj.org)



Nineteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
August 11, 2019

Our soul waits for the LORD,  
who is our help and our shield.

— Psalm 33:20

### SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

#### **Sunday August 11 – 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time**

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

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

#### **Monday August 12 – Weekday**

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Viola Brooks* requested by Barb Bundy

#### **Tuesday August 13 – Weekday**

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Joe Robeson*

#### **Wednesday August 14 – Vigil of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

5:00PM- Eucharistic Adoration/Confessions

6:00PM- Mass for *Carlo & Rosa Risoldi* requested by Robert & Mary Ann Cole

6:45PM- Rosary

#### **Thursday August 15 – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM - Mass for *Mary Catherine Majestic* requested by Tom & Fran Semelsberger

6:30PM- Mass for *William Decker* requested by The Budd Family

#### **Friday August 16 – Weekday**

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Bill Schmerbeck* requested by Carol & John Bismark

#### **Saturday August 17 – Vigil of the 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

3:00 PM- Confessions

4:00PM- Mass for *Marion & Joseph Langguth* requested by David & Coleen Langguth

#### **Sunday August 11 – 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time**

8:00AM- Mass for *Bill Schmerbeck* requested by Connie & Dave McManuels

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

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dt 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-2; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27;  
Lk 1:39-56

Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12

**ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY LITURGY:** Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, 55, and 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2019 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend Sunday, Sept. 15 in ALTOONA at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, Sept. 22 in JOHNSTOWN at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00 p.m. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families. *Reservations must be made by calling the Parish Office @ 942-5503 before Thursday, August 22.*

**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](mailto:jmsc1863@gmail.com) or 814-873,5678 or 695-5346.

**FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL:** Lk 12: 32-48 "From everyone to whom much is given, much will be expected." We complain about utility bills while millions of families don't have running water or electricity. Today Jesus teaches us that the less fortunate people "have been entrusted" to us. A Christian family reaches out to others. In what ways is your family reaching out?

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