APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES

Sat. Aug. 24 - 4:00 PM - Brody Partner-Gore, Keaton Swope
Sun. Aug. 25 - 8:00 AM - Mai Linh Do, Nicholas Helsley
Sun. Aug. 25 - 10:00 AM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED

LECTORS

Sat. Aug. 24 - 4:00 PM - Betsy Slat, Maria Spayd
Sun. Aug. 25 - 8:00 AM - Ronan Adams, James Krug
Sun. Aug. 25 - 10:00 AM - Susanna Tomlinson, Patrick Schurr

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Aug. 24 - 4:00 PM - Joseph Klobuka, Pam Klobuka
Sun. Aug. 25 - 8:00 AM - Fran Semelsberger, NOT FILLED
Sun. Aug. 25 - 10:00 AM - Norma Foose, Bill Foose, Donna Moyer, NOT FILLED

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. Aug. 24 - 4:00 PM - Heather Nackley, Billy Sweet, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
Sun. Aug. 25 - 8:00 AM - Ray Kennedy, Charlie Moore, Mike O'Neill, Ed Stoltz
Sun. Aug. 25 - 10:00 AM - Barb Aubrey, Marilyn Bevan, Wendy Campbell, Dolores Capriotti

SACRISTAN

Sat. Aug. 24 - 4:00 PM - Dorothy Yingling
Sun. Aug. 25 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. Aug. 25 - 10:00 AM - Barbara Bundy

SCRIP

Sat. Aug. 24 - 4:00 PM - Mary Haenig, Becky Merilli
Sun. Aug. 25 - 8:00 AM - Patty & Bill Teufel
Sun. Aug. 25 - 10:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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1 September - 4 October | #SeasonOfCreation

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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

August 18 - Arise Diocesan Mass in Loretto - 7:00 PM
Sept. 1 - Oct. 4 - Season of Creation
Sept. 8 - Interfaith/Ecumenical Prayer Service - 6:00 PM
Sept. 8 - Second Sunday Food Collection

A Few Words from the Pastor:

From Genesis To Jesus – I am most grateful to Deacon Gene for conducting our Adult Faith Formation program this fall. We will be using an excellent series which gives an in-depth look at the Covenant which God has made with his people, in both the Old and New Testament. I intend myself to give greater attention to our young people in their Faith Formation. The young are our future and face many challenges living their Christian faith. I will be walking with them!

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 8th, at 6:00 PM.

season of creation

Religious Formation to Begin – We are looking forward to another inspiring year for our children! We are beginning registration now, and expect that our first class will be held on September 8. At this session all children and parents are to attend. I will be giving my undivided attention to our children throughout this year, as we seek to form young disciples of the Lord Jesus.

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.

Creation Corner – Our popes have had much to say to us about our care for the environment. Each Sunday during the Season of Creation, and monthly thereafter, there will be a short reading highlighting the concern of the church for the care of our common home. Here is an example:

When we talk about the environment, about creation, my thoughts turn to the first pages of the Bible, the Book of Genesis, which states that God placed man and woman on earth to cultivate and care for it. And the question comes to my mind: What does cultivating and caring for the earth mean? Are we truly cultivating and caring for creation? Or are we exploiting and neglecting it? Pope Francis

Liturgical Ministry Scheduling for *September 7, 2019 through January 1, 2020*

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

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.

Family members can fill out one card front and back.

Thank you for your service to our faith community throughout the year!

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.*

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 or 814-931-2867.

DIOCESAN 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*. 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. and clicking on the Arise Logo.

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 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:

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

Audrey King - aunt of Dave McManuels

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

SILENT PRAYER GROUP: We have re-activated our silent prayer group from 2-3 p.m. each Wednesday, concluding with a brief teaching from the Contemplative Life Program. No previous experience or sign-up is required, and details are posted on the kiosk in the Gathering Space

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Trying to live as a Christian in today's society can be very challenging at times. Although stewardship is challenging there is a peace that comes with the decision we make for Christ and living his will when we share our time, talent and treasure. Making God our first priority frees us of our ties to material possession and the judgment that divides the Body of Christ, the Church, and all her members. Christian stewards look to today's Second Reading for inspiration by "keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus." (Heb 12:2)

Stewardship at St. John's

Offertory for August 11

Envelopes	$ 3,850.00
Loose	$ 613.00
Children's	$ 1.00
Catholic Education	$ 25.00
Catholic Register	$ 90.00
SubTotal	*$ 4,649.00*
Online Giving	$ 1,953.00
Total Offertory	***$ 6,602.00***

Second Sunday Food Collection - $626.00

Statement of Financial Position
July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

Income	
Offertory	411,642
Other Donations	11,134
Net Rent (School)	28,618
Religious Education	3,269
Other Income	27,737
Restore Campaign (Net)	95,968
Total Income	**578,368**
Expense	
Parish Expense	241,756
Sacristy/Liturgical	18,503
Building, Grounds	92,063
Religious Education	6,268
Other Expense	21,792
Diocese Assessments	30,856
Holy Trinity	144,833
Total Expense	**556,071**
Net Profit/(Loss)	**22,297**
Accumulated Debt to Diocese	
Holy Trinity	192,833
Cathedraticum	20,000
Other Invoices	8,914
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Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
August 18, 2019

[Jesus] endured the cross, despising its shame,
and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God.

— *Hebrews 12:2*

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday August 18 – 20th Sunday In Ordinary Time
8:00AM- Mass for *Bill Schmerbeck* requested by Connie & Dave McManuels
10:00AM- Mass for *People of the Parish*

Monday August 19 – Weekday
7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM- Morning Prayer
8:30AM- Mass for *Dave & Mary Petrak* requested by Arise Group

Tuesday August 20 – St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM- Morning Prayer
8:30AM- Mass for *Charles P. Greco* requested by Betsy Lloyd & Family

Wednesday August 21 – St. Pius X, Pope
5:00PM- Eucharistic Adoration/Confessions
6:00PM- Mass for *Joe Robeson*
6:45PM- Rosary

Thursday August 22 – The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:30AM - Morning Prayer & Communion Service

Friday August 23 – Weekday
7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:30AM - Morning Prayer & Communion Service

Saturday August 24 – Vigil of the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
3:00 PM- Confessions
4:00PM- Mass for *People of the Parish*

Sunday August 25 – 21st Sunday In Ordinary Time
8:00AM- Mass for *Nancy Keller* requested by Tom & Fran Semelsberger
10:00AM- Mass for *Teresa Geishauser* requested by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Chverchko

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40

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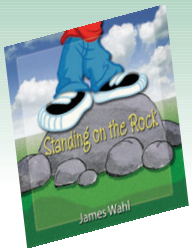

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