

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES

Sat. Aug. 31 - 4:00 PM - Claire Nackley, Rylee Hershey
 Sun. Sept. 1 - 8:00 AM - Nicholas Helsley, Mai Linh Do
 Sun. Sept. 1 - 10:00 AM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED

LECTORS

Sat. Aug. 31 - 4:00 PM - Joyce Cunningham, Mark Sloan
 Sun. Sept. 1 - 8:00 AM - Ronan Adams, James Krug
 Sun. Sept. 1 - 10:00 AM - Susanna Tomlinson, Patrick Schurr

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Aug. 31 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, Dorothy Yingling
 Sun. Sept. 1 - 8:00 AM - Fran Semelsberger, NOT FILLED
 Sun. Sept. 1 - 10:00 AM - Norma Foose, Bill Foose, Donna Moyer,
 NOT FILLED

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. Aug. 31 - 4:00 PM - Judy Sneath, Heather Nackley,
 Billy Sweet, NOT FILLED
 Sun. Sept. 1 - 8:00 AM - Mike O'Neill, Ray Kennedy,
 Charlie Moore, Ed Stoltz
 Sun. Sept. 1 - 10:00 AM - Wendy Campbell, Barb Aubrey,
 Marilyn Bevan, Dolores Capriotti

SACRISTAN

Sat. Aug. 31 - 4:00 PM - Mary & Ray King
 Sun. Sept. 1 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
 Sun. Sept. 1 - 10:00 AM - Barbara Bundy

SCRIP

Sat. Aug. 31 - 4:00 PM - Anna Rasmussen, Julie Beiswenger
 Sun. Sept. 1 - 8:00 AM - Patty & Bill Teufel
 Sun. Sept. 1 - 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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SEASON OF CREATION

1 September - 4 October | #SeasonOfCreation

Jesus said,

*"People will come from
 the east and the west
 and from the
 north and the south
 and will recline at table
 in the kingdom of God."*

Luke 13:29



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AUGUST 25, 2019
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Summer Office hours:

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

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Sept. 1 - Oct. 4 - Season of Creation
Sept. 8 - Second Mass begins at 11:00 AM
 Sept. 8 - Faith Formation Family Meeting - 10:00 AM
 Sept. 8 - Second Sunday Food Collection
 Sept. 8 - Interfaith/Ecumenical Prayer Service - 6:00 PM

A Few Words from the Pastor:

RESTORE! REPAIR! REJOICE! Our next project will be the pouring of a **sidewalk** from the gravel parking lot to the entrance of the church. This will replace the small cement pads and will make access from that parking area much more accessible for wheelchairs. This work will begin the first week of September. Thus, the current path will not be usable on the weekend of September 7-8. Our thanks to our parishioner Dave Auerbeck who is doing the work, and to all who are contributing to our campaign!

FRIDAY MORNING MASS – Because of an unexpected schedule change in my teaching at St. Vincent Seminary, I will not be able to celebrate morning Mass here at St. John's on Fridays, from now until Christmas. In the new year life will return to normal. Thank you for your understanding. I very much appreciate Deacon Gene's willingness to preside at Communion Services on those days.

SEASON OF CREATION: PRAYER AND ACTION! – There is not a day that goes by without stories in the news about the degradation of our natural environment and the negative effects of climate change. Pope Francis has challenged us to "observe, judge, and act" in regard to our planet, our common home. In his encyclical *Laudato Si*, he quotes his predecessor Paul VI, who referred to the ecological concern as "a tragic consequence of unchecked human activity. Due to an ill-considered exploitation of nature, humanity runs the risk of destroying it and becoming in turn a victim of this degradation". Come pray with your brothers and sisters of all faiths on Sunday evening, September 8 at 6:00 here at St. John's. May our prayers lead us to action in saving our planet for the generations to come!

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. This program will begin on September 8 and continue until Thanksgiving. Enrich your faith life! Join us on Sunday mornings between the Masses in the cafeteria.

FAITH 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. On that Sunday all Faith Formation families will gather at 10:00 AM in the church for a meeting and then be present at our 11:00 AM Mass for the beginning of our new year of catechesis. At this session all children and parents are to attend.

WEDDING BELLS! We rejoice with Katie Fiore, daughter of Dan and Robin Fiore, who was married here at St. John's this weekend to James Warner of St. Mary's parish Hollidaysburg. Our prayers for a joyous and blessed married life!

TWO SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE! The John and Helen Despot Scholarship Fund is making available two \$450 Scholarships for any child of St. John's who is attending a Catholic elementary or middle school in this coming school year. Applications are available in the Gathering Space or can be obtained from the parish office. The deadline for application is September 30. We are grateful for generosity of the Despot family, who have so generously established this fund in memory of their parents John and Helen.

MASS SCHEDULE REMINDER! The late Sunday morning Mass will return to its usual time of 11:00AM on September 8th, the Sunday AFTER LABOR DAY.

Creation Corner: Preservation of the environment, promotion of sustainable development and particular attention to climate change are matters of grave concern for the entire human family. No nation or business sector can ignore the ethical implications present in all economic and social development. With increasing clarity scientific research demonstrates that the impact of human actions in any one place or region can have worldwide effects.



Pope Benedict

ARISE TOGETHER IN CHRIST: There will be a meeting of the Arise planning team only in the Parish Center on Tuesday, August 27th at 7:00pm. Group leaders do not have to attend.

September Prayer Intention of Pope Francis
Politicians, Scientists and Economists
That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.



FAITH FORMATION NEWS

September 8 - 10:00 AM - Meeting of all students and their parents in the church

CATECHIST NEEDED: We are in need of a catechist to teach our 7th/8th grade class this year. One of the most important things we can do is help bring the next generation to faith in Jesus Christ. We have all the tools you need to teach our faith to these young students. *If you can help, contact Megan Swope - (814)631-8273 or mswope726@gmail.com.*



Before Children's Liturgy of Word resumes at the 11:00AM Mass in September, we need a few more adult leaders. Can you help us bring the "Word of God" to the children of our parish this fall on a simple level they can understand? We have books that easily guide you through the readings, followed by topics to chat with the kids about. It's a small commitment with huge rewards. *If you can help, contact Megan Swope at (814)631-8273 or mswope726@gmail.com.*

CONCERT: The first annual Altoona Youth Orchestra Concert featuring the newly formed Altoona Youth Orchestra will be held at St. John's this Sunday, August 25 at 2:00 PM. The concert is free to the public, though a free will offering will be collected to help support the program.

BOWLING LEAGUE SIGN UPS: St John's Parish Bowling League begins Friday, September 13, at Holiday Bowl, continuing every other week through April. We are a fun, non-competitive league that welcomes bowlers of all abilities. A sign-up sheet is on the kiosk in the Gathering Space. Four-person teams are welcome, or sign-up as a single or couple; we'd be happy to get you on a team so you can start in on the fun. For details, call Gary Johnson at 814-696-2683.

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 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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Peggy Seiler • Anne Showalter
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William Wieland • Noah Wills • Amber Yasolsky
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STEWARDSHIP CORNER: There is a difference between hearing God's word and actually practicing it. In beckoning us to enter the kingdom "by the narrow door," Jesus directs us to live as wise stewards and disciples and travel lightly, unburdened by possessions. We are to narrow our focus so only the heart of Christ fills our vision. As a family consider making a basic and practical stewardship action plan for the next week. For example: help an elderly neighbor take out their trash or help with their yardwork; call or send a card to a homebound person, or someone who lives alone; invite a busy working single parent family, or someone who is living alone, to join your family at a meal. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35)

Stewardship at St. John's

Offertory for August 18

Envelopes	\$ 3,940.00
Loose	\$ 650.00
Children's	\$ 5.00
Assumption of Mary	\$ 652.00
<i>SubTotal</i>	\$ 5,247.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,308.00
Total Offertory	\$ 6,555.00

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Payments/Donations \$101,507
Pledge Payment Committed \$49,858
Total Pledges/Donations \$151,365

2019 Catholic Ministries Drive: Goal - \$43,116

As of July 31, 2019:

Payments/Donations 26,555
Pledge Payment Committed \$1,950
Total Pledges/Donations \$28,505

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

THE HANDBELL CHOIRS NEED YOUR HELP! Several more ringers are needed for our handbell choirs here at St. John's. The Adult Handbell Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:15 to 8:30. Training is provided at rehearsals. You do not need any previous experience ringing bells, but it's helpful if you can keep a steady beat and know your left from your right! The Children's Handbell Choir could also use a few more ringers. Students in grades 2 and up are eligible to be in this choir. The Children's Handbell Choir rehearses from 6:00 to 7:00 on Thursday evening. Why not come see what it's like to ring in a handbell choir? If you are interested in joining, please call Debbie Johnson at 931-2867.

BBQ CHICKEN DINNER: Sponsored by St. Joseph's Church, Williamsburg - Sunday, September 8. \$8.50 Take Out Only. Pick up from 11:00AM to 12:30PM At Riverside Park. Meal includes: ½ BBQ Chicken, Baked Potato, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Applesauce, Roll/Butter & Dessert For tickets, call Jim at 832-2139 or Sandy at 658-3600.



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Located at Saint Stephen Parish in McConnellsburg, Fulton County Catholic Mission was established by Sister Margie Monahan and Sister Martha Burbulla in 1988. The mission has helped those that are struggling with rent, utilities, and fuel within the county. They also provide people in need with food and clothing.

In 2017-2018, \$83,605 was disbursed to support children, adults, and families of all ages and stages that are residing in Fulton County, one of the poorest counties in Pennsylvania and has only one Catholic Church.

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.



Twenty-first Sunday
in Ordinary Time
August 25, 2019

Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.

—Hebrews 12:12–13

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday August 25 – 21st Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00AM- Mass for *Nancy Keller* requested by Tom & Fran Semelsberger

10:00AM- Mass for *Teresa Geishauer* requested by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Chverchko

Monday August 26 – Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Clarence & Eileen Becker* requested by Joan Price

Tuesday August 27 – St. Monica

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Joe Robeson*

Wednesday August 28 – St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

5:00PM- Eucharistic Adoration/Confessions

6:00PM- Mass for *Edward Eaton* requested by Rich & Joyce Lowe

6:45PM- Rosary

Thursday August 29 – The Passion of St. John the Baptist

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Serena Stevens* requested by Ron & Caroline Clair

Friday August 30 – Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:30AM - Morning Prayer & Communion Service

Saturday August 31 – Vigil of the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00 PM- Confessions

4:00PM- Mass for *Jean & Joseph Dardzinski* requested by Rich & Joyce Lowe

Sunday Sept. 1 – 22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

10:00AM- Mass for *Russell Irwin* requested by Knights of Columbus, Star of the Sea Council #4245

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Mk 6:17-29

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13



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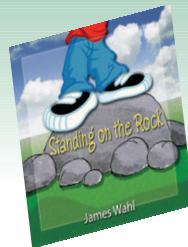
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