

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES

Sat. Sept. 14 - 4:00 PM - Brody Partner-Gore, Amber Yasolsky
 Sun. Sept. 15 - 8:00 AM - Ethan & Emily Miller
 Sun. Sept. 15 - 11:00 AM - Estella Koch, Kaelab Ruggles

LECTORS

Sat. Sept. 14 - 4:00 PM - Maria Spayd, Jack Donoughe
 Sun. Sept. 15 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, Fran Semelsberger
 Sun. Sept. 15 - 11:00 AM - Donna Moyer, Gary Johnson

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Sept. 14 - 4:00 PM - Joseph Klobuka, Pam Klobuka
 Sun. Sept. 15 - 8:00 AM - Diane Turcovsky, Daniel Turcovsky
 Sun. Sept. 15 - 11:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti, Lou Ann Clark,
 Walter Bloom, Cecelia Bloom, Barbara Bundy, Paul Dennis

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. Sept. 14 - 4:00 PM - Barb Aubrey, Connie Baker, Betsy Lloyd,
 NOT FILLED
 Sun. Sept. 15 - 8:00 AM - Carolyn English, Ray Kennedy, Ed Stoltz,
 Mary Truesdale
 Sun. Sept. 15 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Mary Grace Horton,
 Peg Madden, Patrick Podoletz

SACRISTAN

Sat. Sept. 14 - 4:00 PM - Dorothy Yingling
 Sun. Sept. 15 - 8:00 AM - Joyce Cunningham
 Sun. Sept. 15 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

SCRIP

Sat. Sept. 14 - 4:00 PM - Joan Price, Nancy Weimer
 Sun. Sept. 15 - 8:00 AM - Erika & Heather Yasolsky
 Sun. Sept. 15 - 11:00 AM - Mary Haenig, Patty Teufel

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY • TUESDAY • THURSDAY • FRIDAY - 8:30AM
WEDNESDAY - 6:00PM
SATURDAY: 4:00PM • SUNDAY: 8:00AM & 11:00AM

PASTORAL STAFF

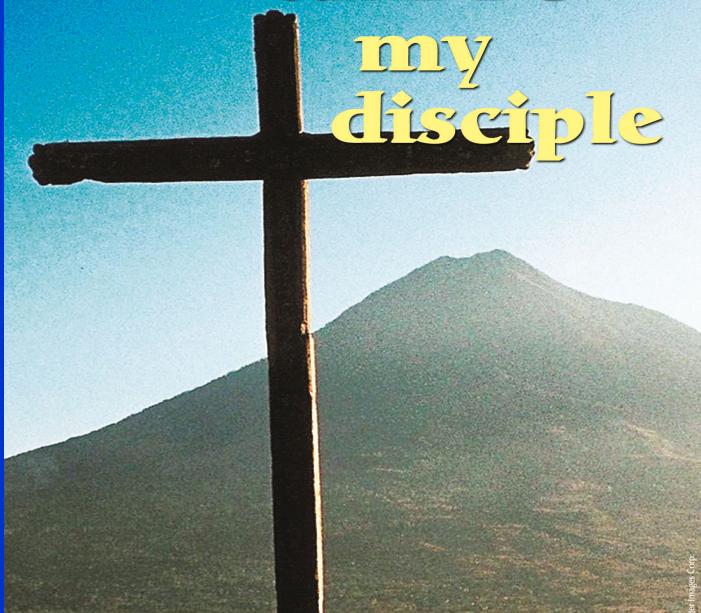
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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Sept. 8: Second Mass begins at 11:00 AM
Sept. 8: Second Sunday Food Collection
Sept. 8: Interfaith/Ecumenical Prayer Service - 6:00 PM
Sept. 7/8 & 14/15: Arise Sign up Sunday
Sept. 28: Wine/Cider Social after 4:00 Mass
Oct. 12: Hollidaysburg Pumpkinfest Soup Sale

A Few Words from the Pastor:

INTERFAITH SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR CREATION – We are hosting an important prayer service for the care of creation on Sunday evening September 8, at 6 PM. We are celebrating the abundance of God's creation and the call to care for our common home. Those who plan to participate are invited to bring fresh fruit or vegetables which will be taken to Sister Paula's soup kitchen.

THE SEASON OF CREATION – The encyclical *Laudato Si* by Pope Francis charts the path for our commitment to the care of our common home. He reminds us that a spiritual perspective is now part of the discussion of our environment, and that the poor are disproportionately affected by climate change, with the rise of sea levels and the greater intensity of typhoons and hurricanes.

BE A GREEN BELIEVER! - Currently 100 billion plastic bags pass through the hands of U.S. consumers every year – almost one bag per person each day. We can each do our part by using our own grocery bags. We are providing bags to assist with your grocery shopping, with the reminder that we are doing what we can to care for our environment.

A LETTER TO THE SUFFERING CHURCH - Bishop Robert Baron has written a wonderful booklet on the sexual abuse crisis. We are making these books available to our parishioners at no cost. I will be leading a study of this book on Wednesday evenings at 7 o'clock, from September 11 to October 2. All are most welcome to attend one or all of the sessions.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE – To date we have received a bit more than half (26K) of our parish goal of 43K for the Catholic Ministry Drive. A second mailing from the diocese is in the mail as we speak. An interesting statistic is that only 45 households have responded to this appeal out of 501. That amounts to approximately 9% of our parish households. I certainly understand that our own parish appeal may have contributed to our lackluster performance in responding to the diocesan Catholic Ministries Drive. As always we are most grateful for all that is done for our parish and for our diocese. Among the many ministries sustained by this drive is Catholic Charities, campus ministry, and our Fulton County mission. Your sacrifices are greatly appreciated.

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 the 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! Additional work is needed on the sidewalk between the school and rectory, which has far too many "trip and fall" issues!

FROM GENESIS TO JESUS – This program of study of the bible will begin this weekend 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! Our first session is held this weekend, with a meeting of parents and students at 10 in Bailey Hall, followed by Mass at 11:00 for the beginning of our new year of catechesis. At this session all children and parents are to attend.

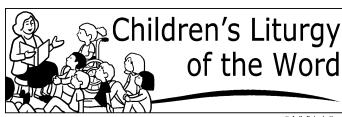
TWO SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE! The John and Helen Despot Scholarship Fund is making available two \$450 scholarships for any child of St. John's who is attending a Catholic elementary or middle school in this coming school year. Applications are available in the Gathering Space or can be obtained from the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

CREATION CORNER: The popes have spoken of human ecology, closely linked to environmental ecology. We are living in a time of crisis: we see this in the environment, but above all we see this in mankind. Man is not in charge today, money is in charge, money rules. God our Father did not give the task of caring for the earth to money, but to us, to men and women: we have this task! Instead, men and women are sacrificed to the idols of profit and consumption: it is the 'culture of waste.' *Pope Francis*



FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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



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.*

WINE/CIDER TASTING: All are invited to gather in front of the church on Saturday, September 28, following the 4:00 PM Mass for a wine/cider tasting. Let's toast the upcoming fall season! Please sign up on the kiosk if you can attend. In case of inclement weather, this event will be in the Parish Center.



EASY PARISH FUND RAISER: Hollidaysburg Knights of Columbus Parish Chicken BBQ. Sunday, September 22 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall 324 Bedford St, Hollidaysburg. Sit-down or Take-out. Tickets are \$8.00 and St. John's receives \$4.00 for every ticket we sell. *Tickets will be available after Masses and in the office. PLEASE SUPPORT THIS GROUP AS THEY HAVE BEEN SO GENEROUS TO US OVER THE YEARS!*

HAITI STUDENT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM: Your \$150 donation to sponsor a student from Sts. Peter and Paul for the academic year of 2019-2020 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. *We'd like to have all sponsorships turned in by September 15.*

LOVE FEAST: Our fall Love Feast will be on Saturday, November 9, so it is time to sign up to volunteer and/or pick an item from the kiosk strips to buy and put under the designated coat-rack.

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.



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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ARISE TOGETHER IN CHRIST: Why not be

part of something that promises to have a positive effect on the renewal of the Catholic Church in our diocese? **ARISE** Season III is open to anyone. It is an opportunity to get to know others from your parish. You may sign up for a group on the weekends of Sept. 7/8 and Sept. 14/15 or call Jane Becker at 814-414-9836. The 6 weeks of meetings begin the week of October 6.



The Arise Diocesan Convocation is Saturday, September 21, at Bishop Carroll Auditorium. Dr Donald Asci, a professor from Steubenville University is the presenter. Anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Social Teachings of the Church is invited. Please register online for this event by going to www.dioceseaj.org.

Stewardship at St. John's Offertory for September 1

Envelopes	\$	6,195.00
Loose	\$	255.00
Children's	\$	2.00
Catholic Education	\$	106.00
Diocesan Collections	\$	90.00
<i>SubTotal</i>	\$	6,648.00
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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

CDA MEETING: The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Prince Gallitzin Court 2625 will meet on Monday, September 9, 2019 at St Rose of Lima Social Hall. A social will be at 6:30 PM, followed by our regular meeting at 7:00 PM. New members are welcome.



2019 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE

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

Christian Initiation needs your support! 100% of your gift will make a difference!

Christian Initiation helps adults receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist to become fully initiated in the church. This ministry does this by assisting the Bishop to implement the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**.

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Give Help: Christian Initiation provides support and resources to parishes and priests to help prepare adults to receive the sacraments. It also offers educational classes and workshops to help adults take the important steps of becoming a fully initiated member of the church.

Build Hope: It is never too late to become a Catholic and to receive the sacraments. Christian Initiation gives adults the hope that they are not too late to become a follower of Jesus.

Change Lives: Christian Initiation helps adults that are feeling they are missing the religious aspect of their lives. It gives them a chance to be more involved with their faith and become a member of the church community.

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 .

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA COLLECTION : This weekend, parishes in our diocese will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Now, more than ever, the University is strategically positioned to pave the way forward and help the laity play a significant role in healing. Through hosting a conference series focused on laity response, and in creating an Institute for Diocesan Excellence in Administration (IDEA), Catholic University will serve as a springboard in renewing and strengthening Catholicism in our country. Your support of the National Collection will help us educate graduates who will leave campus ready to impact the Church, the nation, and the world.



Twenty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 8, 2019

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.

— Psalm 90:14

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Sept. 8 – 23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00AM- Mass for *People of the Parish*
11:00AM- Mass for *Barbara Byers* requested by Jay & Mary Ann Earnest

Monday Sept. 9 – St. Peter Claver, Priest

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM- Morning Prayer
8:30AM- Mass for *Joe Robeson*

Tuesday Sept. 10 – Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM- Morning Prayer
8:30AM- Mass for *Andrew & Janet Szarwark* requested by Rich & Joyce Lowe

Wednesday Sept. 11 – Weekday

5:00PM- Eucharistic Adoration/Confessions
6:00PM- Mass for *Fr. Paul Turnbull* requested by Barb Bundy
6:45PM- Rosary

Thursday Sept. 12 – Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM- Morning Prayer
8:30AM- Mass for *Jerry Johnson*

Friday Sept. 13 – St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:30AM - Morning Prayer & Communion Service

Saturday Sept. 14 – Vigil of the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00 PM- Confessions
4:00PM- Mass for *Muriel Stoepker* requested by Rich & Joyce Lowe

Sunday Sept. 15 – 24th Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00AM- Mass for *Raymond P. Partenheimer* requested by Sue's Arise Group
11:00AM- Mass for *People of the Parish*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Col 1:24 -- 2:3; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42



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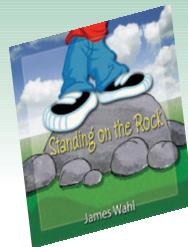
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