



**13th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
July 2, 2023**

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MASS SCHEDULE

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

July Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

For a Eucharistic Life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.



NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS

LECTORS

Sat. July 8 - 4:00 PM - Joyce Cunningham, Maria Spayd
 Sun. July 9 - 8:00 AM - Susan Podoletz, Ginny Reeder
 Sun. July 9 - 10:00 AM - Richard Consiglio, Patrick Schurr

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. July 8 - 4:00 PM - Abigail Hovance, Chloe Truscello
 Sun. July 9 - 8:00 AM - Emily Miller, Nicholas Helsley
 Sun. July 9 - 10:00 AM - Aidan Schurr, Liam Schurr

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. July 8 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
 Sun. July 9 - 8:00 AM - Lou Ann Clark, Darlene Scarpaci, Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
 Sun. July 9 - 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Cecelia Bloom, Walter Bloom, Kenneth Gorman, Barbara Bundy, NOT FILLED

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. July 8 - 4:00 PM - Dennis Moughemer, Karen Moughemer, Betsy Lloyd, NOT FILLED
 Sun. July 9 - 8:00 AM - Ashley Greslick, Mike Greslick, Ed Stoltz, Jane Strasser
 Sun. July 9 - 10:00 AM - Peg Madden, Wendy Campbell, Patrick Podoletz, Dolores Capriotti

SACRISTAN

Sat. July 8 - 4:00 PM - Ray & Mary King
 Sun. July 9 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
 Sun. July 9 - 10:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti

SCRIP

Sat. July 8 - 4:00 PM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
 Sat. July 9 - 8:00 AM - Chris Palazzi, Heather Yasolsky
 Sun. July 9 - 10:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph

A Few Words from the Pastor:

MASS FOR JULY 4TH: This day is the anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. The Church of the United States of America incorporates this observance into the liturgy with a special Mass asking for peace, justice, and truth. Please join us for Mass on Tuesday, celebrating the marvelous gift of freedom that we have here in the USA at 9am.

A PRAYER FOR THE 4TH OF JULY: *Father of all nations and ages, we recall the day when our country claimed its place among the family of nations; for what has been achieved we give you thanks, for the work that still remains we ask your help. As you have called us from many peoples to be one nation, grant that, under your providence, our country may share your blessings with all the peoples of the earth. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY: "For a Eucharistic life." We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist **at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way** and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

FAREWELL AND WELCOME! As has been announced by the bishop, Father Norris has been assigned to St. Therese of the Child Jesus parish, and our newly ordained priest, Father Justin Treon, will be coming to St. John's and St. Rose. These assignments are to take effect on July 3rd. A farewell/welcome gathering in each parish will soon be scheduled.

A NOTE OF THANKS FROM DEBBIE: Thank you for adding to the joy of my retirement with your well wishes and amazing cards and gifts.

The new laptop was an unexpected but much needed gift. I know that I will think of the people at St. John the Evangelist Parish and the many friends I have here every time I use it. The reception after each Mass was beautiful. Your kind words made me feel important and appreciated. I am so grateful to have worked at St. John's for so many years with so many talented people. It was truly a wonderful journey with an amazing parish. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Debbie Johnson

PARISH PICNIC: Planning is underway for our Annual Parish Picnic scheduled for Sunday, July 30th! Please sign up on the kiosk if you are planning on attending as well as what dish you would like to share. We are also looking for themed basket donations to be raffled off during the picnic. Sign up on the kiosk if you are able to donate along with the basket theme. All proceeds will benefit parish upgrades. Hope you will join us as we welcome Fr. Justin Treon and say farewell to Fr. Brian Norris!



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Schedule for the Week of July 2

Sunday, July 2 - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:00 AM - Mass for *Janet A. Seibert* requested by Pat & Sue Podoletz

Monday, July 3 - St. Thomas

8:30 AM - Mass for *Barbara Neral* requested by Deacon Gene Neral

Tuesday, July 4 - Independence Day

9:00 AM - Mass for *Fred Mazzarella* requested by Karen Mazzarella

Wednesday, July 5 - Weekday

6:00 PM - Mass for *Margareta Goch*

Thursday, July 6 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *William Shover* requested by Betsy Lloyd

Friday, July 7 - Weekday

8:30 AM - 8:30 AM - Mass for *Joyce Cordek* requested by Larry Cordek

Saturday, July 8 - Vigil of 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - Mass for *Dan & Mary Susick-50th Wedding Anniversary* requested by the family

Sunday, July 9 - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please email any upcoming bulletin announcements to Diane Ryan at stjohnsecretary@atlanticbb.net or call the Parish Center at 814-942-5503. Bulletin announcements need to be submitted by Wednesday to be included in the following weekend bulletin.

OUTDOOR MASS CELEBRATING MARRIED COUPLES: The Altoona-Johnstown Diocesan Family is invited to participate in and to pray for those living the Sacrament of Marriage at an Outdoor Mass honoring Married Couples on Sunday evening, July 16 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!

FATIMA DEVOTIONS: The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating Fatima Devotions on Thursday July 13th, 2023 at 6:30pm in the Gardens (In case of inclement weather we will be at the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel). The presider will be Very Rev. Fr. John Byrnes from the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel. We are really looking forward to seeing you.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: We are reminded of the necessity and how the power of hospitality through our baptism is what makes us disciples and Christian stewards in the first place. Christ teaches us how to live daily life as His stewards. We must live for Christ! Nothing less will do.

We put God first by serving others as if we were serving Christ Himself, thus losing a self-centered life. "Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink is a disciple..." It is precisely our loving actions towards others, loving them as if they were Christ, that we demonstrate our love for Christ!

(www.CatholicSteward.com, 6/11/2020)

June 17/18

Envelopes	\$ 2,933.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 632.00
Parish Development	\$ 60.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,466.00
Total Offertory	\$ 5,091.00

2023 Catholic Ministries Drive Goal - \$41,761

January 1, 2023 to May 31, 2023

Gifts/Pledges \$32,475

Pledge Balance (Not yet received) \$425

Total Gifts/Pledges (Received) \$32,050

REACHING OUT TO OUR SHUT-INS: Dorothy Yingling is a temporary resident at the Allegheny Lutheran Home, 911 Hickory Street Room 223B Hollidaysburg, PA 16648. She would like to hear from her fellow parishioners. Her cell phone is 814-330-0763. You may call her, send cards and she would also welcome visitors.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! We invite you to shower with cards Tim Temofonte, who turns 97 on July 9th. We want to wish him the happiest of birthdays. May God bless him with good health and happiness.

Tim Temofonte 437 Givler Drive Homewood, Room 407 Martinsburg, PA 16662

ST. JOHN BIG CHICKEN BBQ **Sunday, July 16, 2023 \$12.00**

11:00 AM until 1:00pm

DRIVE THROUGH ONLY

Chicken, Baked Beans, Applesauce, Roll

Pick up at Knights of Columbus

324 Bedford Street, Hollidaysburg

Tickets will be available after all the weekend Masses and in the Parish Office on weekdays.



ST JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

Please call Ginny Reeder (695-7671) or email her at giny.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:*

**All Garvey Manor Residents • Anne Showalter
Idy Caporuscio • Michelle Cooney • Mary Lee
DeStefano • Nancy Fogel • Sherryl Hartman
Patricia Olson • Ryan Raybuck • Carol Rodgers • Reed
Stellabotte • Tim Temofonte • Dorothy Yingling**

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

Billy Sweet

Michael DeStefano, brother of Loretta Olson

Joseph Lauer, brother of Brenda Donoughe

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

SCHOLARSHIP: Students from our parish who will be college juniors or seniors this fall may apply to receive one of four \$500 grants from the Adelaide Heverly Welge Scholarship Endowment. Applications are available in the parish office. They may also be downloaded from the "Grants & Scholarships" page at www.icfoundation.us or through the Independent Catholic Foundation's Facebook page. The application deadline is Wednesday, July 5th. The four successful applicants will be notified shortly thereafter.

SCRIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are currently looking for several more volunteers to fill orders at the scrip table during Mass. If you look at our Ministry Schedule, you will see many positions that are open. Scrip volunteers are scheduled through our Ministry Scheduler Pro just like the other ministries. You can specify the mass times and weekends you are willing to serve in this capacity. With enough volunteers signed up, no one should have to serve every weekend. Please call the office at 814-942-5503 if you are willing to volunteer.

SCRIP TIP: Don't leave for vacation without your scrip! You can purchase scrip online for flights, cruises, and hotels. Go to <https://www.raiseright.com/> to get started. If you're more into road trips, equip your wallet with scrip for fast food and gas stations! Shop gift cards from more than 750 top brands to earn on your daily purchases with the mobile app RaiseRight. Anytime you want, anywhere you go. Get the app: <https://www.raiseright.com/>
Call the office for the enrollment code to link your account to St. John the Evangelist Church.



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FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Registration is now open for the 2023-2024 school year.

*If you would like more information or have questions,
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stjohnsecretary@atlanticbb.net.*

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL: 13th Sunday A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel challenges us to resist the individualism of our culture. Everything we are and have is pure gift which we are expected to share especially to the "lowly ones." What has been freely given needs to be shared freely. No strings attached.

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION: A Mass will be celebrated on July 9 at 5:00 p.m. at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral. A Eucharistic procession from the Cathedral to Central Park in downtown Johnstown will follow the Mass. The Cathedral invites the local faithful to join in this solemn and public witness to our faith in Jesus Christ, alive and truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. First Communicants are invited to come dressed in their First Holy Communion attire. They will be invited to join in the procession. Refreshments will follow at the Saint John Gualbert Activity Center on Railroad Street.



**SAVE THE DATE
SUNDAY, JULY 30
AFTER THE 10:00
MASS**

July 2, 2023 Thirteenth Sunday on Ordinary Time

The Second Vatican Council has urged that the more perfect form of participation in the Mass is that the faithful, after the priest's Communion, receive the Lord's Body from the same Sacrifice. As noted at the Council of Trent, the faithful present at each Mass, for the sake of a fuller participation in the holy Eucharist, should communicate not only by spiritual desire but also by sacramental reception of Communion. The Church strongly suggests Holy Communion given to God's people come from the altar of that Mass, and not from the reserved Sacrament in the tabernacle. Bread and wine consecrated at that Mass is ideally the Communion distributed to the faithful. C.f. **General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 2011, Number 13.**