



The Most Holy Trinity

June 4, 2023

St. John the Evangelist Church

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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

June Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

For the Abolition of Torture

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.



NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS

LECTORS

Sat. June 10 - 4:00 PM - Maria Spayd, John Majcher
 Sun. June 11 - 8:00 AM - Susan Podoletz, Ginny Reeder
 Sun. June 11 - 10:00 AM - Jim Campbell, Donna Moyer

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. June 10 - 4:00 PM - Abigail Hovance, Chloe Turscello
 Sun. June 11 - 8:00 AM - Emily Miller, Nicholas Helsley
 Sun. June 11 - 10:00 AM - Colin Schurr, Liam Schurr

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. June 10 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
 Sun. June 11 - 8:00 AM - Lou Ann Clark, Darlene Scarpaci, Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
 Sun. June 11 - 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Cecelia Bloom, Bob Olson, Walter Bloom, Dolores Capriotti, Kenneth Gorman

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. June 10 - 4:00 PM - Betsy Lloyd, Billy Sweet, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
 Sun. June 11 - 8:00 AM - Carolyn English, Ray Kennedy, Larry VanSickel, Paula VanSickel
 Sun. June 11 - 10:00 AM - Wendy Campbell, Peg Madden, Patrick Podoletz, Mary Grace Horton

SACRISTAN

Sat. June 10 - 4:00 PM - Ray & Mary King
 Sun. June 11 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
 Sun. June 11 - 10:00 AM - Barbara Bundy

SCRIP

Sat. June 10 - 4:00 PM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
 Sat. June 11 - 8:00 AM - Christopher Palazzi
 Sun. June 11 - 10:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph

A Few Words from the Pastor:

MAKING THE SIGN OF THE CROSS! On this first Sunday after Pentecost, Trinity Sunday is celebrated by Christians all over the world. The purpose of this holiday is to celebrate the symbolic nature of the Trinity – which is God, the Father; Jesus, the Son; and the Holy Spirit. All are separate entities upon themselves but are also one and the same entity. This is also known as the Christian Godhead as God incarnate in one person. Trinity Sunday was officially instituted in the 9th century by Pope Gregory IX. However, it had been celebrated for centuries before then as evidenced by the adoption of the Trinitarian baptismal formula in early liturgies. Each time one makes the Sign of the Cross, we celebrate the Most Holy Trinity. Always sign yourself prayerfully and with reverence!

SUMMER IS FOR LEISURE - How often people come back from a high energy vacation rather exhausted, needing time to recover. As the summer is upon us, it might be valuable to reflect upon the deeper meaning of leisure. The gift of leisure is not simply the result of having spare time, a holiday, a weekend, or vacation. The Bible tells us that on the seventh day God rested. We are to do the same. Genuine, God-given leisure is an attitude of mind, a condition of the soul. It is an attitude of non-activity, an inward calm, of silence. It means not being busy, but letting things happen. It brings with it a certain serenity. It involves our sitting quietly and being content to let things take their course. It is the attitude of those who are open to everything; not of those who grab and grab hold, but those who leave the reins loose and are free and easy themselves. May God bless us with a leisurely summer, a summer blessed with leisure!

SPEAKING OF LEISURE - I will be away on vacation until the 15th of June. Leisure for me will be a river cruise from Paris to Normandy with Father Kurdziel and my brother and his wife. Thanks for your prayers for our safety!

MASS FOR OUR GRADUATES! Mark your calendars for our celebration of our graduates on Saturday, June 24, at 4:00 PM Mass.



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

DIOCESAN CELEBRATION OF CORPUS CHRISTI: The Diocese will open Year II of the Eucharistic Revival, with a Diocesan Celebration of Corpus Christ at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies, in Loretto, on Sunday, June 11, with Eucharistic Adoration and opportunities for Confession at the Basilica from 3:00 -6:30 p.m. The Historic Prince Gallitzin Chapel House will be open from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Bishop Mark Bartchak will celebrate Mass at the outdoor Shine at 7:00 p.m. with Concelebrating Priests and Deacons and a procession around the Shrine following Mass which will include the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Daughters, Honor Guards, and many others. *We would like to invite the First Communion Classes of 2023 from all Parishes, to join in the Procession, wearing their First Communion Clothes and paying honor to the Eucharist which they have just received for the First Time.* **DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR OWN LAWN CHAIR.**



INDEPENDENT CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

INDEPENDENT CATHOLIC FOUNDATION GRANT: Our Parish is grateful to the Independent Catholic Foundation in Altoona for a \$1,500.00 grant to aid in the purchase of our FORMED subscription as well as a subscription to Catholic Social Media. The gift was made through the foundation's new Impact Grant Program. To learn more about the foundation, you may contact them at (814) 201-2080 or visit the website at www.icfdaj.org.

CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH: This weekend we welcome Monsignor David Fulton from Cross Catholic Outreach. Cross Catholic Outreach shares the hope and good news of the Gospel alongside our social work in order to see the Holy Spirit's transformative power. Around the world and with your help, we bring food, water, shelter, education, orphan support, medical care, elderly care, microenterprise, and disaster relief to the poorest of the poor. Your gift empowers them to serve the poor by channeling life-changing aid through an international network of dioceses, parishes and Catholic missionaries. This cost-effective approach helps break the cycle of poverty and advance Catholic evangelization. Please be generous with your support.

Schedule for the Week of June 4

Sunday, June 4 - The Most Holy Trinity

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

10:00 AM - Mass for *Rose Marie Nail* requested by Mary Ann Cole

Monday, June 5 - St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr

8:30 AM - Communion Service

Tuesday, June 6 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Communion Service

Wednesday, June 7 - Weekday

6:00 PM - Communion Service

Thursday, June 8 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Communion Service

Friday, June 9 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Manuel Monios* requested by DeFrancisco Family

Saturday, June 10 - Vigil of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

4:00 PM - Mass for *Dorothy Bucarelli* requested by Fromknecht Family

Sunday, June 11 - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

8:00 AM - Mass for *Karen Pleva* requested by Fran Semelsberer

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



GOING ON VACATION? Please use Online Giving to catch-up on offertory. Go to www.stjohnsaltoona.org and click on the Online Giving link, it's quick

and easy. *Your support during summer months helps sustain our parish.*

FAITH DAY JUNE 25, 2023: The Family Life Office of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown invites you to join us for the return of Faith Day at Delgrosso's Amusement Park on Sunday, June 25. While admission to the park is always free, for those attending Faith Day, Ride-and-Slide passes are reduced to \$20! The day will culminate with Mass with Bishop Mark at the large pavilion at 4:30pm. Following Mass, we will share a meal. You can purchase a meal ticket in advance for \$10/person, which includes rotisserie chicken, penne pasta, salad, pickle, a roll, an ice cream cup and a beverage. You can purchase a smaller children's portion for \$8, or a vegetarian meal for \$9, which includes everything but the chicken. This discounted dinner price must be purchased in advance by Friday, June 16, by using the order form in your parish bulletin. Please note that if you would prefer to purchase through the park food vendors or restaurants, or to bring your own dinner, you are welcome to do so. We are looking forward to celebrating with you again!!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Stewardship is the imitation of our Most Holy Trinity. God gave Himself, in the person of His Son, for the love of us. We must love this God back now by giving our lives to Him. The more we give of ourselves to God, the more we will find the "grace of the Lord, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit within us."

The Triune God of the universe invites us to an ever-deepening intimacy with Him when we make our lives a loving gift to Him and to others through the stewardship way of life.

May 20/21

Envelopes	\$ 3,498.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 614.00
Children's Offerings	\$ 5.10
Parish Development	\$ 160.00
Catholic Communication	\$ 40.00
Catholic Education	\$ 10.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 20.00
Ascension	\$ 580.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,664.00
Total Offertory	\$ 6,591.10

2023 Catholic Ministries Drive Goal - \$41,761
January 1, 2023 to April 30, 2023
 Gifts/Pledges \$31,885
 Pledge Balance (Not yet received) \$425
 Total Gifts/Pledges (Received) \$31,460

BABY DRIVE: Thanks to all who have donated so far. The Altoona Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Prince Gallitzin #2625 will be collecting baby items for Catholic Charities and other agencies in need until June 11th. Please place your donated item(s) in the baby box provided in the Gathering Space. As always, thank you very much for helping with this endeavor. God bless you all. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mary Grace Horton @ 814-942-0397 or Jennifer Crum-Waite @ 814-215-1067.

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

11:00 AM until SOLD OUT
 DRIVE THROUGH ONLY
Chicken, Baked Beans, Applesauce, Roll
 Pick up at Knights of Columbus
 324 Bedford Street,
 Hollidaysburg

Tickets will be available beginning June 10 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 • Mary Lee DeStefano
Michael DeStefano • Sherryl Hartman • Patricia Olson
Ryan Raybuck • Reed Stellabotte • Dorothy Yingling**



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Call the office for the enrollment code to link your account to St. John the Evangelist Church.

SAMARITAN COMMITTEE UPDATE: St John's Parish continues to promote the Corporal Works of Mercy with the work of the Samaritan Committee. In April we were able to donate \$350 to 10 agencies and church food pantries in our area to address the needs of hunger. Thank you for your continued donations on Second Sunday of non-perishable food, time, talent and your treasure. At this critical time in history, we appreciate your efforts to attend the ever growing need to assure those in our community who are less fortunate have food in their household. Respectfully, Susanna Tomlinson

SUNDAY EVENING OUTDOOR MASSES: All the faithful of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to our outdoor Masses every **Sunday evening at 7 PM** at the beautiful **Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies**. Outdoor Masses will continue through Labor Day weekend- September 3, 2023. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel.

The Chapel House of Father Demetrius Gallitzin is not open for personal tours. However, we will be open for visiting hours this summer. The hours that one may visit the Chapel House are: *June 11, June 25, July 9, July 23, August 6, and August 20* from 3:00PM to 6:00PM.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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

If you would like more information or have questions, please contact Diane Ryan at 814-942-5503 or email stjohnsecretary@atlanticbb.net.

SAVE THE DATE! Please join us after the 10 AM Mass next Sunday, June 11th in the Gathering Space for a Father's Day Craft Event. We will have a table set up for children to stop by after Mass for a few minutes to create some quick and easy crafts for all of the fathers, grandfathers in their lives. Hope to see you there!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL COMING SOON! A Mini Vacation Bible Camp will be coming to St. John's June 20th, 21st and 22nd from 6 PM to 7:30 PM in the gym for children ages 5-10 years. Cost is \$10. Please look in the bulletin for a flyer with additional information and a registration form. Please call the office with any questions!

JOIN US FOR OUR SUMMER CLASS: The following class will be an In-Person (not via ZOOM) and will be open to all! *Heart of Faith: Foundations of Catholicism* taught by Fr. Timothy Harris, TOR at St. John Vianney in Johnstown, PA. Mondays and Thursdays from 6:30-9:00 PM (Running for 6 weeks) beginning June 19. The cost for this class is \$35.00 and must be turned in with the Registration Form. Two books are also required for this class and can be purchased on Amazon. To complete the Registration Form please visit www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry or contact Jessica, Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry at (814) 361-2000 or via email at jgramling@dioceseaj.org All are welcome!

FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY DAY OF CELEBRATION: Please join us for a celebration honoring the Feast of St. Anthony of Padua on Tuesday, June 13th at St. Bernardine Monastery, Hollidaysburg. The event will include an outdoor Mass, Blessing of St. Anthony's Bread, and veneration of a first-class relic of St. Anthony. Mass will begin at 10:00 AM, followed by bread distribution. At the conclusion of Mass, join us for an outdoor BBQ lunch which is \$15.00 per person. Please pre-pay if you will be staying for lunch by June 6th by sending payment to 788 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648. The celebration will be rain or shine as it will be under a tent and please bring a chair!

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL: As the Father "sent his son into the world" so parents send their children into the world "so that the world might be saved." This is the missionary role of the Christian family. Your family is a school where your children develop convictions which enable them to make a difference in the world. *A Family Perspective* by Bud Ozar.