

**15th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
July 16, 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 22 - 4:00 PM - David Langguth, Maria Spayd
 Sun. July 23- 8:00 AM - Amber Yasolsky, Mike Greslick
 Sun. July 23- 10:00 AM - Donna Moyer, Barbara Bundy

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. July 22- 4:00 PM - Chloe Truscello, NOT FILLED
 Sun. July 23 - 8:00 AM - Emily Miller, Nicholas Helsley
 Sun. July 23- 10:00 AM - Camille Krug, Colin Schurr

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. July 22- 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED,
 NOT FILLED
 Sun. July 23 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, Daniel Turcovsky, Diane
 Turcovsky, NOT FILLED
 Sun. July 23- 10:00 AM - Cecelia Bloom, Walter Bloom, Dee Capriotti,
 Kenneth Gorman, Bob Olson, Susanna Tomlinson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. July 22 - 4:00 PM - Betsy Lloyd, Dennis Moughemer, Karen
 Moughemer, NOT FILLED
 Sun. July 23- 8:00 AM - Jane Becker, John Becker, Larry VanSickel,
 Paula VanSickel
 Sun. July 23- 10:00 AM - Peg Madden, Wendy Campbell, Marilyn
 Bevan, Patrick Podoletz

SACRISTAN

Sat. July 22- 4:00 PM - Jane Byrne
 Sun. July 23- 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
 Sun. July 23- 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

SCRIP

Sat. July 22- 4:00 PM - Chris Palazzi, Lori Baker
 Sat. July 23 - 8:00 AM - Erika Yasolsky, Heather Yasolsky
 Sun. July 23 - 10:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph

A Few Words from the Pastor:

YOUR LIFE AS SACRED STORY – parishes are always searching for ways to promote discipleship of Christ Jesus. We do this by deepening the spiritual lives and religious commitment of our people. The more intently we individually focus on developing *our personal relationship with Jesus Christ*, the more He draws us together as a community of believers making us disciples of the Lord. The Jesuit priest Father William Watson has made it his life's work to fashion the hearts of believers after the life of St. Ignatius of Loyola and the path to holiness he lays out in his "Spiritual Exercises." Based upon the "Examen" of St. Ignatius, Father Watson has developed a 40-week program (September to May) designed to deepen and enrich a person's spiritual life, helping the individual recognize that the whole of one's life is a "Sacred Story."

This Fall at both St. John's and St. Rose we will introduce this program -- *"Forty Weeks: An Ignatian Path to Christ with Sacred Story Prayer."* Over the next few weeks, we will describe in more detail what this program of spiritual renewal will entail and how it can enrich your personal life and the life of our parishes.

FEAST OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, July 22nd: Mary Magdalene was a woman who, according to the four canonical gospels, traveled with Jesus as one of his followers and was a witness to his crucifixion and resurrection. She is mentioned by name twelve times in the canonical gospels, more than most of the apostles and more than any other woman in the gospels, other than Jesus's family. Mary's epithet Magdalene may be a surname, meaning that she came from the town of Magdala, a fishing town on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee in Roman Judea. Known as the Apostles to the Apostles, she was the first to announce the Resurrection to the Apostles: "I have seen the Lord."

SUGGESTED SUMMER READING: *Life Lessons from St. Therese of Lisieux*, by Joseph Schmidt. Brother Schmidt provides practical teachings on how to live a life of grace and gratitude derived directly from the wisdom of St. Thérèse. Open your heart to be led by this beloved saint and receive insights she gained in her own life that you can apply to the challenges you face. Explore the qualities and lessons that Thérèse learned to rely upon and discover a helpful guide to living a more meaningful, loving, and peaceful life. Each chapter contains material directly from the writings and life experience of Thérèse, as well as mentoring messages that connect her wisdom with daily life today! It's like having St. Thérèse as your spiritual director. And what could be better than that?

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!

ST. JOHN'S BIG CHICKEN BBQ

Sunday, July 16, 2023 \$12.00

Walk-ins are welcome!

Meal includes Chicken, Baked Beans, Applesauce, Roll

Pick up at Knights of Columbus, 324 Bedford Street, Hollidaysburg

Proceeds will benefit St. John's Social Committee.



MISSION APPEAL: On **August 5 & 6, 2023**, **Fr. Binoj Mathew, O.S.S.T.** (Order of the Most Holy Trinity and of the Captives) will be in our parish for a mission appeal. Fr. Binoj Mathew serves as the Novice Master for the Immaculate Heart of Mary Province, USA. At each Mass Father will ask for our prayers and financial assistance as his Order works to expand its ministry of Catholic education in Kamrup (Assam) India. Most of the Christians in this secluded part of the country belong to tribal communities and are often persecuted for their faith by non-Christian tribes. In this part of the county children do not have access to a proper education due to extreme poverty and persecution. The Trinitarians in India hope to expand their ministry of Catholic education through their newly opened DeMatha Elementary School. This expansion will allow the school to add additional grade levels, dormitories for boarding students, a Monastery for the religious, a playground for the younger children, and an auditorium. The Trinitarians are hopeful that your generosity during this Mission Appeal will help them to more effectively live their school's motto, "Educate to Liberate." Please consider supporting the work of the Trinitarians in India as they continue to spread God's mercy and redemption in this remote part of the world. Checks and donations can be made out to our parish. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Schedule for the Week of July 16

Sunday, July 16 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:00 AM - Mass for *Colonel & Mrs. John Ward, parents of Linda Weyandt* requested by Linda Weyandt

Monday, July 17- Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Julie Fromknecht* requested by the Fromknecht Family

Tuesday, July 18- St. Weekday

8:30 AM - No Morning Mass -Mark Paule Sr. Funeral at 10am

Wednesday, July 19 - Weekday

6:00 PM - Mass for *Jim & Wendy Campbell* requested by Ray & Mary King

Thursday, July 20 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Margareta H. Goch*

Friday, July 21 - Weekday

8:30 AM - 8:30 AM - Mass for *Bill Schmerbeck* requested by Dee Schmerbeck

Saturday, July 22 - Vigil of 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - Mass for *Matthew Geishauser* requested by Stan & Sue Galant

Sunday, July 23 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:00 AM - Mass for *Special Intentions of Jim & Wendy Campbell* requested by Jan & Dave Myers

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.

ST. JOHN'S BOWLING LEAGUE: A new season will begin on Friday September 8th, continuing every other week through April. We are a fun, non-competitive league that welcomes bowlers of all abilities. Please consider joining us for the fun and fellowship of an occasional night out Holiday Bowl! There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the Gathering Space. For more information, call Gary Johnson at 814-931-7832.

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!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Stewardship living requires a deep reliance on the Word of God and the sacraments which in turn nourish and fertilize the soil of our lives, making us receptive to God's plans for us and ultimately producing abundant fruit through the way we live each day.

When we give the best of our time, talent and treasure to serve God and others, we create lives filled with that rare "good soil" needed for the Kingdom of God to thrive. Christian stewards must fill themselves with this nourishment every day. Let us deepen our commitment to this way of life. (www.CatholicSteward.com, 6/11/2020)

July 1/2

Envelopes	\$ 5,096.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 255.00
Children's Offerings	\$ 1.00
Parish Development	\$ 20.00
Catholic Education	\$ 85.00
Assumption of Mary	\$ 10.00
Peter Pence	\$ 318.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,651.00
Total Offertory	\$ 8,436.00

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The Parish Office will be closed Monday, July 17th through Thursday, July 20th. Mon-signor Becker will be available for phone calls. The Parish Office will reopen on Friday, July 21st at 9am.

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.

CATHOLIC REVIVAL: A FIRE rally, a summer Catholic revival is being held at St Michael's church in Hollidaysburg on August 1, 8, and 15th. The speakers are Bob & Marci Sutton (August 1st), Fr. Mark Begly (August 8th), and Fr. Alan Thomas (August 15th including Mass) No registration or fee. All are welcome.

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 • Mary Truesdale
Dorothy Yingling**

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

**Mark Paule Sr., brother of Pauline Wiley
Billy Sweet**

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

GRIEVING IS LONELY. Consider joining other adults who have experienced loss for Sharing the Journey. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, July 18th in the St. John's Parish Center. These are informal gatherings intended to provide the opportunity to share and to listen. There is no need to pre-register. You are welcome to come as often as you would like. If you have questions call Mary Petrak, 814-502-6076.

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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mobile app**



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.*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Bishop Guilfoyle will be holding a Vacation Bible School this August for any interested area children in grades K through 4. The VBS will take place daily from 9 a.m. to noon each morning, Monday-Friday, August 7th-11th. The program is designed and run by our BG students, with Mr. Bob Sutton (BG campus minister) supervising. The cost is \$15 per student for the whole week. To register, please contact Bob Sutton at rsutton@bguilfoyle.org by Wednesday, August 2nd!

PARISH FESTIVAL: Our Lady of the Alleghenies Parish in Lilly is hosting it's first Parish Festival on Sunday, July 23, 2023 from 11:00am to 6:00pm. Food Vendors, Craft Vendors, Kid's Games, Bouncy Houses for kids, other Games, and Beer will all be offered. Also offered from 11:00am to 2:00pm is a Spaghetti Dinner at the cost of \$10.00. (Take-outs available!) Please come and support our Parish and enjoy fellowship and fun!

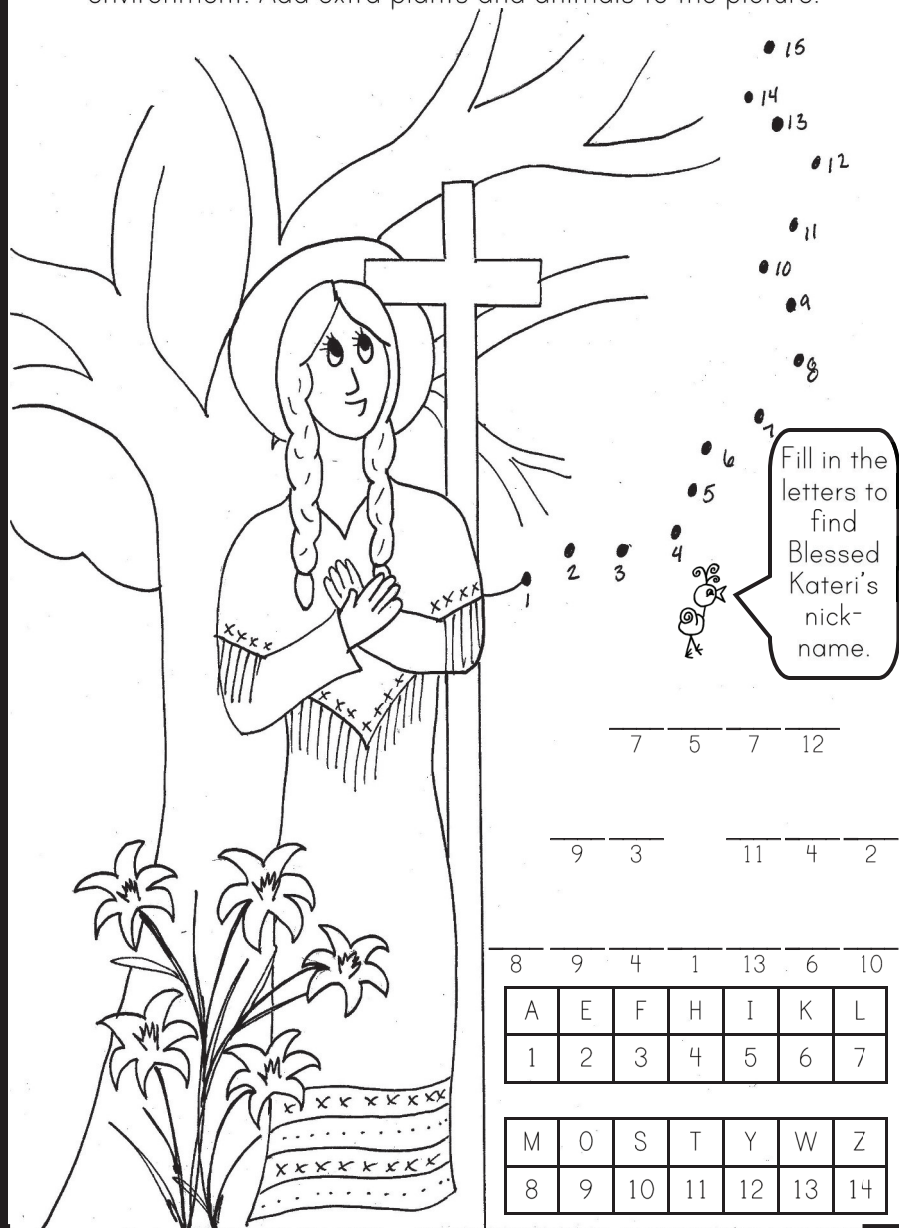
CATHOLIC CHARITIES DRIVE: Catholic Charities has reached out requesting some help to replenish hygiene products and cleaning supplies. They are currently out of shampoo and men's deodorant and are very low on women's deodorant, toothpaste and toilet paper. Cleaning supplies are always in need. If you are able to donate, please place the items in the box in the Gathering Space marked Catholic Charities Drive. Thanks for your support!

July 16, 2023 Fifteenth Sunday on Ordinary Time

Beginning on Holy Thursday, April 6, 2023, the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown was permitted by the local ordinary, Bishop Mark L. Bartchak, to resume the practice of offering the fuller sign of Communion, the Body and Blood of the Lord under the species of both bread and wine. The offering of the chalice of the Precious Blood of Christ can continue to be offered on Sundays, as part of special celebrations, and could be on weekdays at the discretion of the pastor. Those who are suffering from a cold, sore throat, cough, or flu symptoms should refrain from receiving the Chalice of the Lord's Blood. (May 2, 2023, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 2713 West Chestnut Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601)

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha became Catholic when she was 19 and prayed when she was out in nature. She is the patron saint of the environment. Add extra plants and animals to the picture.



Year A: Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time



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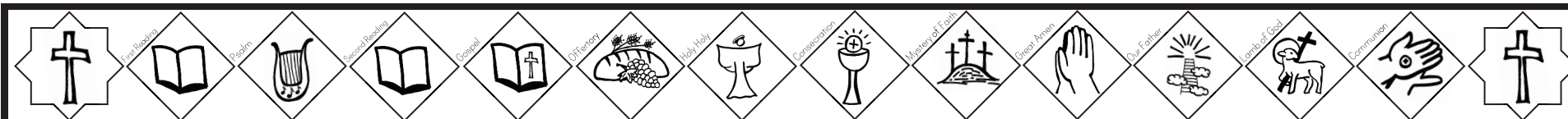
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falls on good
ground will yield
a fruitful harvest.

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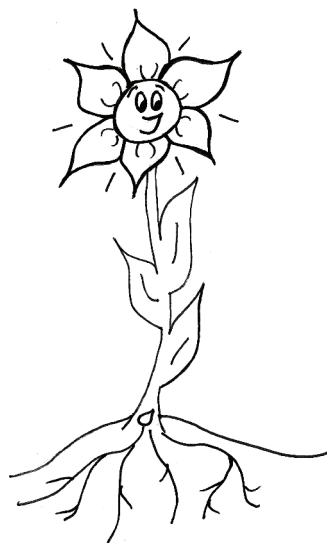
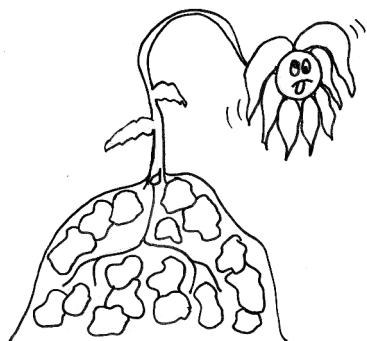


When a man becomes a priest, the Holy Spirit comes down to him so he can perform the Mass. When we say, "And with your spirit," we are remembering that the Holy Spirit is with him.



Connect the words with the seeds.
Circle the seed that will grow and produce fruit.

Seed on good ground	Seed on rocky ground	Seed growing with thorns	Seed on the road
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Jesus tells a parable about seeds. The seed that grows in good soil will grow fruit. What can you do to be a seed that grows on good ground?