



**19th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
August 13, 2023**

St. John the Evangelist Church

309 Lotz Avenue, Altoona, PA 814-942-5503
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August Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

For World Youth Day

We pray World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.



MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY VIGIL OF THE ASSUMPTION— 6:30 PM
TUESDAY FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION - 8:30 AM & 6:30PM
WEDNESDAY - 6:00 PM
THURSDAY - 8:30 AM FRIDAY - 8:30 AM
SATURDAY - 4:00 PM
SUNDAY - 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS

LECTORS

Mon. August 14- 6:30PM— Darlene Scarpaci, Camille Krug
Tues. August 15— 6:30PM— Darlene Scarpaci, Susanna Tomlinson
Sat. August 19 - 4:00 PM - NOT FILLED, James Krug
Sun. August 20- 8:00 AM - Ginny Reeder, Amber Yasolsky
Sun. August 20- 10:00 AM - Dave Auerbeck, Iris Tatar

ALTAR SERVERS

Mon. August 14- 6:30PM— Liam Schurr, Aidan Schurr
Tues. August 15— 6:30PM— Bob Olson, NOT FILLED
Sat. August 19- 4:00 PM - Abigail Hovance, Chloe Truscello
Sun. August 20 - 8:00 AM - Emily Miller, Nicholas Helsley
Sun. August 20- 10:00 AM - Colin Schurr, Liam Schurr

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Mon. August 14- 6:30PM— Barbara Bundy, Kenneth Gorman,
Bob Olson, Susanna Tomlinson
Tues. August 15— 6:30PM— Marilyn Bevan, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
NOT FILLED
Sat. August 19- 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, David Loth, NOT FILLED,
NOT FILLED
Sun. August 20 - 8:00 AM - Lou Ann Clark, Darlene Scarpaci,
Daniel Turcovsky, NOT FILLED
Sun. August 20- 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Dee Capriotti, Kenneth
Gorman, Barb Bundy, Bob Olson, Susanna Tomlinson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Mon. August 14- 6:30PM— Lou Ann Clark, Carolyn English, Jane
Strasser, NOT FILLED
Tues. August 15— 6:30PM— Connie Baker, Lou Ann Clark, NOT FILLED,
NOT FILLED
Sat. August 19 - 4:00 PM - Betsy Lloyd, Larry VanSickel,
Paula VanSickel, NOT FILLED
Sun. August 20- 8:00 AM - Carolyn English, Ashley Greslick,
Mike Greslick, Ed Stoltz
Sun. August 20- 10:00 AM - Wendy Campbell, Mary Grace Horton,
Peg Madden, NOT FILLED

SACRISTAN

Mon. August 14- 6:30PM— Marilyn Bevan
Tues. August 15— 6:30PM— Joyce Cunningham
Sat. August 19- 4:00 PM - Jane Byrne
Sun. August 20- 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. August 20- 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

SCRIP

Sat. August 19- 4:00 PM - Chris Palazzi, Lori Baker
Sat. August 20 - 8:00 AM - Amber Yasolsky, Heather Yasolsky
Sun. August 20 - 10:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph

A Few Words from the Pastor:

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION: All are reminded that Tuesday is a holy day of obligation. Masses for that day here at St. John's are the Vigil of the Assumption on Monday, August 14th at 6:30pm and the Feast of the Assumption will be celebrated on Tuesday, August 15th at 8:30am and 6:30pm. This holy day marks the occasion of the Virgin Mary's bodily ascent to heaven at the end of her life. The Assumption of Mary is one of the four Marian dogmas of the Catholic Church, defined by Pope Pius XII on 1 November 1950. It leaves open the question of whether Mary died or whether she was raised to eternal life without bodily death. The equivalent belief (but not held as dogma) in the Eastern Orthodox Church is the Dormition of the Mother of God, or the "Falling Asleep of the Mother of God".

"LET JUSTICE AND PEACE FLOW": This is the theme of this year's ecumenical Season of Creation, inspired by the words of the prophet Amos: "Let justice flow on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream" (5:24). The evocative image used by Amos speaks to us of what God desires. God wants everyone to strive to be just in every situation, to live according to his laws and thus to enable life to flourish. When we "seek first the kingdom of God" (Mt 6:33), maintaining a right relationship with God, humanity and nature, then justice and peace can flow like a never-failing stream of pure water, nourishing humanity and all creatures.

40 WEEKS WITH ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA: Beginning in September, all will be encouraged to participate in a program entitled 40 Weeks: The Path To Christ With Sacred Story Prayer. All that is required is an openness to daily prayer (15 minutes daily), with a desire to deepen one's relationship with Christ. Begin today by praying this most beautiful of prayers by Ignatius:

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,
my memory, my understanding
and my entire will,
All I have and call my own.
You have given all to me.
To you, Lord, I return it.
Everything is yours; do with it what you will.
Give me only your love and your grace.
That is enough for me.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULING: For September 9, 2023 – January 1, 2024 It's time to schedule for the Fall. It's hard for me to believe it also! If you have internet access please enter your NOT available dates in your profile in Ministry Scheduler Pro. Here is the direct link to that website – www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/teammates. There is also a link from our parish website (WWW.STJOHNSALTOONA.ORG) and a link in the email reminder you will receive soon. There are cards available in the gathering space for those who do not have access to the internet. If you are not able to update your profile online or visit the church to fill out a card, you may give me a call on a weekday evening between 7 PM and 10 PM or on the weekends at 814-932-2223. Please update your profile online or call me or fill out a card and return it by midnight on Sunday, August 20. Family members can fill out one card front and back. Thank you for your service to our faith community throughout the year!

HOLY TRINITY NFL EXTRAVAGANZA TICKETS AND BG LOTTERY CALENDARS: As the new school year is just around the corner, Holy Trinity's NFL Extravaganza Tickets and Bishop Guilfoyle's Lottery Calendars are back! The Schurr boys will be selling the tickets and calendars in the gathering space after all masses the weekend of August 12-13. Please help support the Catholic schools' athletics by purchasing one or more – they make great gifts! The calendars are \$30, and daily prizes range from \$25 to \$150. The tickets are \$20, and weekly prizes range from \$50 to \$250. All Holy Trinity and BG sports teams, plus cheerleaders and the marching band, benefit from your generosity.

2023 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION INFORMATION: Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years of marriage in 2023 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend Sunday, September 10 in ALTOONA at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, September 17 in JOHNSTOWN at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00 p.m. Most Rev. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families. Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Tuesday, August 29.

Schedule for the Week of August 13

Sunday, August 13 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:00 AM - Mass for *Fred Mazzarella* requested by Karen Mazzarella

Monday, August 14- Vigil of the Assumption

6:30 PM - Mass for *Stephan Fix* requested by Brenda & Alex Fix

Tuesday, August 15- Feast of the Assumption

8:30 AM - Mass for *Carlo & Rosa Risoldi* requested by Mary Ann Cole

6:30 PM - Mass for *People of the Parish*

Wednesday, August 16 - Weekday

6:00 PM - Mass for *Barbara Neral* requested by Pat & Ann Carnell

Thursday, August 17 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Clarence & Eileen Becker* requested by the Becker family

Friday, August 18 - Weekday

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

Saturday, August 19- Vigil of 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - Mass for *Ed & Margret Shedlock* requested by Mr. & Mrs. Larry Shedlock

Sunday, August 20- 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:00 AM - Mass for *Bud Shuster* requested by Bob & Ginny Reeder

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.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: Please join us for our 2nd Annual Women's Conference at Mount Aloysius on Saturday, September 16th. Enjoy presentations by our two wonderful speakers, lunch and refreshments, time for reflection and prayer, and fellowship with the other women of our Diocese. Registration forms and additional information is on the kiosk. Registration deadline is September 1st. Cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for college and high school registrants.

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL: 19th Sunday A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar The demands of family can be so overwhelming we feel walking on water would be easier. When Jesus was pressured, He dismissed everyone, so he could be "by himself and pray." When overwhelmed and stressed, go to a quiet place and surrender your pressured feelings to the Lord using Peter's prayer in today's gospel: "Lord, save me."

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Amazing things can happen when we fully permit God to take charge of our lives. When we take our eyes off God, we fail to see that all is gift from Him. What a grand adventure Peter could have had out there walking on the sea with Jesus! When we embrace the stewardship way of life, letting go of a tight hold over our money, time, and talents, our lives become a grand adventure, rooted firmly and gratefully in the God Who always cares for us.

July 29/30

Envelopes	\$ 3,381.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 272.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,153.75
Total Offertory	\$ 4,806.75

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 back home! 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.

FATIMA DEVOTIONS: The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating Fatima Devotions on Sunday August 13th, 2023 at 6:30pm in the Gardens (In case of inclement weather we will be at the Immaculate Conception Chapel on the campus of St. Francis University). The presider will be Fr. Malachi Van Tassell. We are looking forward to seeing you.

LOVE TO SING? Add your voice to a choir or sign up to cantor. No need to read music. Come to a rehearsal and learn by listening. Adult Choir will meet Wednesday, September 6th at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. Youth Choir TBD. Escape your daily stress and focus on noting something beautiful. Call/text Patti Jimenez at 814-414-7529 for more information.

RUMMAGE SALE: Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Lilly will be having a Rummage Sale in the Hall on Thursday, August 17th from 3:00pm to 7:30pm; Friday, August 18th from 3:00pm to 7:30pm; Saturday, August 19th from 7:00am to 5:30pm. All are welcome!!

FRANCISCAN CREATION FESTIVAL: Time is running out to apply as a craft or food vendor for our Franciscan Creation Festival! The deadline to apply is August 31st! For more information visit The Friar's Nook Gift Shop Facebook page. Send us your application today!

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:*

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

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

***Cierra Clark, daughter of Frank & Lou Ann Clark
Bradley Johnson, son of Gary & Deborah Johnson
May they rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.***

OUR NEXT SESSION FOR GRIEF SUPPORT: *Have you, your family or friends experienced a significant loss through death? Dealing with your loss, whether recent or in the past may still be difficult. The Parish Family at St. John and St. Rose would like to help.*

The Journey Through Loss Support Group will be holding weekly meetings beginning on Wednesday August 23rd. We meet in the St. Johns Parish Center from 6:30-8:00 PM. *This six week program is designed to acknowledge the pain and loss, and offer positive ideas for coping. If you are interested or know anyone interested in attending the Journey Through Loss Support Group, contact Mary Petrak at 814-502-6076, This is a Catholic/Christian faith based program. All denominations are welcome!*

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!

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FAITH FORMATION NEWS

If you haven't registered your child(ren) for the 2023-2024 school year, please register soon. Registration forms are available on the kiosk or by emailing stjohnsecretary@atlanticbb.net. We will be ordering materials for the upcoming school year in the next few weeks. We are still looking for a 5th and 6th Grade Teacher.

Please call the office if you are interested!

Classes will begin in mid-September.

2nd Grade Catholic School students must be registered to receive their First Communion at St. John's in the spring. 9th-11th Grade Catholic School students must be registered to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

We are looking forward to starting a new year of Faith Formation!

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

HAITI NEWS: St. John's parishioners have been admirably generous in financially supporting our twin parish, Sts. Peter and Paul. Since the end of 2019, the protesting and gang action have caused a crisis in every category needed for a functioning country. Our Friends in Marmont are suffering the consequences of the turmoil and danger. Even basic food (rice and beans) are limited. Father Bernard is promoting more gardening by the people. Please look at the display in the Gathering Space. Three photos show us their Feast Day Celebration: the liturgy and the luncheon. Food you have helped provide. Also, there is a photo of Father Bernard beginning to harvest from the garden behind the rectory. The student sponsorship for the next school year will begin in late August. Thank you.

ALPHA: We are excited to be offering ALPHA once again at St. Mary Parish on Wednesday evenings beginning September 7th. Alpha is an experience which through a Video presentation and Small Faith Sharing Groups becomes an engaging way of addressing the basic questions of life for the church and unchurched alike. It presents the Gospel message with clarity and with a power that empowers those who participate. Alpha invites Christians to stand alongside of others who have a passion for leading people into a deepened relationship with Christ and connecting the unconnected to their faith once again. Alpha is an encounter which opens the heart to grasping the meaning anew of what it means to be loved by God and desire to be in a deep and intimate relationship with Him. Many people's lives have been transformed through the Alpha Course, simply because it opens their hearts, eyes, and ears to the riches of the gift of our faith. If you want to experience the Alpha Course Registration Forms and information are included in this bulletin and on the kiosk.