

The Transfiguration of the Lord

August 6, 2023

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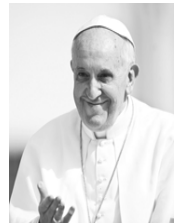
MASS SCHEDULE

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

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.



NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS

LECTORS

Sat. August 12 - 4:00 PM - Joyce Cunningham, James Krug
 Sun. August 13 - 8:00 AM - Norma Foose, Bill Foose
 Sun. August 13 - 10:00 AM - Jim Campbell, Patrick Schurr

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. August 12 - 4:00 PM - Iris Tatar, Lexi Tatar
 Sun. August 13 - 8:00 AM - Emily Miller, Nicholas Helsley
 Sun. August 13 - 10:00 AM - Evie Koch, Estella Koch

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. August 12 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, David Loth, NOT FILLED,
 NOT FILLED
 Sun. August 13 - 8:00 AM - Lou Ann Clark, Darlene Scarpaci, NOT
 FILLED, NOT FILLED
 Sun. August 13 - 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Dee Capriotti, Kenneth
 Gorman, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. August 12 - 4:00 PM - Dennis Moughemer, Karen
 Moughemer, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
 Sun. August 13 - 8:00 AM - Ginny Reeder, Mary Truesdale, Larry
 VanSickel, Paula VanSickel
 Sun. August 13 - 10:00 AM - Wendy Campbell, Mary Grace Horton,
 Peg Madden, NOT FILLED

SACRISTAN

Sat. August 12 - 4:00 PM - Ray & Mary King
 Sun. August 13 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
 Sun. August 13 - 10:00 AM - Dee Capriotti

SCRIP

Sat. August 12 - 4:00 PM - Julie Beiswenger, Becky Merilli
 Sat. August 13 - 8:00 AM - Erika Yasolsky, Chris Palazzi
 Sun. August 13 - 10:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph

A Few Words from the Pastor:

GREAT PICNIC! Many thanks to all who participated in our parish picnic last week. We are especially grateful for those who prepared for our picnic and who brought such delicious food to share. Such gatherings as this are vital for a healthy parish family! Again many thanks!

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITING MISSIONARY: Your generosity to his appeal is especially appreciated! The work of proclaiming the gospel continues throughout the world, and every Catholic is urged to assist with this work of evangelization.

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.

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.

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL: *Transfiguration of the Lord* A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar. At the Transfiguration the disciples saw a different side of Jesus. All of us have 'another side' which we reveal only to those we trust. A family is the sacred place where we can be transfigured to be our truest self.

Schedule for the Week of August 6

Sunday, August 6 - The Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00 AM - Mass for *Frank Swalga* requested by Bob & Ginny Reeder

10:00 AM - Mass for *Daniel Kubitsky* requested by Donna Messner

Monday, August 7- Weekday

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

Tuesday, August 8- St. Dominic

8:30 AM—Mass for *Frank Zitzlsperger* requested by Barb Bundy

Wednesday, August 9 - Weekday

6:00 PM - Mass for *Deceased members of the Daniel Roberts family* requested by Dan & Judy Roberts

Thursday, August 10 - St. Lawrence

8:30 AM - Mass for *Viola Brooks* requested by Barb Bundy

Friday, August 11 - St. John Vianney

8:30 AM - Mass for *Barbara Neral* requested by Marge, Jess & Nate Rudolph

Saturday, August 12- Vigil of 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - Mass for *Tom Semelsberger* requested by Cheryl Fedeli & Vicki Russo Johns

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

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.

COFFEE TALK: What is the Independent Catholic Foundation? Join us after morning mass on Thursday, August 10 in the Parish Center for coffee and pastries. Chris Ringkamp will discuss the mission of the Independent Catholic Foundation and how St. John's benefits from its Catholic-invested endowments.

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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Matthew gives a full vision of Jesus' complete change of form, structure and substance at the Transfiguration. When the three apostles became aware of the full divinity of Jesus, it is reported that "They fell prostrate and were very much afraid." Is that how we react when we are aware of the presence of God? Knowing God, appreciating God, and embracing God should give us confidence as Christian Stewards of God's gifts. God's grace is amazing, and the Transfiguration is a reminder to us of the hope we have in the saving grace of the Lord. (CatholicSteward.com 7/3/2023)

July 22/23

Envelopes	\$ 3,330.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 144.78
Parish Development	\$ 65.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,511.75
Total Offertory	\$ 5,051.53

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

ST JOHN'S BOWLING LEAGUE: A new season begins on Friday September 8th, continuing every other week through April. Last year we had 35 bowlers: parishioners, friends and family members. Please consider joining us! We have bowlers of all abilities that come together for an evening of fun and fellowship. Singles and couples are both welcome, we'll place you on a four-person team. New and returning bowlers are asked to put your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the Gathering Space. The sign-up deadline is August 6th. For more information, call Gary Johnson at 814-931-7832.

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.

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.

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 • Sierra Clark • Michelle Cooney
Mary Lee DeStefano • Nancy Fogel • Don Free
Sherryl Hartman • Patricia Olson • Ryan Raybuck
Carol Rodgers • Reed Stellabotte • Tim Temofonte
Mary Truesdale • Dan Turcovsky • Kathy Wagner
Dorothy Yingling**

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. Classes will begin in mid-September. 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.

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!*

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.

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 their 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.

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 you support!

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS: Celebrating Mass for a definite intention is a long tradition in the Catholic Church. The intention may be for the repose of a deceased person's soul, or for the spiritual and temporal wellbeing of a person or persons who are living, especially on the occasion of a wedding anniversary or birthday, or for someone's personal/private/health intention. Knowing that the Mass is being celebrated for **someone's intention can be more beneficial and comforting than any other expression of sympathy, concern, and love.** Mass cards are available so that you can notify the person or family of your request. Though not obligatory, the usual offering within the Diocese of Altoona Johnstown is \$10.00. If you have any questions, or to submit an intention, please call the office (814-942-5503).



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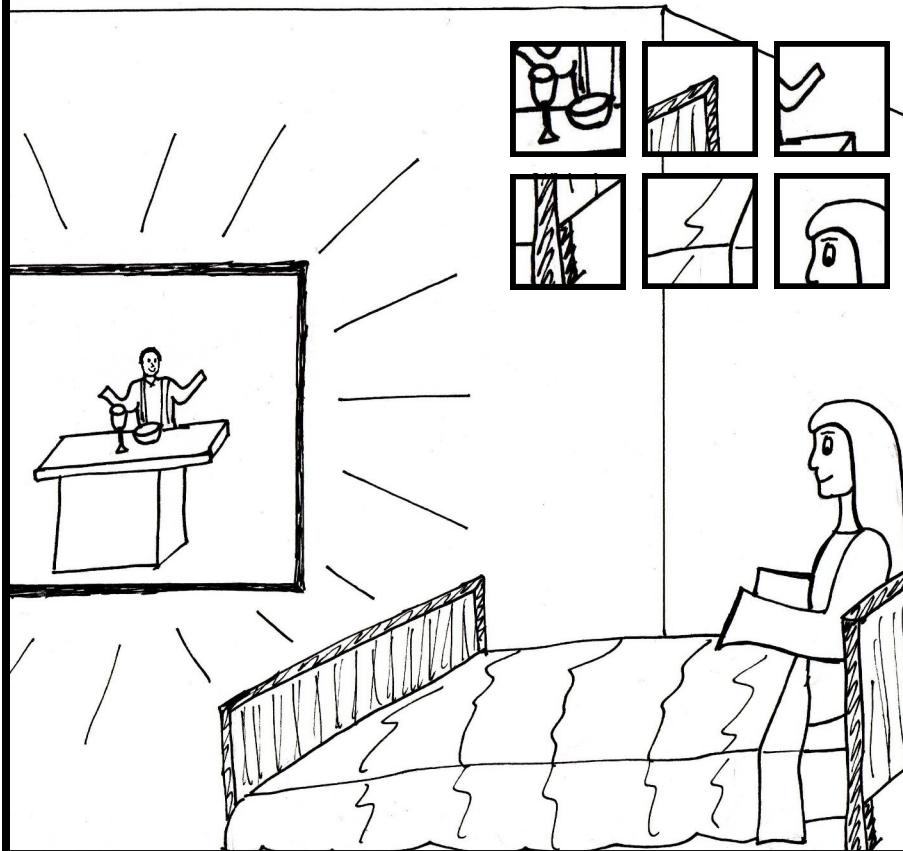


Saint Clare

Saint Clare founded the Poor Clare nuns and spent her life quietly praying.

Saint Clare lived before TV was invented, but she is the patron saint of TV. Can you guess why?

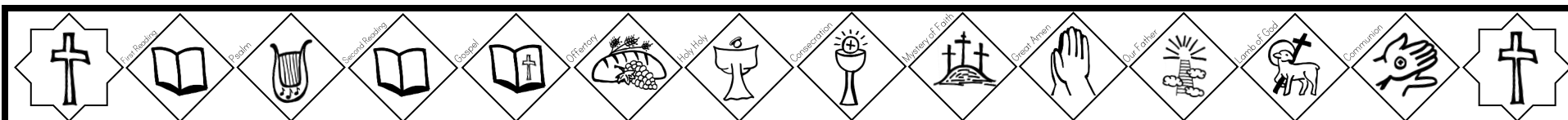
When she was too sick to go to church, she saw a vision of Mass on her wall. It probably looked like a flat screen TV!



Year A: Transfiguration of the Lord



Today we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. Listen to the Gospel to hear the story of the transfiguration.



1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

4. _____ 5. _____

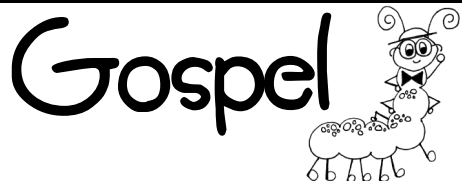
6. _____ 7. _____ 8. _____ 9. _____

10. _____ 11. _____ ;

12. _____ 13. _____ 14. _____ .”

Write God's words in order to find out what He said about Jesus.

6. with	5. Son	3. my	11. pleased	9. am	12. listen	1. This
4. beloved	8. I	7. whom	13. to	2. is	14. Him	10. well



Jesus took Peter, James, and John, his apostles, up a high mountain. Moses and Elijah appeared from heaven and stood with Jesus. God spoke to them. Solve the puzzle above to find out what God said.