



**22nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 3, 2023**

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MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY LABOR DAY - 9:00 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 & 11:00 AM

September Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

For People Living on the Margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.



NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS

LECTORS

Sat. September 9 - 4:00 PM - Iris Tatar, James Krug
 Sun. September 10 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, Amber Yasolsky
 Sun. September 10 - 11:00 AM - Susan Podoletz, Richard Consiglio

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. September 9 - 4:00 PM - Abigail Hovance, Sadie Swope
 Sun. September 10 - 8:00 AM - Emily Miller, Nicholas Helsley
 Sun. September 10 - 11:00 AM - Camille Krug, Colin Schurr

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. September 9 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, NOT FILLED
 Sun. September 10 - 8:00 AM - Dan Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
 Sun. September 10 - 11:00 AM - Barbara Bundy, Dolores Capriotti,
 Kenneth Gorman, Bob Olson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. September 9 - 4:00 PM - Betsy Lloyd, Karen Moughemer, Dennis Moughemer, NOT FILLED
 Sun. September 10 - 8:00 AM - Ashley Greslick, Mike Greslick, Ginny Reeder, Ed Stoltz
 Sun. September 10 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Walter Bloom, Peg Madden, Patrick Podoletz

SACRISTAN

Sat. September 9 - 4:00 PM - Mary & Ray King
 Sun. September 10 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
 Sun. September 10 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

SCRIP

Sat. September 9 - 4:00 PM - Lori Baker, Julie Beiswenger
 Sat. September 10 - 8:00 AM - Chris Palazzi, Marge Rudolph
 Sun. September 10 - 11:00 AM - Jane Byrne, Carolyn English

A Few Words from the Pastor:

ALTOONA WELCOMES A NEW PASTOR—Father John Lynam, who has family roots in the Cathedral parish, has been appointed by Bishop Mark to serve as pastor of St. Rose of Lima parish. This is a blessing for the people of St. Rose, who will now have resident pastor. I will be relieved of my responsibilities there on September 6th. Our diocese is grateful to have another active pastor, and I am grateful that I will no longer need to live a “double pastorate.” My pastoral responsibilities will now be solely at St. John’s. Father Justin will be assuming additional duties at Mount Aloysius College as Campus Minister.

WORRIED ABOUT YOUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN? You are not alone! Millions of mothers have watched their children abandon their Catholic faith in a chaotic, stressful and struggling world. Here at St. Rose, we are in the beginning stage of forming a “Prayer Community” of Catholic women who are being called by the Holy Spirit to imitate St. Monica as they attend this prayer ministry in our parish. What is involved? **Like St. Monica, mother of St. Augustine, we will pray fervently for our children to return to the practice of their Catholic faith, and for our children to always stay close to their faith. All mothers, young and old, who believe in the mother’s power of prayer, are urged to participate, praying as a group one hour a week before the Blessed Sacrament.** *Our mission is to encounter God through prayer for ourselves and our children. More information will be available in the weeks to come.*

“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. September 1 was declared by Pope Francis as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. This time of prayer and reflection will extend until October 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

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*. **Our first meeting will be this Thursday, September 7th at 7:00 in the Parish Center. Books will be available and an introduction to this program will be given.** 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.*

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE - Please make note that beginning **Sunday, September 10th**, our second mass on Sunday morning is scheduled at **11:00 AM**.

LABOR DAY MASS: Human beings are made in the image of God, and God is a worker. We are called to work with God as our model. How are you imitating God in the work that you do? Please join us for our Labor Day Mass on Monday, September 4th at 9:00am.

FALL ADULT FAITH FORMATION TOPICS:

September 17 to October 1: Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist. This series explores “the truth and beauty of Christ’s real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members.

October 8 to November 19: The Search *The Search*, hosted by Chris Stefanick, guides us through seven videos examining life and death, sorrow and happiness, and science and faith. Astrophysicists, psychologists, astronauts, neuroscientists, professors, athletes, artists, and the beauty of the cosmos all point us to the person of Jesus Christ.

We meet on Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 10:30 in the St. Johns school cafeteria. Please consider joining us for food, fellowship, and the opportunity to deepen your faith.

For more information contact Mary Petrak, 814-502-6076 or mfpetrak@hotmail.com.

Schedule for the Week of September 3

Sunday, September 3 - 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

10:00 AM - Mass for *Barbara Neral* requested by Deacon Gene Neral

Monday, September 4 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Dolores Kubitsky* requested by Donna Messner

Tuesday, September 5 - Weekday

8:30 AM—Mass for *Sue Ann Whittick* requested by Cora Bacon

Wednesday, September 6 - Weekday

6:00 PM - Mass for *Bradley Johnson* requested by Marilyn Bevan

Thursday, September 7 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Helen Baca* requested by family & friends

Friday, September 8— Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 AM - Communion Service

Saturday, September 9- Vigil of 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - Mass for Bill & Josephine Seiler requested by Ron & Joyce Cunningham

Sunday, September 10 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00 AM - Mass for *Deceased members of the Leary family* requested by Pat & Sue Podoletz

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.

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.

FATIMA DEVOTIONS: The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating Fatima Devotions on Wednesday, September 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. Timothy Harris, T.O.R. We are looking forward to seeing you.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL: The next series "Beginning Again" will be held on Saturday, October 14th at Father Kelley Hall, St. Therese of the Child Jesus Parish from 9am to 11:30am. Cost is \$10. Registration forms are available in the Gathering Space.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Dying to self and living for Christ and others is tough and the work of a lifetime. But it is the only work that really matters and that truly satisfies. St. Paul teaches how we get back to the path of discipleship in those moments of discouragement and temptation. As modern-day stewards we must discipline ourselves, body, mind, and spirit, through a consistent prayer life, continuous formation in our Catholic faith, and setting aside anything in our life that is not pleasing to God. This is not impossible with the grace of God. We can simply ask God for it. Let us make the tough choice to lose our life for Christ's sake, in grateful response to His love.
(CatholicSteward.com 08/29/2020)

August 19/20

Envelopes	\$ 3,995.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 236.00
Parish Development	\$ 155.00
Assumption	\$ 496.00
Mission Co op	\$ 100.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,531.75
Total Offertory	\$ 6,513.75

HAITI STUDENT SPONSORSHIP 2023-2024: It's a new school year and time again to renew or join the Student Sponsorship Program for the children at Sts. Peter and Paul School in Marmont, Haiti. The requested donation is \$160 per student for the school year. Haiti is enduring difficult times causing high prices, shortages, food insecurity, disorder, and endangerment. Your donation provides tuition, books, supplies, and lunch for the student. Keeping the school open and educating is an essential foundation for the community. Envelopes for renewals or new participants are in the Gathering Space. Just drop them back in the collection basket or the office. Please note that you may not be sponsoring the same student each year. We try our best but your student could have completed 6th grade or moved. Thank you for the great support you have always given.

DESPOT SCHOLARSHIP: The 2023 John and Helen Despot Scholarship Fund will be offering two \$500 scholarships this year and is available to any child of St. John's Parish who is attending a Catholic elementary/middle school (K-8th) this school year. Applications are available in the Gathering Space or in the Parish Office and must be submitted by September 25th. Scholarships will be awarded in October. Contact the office for questions or more information.

40 HOURS DEVOTION: Our Lady of the Alleghenies Parish in Lilly will be holding its Annual 40 Hours Devotion on Sunday, September 10th through Tuesday, September 12th. A Devotional Service will be offered each evening with Fr. Justin Treon as homilist. Everyone is welcome!

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 • Britta Albright
Charles Bassett • Idy Caporuscio • Michelle Cooney
Mary Lee DeStefano • Nancy Fogel • Sherryl Hartman
Patricia Olson • Ryan Raybuck • Carol Rodgers
Anne Showalter • Reed Stellabotte • Tim Temofonte
Mary Truesdale • Dorothy Yingling**

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

***James A. Arend, brother of Mary Grace Horton
Kathy Wagner***

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

Bereavement Support: Our parishes would like to offer support to anyone dealing with a loss. Our programs are designed to acknowledge the pain and the loss, while offering positive ideas for coping. Consider joining us for any or all of the following:

Bereavement Gatherings are held monthly in the St. Michael Convent Building (the house between the church and the school). Upcoming dates are:

Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 9:30 AM

Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 6:30 PM

Journey Through Loss is a six-week program for those who have lost a loved one through death. We will meet weekly from 6:30-8:00 PM at the St. Michael Convent Building in Hollidaysburg. The next session begins on Wednesday, January 10.

Both programs are Christian based. All denominations are welcome! For more information call/text: Debbi Chapman at 912-713-5412 or Mary Petrak at 814-502-6076.

8 SAINTS: 8 Saints is a pilot program to facilitate collaboration and resource sharing among the eight southern parishes of Blair County. This will be accomplished by members sharing their many gifts, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, enabling them to more fully live out the call to evangelize the world about Jesus Christ. St. John's is part of this program. The programs and events of this collaboration will include existing parish ministries, and those identified later.

A team is planning a multi-parish youth group and a young Catholic professionals group. More news as it develops. For more information please contact Mary Lee Madigan-Davis at 814-931-2651 or 8Saints@gmail.com.

ANNUAL MARIAN CELEBRATION: Please join us for our Annual Marian Celebration with a Family Mass and Rosary on October 1st at 3pm at St. Benedict Church in Johnstown. Bishop Mark Bartchak will be the principal celebrant. The theme this year is Mary, Mother & Model of Vocations.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Meet the Teacher/Parent Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 10th from 9:15am to 10:45am in the school gym. Parents and students in Faith Formation both public and catholic should attend.

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. Although not required, Catholic School students are always welcome in our Faith Formation biweekly classes for enrichment and opportunities to meet other parishioners in their age group.

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.

BIRTH OF MARY CELEBRATION: 42nd Anniversary, Friday, September 8th at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Duncansville. Masses 7:45am & 12:05pm with Msgr. Bob Saly. 5:30pm Mass and Rosary Procession at the Shrine (please bring lawn chair) with Rev. Brian Norris. Continuous Rosary between Masses, food and exhibits in the church hall. Kitchen open 11:30am till 4:00pm. Conclude the day with cake and beverages in the hall. Petitions to Birth of Mary Celebration, P.O. Box 88, Duncansville, PA 16635.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The Annual Bishop's Mass and Dinner will be held at St. Michael the Archangel Basilica at Loretto on Sunday, October 8th beginning with Mass at 2pm with Bishop Mark as Celebrant. This year Bishop Mark will be honored with an Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity following the Mass, wives and family are welcome to attend. Dinner will follow in the St. Michael's Social Center. Reservations are required for both the Degree and dinner. Please contact Dan Turcovsky for more information or email wdrusty@aol.com for reservations.

MIRACLES OF THE EUCHARIST ACROSS THE WORLD: The "Miracles of the Eucharist Across the World" exhibit will be hosted by St. Benedict Parish, 2310 Bedford St., Johnstown, PA in conjunction with their Forty Hours Celebration in September. This beautiful exhibit was designed by Blessed Carlo Acutis, an English-born Italian Catholic whose life was cut short at the age of 15 when he died from Leukemia. The exhibit will be available for visitation in the St. Benedict Church Hall on Saturday, Sept. 16 from 1 to 8:30 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 17 from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. The display features information about the many Eucharistic Miracles that have occurred throughout the world from the first century until modern times. Mark your calendar and plan to make a visit to see this wonderful exhibit.