



**Eleventh Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
June 16, 2024**

**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**

Migrants Fleeing Their Homes

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.



**NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS**

**LECTORS**

Sat. June 22- 4:00 PM - Maria Spayd, David Langguth  
Sun. June 23-8:00 AM - Mike Greslick, Mary Truesdale  
Sun. June 23-10:00 AM - Camille Krug, James Krug

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Sat. June 22- 4:00 PM - Chloe Truscello, Jeremy Truscello  
Sun. June 23- 8:00 AM - Nicholas Helsley, NOT FILLED  
Sun. June 23-10:00 AM - Evie Koch, Estella Koch

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Sat. June 22- 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, NOT FILLED  
Sun. June 23-8:00 AM - Jennifer Helsley, Darlene Scarpaci  
Sun. June 23-10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Barbara Bundy,  
Dolores Capriotti, Lou Ann Clark

**MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY**

Sat. June 22- 4:00 PM - Coleen Langguth, Betsy Lloyd,  
Karen Moughemer, Dennis Moughemer  
Sun. June 23-8:00 AM - Jane Becker, John Becker, Ray Kennedy,  
Ginny Reeder  
Sun. June 23-10:00 AM - Walter Bloom, Wendy Campbell,  
Mary Grace Horton, Peg Madden

**SACRISTAN**

Sat. June 22- 4:00 PM - Ray King, Mary King  
Sun. June 23- 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci  
Sun. June 23- 10:00 AM - Barbara Bundy

**SCRIP**

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

**MASS TIME CHANGE! Just a reminder that the Summer Mass Schedule for the 2nd Sunday Mass will be 10:00am now through Labor Day weekend.**

## A Few Words from the Pastor:

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!** Today as we celebrate Father's Day we share the following prayer: *God our Father, In your wisdom and love you have created us and called us your own. Bless our fathers, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. In moments of joy, rejoice with them. In times of struggle, give them your courage and perseverance. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor and appreciate them always with a spirit of profound respect. May the example and prayer of St. Joseph inspire them to live their vocation with courage. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.* On this Father's Day, be sure to thank the father figures in your life who gave you the great gift of life, taught you valuable life lessons, and nurtured your life of faith.

**SUMMER IS FOR LEISURE** - 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!

**PILGRIMAGE:** Our long-awaited Pilgrimage to Rome, Fatima, Lourdes and Paris departed early last Monday morning and we will be returning late June 16th. Be assured that at each Pilgrimage Mass we will remember in a special way the many intentions of our St. John's parishioners. Please keep us in your prayers as well, for a safe and fruitful "Sacred Journey."

**PRAYERS FOR FR. ASHOK:** Please keep Fr. Ashok in your prayers as he returned to India last Tuesday due to the passing of his mother, Sagaya Mary, on Tuesday morning. He will be remaining with his family during this time and is expected to return in early July. Our thoughts and prayers are with Fr. Ashok and his family as they mourn this loss.

### SAVE THE DATES!

**Vacation Bible School:** Tuesday, June 18th-Thursday, June 20th from 6pm-8pm in the school gym

**Annual Parish Picnic:** Sunday, July 21st in Fr. Bailey Hall after 10am Mass

**8 Saints Vacation Bible School:** Tuesday, August 6th-Thursday, August 8th from 6pm-8pm at St. Catherine's

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\* **CONGRATULATIONS TO DEACON GENE!** Congratulations to Deacon Gene Neral, who celebrated his 39th year as \*  
\* deacon this month. Deacon Gene was ordained on June 1, 1985. May God bless Deacon Gene and his devoted ser- \*  
\* vice as Deacon and for the many ways he serves our parish. May the Holy Spirit continue to shine brightly in him as \*  
\* he serves the community of God's people. Congratulations Deacon Gene, everyone at St. John's appreciates every- \*  
\* thing you do! God Bless You! \*  
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### Episode 124: Dryness in Prayer

Probably the most important relationship in our life is our relationship with God, and we are building that through prayer. Prayer is real — it's for everyone, but we know that prayer is not always easy. Sometimes it can even be really hard.

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**Schedule for the Week of June 16th**

**Sunday, June 16 - 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM - Mass for *People of the Parish*  
 10:00 AM - Mass for *Karen Brooks* requested by  
 Barbara Bundy

**Monday, June 17 - Weekday**

8:30 AM - Mass for *Paige Benton* requested by  
 Patrick & Renee Benton

**Tuesday, June 18 - Weekday**

8:30 AM - Mass for *Kathy Wagner* requested by  
 Aunt Idy Caporuscio

**Wednesday, June 19 - Weekday**

6:00 PM - Mass for *Barbara Neral* requested by  
 John & Dixie Smith

**Thursday, June 20 - Weekday**

8:30 AM - Mass for *Jane Byrne* requested by  
 Anna Mae Widney

**Friday, June 21 - St. Aloysius Gonzaga**

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

**Saturday, June 15 - Vigil of 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM - Mass for *Mercia Crevecoeur* requested by  
 Mimi Crevecoeur & family

**Sunday, June 16 - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM - Mass for *People of the Parish*  
 10:00 AM - Mass for *Darla Frye* requested by  
 Anthony Frye

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Please email any upcoming bulletin announcements to Diane Ryan at stjohsecretary@atlanticbb.net or call the Parish Office at 814-942-5503. Bulletin announcements need to be submitted by Wednesday to be included in the following weekend's bulletin.

**PARISH PICNIC:** Volunteers are needed to organize and set up children's games and activities for adults. Games, crafts and basket raffles have worked well in the past. Contact the Parish Office at 814-942-5503 if you are interested in volunteering!

**FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL:** Parenting is a lot like the story of the farmer in the gospel parable today. All growth is the Lord's work. We have no control over the process. In fact the farmer doesn't even understand it, for the seed grows even when he sleeps. As parents we can influence our children but nothing we do can guarantee results.

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**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:** The Parish Office will be open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9am until 3pm. The office will be closed on Wednesdays. Have a great summer!  
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**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** As we enter back into Ordinary Time, our readings today remind us that heaven is our true home and that we cannot make it there without God's assistance. In our First Reading, the prophet Ezekiel foretells the coming of the Kingdom of God. It is through a newly planted cedar that God will bear fruit. As he says, "Birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it... And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the Lord, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree." We can see that Jesus is the cedar that will become refuge for all people. He will humble the proud, lift up the lowly and produce good fruit in the weakened. It is God who does the wondrous works. As Christian disciples, we hope to reside in the branches of heaven, along with our family and friends. We cannot do this on our own. As our other readings mention, it is through the total surrender, complete faith and actively living out our faith as a witness to Christ that we can hope in eternal life. As we settle into Ordinary Time, let us not become complacent, but keep our hearts and minds fixed on the Kingdom of God.

**June 1/2**

Envelopes	\$ 5,894.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 355.00
Catholic Education	\$ 90.00
Parish Development	\$ 75.00
Catholic Communication	\$ 75.00
Ascension	\$ 25.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 20.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,258.90
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 8,792.90</b>

**2024 Catholic Ministries Drive Goal: \$42,400**

January 1, 2024 - May 31, 2024

Gifts/Pledges - \$43,475.00

Total Gifts Received - \$41,995.00

Pledge Balance - \$1,480.00

**CMD UPDATE:** We are already at 99.04% of our goal for 2024 with donations already received! We are only \$405 away from reaching our goal. This total does not account for the outstanding pledge amount of \$1,480. If all pledges are fulfilled, we will be over our goal for this year. Did you know that anything over that goal will come back to the church? 5 parishes have already reached their CMD goal this year-let's make St.John's the 6th! Thank you to everyone who has donated!

**CHICKEN BBQ UPDATE:** Thanks to all who helped with the Chicken BBQ fundraiser. We sold/donated 192 dinners. Our profit is \$1620. We're hoping to bring back our "homemade potato salad" & desserts next year - something to think about! A heartfelt thanks to the Knights of Columbus for their hard work & generosity in making this event run so smoothly.

### ST JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

Please call Ginny Reeder (695-7671) or email her at [giny.reeder@gmail.com](mailto:giny.reeder@gmail.com) to add or remove someone from the prayer list. **Prayer list has been cleared at the end of May. Requests to remain on the list must be resubmitted for June.** 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 • Idy Caporuscio  
Betty Dennis • Sallie Langham • Patricia Olson  
Dan Roberts • Carol Rodgers • Anne Showalter  
Tim Temofonte • Lois Werfel**

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

**Sagaya Mary, mother of Fr. Ashok  
May she rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.**

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT:** Dealing with a loss, whether in the past or recent, is difficult and lonely. Our support groups will allow you to acknowledge the pain and to learn positive strategies for coping.

*Journey Through Loss* is a seven-week program at St. John's for those who have lost a loved one through death. The next session will begin on June 18. Call Mary Petrak, 814-502-6076, for more information.

*St. Michael and St. Mary Parishes* offer monthly meetings for those who have experienced a loss. Call Debbi Chapman, 912-713-5412, for dates and information.

### **BIRTHDAY CORNER FOR JUNE:**

June 5th-Lawrence VanSickel

June 6th-Anna Mae Widney

June 9th-Barbara Saad Stevens

June 17th-DeLellis Schmerbeck

June 29th-Norma Foose

Something new-sending individual cards to our "senior" (80 and older) parishioners. If you wish to send a birthday card, use the address in your Parish Directory, place card in the Collection Basket or take to the Parish Office and the cards will be forwarded.

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED:** The Pastoral Care Department at UPMC Altoona is looking for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (Eucharistic Ministers) for current openings on Saturdays. If you have a desire to bring Jesus to sick and suffering Catholic hospital patients, please contact Tony Conrad at 814-889-4323 for more information.

**SUMMER SCRIP:** Don't leave for vacation without your scrip! You can purchase scrip online for flights, cruises, and hotels. Purchase scrip at all weekend masses or go to [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com) to get started. If you're more into road trips, equip your wallet with scrip for fast food and gas stations! Each purchase helps our parish!

### FAITH FORMATION NEWS

**Thank you to all of our Faith Formation catechists, parents and students for another successful year of Faith Formation at St. John's!**

*If you would like more information or have questions, please contact Diane Ryan at 814-942-5503 or email [stjohnsecretary@atlanticbb.net](mailto:stjohnsecretary@atlanticbb.net).*

*Registration for the 2024-2025 school year for Kindergarten-11th Grade is now available. Forms will be available in the Gathering Space or can be requested by phone or email.*

**ROCKY RAILWAY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School! On this faith-filled adventure, students discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs! We will show them how to "stay on track" with Jesus! June 18th-20th from 6pm-8pm in St. John's School Gym for children ages 5-12 years. Registration is \$10. We have 2 scholarships available thanks to the generous donation of a parishioner! Children will have the opportunity to have fun, meet new friends and grow in faith! For questions, call the Parish Office at 814-942-5503 or email [stjohnsecretary@atlanticbb.net](mailto:stjohnsecretary@atlanticbb.net).

**PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION:** The Holy Father's charitable outreach to victims of war, migrants and refugees, the poor, and those affected by illness and natural disasters is supported by your contributions to the Peter's Pence Collection. When you participate in the collection, you join Catholics across the globe in supporting the pope's mission of mercy as well as the Holy See dicasteries that assist his ministry. A Tradition of Support for the Holy Father Support for such papal efforts is rooted in the scriptural message exhorting us to take care of the poor, and it expresses unity with the Holy Father in two ways: through the ongoing activities of the Holy See and through the charitable works of the Holy Father on behalf of those most in need. Give generously to this collection as a sign of mercy to those who suffer around the globe and of your support for the ongoing work of the Holy See. By doing so, you help build up the Church so that it can minister to all for generations to come.

**WELL WISHES:** Our parishioner, Sallie Langham, has recently moved to Presbyterian Nursing Home and would enjoy some cards, visits, and/or calls. Her address is: Sallie Langham Presbyterian Home Nursing Home 220 Newry Street Room #8 Hollidaysburg, PA 16648. Her phone number is 814-660-6232. Sallie greatly appreciates all of the cards she has received and said it has lifted her spirits!



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