



The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 2, 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 8- 4:00 PM - Jeremy Truscello, David Langguth
Sun. June 9-8:00 AM - Ginny Reeder, Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. June 9-10:00 AM - Barbara Bundy, Richard Consiglio

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. June 8- 4:00 PM - Abigail Hovance, Sadie Swope
Sun. June 9- 8:00 AM - Nicholas Helsley, NOT FILLED
Sun. June 9-10:00 AM - Colin Schurr, Aidan Schurr

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. June 8- 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, NOT FILLED
Sun. June 9-8:00 AM - Ashley Greslick, Mike Greslick
Sun. June 9-10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Dolores Capriotti,
Lou Ann Clark, Susanna Tomlinson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. June 8- 4:00 PM - Coleen Langguth, Betsy Lloyd,
Paula VanSickel, Larry VanSickel
Sun. June 9-8:00 AM - Mike O'Neill, Mary Truesdale,
Diane Turcovsky, Daniel Turcovsky
Sun. June 9-10:00 AM - Walter Bloom, Wendy Campbell,
Peg Madden, NOT FILLED

SACRISTAN

Sat. June 8- 4:00 PM - Ray King, Mary King
Sun. June 9- 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. June 9- 10:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti

SCRIP

Sat. June 8- 4:00 PM - Lori Baker, NOT FILLED
Sun. June 9- 8:00 AM - Chris Palazzi, Heather Yasolsky
Sun. June 9- 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:

PILGRIMAGE BEGINS MONDAY: our long-awaited Pilgrimage to Rome, Fatima, Lourdes and Paris departs early Monday morning. 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." I am most grateful to have Father Ashok here at the parish in my absence.

FATHER ASHOK: ON THE ROAD! Never having driven an automobile before arriving in the USA, Father Ashok has been able to take 4 hours of driver's ed, and countless hours on the road with me and other parishioners. We are delighted to announce that Father has PASSED his driver's test and is now a licensed Pennsylvania driver! Congratulations, Father Ashok!!! This gives him greater flexibility in getting to other parishes to assist where needed. We will be sharing Father with Sacred Heart and St. Mary's parishes here in Altoona, where Father Lubomir Strecok regularly has five weekend Masses!

OUR PARISH BIBLE STUDY: Our weekly bible study gathers each Wednesday at 6:45 in the parish center. Our focus will be upon the readings for the following Sunday, so that we are well prepared to hear God's Word with hearts ready to receive Christ in both Word and Sacrament! Father Ashok will be leading the study. Please plan on joining us!

WEEK 36: AN INSPIRING AFFIRMATION FOR THIS WEEK SACRED STORY RETREAT!

*Christ, who has walked before me, shares my every burden.
Christ, who has walked before me, will help me resolve every crisis.
Christ who has walked before me, knows my every hope.
Christ, who has walked before me, knows everything I suffer.
Christ who has walked before me, will always lead me home to safety.*

THE SOLEMNITY OF MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS is always celebrated on the third Friday after Pentecost. It is one of the most widely practiced and well-known if all Catholic Devotions, wherein the heart of Jesus Christ is viewed as a symbol of "God's boundless and passionate love for mankind". This devotion to Christ is predominantly used in the Catholic Church, followed by High Church Anglicans, and some Western Rite Orthodox. In the 17th century, Saint Margaret Mary had a vision of the Sacred Heart in her monastery, with the Lord speaking to her directly, "*Behold the Heart which has so loved men that it has spared nothing, even to exhausting and consuming Itself, in order to testify Its love; and in return, I receive from the greater part only ingratitude, by their irreverence and sacrilege, and by the coldness and contempt they have for Me in this Sacrament of Love.*"

SUMMER IS FOR LEISURE - how often people come back from a high energy vacation rather exhausted, needing time to recover. As the summer is upon us, it might be valuable to reflect upon the deeper meaning of leisure. The gift of leisure is not simply the result of having spare time, a holiday, a weekend, or vacation. The Bible tells us that on the seventh day God rested. We are to do the same. Genuine, God-given leisure is, first of all, 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!

SAVE THE DATES!

Father's Day Craft: Sunday, June 9th in the Gathering Space after the 10am Mass

Chicken BBQ: Sunday, June 9th-Knights of Columbus

Vacation Bible School: Tuesday, June 18th-Thursday, June 20th from 6pm-8pm in the school gym for children ages 5-12

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

* **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!

Schedule for the Week of June 2nd

Sunday, June 2- The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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

10:00 AM - Mass for *Dr. Murray & Georgia Dolphin*
requested by the Dolphin family

Monday, June 3 - St. Charles Lwanga and Companions

8:30 AM - Mass for *Barbara Neral* requested by
Deacon Gene Neral

Tuesday, June 4 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *George Goch* requested by
family

Wednesday, June 5 - St. Boniface

6:00 PM - Mass for *Orville Caldwell* requested by
Barbara Bundy

Thursday, June 6 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Brad Johnson* requested by
Bob & Ginny Reeder

Friday, June 7 - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:30 AM - Mass for *Leonard & Mary Catherine Majestic*
requested by Barbara Bundy

Saturday, June 8 - Vigil of 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - Mass for *Bob Long* requested by
Dee Schmerbeck & family

Sunday, June 9 - 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Mass for *Carolyn Rouch* requested by
Bob & Ginny Reeder

10:00 AM - Mass for *People of the Parish*

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please email any upcoming bulletin announcements to Diane Ryan at stjohnsecretary@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.

FOOD FOR THE POOR: Please join us the weekend of June 8, 2024 to hear Rev. John La Rosa speak at all the services about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Father La Rosa will share personal witness about Food For The Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another. If donating by check, make checks out to Food for the Poor. Father La Rosa was ordained in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in May 1981 and for over 20 years served as a Parochial Vicar in different parishes. Since 2003 he served as a Parochial Administrator in 3 parishes and after 42 years he is now retired. Please join us in welcoming Father La Rosa!

FAITH DAY: The Family Life Office of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown is cancelling Faith Day this year, previously set for Sunday, June 30, 2024. Hopefully a new, fun Faith based day will be in the future for 2025! Have a safe and blessed summer!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Today we celebrate Corpus Christi – the Body and Blood of Christ. Jesus' Body and Blood was sacrificed for us on Calvary, but before that excruciating event, He humbly bound Himself to human hands in the Eucharist. As St Thomas Aquinas expresses, "In this sacrament sins are purged away, virtues are increased, the soul satiated with an abundance of every spiritual gift. No other sacrament is so beneficial." Jesus gave us the perfect and loving Gift of Himself so that we might be nourished, strengthened and more fully united to Him as we journey to eternal life. This glorious solemnity calls us to reflect on the precious gift of the Eucharist and what it truly means for us as Catholics. As we celebrate this glorious solemnity of The Body and Blood of Christ, let us find time today to reflect on the Eucharist. Let us strive to intentionally honor and reverence Him at every Mass, strive to fully partake in each Eucharistic meal, and let us find time to visit our Savior in the Tabernacle. And let us pray frequently, "Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief!"

May 18/19

Envelopes	\$ 3,720.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 570.00
Parish Development	\$ 195.00
Ascension	\$ 5.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,418.90
Total Offertory	\$ 5,908.90

2024 Catholic Ministries Drive Goal: \$42,400

January 1, 2024 - April 30, 2024

Gifts/Pledges - \$40,815.00

Total Gifts Received - \$40,335.00

Pledge Balance - \$480.00



GOING ON VACATION? Please use Online Giving to catch-up on offertory. Go to www.stjohnsaltoona.org and click on the Online Giving link, it's quick and easy. *Your support during summer months helps sustain our parish.*

WELL WISHES: Our parishioner, Sally Langham, has recently moved to Presbyterian Nursing Home and would enjoy some cards, visits, and/or calls. Her address is: Sally Langham Presbyterian Home Nursing Home 220 Newry Street Room #8 Hollidaysburg, PA 16648. Her phone number is 814-660-6232.

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL: One gets the impression there was always a lot of sharing, discussion and learning during the many meals Jesus and his disciples ate together. How does this compare to the meals in your home? Today's gospel challenges us to make our meals more than physical functions and more a time for sharing.

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. **Prayer list will be 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 • Britta Albright
Charles Bassett • Idy Caporuscio
Michelle Cooney • Joyce Cunningham • Betty Dennis
Mary Lee DeStefano • Devon McCarter Graham
Marlene Hartman • Sallie Langham
Bonnie & Mike Long • Connor McLaughlin
Kathy Mittermeier • Patricia Olson • Ryan Raybuck
Dan Roberts • Anne Showalter • Reed Stellabotte
Tim Temofonte • Lois Werfel • Dorothy Yingling
Anne Zelnosky**

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

**James Reilly, husband of Patricia Reilly
Eleanor S. Christine, sister of Mary Grace Horton
Jim Karcz, brother of Barbara Lauer
Paul McGrath, brother of Dan McGrath
May they 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.

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.

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. 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.

BG CANDLELIGHT SAINTS TOUR 2024 - On Friday June 14 and Saturday June 15, actors and actresses (including some of our students!) will be dressed as a number of different men and women Saints, recounting their lives at different 'stops' around our building as a tour guide leads your group. It's an entertaining and inspiring encounter with holiness, ending with a visit to Jesus in the tabernacle of our chapel. Tours begin at 6pm and leave every 15 minutes, with the last tour departing at 9pm each evening. The walking tour lasts approximately 90 minutes and is handicap accessible. Not recommended for children under age 8. Cost is \$10 per person, to be paid at time of event, and food will be available for purchase. To reserve a tour time or to ask any additional questions, please contact Bob Sutton at rsutton@bguilfoyle.org or (814) 552-0267. We hope to see you there!

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS: Court Prince Gallitzin #2625-Serves all 11 Altoona parishes and beyond. New members are always welcome! Find us online at : cda2625.com. On Monday, June 10, 2024, please come join us for our monthly meeting in the community room of Saint Rose of Lima at 5:45pm with the business meeting beginning at 6pm. If you have any questions, please contact us at <http://cda2625.com/contact>.

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 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!