

**Twelfth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
June 23, 2024**

St. John the Evangelist Church

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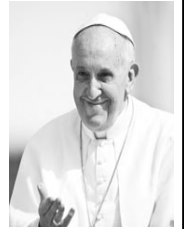
MASS SCHEDULE

**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 29- 4:00 PM - John Majcher, Maria Spayd
Sun. June 30-8:00 AM - Diane Turcovsky, Daniel Turcovsky
Sun. June 30-10:00 AM - Iris Tatar, Richard Consiglio

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. June 29- 4:00 PM - Abigail Hovance, Sadie Swope
Sun. June 30- 8:00 AM - Nicholas Helsley, NOT FILLED
Sun. June 30-10:00 AM - Camille Krug, Aidan Schurr

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. June 29- 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, NOT FILLED
Sun. June 30-8:00 AM - Ashley Greslick, Mike Greslick
Sun. June 30-10:00 AM - Barbara Bundy, Francel Dandrea,
Kenneth Gorman, Susanna Tomlinson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. June 29- 4:00 PM - Coleen Langguth, Paula VanSickel,
Larry VanSickel, NOT FILLED
Sun. June 30-8:00 AM - Ginny Reeder, Ed Stoltz, Jane Strasser,
Mary Truesdale
Sun. June 30-10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Walter Bloom,
Dolores Capriotti, Peg Madden

SACRISTAN

Sat. June 29- 4:00 PM - Ray King, Mary King
Sun. June 30- 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. June 30- 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

SCRIP

Sat. June 29 - 4:00 PM - Julie Beiswenger, Becky Merilli
Sun. June 30- 8:00 AM - Amber Yasolsky, Heather Yasolsky
Sun. June 30- 10:00 AM - Gary Johnson, Patrick Podoletz

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:

HOME FROM PILGRIMAGE! Our Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi, Fatima, Lourdes and Paris was a marvelous experience for all who participated. The pilgrims from St. John's were Mimi Crevecoeur, Susan Partenheimer, Carolyn English, and our adopted retired priest Father Dennis Kurdziel. A group of 30 pilgrims from around our diocese, we celebrated Mass in each of the four Major Basilicas in Rome, in the parish church of St. Francis of Assisi, as well as in the shrines of Fatima, Lourdes, Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, and at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Paris. No doubt over the next few weeks my preaching will accent some the memorable moments which made this such an inspiring pilgrimage of faith!

SPEAKING OF PILGRIMAGES! 2025 is a Jubilee Year in the Catholic Church, beginning with the opening of the "Holy Doors" at St. Peter's Basilica on December 24th, 2024, and concluding on the Solemnity of the Epiphany, January 6, 2026. The theme is quite simply, "*Pilgrims of Hope.*" In announcing the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis stated that "*We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire...*" I will be tasking the parish council to consider how we might as a parish family celebrate this upcoming jubilee year of grace!

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! Please plan on joining us!

Our FORTY WEEK RETREAT NEARS ITS END: *We will be completing our 40-week retreat in mid-July. In these final weeks We will pray even more fervently our Sacred Story Prayer after Communion and will continue to focus upon the inspiring affirmations that have drawn us closer to Christ. This 37th week's affirmation is to be prayed aloud daily:*

I alone control Christ's ability to transform my life into a sacred story.

The process begins when I ask for the grace to honestly name my sins and addictions.

The process continues when I invite Christ to illuminate my narcissism.

Only God's grace and mercy can write my sacred story.

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS AT WORK! Recently we have had major work done in insulating our church. This was followed by the installation of new flat roofing. This roofing and insulation will go a long way in keeping our church warmer in winter and cooler in summer and will lessen our utility bills. Such improvements are only possible because of the generous contributions of parishioners! Our gratitude to all for their continuing financial support!

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!

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

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

Schedule for the Week of June 23rd

Sunday, June 23 - 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

Monday, June 24 - Nativity of St. John the Baptist

8:30 AM - Mass for *Karen & Fred Mazzarella (Anniversary)*
 requested by Karen Mazzarella

Tuesday, June 25 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Jane Byrne* requested by
 Ray & Mary King

Wednesday, June 26 - Weekday

6:00 PM - Mass for *George & Genie Semko (Anniversary)*
 requested by Karen Mazzarella

Thursday, June 27 - Weekday

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

Friday, June 28 - St. Irenaeus

8:30 AM - Mass for *Ida Prosperi* requested by
 John Prosperi

Saturday, June 29 - Vigil of 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - Mass for *Sam Neal* requested by
 Julie & Bernie Beiswenger

Sunday, June 30 - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Mass for *Helen Farabaugh* requested by
 Pauline Polites
 10:00 AM - Mass for *People of the Parish*

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: Thank you to Jim and Steph Krug who have volunteered to organize and run the children's games at the Parish Picnic on Sunday, July 21st! If anyone is interested in organizing the adult activities such as a basket raffle or other activity please contact the Parish Office at 814-942-5503. Thank you!

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL: Just as the apostles in today's gospel were amazed at the power of Jesus so our children are amazed at our lack of fear of dark rooms or monsters in closets or under beds. As the apostles depended on Jesus, children depend on us to restore quiet to their lives. Getting out of bed at night to quiet a child's fears is the stuff of holiness.

 * **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! *

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Our readings today remind us that God always has our best interests in mind. No matter what is going on in our lives, God is with us. Our First Reading is from the end of the book of Job. The book of Job is an incredible story of God allowing trials and suffering to occur in Job's life. God knows that Job is a faithful man and will not turn away from Him despite hardship, so the Lord allows destruction in Job's life. In moments of trial, we often live our days in a panic. It is as if our life is like the life of those disciples. We see the water coming into our boat and we do all that we can in our power to stay afloat. We aimlessly try to throw the water overboard, and we become exhausted because it is thrown right back into our face. We are frantic, so we fail to stop and recognize that our Savior is in the same boat with us. Although it might feel like He is sleeping and His presence is lacking, He is right there suffering with us. Therefore, during our trials, cling to Jesus. Know that there is an end, and whether we see the end in this life or the next, God allows it all for our salvation. Today, let us thank God for His presence in our lives, and ask for the eyes of faith to see that He is right here with us always.

June 8/9

Envelopes	\$ 3,683.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 945.00
Parish Development	\$ 191.00
Ascension	\$ 10.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,499.90
Total Offertory	\$ 7,328.90

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!

CATECHIST NEEDED: Our Faith Formation Program is currently looking for a 5th/6th grade catechist for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year. We have small class sizes and meet mostly every other week for class. Catechists must complete all required clearances. Please contact the office at 814-942-5503 if you are interested in joining our amazing team of teachers!

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 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
Betsie Claar • 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.

EUCARISTIC 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.

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.

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.

8 SAINTS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: St. Catherine's in Duncansville- Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, August 6,7,8 from 6:00-8:00. Students K-6, cost \$10 for one and \$5 for siblings, assistance is available. Staff members are from St. Catherine's, St. John's, St. Rose, and St. Thomas More. REGISTRATION FORMS IN THE GATHERING SPACE. Place in collection basket or send to church office. Hope to see you for fun and learning on GOD'S TEAM.

WELGE SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND: College Junior & Senior Scholarships Available - Students from our parish who will be college juniors or seniors this fall may apply to receive one of four \$500 scholarships from the Adelaide Heverly Welge Scholarship Endowment. Eligible Welge Scholarship applicants are members of a Blair County Catholic Parish (excluding St. Matthew), a junior or senior undergraduate student enrolled at any accredited college or university, and in need of financial assistance. Applications are available in the parish office or may be downloaded from the "Grants & Scholarships" page at www.icfoundation.us. The application deadline is 4:00 PM, Tuesday, July 2. Please send completed applications directly to The Independent Catholic Foundation. The Independent Catholic Foundation will inform the four successful applicants by mid-July and awards will be mailed directly to the students' schools.

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.