



Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 9, 2024

St. John the Evangelist Church

309 Lotz Avenue, Altoona, PA 814-942-5503

PASTORAL STAFF

Monsignor Michael Becker - mbecker253@aol.com
Rev. Ashok Kumar Alphonse - aalphonse@dioceseaj.org
Deacon Gene Neral - gene@lifeinfocus.net
Patricia Jimenez - Director of Music
pjimenez@dioceseaj.org
Stephanie Baker-Business Manager
sbaker@dioceseaj.org
Diane Ryan - Faith Formation Coordinator/Secretary
stjohnsecretary@atlanticbb.net
Iris Tatar - Director of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
iristat38@gmail.com
Mark Krepich - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
mark.krepich@gmail.com
Ken Dunmire - Maintenance

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 15- 4:00 PM - Jeremy Truscello, John Majcher
Sun. June 16-8:00 AM - Diane Turcovsky, Daniel Turcovsky
Sun. June 16-10:00 AM - Jim Campbell, John Sukala

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. June 15- 4:00 PM - Abigail Hovance, Sadie Swope
Sun. June 16- 8:00 AM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
Sun. June 16-10:00 AM - Liam Schurr, Colin Schurr

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. June 15- 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, NOT FILLED
Sun. June 16-8:00 AM - Nicholas Helsley, Ginny Reeder
Sun. June 16-10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Francel Dandrea,
Kenneth Gorman, Susanna Tomlinson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. June 15- 4:00 PM - Coleen Langguth, Betsy Lloyd,
Karen Moughemer, Dennis Moughemer
Sun. June 16-8:00 AM - Ashley Greslick, Mike Greslick, Ed Stoltz,
Jane Strasser
Sun. June 16-10:00 AM - Wendy Campbell, Mary Grace Horton,
Peg Madden, NOT FILLED

SACRISTAN

Sat. June 15- 4:00 PM - Ray King, Mary King
Sun. June 16- 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. June 16- 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

SCRIP

Sat. June 15 - 4:00 PM - Chris Palazzi, Marge Rudolph
Sun. June 16- 8:00 AM - Erika Yasolsky, Heather Yasolsky
Sun. June 16- 10:00 AM - Patrick Podoletz, NOT FILLED

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:

FATHER'S DAY -Next Sunday we celebrate Father's Day. According to St. Pope John Paul II, the father has a special role in families in that he "reveals and relives on earth the very fatherhood of God" (Familiaris Consortio, 25). St. Pope John Paul II also writes that in their families, fathers are "called upon to develop a new attitude of love, manifesting towards their wives and children a charity that is both gentle and strong like that which Christ has for the Church" (Familiaris Consortio, 25). Thus, fathers who live out their vocation of fatherhood well, help their wives and children to better understand and receive the love of God. However, fatherhood is not just lived out in the context of the family. Some men are called to live out their fatherhood not as natural fathers, but as supernatural fathers dedicating their lives to raising up spiritual children as parish priests or as religious priests or brothers. 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 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.

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!

SAVE THE DATES!

Father's Day Craft: Sunday, June 9th in the Gathering Space at 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



FORMED® THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

Sacrifice | The Catholic Parent | Episode 4

It's an understatement to say marriage demands a lot. Family life and raising children demand even more. Isn't fulfilling those duties enough? Why does the Church teach that we should fast, and what does that mean practically? In this episode, Sr. Rachel Marie discusses these questions alongside the real-life witness of Catholic families. Turning to the story of St. Gianna Beretta Molla will leave you with the confidence needed to practice fasting as a family.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and  gracitas press

* **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 9th

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*

Monday, June 10 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Jane Byrne* requested by Barbara Mignogna & family

Tuesday, June 11 - St. Barnabas

8:30 AM - Mass for *Barbara Neral* requested by John Hescocx family

Wednesday, June 12 - Weekday

6:00 PM - Mass for *Anniversary of Karen & Fred Mazzarella* requested by Karen Mazzarella

Thursday, June 13 - St. Anthony of Padua

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

Friday, June 14 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Jean Lester* requested by Charles Lester

Saturday, June 15 - Vigil of 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - Mass for *Terry McManuels* requested by Dave & Connie McManuels

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

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 welcome Rev. John La Rosa this weekend as he speaks 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. Brochures with attached envelopes for donations will be handed out this weekend at all masses. 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 40 years served as a Parochial Vicar in different parishes and he is now retired. Please join us in welcoming Father La Rosa!

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!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: In today's First Reading from the Book of Genesis we hear the story of Adam and Eve and their sins, defying God. However, when God was present in the garden, the man and woman hid themselves. Adam responds to God's question why in part by saying "I was afraid... so I hid myself." Do any of us really think he could hide from God?

As humans, we know the temptation of following our own plans, even if they are contrary to God's. We think we know better and we may try to still have it our way. If what we have done is particularly shameful, we may try to hide our sins from God.

What are we hiding from? In recent weeks we have learned over and over how much God loves us. It is time for us to accept that and not hide.

May 25/26

Envelopes	\$ 2,319.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 132.00
Catholic Education	\$ 25.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,018.90
Total Offertory	\$ 3,494.90

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



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.*

FATIMA DEVOTIONS: The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on Thursday June 13th, 2024, at 6:30pm in the Sunken Gardens at Saint Francis Friary. (In case of inclement weather, they will be at the Immaculate Conception Chapel on the campus of St. Francis University.) The presider will be Fr. Stephen Mary Waruszewski, T.O.R. We are really looking forward to seeing you.

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL: Jesus reminds us in today's gospel "a house divided against itself will not stand." Are the tensions and issues which divide your home worth the struggle? Even if you win an argument you lose a relationship. Don't let pride and pettiness divide your home.

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
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 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 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!

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. 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.

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!