



**Fifteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
July 14, 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**

**July Prayer Intention of Pope Francis**

Pastoral Care of the Sick

We pray for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.



**NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS**

**LECTORS**

Sat. July 20- 4:00 PM - Jeremy Truscello, Joyce Cunningham  
Sun. July 21-8:00 AM - Ginny Reeder, Mike Greslick  
Sun. July 21-10:00 AM - Dave Auerbeck, Iris Tatar

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Sat. July 20- 4:00 PM - Abigail Hovance, Sadie Swope  
Sun. July 21- 8:00 AM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED  
Sun. July 21-10:00 AM - Camille Krug, Colin Schurr

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Sat. July 20- 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, NOT FILLED  
Sun. July 21-8:00 AM - Nicholas Helsley, Darlene Scarpaci  
Sun. July 21-10:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti, Francel Dandrea,  
Bob Olson, Susanna Tomlinson

**MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY**

Sat. July 20- 4:00 PM - Coleen Langguth, Betsy Lloyd,  
Paula VanSickel, Larry VanSickel  
Sun. July 21-8:00 AM - Carolyn English, Ray Kennedy,  
Diane Turcovsky, Daniel Turcovsky  
Sun. July 21-10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Walter Bloom,  
Mary Grace Horton, Peg Madden

**SACRISTAN**

Sat. July 20- 4:00 PM - Ray King, Mary King  
Sun. July 21- 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci  
Sun. July 21- 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

**SCRIP**

Sat. July 20- 4:00 PM - Julie Beiswenger, Becky Merilli  
Sun. July 21- 8:00 AM - Erika Yasolsky, Heather Yasolsky  
Sun. July 21- 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:

**PARISH PICNIC TIME!** Next week we will be celebrating our annual summer picnic. Sign up on the kiosk to let us know what you can bring and how you might wish to help! On July 21<sup>st</sup>, following our 10:00 AM Mass, join us in Bailey Hall for good food and fellowship! This is a real practical example of what the Eucharist means, that we break bread together and enjoy the blessings of one another's company.

**JESUS THE BREAD OF LIFE:** As our sacred story retreat concludes, our Sunday readings turn us to an extended reflection on the Eucharist beginning on July 28th. This focus on Jesus the Bread of Life is a perfect follow up to the National Eucharistic Congress which is being held in Indianapolis next weekend. For the following five weeks we interrupt our reading of the Gospel of Mark and move to the beautiful discourse on the Bread of Life from the gospel of John. Because Mark's is the shortest gospel, it was determined that adding the discourse on the bread of life to the Sunday Cycle of readings will give parishes ample time to reflect upon the Eucharist.

**OUR PARISH BIBLE STUDY:** Our weekly bible study gathers each Wednesday at 6:45 in the parish center. Please plan on joining us!

**YOUR LOVE AND YOUR GRACE ARE ENOUGH FOR ME!** *On this final week of our 40 Week Sacred Story Retreat, we are again blessed by the musical rendition of our Sacred Story Prayer. We are inspired to make prayer a cornerstone of our lives. There are two resolutions we can make: I resolve to spend no more and no less than fifteen minutes in daily prayer, and to pray daily our Sacred Story Prayer. Secondly, I ask God's grace to help me commit to a lifelong habit of praying the five meditations of Sacred Story Prayer: **Creation, Presence, Memory, Mercy, Eternity.***

**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!

**2024 JOHN AND HELEN DESPOT SCHOLARSHIP:** The John and Helen Despot Scholarship Fund will be offering 3 \$400 scholarships this year. This scholarship is available to any child of St. John's parish who is attending a Catholic elementary school during the 2024-2025 school year. Applications are available in the Gathering Space or in the parish office. All applications must be submitted by August 31st and will be awarded in early September. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at 942-5503.

### SAVE THE DATES!

**Summer Cereal Collection for Children:** Sat. July 20th & Sun. July 21st Cereal collection for St. Vincent

**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

**BISHOP GUILFOYLE ACADEMY:** PreK through Grade 12 Financial Aid Available. Our rolling admissions process means that anytime of the year is a good time to enroll at BG Academy! Our unified system streamlines the curriculum from PreK through Grade 12. Students enjoy Catholic faith formation and academic excellence in an environment where calm classrooms, self-discipline and respect for others are the norm. Most of our students receive financial aid. Catholic students qualify for an automatic special scholarship. Ask for our household income chart that gives you an estimate of the tuition range for your family. NEW Hollidaysburg campus for PreK and Kindergarten; Eldorado and Fairview campuses, PreK through grade 5; Call 942.7835. Pleasant Valley campus, Grades 6- 12; Call 944.4014. Ask for a personalized tour. Welcoming new students!

**PARISH PICNIC:** Our Annual Parish Picnic will be on Sunday, July 21st in Father Bailey Hall/School Gym following the 10am Mass. Please sign up on the kiosk if you are planning on attending along with the side, dessert or appetizer you will be bringing. We will have chicken, hamburgers and hot dogs. Drinks will be provided. There will be activities for both adults and children. The basket raffle proceeds will benefit the Social Committee for upcoming events. If you are willing to donate a basket please sign up on the kiosk. Hope to see everyone at the picnic for food, fun and fellowship!

**Schedule for the Week of July 14th**

**Sunday, July 14 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM - Mass for *Robert & Genevieve Huber* requested by Wieland & Huber families

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

**Monday, July 15- St. Bonaventure**

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

**Tuesday, July 16 - Weekday**

8:30 AM - Mass for *Col. & Mrs. John Ward* requested by Linda Weyandt

**Wednesday, July 17- Weekday**

6:00 PM - Mass for *James Reilly* requested by Larry & Mary Ann Nedimyer

**Thursday, July 18 - Weekday**

8:30 AM - Mass for *Helen Farabaugh* requested by Connie Navarro

**Friday, July 19 - St. Weekday**

8:30 AM - Mass for *Joyce Cordek* requested by Larry Cordek

**Saturday, July 20- Vigil of 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM - Mass for *Bill Schmerbeck* requested by Dee Schmerbeck

**Sunday, July 21 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM - Mass for *Jim Karcz* requested by Bob & Ginny Reeder

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

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** Our readings today provide examples of people who trusted in the Lord. It is a reminder for us to live our day-to-day lives in total surrender to His care.

When we live our lives doing the will of God, there will be days that are hard. Just because we are doing what the Lord is asking of us, doesn't mean every day will be perfect. As a matter of fact, we might be led to rejection or suffering because of what we believe. The moment we are faced with that conflict, we are called to respond as Amos did – not by turning our back on God, but rather, remaining faithful to Him. God has a plan, even in the darkest moments. We are called to trust in his ways.

**June 29/30**

Envelopes	\$ 3,293.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 377.00
Catholic Education	\$ 50.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 218.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,513.90
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 5,451.90</b>

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

January 1, 2024 - June 30, 2024

Gifts/Pledges - \$44,915.00

Total Gifts Received - \$43,935.00

Pledge Balance - \$980.00

**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.

**LEGION OF MARY:** On June 14th, St. John's hosted The Legion of Mary members to Mass, the Rosary, a presentation about the art work by Allen Capriotti & light refreshments. We were honored they chose St. John's as an event. Their purpose is to become instruments of the Holy Spirit through prayer, the sacraments, devotion to The Blessed Mother & the Trinity with service in a family atmosphere. If you would like to learn more about this ministry or become a member, please contact Ginger Cooney (of our Parish) at 814-943-0017 or Mary Engelman (St. Rose of Lima) at 814-943-3796.

**FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL:** Jesus sent our His apostles without a lot of "things" because THINGS distract. We collect, argue about and protect our "things." Garage sales only transfer "things." We even ignore each other because we have "things" to do. What "things" are separating you from your family?

**CMD UPDATE:** We have reached our goal for 2024 with donations already received! We are currently \$1,535 over our goal. This total does not account for the outstanding pledge amount of \$980. Did you know that anything over that goal will come back to the church? Any additional funds will help cover monthly utilities, including several unexpected maintenance and repair expenses with the parish recently. Thank you to everyone who has donated! Your financial support is greatly appreciated!

**SUMMER CEREAL COLLECTION FOR CHILDREN:** The Altoona-Johnstown Diocese is requesting local parishes to assist with a cereal drive to help fight hunger during the summer months for local children who are unable to receive these meals during the school day. This collection will take place the weekend of July 20th and 21st. Cereal will be distributed by St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry.

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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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### 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  
Betsie Claar • Betty Dennis • Carol Field • Sally Langham  
Patricia Olson • Dan Roberts • Anne Showalter  
Tim Temofonte • Lois Werfel**

**THANK YOU:** Thank you for your prayers as we continue on our road to recovery. We are grateful for your thoughts, good wishes and prayers! Sincerely, Joyce Cunningham, Carol Rodgers and Devon McCarter Graham

**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 JULY:**

July 2nd-Joan Price

July 9th-Silvio (Tim) Temofonte

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.

**SCRIP TIP:** Don't leave for vacation without your scrip! You can purchase scrip online for flights, cruises, and hotels. Go to <https://www.raiseright.com/> to get started. If you're more into road trips, equip your wallet with scrip for fast food and gas stations! Shop gift cards from more than 750 top brands to earn on your daily purchases with the mobile app RaiseRight. Anytime you want, anywhere you go. Get the app: <https://www.raiseright.com/>  
**Call the office for the enrollment code to link your account to St. John the Evangelist Church.**



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### 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.*

**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!

**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.

**OUTDOOR MASS FOR MARRIED COUPLES:** Mark your calendar for one of the most popular summer celebrations in our diocese. Bishop Mark will celebrate the annual outdoor Mass for married couples on July 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine in Loretto. During the Mass, husbands and wives will have the opportunity to renew their sacramental commitment to each other. Please join us!

**MASS INTENTION REQUESTS:** Celebrating Mass for a definite intention is a long tradition in the Catholic Church. The intention may be for the repose of a deceased person's soul, or for the spiritual and temporal wellbeing of a person or persons who are living, especially on the occasion of a wedding anniversary or birthday, or for someone's personal/private/health intention. Knowing that the Mass is being celebrated for someone's intention can be more beneficial and comforting than any other expression of sympathy, concern, and love. Mass cards are available so that you can notify the person or family of your request. Though not obligatory, the usual offering within the Diocese of Altoona Johnstown is \$10.00. If you have any questions, or to submit an intention, please call the office (814-942-5503).