

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 21, 2024

St. John the Evangelist Church

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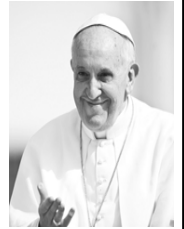
MASS SCHEDULE

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 27- 4:00 PM - Maria Spayd, Joyce Cunningham
Sun. July 28-8:00 AM - Ginny Reeder, Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. July 28-10:00 AM - Camille Krug, James Krug

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. July 27- 4:00 PM - Abigail Hovance, Sadie Swope
Sun. July 28- 8:00 AM - Nicholas Helsley, NOT FILLED
Sun. July 28-10:00 AM - Aidan Schurr, Liam Schurr

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. July 27- 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, NOT FILLED
Sun. July 28-8:00 AM - Ashley Greslick, Mike Greslick
Sun. July 28-10:00 AM - Barbara Bundy, Dolores Capriotti,
Kenneth Gorman, Susanna Tomlinson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. July 27- 4:00 PM - Carolyn English, Betsy Lloyd,
Paula VanSickel, Larry VanSickel
Sun. July 28-8:00 AM - Mike O'Neill, Mary Truesdale,
Diane Turcovsky, Daniel Turcovsky
Sun. July 28-10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Walter Bloom,
Wendy Campbell, Mary Grace Horton,

SACRISTAN

Sat. July 27- 4:00 PM - Ray King, Mary King
Sun. July 28- 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. July 28- 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

SCRIP

Sat. July 27 - 4:00 PM - Lori Baker, NOT FILLED
Sun. July 28- 8:00 AM - Erika Yasolsky, Heather Yasolsky
Sun. July 28- 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:

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 21st, 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 next Sunday. This focus on Jesus the Bread of Life is a perfect followup to the National Eucharistic Congress which is being held in Indianapolis this 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 SAINT OF THE WEEK! On Monday July 22, the Church celebrates the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene, one of the most prominent women mentioned in the New Testament. Her name comes from the town of Magdala in Galilee, where she was born. Scripture introduces her as a woman "who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out" (Lk. 8:2). In addition, she was the first recorded witness of the Resurrection. The Gospels all describe Mary Magdalene going to the tomb on Easter morning. When she saw that the tomb was empty, she stood outside, weeping. Jesus appeared to her and asked her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" (Jn. 20:15). She returned to the grieving disciples to announce to them the message of the Resurrection, earning her the title "the Apostle to the Apostles." It is interesting to note that in 2016 the liturgical celebration honoring St. Mary Magdalene was raised from a Memorial to a Feast, putting her on par with the apostles.

OUR PARISH BIBLE STUDY: Our weekly bible study gathers each Wednesday at 6:45 in the parish center. Please plan on joining us! This is an excellent way to prepare for the coming Sunday, as we reflect on the readings for that day.

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.

SEILER SCHOLARSHIP: Congratulations to Aidan Schurr, an 11th grader at Bishop Guilfoyle who has been chosen to receive the Seiler Scholarship for the 2024-2025 school year. Aidan is an altar server for our parish and volunteers to help at many parish events. We appreciate your service to our parish and wish you a successful year at school!

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

Christopher Benos-Sounds of Summer Concert: Sunday, August 18th at 3pm in the Church

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!

Schedule for the Week of July 21st

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*

Monday, July 22 - St. Mary Magdalene

8:30 AM - Mass for *Tom Semelsberger* requested by
Fran Semelsberger

Tuesday, July 23 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Janet Luther* requested by
Betsy Lloyd

Wednesday, July 24 - Weekday

6:00 PM - Mass for *Jane Byrne* requested by
Pat & Kathy Kibler

Thursday, July 25 - St. James

8:30 AM - Mass for *Sagaya Mary* requested by
Marilyn Bevan

Friday, July 26 - Sts. Joachim & Anne

8:30 AM - Mass for *Susan Marie Pezzi* requested by
Kyle Pezzi & Ashley Gherlone

Saturday, July 27 - Vigil of 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - Mass for *Rebecca Ann Fetterolf* requested by
Maria & Doug Spayd

Sunday, July 28 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:00 AM - Mass for *Dr. Susan Neral Gandy* requested by
Deacon Gene Neral

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: In June, 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: In today's gospel "the apostles gathered around and told Jesus all they had done." Listening allows the other person to express, understand and appreciate their experiences. Whether it is the excited chatter of young children or the repetitious stories of an aging grandparent, listening is important. It is not just time well spent, it is sacred time.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Today's readings remind us of how our God is compassionate and passionately loves us. Our First Reading portrays God's infinite care and concern for our lives. We can see that God is the one who loved us first. He pursues us constantly. Oftentimes, we are like the people who are blind to His goodness and enticed by sin – something we think will make us happy but does not. God is the one who constantly pursues us and gives us opportunities to say "yes" to Him. He wants to win us back, and ultimately, He will make us happy. So now we must ask ourselves, who or what is blinding us or leading us away from our ultimate happiness? Stop for a moment and name that thing – money, status, a person, career, laziness, addiction, self-image, health, etc. – that could be leading you away from a more full and happy relationship with God. As we begin this new week, let us name the things in our lives that are robbing us of our ultimate happiness, work to let go of them, and let us strive to make Jesus our true shepherd by seeking Him in our daily lives.

July 6/7

Envelopes	\$ 5,197.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 608.00
Catholic Education	\$ 100.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 115.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,754.90
Total Offertory	\$ 9,774.90

2024 Catholic Ministries Drive Goal: \$42,400

January 1, 2024 - June 30, 2024

Gifts/Pledges - \$44,915.00

Total Gifts Received - \$43,435.00

Pledge Balance - \$980.00

CMD UPDATE: We have reached our goal for 2024 with donations already received! We are currently \$1,035 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!

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY: The Catholic Church celebrates the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly each year on the Sunday closest to the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, Jesus' grandparents. This year it will be celebrated on July 28th. Pope Francis has chosen a line from Psalm 71-"Do not cast me off in my old age" as the theme for this year. We are asked to appreciate the contributions they make to the life of the Church and to our families, combat loneliness and forge bonds between the generations.

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 • Sally Langham
- Patricia Olson • Dan Roberts • Anne Showalter
- Tim Temofonte • Lois Werfel

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.

YARD SALE: Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court 1755 is sponsoring a yard sale on Saturday, August 3rd from 7am-1pm at 1200 N. Juniata St and Cedar Blvd (across from Legion Park). Large variety of good items. Always a nice selection. All are welcome!

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!

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.

CATECHIST NEEDED: Our Faith Formation Program is currently looking for substitute catechists 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).