



**Fourteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
July 7, 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 13- 4:00 PM - David Langguth, John Majcher  
Sun. July 14-8:00 AM - Mike Greslick, Mary Truesdale  
Sun. July 14-10:00 AM - Bob Olson, Patrick Schurr

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Sat. July 13- 4:00 PM - Abigail Hovance, Sadie Swope  
Sun. July 14- 8:00 AM - Nicholas Helsley, NOT FILLED  
Sun. July 14-10:00 AM - Evie Koch, Estella Koch

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Sat. July 13- 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, NOT FILLED  
Sun. July 14-8:00 AM - Diane Turcovsky, Daniel Turcovsky  
Sun. July 14-10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Francel Dandrea,  
Kenneth Gorman, Susanna Tomlinson

**MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY**

Sat. July 13- 4:00 PM - Coleen Langguth, Betsy Lloyd,  
Paula VanSickel, Larry VanSickel  
Sun. July 14-8:00 AM - Jane Becker, John Becker, Ed Stoltz,  
Jane Strasser  
Sun. July 14-10:00 AM - Walter Bloom, Wendy Campbell,  
Mary Grace Horton, Peg Madden

**SACRISTAN**

Sat. July 13- 4:00 PM - Ray King, Mary King  
Sun. July 14- 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci  
Sun. July 14- 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

**SCRIP**

Sat. July 13 - 4:00 PM - Lori Baker, Marge Rudolph  
Sun. July 14- 8:00 AM - Chris Palazzi, Heather Yasolsky  
Sun. July 14- 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!** In two weeks, 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.

**DON'T FORGET!** Our Second Sunday food collection next week. The need is great in our community, and every donation of food or cash is greatly appreciated!

**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!** At Mass last weekend, we were blessed by the musical rendition of our Sacred Story Prayer. 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. Two resolutions we can make. I resolve to spend no more and no less than fifteen minutes in daily prayer. 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.**

**FEAST OF ST. BENEDICT!** - On July 11, the Catholic Church celebrates the feast of Saint Benedict of Nursia, the sixth-century abbot who gave Christian monasticism its lasting foundation in Western Europe. For his historic role as the "Father of Western Monasticism," St. Benedict was declared a co-patron of Europe (along with Saints Cyril and Methodius). St. Benedict is also the patron saint of Pope Benedict XVI's pontificate. In a 2005 general audience, Pope Benedict XVI said St. Benedict was a "powerful reminder of the indispensable Christian roots" of Europe. He cited the monk's instruction to "prefer nothing to the love of Christ," and asked his intercession "to help us keep Christ firmly at the heart of our lives." We are especially grateful for the presence of the thriving Benedictine Monastery of St. Vincent in Latrobe, which is the largest Benedictine Monastery in the world!

**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!

**A SHOUT OUT FOR OUR MAINTENANCE MAN!** Ken Dunmire always goes the extra mile in the care he gives to our grounds in the summer! We are truly blessed to have such a dedicated and responsible Maintenance Man! If you see him, thank him!

**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-Thursday, August 8th from 6pm-8pm at St. Catherine's

**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 7th

### Sunday, July 7 - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Mass for *Ida Prosperi* requested by John Prosperi

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

### Monday, July 8- Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Jane Byrne* requested by Bernie Earl Eger

### Tuesday, July 9 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Jim Reilly* requested by Bernie & Julie Beiswenger

### Wednesday, July 10- Weekday

6:00 PM - Mass for *Ron Peschock* requested by Betty Peschock & family

### Thursday, July 11 - St. Benedict

8:30 AM - Mass for *Tiff Mickens* requested by Linda Weyandt

### Friday, July 12 - St. Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Margareta H. Goch* requested by family

### Saturday, July 13- Vigil of 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - Mass for *Mercia Crevecoeur* requested by Mimi Crevecoeur & family

### 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*

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Please email any upcoming bulletin announcements to Diane Ryan at [stjohnsecretary@atlanticbb.net](mailto: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.

**PARISH PICNIC:** Thank you to Jim and Steph Krug who have volunteered to organize and run the children's games and also Pat and Sue Podoletz who have volunteered to organize activities for the adults at the Annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, July 21st. We appreciate all of your help to make our parish picnic fun for everyone!

**FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL:** Today's gospel is so familiar, it hurts! The hometown folks couldn't accept the presence of God in Jesus. After all, they had watched Him grow up. We can easily make the same mistake if we don't see God present in the ordinary routines of our family. "The Lord be with you" is a statement of fact. Believe it. Live it.

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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!

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** Our readings today portray three figures that experienced challenges – Ezekiel, St. Paul and Jesus. It is a reminder for us that, even in our weakest and toughest moments, God has a plan. As Christian stewards, we are not always accepted. It might be because of what we believe in, the principles we stand for, how we spend our time and money, what we choose to participate in or not, or even how we raise our families. Today, as we hear about these three figures in the Scriptures, let us reflect on our lives. Recall that God loves us more than we could ever imagine. There is not a moment that goes by that He does not have us in mind. He has a specific plan for our lives. Therefore, may we encounter life's challenges, our weaknesses and moments of feeling unwanted with confidence in Christ.

### June 22/23

Envelopes	\$ 4,118.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 912.00
Children's Offerings	\$ 5.00
Parish Development	\$ 135.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 60.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,118.90
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 6,348.90</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**

**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!



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

**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.

**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 • Sally 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 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.

**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.

**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](http://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!

**ST. MARY ADORATION CHAPEL:** Five time slots are available at the St. Mary Adoration Chapel. Please see the flyer on the kiosk for available times and contact information. Come and pray to the Blessed Sacrament!

**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).