

# Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 30, 2024

## St. John the Evangelist Church

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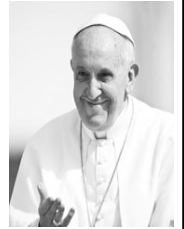
### MASS SCHEDULE

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. July 6- 4:00 PM - Jeremy Truscello, Joyce Cunningham  
Sun. July 7-8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, Susan Podoletz  
Sun. July 7-10:00 AM - Jim Campbell, John Sukala

#### ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. July 6- 4:00 PM - Abigail Hovance, Sadie Swope  
Sun. July 7- 8:00 AM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED  
Sun. July 7-10:00 AM - Aidan Schurr, Liam Schurr

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. July 6- 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, NOT FILLED  
Sun. July 7-8:00 AM - Nicholas Helsley, Ginny Reeder  
Sun. July 7-10:00 AM - Barbara Bundy, Lou Ann Clark,  
Kenneth Gorman, Susanna Tomlinson

#### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. July 6- 4:00 PM - Coleen Langguth, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED,  
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Sun. July 7-8:00 AM - Ray Kennedy, Mike O'Neill, Paula VanSickel,  
Larry VanSickel  
Sun. July 7-10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Walter Bloom,  
Wendy Campbell, Mary Grace Horton

#### SACRISTAN

Sat. July 6- 4:00 PM - Ray King, Mary King  
Sun. July 7- 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci  
Sun. July 7- 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

#### SCRIP

Sat. July 6- 4:00 PM - Julie Beiswenger, Becky Merilli  
Sun. July 7- 8:00 AM - Erika Yasolsky, Heather Yasolsky  
Sun. July 7- 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:

**FATHER ASHOK RETURNS THIS WEEK:** *Following the mournful trip home to India for the funeral of his mother, Father Ashok returns this Friday. Along with pictures taken at the funeral Mass, Father asks that I share this message:*

*We had funeral Mass on 13th June at 11.00 am in my native parish church (St Joan of Arc). Nearly 25 priests celebrated with me. My mother hailed from a parish church of St Antony (most famous and sought after saint in India after Mother Mary). She passed away on Tuesday (a day dedicated for St Antony) and was buried on 13th June on the feast of St. Antony. In fact, she died when I was doing the mass at our parish church in Lakemont. I believe she is with the Lord. She was a simple woman with strong faith in God. She dedicated her whole life just for me. I'm sure I'm a priest today because of her prayers. She loved me very much. All that she wanted was just to hear my voice saying I'm doing well. Medication is very expensive affair in India still we tried to give her all the possible treatment that we could. She was admitted in one of the best hospitals in the city. We spent too much money with the hope of saving her life. But we never thought that we would lose her.*

**THE FOURTH, CELEBRATING OUR INDEPENDENCE!** - Our morning Mass on Thursday, July 4, will be celebrated at 9 o'clock. Please join us! Actually, we might more accurately speak of our need to celebrate our "interdependence", for as a nation we rely upon one another and the community of nations.

**OUR SAINT FOR THE WEEK, ST. THOMAS!** Perhaps the best-known event in his life is the one from which the phrase "doubting Thomas" developed. In John 20:19–29 he was not among those disciples to whom the risen Christ first appeared, and, when they told the incredulous Thomas, he requested physical proof of the Resurrection, fulfilled when Christ reappeared and specifically asked Thomas to touch his wounds. His sudden realization of truth ("My Lord and my God") made Thomas the first person to explicitly acknowledge Jesus' divinity. Thomas's subsequent history is uncertain. Later Christian tradition says Thomas extended his apostolate into India, where he is recognized as the founder of the Church of the Syrian Malabar Christians, or Christians of St. Thomas. We celebrate his life and ministry on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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

**OUR FORTY WEEK RETREAT NEARS ITS END:** *We will be completing our 40-week retreat in just 2 weeks. 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 38<sup>th</sup> week's affirmation is to be prayed aloud daily:*

*Christ, who has walked before me, shares my every burden.*

*Christ, who as walked before me, will help resolve my every crisis.*

*Christ, who has walked before me, knows my every hope.*

**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!

### SAVE THE DATES!

**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 June 30th**

**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*

**Monday, July 1- Weekday**

8:30 AM - Mass for *Ron Peschock* requested by Betty Peschock & family

**Tuesday, July 2 - Weekday**

8:30 AM - Mass for *Robert E. Reeder* requested by Bob & Ginny Reeder

**Wednesday, July 3- St. Thomas**

6:00 PM - Mass for *Barbara Neral* requested by Deacon Gene Neral

**Thursday, July 4 - Weekday**

8:30 AM - Mass for *Leo, Cecelia & Donna Long* requested by Dave & Connie McManuels

**Friday, July 5 - St. Weekday**

8:30 AM - Mass for *Fred Mazzarella* requested by Karen Mazzarella

**Saturday, July 6- Vigil of 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM - Mass for *Barbara Spayd* requested by Janet Gleason

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

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

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:** The healing of the woman and the child in today's gospel is a reminder we are all wounded. We retreat to those we love looking for acceptance, listening, understanding and support. Families must be healing communities where Jesus is present in our care for one another.

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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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**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** Our readings today remind us that our God is a tender and loving God. Our First Reading, from the book of Wisdom, helps answer a common question in our Catholic faith – why is there suffering and death? We are tempted to be angry at God for the death of loved ones or of innocent people. We are also tempted to be angry at Him for our sufferings – like illness, car troubles or a terrible week at work. Wisdom teaches us, “God did not make death, nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living.” Rather, “God formed man to be imperishable; the image of his own nature he made him.”

Whether we are healed like the little girl in our Gospel today in this life, or we carry our suffering with us until we reach the next, if we remain faithful, Jesus will one day say to us, “Little girl or little boy, I say to you, arise!” Today, let us reflect on how much our good and gracious God loves us. Remember that whatever we are suffering in this life, do not be afraid, God is right there with us. Offer it to Him, seek His healing and remain faithful so that one day we might rise.

**June 15/16**

Envelopes	\$ 3,955.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 372.00
Parish Development	\$ 90.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,332.92
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 5,749.92</b>

**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!

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**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!  
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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 • 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.*

**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](http://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.