



***Eighteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
August 4, 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***

August Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

Political Leaders

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.



NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS

LECTORS

Sat. Aug. 10- 4:00 PM - Joyce Cunningham, James Krug
Sun. Aug. 11-8:00 AM - Ginny Reeder, Mary Truesdale
Sun. Aug. 11-10:00 AM - Richard Consiglio, Dave Auerbeck

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. Aug. 10- 4:00 PM - Abigail Hovance, Sadie Swope
Sun. Aug. 11- 8:00 AM - Nicholas Helsley, NOT FILLED
Sun. Aug. 11-10:00 AM - Evie Koch, Estella Koch

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Aug. 10- 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, NOT FILLED
Sun. Aug. 11-8:00 AM - Diane Turcovsky, Daniel Turcovsky
Sun. Aug. 11-10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Dolores Capriotti,
Lou Ann Clark, Kenneth Gorman

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. Aug. 10- 4:00 PM - Coleen Langguth, Betsy Lloyd,
Paula VanSickel, Larry VanSickel
Sun. Aug. 11-8:00 AM - Jane Becker, John Becker, Ed Stoltz,
Jane Strasser
Sun. Aug. 11-10:00 AM - Walter Bloom, Wendy Campbell,
Peg Madden, NOT FILLED

SACRISTAN

Sat. Aug. 10- 4:00 PM - Ray King, Mary King
Sun. Aug. 11- 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. Aug. 11- 10:00 AM - Barbara Bundy

SCRIP

Sat. Aug. 10 - 4:00 PM - Julie Beiswenger, Becky Merilli
Sun. Aug. 11- 8:00 AM - Chris Palazzi, NOT FILLED
Sun. Aug. 11- 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:

ADULT ED TO RESUME THIS FALL: Our Sunday morning adult ed gatherings will resume in September. The focus of our sessions will be the book of Genesis, the cherished and inspiring first book of the bible. Materials will be available, as well as video presentations. How in our modern age are to understand and interpret these ancient texts which have so much to teach us about Creation, the Fall, and God's Covenant with us? Genesis is full of stories which inspire us and challenge us. Do join us for the journey! More information will follow in the weeks ahead.

JESUS THE BREAD OF LIFE: "God gave them manna from heaven!" So does the book of Exodus teach us about the care which God has for his people in the desert. What is this Bread from Heaven? This holy manna is but a foretaste of the true Bread of Life, Jesus himself! As you come forward for communion each week, remember that you hold in your hands and in your hearts the Bread of Eternal life, who is food for our daily journey through Life.

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!

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION: CELEBRATED THIS TUESDAY. This biblical event appears in each of the Gospel books as an important moment in the life of Jesus and evidence of his divinity. After Jesus performs a series of miracles and foretells His own death, Jesus leads three of his disciples, Peter, James and John, to a "high mountain," Mount Tabor, where the Transfiguration takes place. Jesus' his appearance was radiantly transformed. The transfiguration of Jesus Christ was a powerful demonstration of His divine nature and manifestation of His glory, which Jesus possessed prior to coming to earth in the human body. Enrich your spiritual life by coming to Daily Mass that day!

RCIA / OCIA PARISH LEADERSHIP: For 25 years Mark Krepich has led our RCIA/OCIA program here at St. John's. In the difficult times when we had no candidates or catechumens (especially during Covid) Mark was unwavering in his commitment to providing a welcoming forum for folks to find their way into the Catholic Church. This week Mark informed me that he is going to step back from this particular ministry, but will continue to be active in other aspects of parish life. I am grateful that he has offered to assist in identifying others from the parish who can carry out this ministry. Our heartfelt gratitude to Mark for the spirit and vitality which he brought to this ministry, and to his wife Jane, for her continued support of Mark in this position as director of our RCIA program.

IS GOD CALLING YOU? With Mark Krepich stepping down as our RCIA director, I ask for your prayers that the Lord will raise up from among us a leader and catechist to carry on this important ministry in the parish. Already we have two families who have inquired about joining the Catholic Church, so we need your help! Might God be calling YOU to be part of our team in sharing your faith? Embrace your vocation to be a missionary disciple!

MISSION COOPERATION APPEAL: Fr. Binu Rathappilil, a Vincentian Missionary Priest from India, will be in our parish on August 10th & 11th to share his missionary experience and make an appeal of behalf of the Vincentian Missions. Please visit their website www.vincentians.in to learn more. There will be a special collection next weekend to help them carry out their many missionary, educational and charitable activities. Please be generous and keep Fr. Binu and all Vincentian Missionaries in your prayers!

SAVE THE DATES!

Mission Cooperation Appeal: Saturday, August 10th & Sunday, August 11th at all masses-Fr. Binu Rathappilil

Vigil of the Assumption Mass: Wednesday, August 14th at 6pm

Feast of the Assumption Masses: Thursday, August 15th at 8am and 6pm

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULING For September 7, 2024 – January 1, 2025 It's time to schedule for the Fall. If you have internet access please enter your NOT available dates in your profile in **Ministry Scheduler Pro**. Here is the direct link to that website – www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/teammates. There is also a link from our parish website (WWW.STJOHNSALTOONA.ORG) and a link in the email reminder you will receive soon. There are cards available in the gathering space for those who do not have access to the internet. If you are not able to update your profile online or visit the church to fill out a card, you may give me a call on a weekday evening between 7 PM and 10 PM or on the weekends at 814-932-2223. **Please update your profile online or call me or fill out a card and return it by midnight on Sunday, August 18th.** Family members can fill out one card front and back. Thank you for your service to our faith community throughout the year!

Schedule for the Week of August 4th

Sunday, August 4 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Mass for *Lois Keegan* requested by

Dan & Diane Turcovsky

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

Monday, August 5- Weekday

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

Anna Mae Widney

Tuesday, August 6 - The Transfiguration of the Lord

8:30 AM - Mass for *Leroy Musselman* requested by

Anna Musselman

Wednesday, August 7- Weekday

6:00 PM - Mass for *Jim Reilly* requested by

Becky & Ron Merrill

Thursday, August 8 - St. Dominic

8:30 AM - Mass for *Frank Zitzlsperger* requested by

Barbara Bundy

Friday, August 9 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Bradley Johnson* requested by

John & Jane Becker

Saturday, August 10- Vigil of 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Mimi Crevecoeur & family

Sunday, August 11 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:00 AM - Mass for *Kenneth R. Young* requested by

Chris & Iris Tatar

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Often, we live our lives striving for temporary happiness. But today, Jesus reminds us to “not work for food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life.” Last week we heard about Jesus multiplying the loaves of bread and fish for a large crowd. All who were there ate and were satisfied. The multiplication of the loaves prefigures Jesus at the Last Supper and every Eucharistic meal we celebrate at Mass. Our Eucharistic meal is the Spiritual Food that we consume – Jesus Himself, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. It will satisfy us as Jesus says, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.” As you go about your day-to-day lives this week, try to recognize the times you are “working for food that perishes” by seeking things of the world to satisfy your heart. In those moments, recall that everything we have is a gift from God. Instead of misusing that gift, offer a prayer of thanksgiving for all He has given to you. Then respond to Jesus’ invitation to “come to Him” by speaking with Him throughout your day.

July 20/21

Envelopes	\$ 3,317.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 361.00
Parish Development	\$ 115.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,393.67
Total Offertory	\$ 5,186.67

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

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please email any upcoming bulletin announcements by Wednesdays to Diane Ryan at stjohnsecretary@atlanticbb.net or call the Parish Center at 814-942-5503.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years of marriage in 2024 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend Sunday, September 8 in ALTOONA at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, September 15 in JOHNSTOWN at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00 p.m. Most Rev. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families. Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Tuesday, August 27th.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR SAGAYA MARY: Please join Fr. Ashok on Monday, August 12th at 5:30PM at St. John’s as he celebrates a Memorial Mass for his mother, Sagaya Mary, who passed in June. Thank you for your prayers and continued support!

CONCERT: Christopher Benos will perform a "Sounds of Summer" piano/vocal concert here at St. John on Sunday, August 18, at 3:00 p.m. He will perform original compositions along with sacred and secular favorites while encouraging audience participation. Check out his website: christopherbenos.com where you can read more about this interesting man who has a heart for leading others to enjoy life by living for Jesus. A free will offering will be used to benefit Camp Zacheus scholarships. Light refreshments and plenty of good fellowship will be served. Mark your calendar, pack up the kids, and invite your neighbor for an afternoon of musical delight.

MUSIC MINISTRY: Our St. John music ministry provides beauty, joy, comfort, and inspiration for our liturgies and festive parish celebrations through the musical gifts, generosity and commitment of our members. Music ministry outreach includes Adult Choir, Youth Choir, Handbell Choir, cantors, soloists, and instrumentalists, and occasional seasonal events in our community. If you carry a tune in your heart, want to learn, and have a desire to sing with us, call or text 814-414-7529.

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
Dan Roberts • Anne Showalter • Tim Temofonte •
Wally Wargo • Lois Werfel**

HOME WITH THE LORD: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:
Patricia Olson, mother of Robert Olson
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. St. John, St. Michael, and St. Mary Parishes offer support groups that will allow you to acknowledge the pain and to learn positive strategies for coping.

Journey Through Loss is a seven-week program at St. Johns for those who have lost a loved one through death. Sessions are held several times a year. 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 AUGUST:

August 4th-Franklin Jones

August 8th-Mary Ann Cole

August 11th-Donna Harpster

August 25th-Olga Romerowicz

August 26th-Florence Dancha

August 28th-John Moyer

August 31st-John Patz

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.

ST. JOHN'S BOWLING LEAGUE: Our new season will begin on Friday September 13, continuing every other week through April. We'd love to have you join us! We are a fun, non-competitive league that welcomes bowlers of all abilities. Last year we had 29 bowlers including parishioners, family and friends. Please consider joining us for the fun and fellowship of an occasional night out at Holiday Bowl. New and returning bowlers should sign-up on the kiosk in the Gathering Space. For more information call Gary Johnson at 814-931-7832.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year for Kindergarten-11th Grade is now available. Catholic School students in Sacramental Preparation in Grades 2, 9,10 & 11 should also register to begin preparing for the upcoming Sacraments but are also always welcome to join us in any grade for additional Faith Formation. Forms will be available in the Gathering Space or can be requested by phone or email.

If you would like more information or have questions, please contact Diane Ryan at 814-942-5503 or email stjohnsecretary@atlanticbb.net.

BLAZIN' ANGELS: Sunday August 11th, Blazin' Angels will be hosting a Bowling Night at Holiday Bowl. We invite everyone from ages 18-40 to come join us. We ask that you RSVP by August 6th so we are able to reserve enough lanes to accommodate everyone. Please RSVP either in our facebook group Blain' Angels, or through our email: blazinangels.yagroup@gmail.com.

Sunday August 25th, Blazin' Angels will be hosting a game/movie night in the St. John's Parish Center. Feel free to bring in games, snacks, or drinks to join in the fun.

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.

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BECOME A DEACON? Do you believe that God might be calling you to discern the Ordained Ministry of Christ the Servant, as a Permanent Deacon in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown? If so, you and your wife (if married) are invited to join Bishop Mark and Deacon Michael Russo at the "Bishop's Night of Vocations" on Wednesday, October 2nd at 7 p.m. at the US Hotel Tavern, Hollidaysburg. Reservations for this event are required and can be made by contacting Jessica at (814) 361-2000. The deadline for reservations is Sept. 2. For more information on the Permanent Diaconate please visit us online at www.dioceseaj.org/Diaconate/ or by contacting Deacon Michael Russo, Director at (814) 288-3036. All are welcome!

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, August 12, 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>.