

# 2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope



**Nineteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
August 10, 2025**

## 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**  
**VIGIL OF THE ASSUMPTION - THURSDAY - 6:00PM**  
**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION FRIDAY - 8:30 AM**  
**SATURDAY - 4:00 PM**  
**SUNDAY - 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM**

### **August Prayer Intention of Pope Francis**

For Mutual Coexistence  
Let us pray that societies where  
coexistence seems more difficult might  
not succumb to the temptation of  
confrontation for ethnic, political,  
religious, or ideological reasons.



### **NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS**

#### **LECTORS**

Thurs. Aug. 14- Dave Auerbeck, Barbara Bundy  
Sat. Aug. 16-4:00 PM - Jeremy Truscillo, Joyce Cunningham  
Sun. Aug. 17-8:00 AM - Bill Foose, Norma Foose  
Sun. Aug. 17-10:00 AM - Richard Consiglio, John Sukala

#### **ALTAR SERVERS**

Thurs. Aug. 14- Bob Olson, Aidan Schurr  
Sat. Aug. 16- 4:00 PM - Abigail Hovance, Sadie Swope  
Sun. Aug. 17- 8:00 AM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED  
Sun. Aug. 17-10:00 AM - Bob Olson, Aidan Schurr

#### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Thurs. Aug. 14- Jennifer Helsley, Ginny Reeder  
Sat. Aug. 16- 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, NOT FILLED  
Sun. Aug. 17-8:00 AM - Ginny Reeder, Darlene Scarpaci  
Sun. Aug. 17-10:00 AM - Barbara Bundy, Dolores Capriotti,  
Lou Ann Clark, Ken Gorman, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED

#### **MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY**

Thurs. Aug. 14- Carolyn English, Mary Truesdale,  
Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky  
Sat. Aug. 16- 4:00 PM - Coleen Langguth, Betsy Lloyd,  
Dennis Moughemer, Karen Moughemer  
Sun. Aug. 17- 8:00 AM - Ashley Greslick, Mike Greslick,  
Ed Stoltz, Jane Strasser  
Sun. Aug. 17- 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Walter Bloom,  
Wendy Campbell, Peg Madden

#### **SACRISTAN**

Thurs. Aug. 14 - Marilyn Bevan  
Sat. Aug. 16- 4:00 PM - Ray King, Mary King  
Sun. Aug. 17- 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci  
Sun. Aug. 17- 10:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti

#### **SCRIP**

Sat. Aug. 16- 4:00 PM - Lori Baker, Marge Rudolph  
Sun. Aug. 17- 8:00 AM - Heather Yasolsky, NOT FILLED  
Sun. Aug. 17- 10:00 AM - Carolyn English, NOT FILLED

## A Few Words from the Pastor:

**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION:** This is the day on which we honor Mary's sharing in the resurrected life of Jesus, as she is assumed body and soul into heaven. This is the promise given to each of us who die believing in Him. There will be an evening Vigil Mass at 6:00 on Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> and an 8:30 morning Mass on the feast, Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. This feast is one of the four Marian dogmas of the Catholic Church and was defined as such by Pope Pius XII on 1 November 1950. The other Marian Dogmas are: Mary Mother of God, the Immaculate Conception, and Mary's Perpetual Virginity.

**MISSION COOPERATION APPEAL:** Fr. Emmanuel Mezza, a Missionary Priest from the Diocese of Tanga in Tanzania/ East Africa, will be in our parish this weekend to share his missionary experience and make an appeal of behalf of his missions. They request our special financial support for the training of young men studying for priesthood. There will be a special collection this weekend to help them carry out their many missionary, educational and charitable activities. White Missionary Cooperative Collection envelopes will be available at all masses. Please be generous and keep Fr. Mezza and all Missionaries in your prayers!

**SOME BIG BUCKS COMING OUR WAY:** The Independent Catholic Foundation of the diocese gives annual "Impact Grants" to those parishes who apply with their particular pastoral needs. We applied for this Grant, and we were approved for funding for FORMED, Catholic Social Media, and Alpha! We have received \$1,150.00 for St. John's! God is so good to us!

### SAVE THE DATES!

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Schedule:** Vigil Mass on Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

Feast Day Mass on Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am-No evening Mass

**Backpack Blessing:** Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at the 10am Mass-Students bring your backpacks to Mass!

**Diocesan Pilgrimage Bus Trip to Washington, DC:** Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>-Details below!

### DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE BUS TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC:

The Diocese of Altoona Johnstown is having bus trip for a Jubilee Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC on Friday, October 17, 2025. Trip will include a tour of the Shrine, confessions and Mass with the Bishop. You can purchase lunch at the Shrine Cafeteria or bring a lunch. There will be a rest stop on the way to Washington and a stop on the way back to Altoona for dinner on your own. To make reservations beginning August 4<sup>th</sup>, please call Diane Ryan at 814-942-5503. The cost of the trip is \$60.00/person, which includes the gratuity for the driver. The bus will leave at 7 am from PNC Field (Altoona Curve) Parking Lot.

**Liturgical Ministry Scheduling For September 1, 2025 – January 1, 2026** It's time to schedule ministries for the Fall/ Winter of 2025. If you have internet access, please enter the dates that you are NOT available in the Profile section of **Ministry Scheduler Pro**. Here is the direct link to that website – <https://www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/teammates>. There is also a link from our parish website (<https://www.stjohnsaltoona.org>) and 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, visit the church to fill out a card, or just have general questions about ministry scheduling, please call Mike Greslick on a weekday evening between 6 PM and 9 PM or anytime on the weekends at 814-577-5292. Feel free to reach out via email as well to [mike.greslick@gmail.com](mailto:mike.greslick@gmail.com). **Please update your profile online, call Mike, or fill out a card and return it by Noon on August 17<sup>th</sup>.** The schedule for the next round will be generated on or around August 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your service to our faith community throughout the year!

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS:** Please join us on Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at the 10am Mass for a Blessing of the Backpacks! Students of all ages are welcome to bring their backpacks to the 10am for a special blessing. Children participating in the backpack blessing will also receive a backpack tag, pencil and ruler/bookmark. Please join us! Children's Liturgy is also returning!

**ST. JOHN'S BOWLING LEAGUE:** A new season will begin on Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, continuing every other week through April. We are a fun, noncompetitive league that welcomes bowlers of all abilities. Please consider joining us for the fun and fellowship of an occasional night out at Holiday Bowl! There will be a sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the Gathering Space. For more information, call Jr. Mendez at 814-761-2181.

## ***Schedule for the Week of August 10th***

### **Sunday, Aug. 10 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM - Mass for *Florence Bacho* requested by  
Dan & Diane Turcovsky

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

### **Monday, Aug. 11 - St. Clare**

8:30 AM - Mass for *Kathy Wagner* requested by  
Harry & Sandy Murphy

### **Tuesday, Aug. 12 - Weekday**

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

### **Wednesday, Aug. 13 - Weekday**

5:30 PM - Confessions

6:00 PM - Mass for *Betty J. Caldwell* requested by  
Erik Casanave

### **Thursday, Aug. 14- St. Maximilian Kolbe**

8:30 AM - Mass for *People of the Parish*

### **Vigil of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

6:00 PM - Mass for *Carlo & Rosa Risoldi* requested by  
Mary Ann Cole

### **Friday, Aug. 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:30 AM - Mass for *Deceased members of Sisters of the  
Holy Family of Nazareth* requested by Sisters of the  
Holy Family of Nazareth

### **Saturday, Aug. 16 - Vigil of 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

3:15 PM - Confessions

4:00 PM - Mass for *Fred Mazzarella* requested by  
Karen Mazzarella

### **Sunday, Aug. 17 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM - Mass for *Florence Danha* requested by  
Nancy Mincin

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

**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.

**ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY LITURGY:** 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 2025 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend Sunday, September 21 in ALTOONA at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, September 28 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 Friday, September 12th.

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** Whether you are just beginning your stewardship journey or have been living a stewardship way of life for years, today's readings invite us to ask ourselves two potentially life-changing questions. The first question is: "What do you treasure?" Of course, we all know the 'right' answer to this question – we treasure our faith, our family and our friendships. But Jesus tells us in the Gospel passage from Luke how we can discover the real answer to this question. He says, "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." To bring to light what we truly treasure in life, we can ask ourselves, "Where do I spend the majority of my energy, my thoughts, my time, and my money?" The second question today's readings ask is: "What would you do if you were not afraid?" To put it another way, what would you do if you had radical faith in God? In the Gospel, Jesus tells us plainly, "Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom." If our perfect Father is pleased to offer us nothing less than His Son right now, and Heaven eventually, then what on earth have we to be afraid of? There is so much to think about this week. Let's ask ourselves what we really treasure, and then take a bold risk – faith-filled and unafraid – to show our gratitude to God for all that He has given to us.

### ***July 26th/27th***

Envelopes	\$	3,619.00
Loose Offerings	\$	173.00
Heating & Cooling	\$	295.00
Peter's Pence	\$	10.00
Online Giving	\$	1,443.90
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,540.90</b>

### **2025 Catholic Ministries Drive Goal: \$42,700**

**January 1, 2025 - June 30, 2025**

**Gifts/Pledges - \$47,945.00**

**Total Gifts Received - \$47,020.00**

**Pledge Balance - \$925.00**

**THANK YOU!** We recently received a \$1,150 annual grant from the L. J. Fleckenstein Impact Grant Fund to assist with our annual subscription to FORMED, which is available to all parishioners to access diverse Catholic movies, audiobooks, podcasts, shows, and more. We are grateful to the Lou Fleckenstein family for creating this fund for our benefit. It is administered by our endowment partner, the Independent Catholic Foundation, Altoona, in an investment portfolio that is completely aligned with the ethical, moral, and social teachings of the Catholic Church. Learn more about the ICF at [www.icfdaj.org](http://www.icfdaj.org) or by calling 814-201-2080.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** The Parish Office will be closed Wednesday, August 13th through Friday, August 15th. We will reopen Monday, August 18th at 9am.



### **ST JOHN'S PRAYER LIST**

Please call Ginny Reeder (695-7671) or email her at [ginny.reeder@gmail.com](mailto:ginny.reeder@gmail.com) to add or remove someone from the prayer list. **Prayer list will be cleared in June.** **Contact Ginny or the office to have names added or kept on the list.** 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 • Stephanie Baker  
Barbara • Idy Caporuscio • Betty Dennis • Duane  
Carol Field • Mark Hastings • Melissa Horne  
Tim Jimenez • Jason Robeson • Ray King  
Rosanne Krawick • Sally Langham • Elsie MacCullagh  
Dave Madden • Marian Monios • John Patz  
Dan Roberts • Darlene Scarpaci • Anne Showalter  
Mary Frances Stokan • Donna Taddy • Tammy  
Tim Temofonte • Lois Werfel

### **BIRTHDAY CORNER FOR AUGUST:**

August 3rd-Judy Sneath  
August 4th-Franklin Jones  
August 8th-Mary Ann Cole  
August 11th-Donna Harpster  
August 25th-Olga Romerowicz -will be 100 years young!  
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 Directo-  
ry, place card in the Collection Basket or take to the Par-  
ish Office and the cards will be forwarded.  
\*\*If you do not wish to have your name listed, please  
contact the office at 814-942-5503. \*\*

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS:** Court Prince  
Gallitzin # 2625 serves all 11 parishes and beyond. New  
members are always welcome! On Monday, August 11,  
2025, please come and join us for our monthly meeting in  
the St. Rose of Lima community room at 5:30 pm with the  
business meeting beginning at 6pm. If you have any  
questions, please contact Regent Donna Hoover at [donah31049@gmail.com](mailto:donah31049@gmail.com) or 814-632-3509.

**THE CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD:** We are pre-  
paring for another year in our atrium with The Good  
Shepherd. We are in need of an Atrium Assistant. An as-  
sistant will work with our children ages 3 to 9 in reading  
scripture, accompanying children with their selected  
works, singing, praying and more. We could also use help  
in making wood materials for the children's use. Please  
contact Iris Tatar at 814-215-9991 (call/text) or  
[iristat38@gmail.com](mailto:iristat38@gmail.com).

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** We invite you to shower with cards  
our parishioner, Olga Romerowicz, who is turning 100  
on August 25th! We want to wish her the happiest of  
birthdays. May God bless her with health and happi-  
ness! Cards can be dropped in the Collection Basket or  
in the Parish Office.

### **FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

**Registration forms for the 2025-2026 Faith Formation  
year are available in the Gathering Space and have been  
emailed to families registered last year.**

**All public school students entering kindergarten through  
11th grade should be registered with the Faith  
Formation Program.**

**All catholic school students entering 2nd grade and 9th-  
11th grade should be registered with the Faith  
Formation Program to prepare for Sacraments.**

*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).*

**2025 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 School. Applications are available in the Gather-  
ing 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.

**BISHOP GUILFOYLE ACADEMY FUNDRAISER:** Aidan, Colin  
and Liam Schurr will be selling NFL Extravaganza Tickets  
and Lottery Calendars after all masses the weekend of  
August 16 & 17.

NFL Extravaganza Tickets are \$20 each and include: 4  
chances to win for 18 weeks of the NFL season: highest  
combined score, second highest combined score, third  
highest combined score, lowest combined score

Lottery calendar that pays out for the entire year(Sept to  
Aug). Cash prizes \$25 daily and \$50 on Sundays, unless a  
holiday cash prizes of a higher amount. \$30 gets you 365  
chances to win!

**ALPHA:** Alpha will be starting September 8th-November  
17th at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Williamsburg and Sep-  
tember 11th -November 13th at St. Catherine of Siena,  
Duncansville. If interested, registration forms are on the  
table in the gathering space. If any questions, please con-  
tact Jane Becker at 414-9836.

**STEPS FOR PEACE:** The Hollidaysburg Church of the Breth-  
ren invites you to join them in an ecumenical prayer walk  
for peace on **Sunday, August 10.**

5:00 Meet in the parking lot for a community walk  
6:00 Return to the church for dinner (hotdogs, fruit,  
drinks, brownies and ice cream) with music pro-  
vided by 3 Four One.

6:45 Worship service

You can register using the code on the flyer in the gather-  
ing space or by calling the Church of the Brethren at 814-  
695-0072. Call Mary Petrak (814-502-6076) if you would  
like to attend with a group from St. John's.