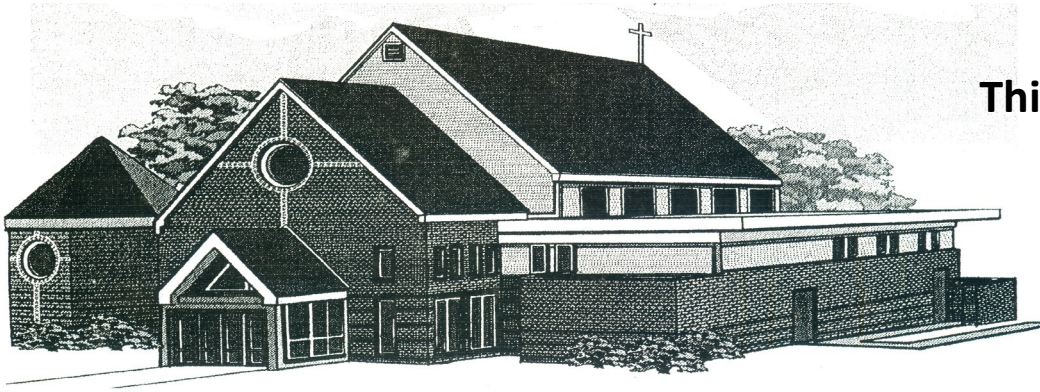




**Thirteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
June 28, 2026**

**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 Leo

For the values of sports

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.



NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS

LECTORS

Sat. July 4- 4:00 PM - Laverne Kovacs, Joyce Cunningham
Sun. July 5- 8:00 AM - Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
Sun. July 5- 10:00 AM - Richard Consiglio, Dave Auerbeck

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. July 4- 4:00 PM - Abigail Hovance, Sadie Swope
Sun. July 5- 8:00 AM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
Sun. July 5- 10:00 AM - Camille Krug, Aidan Schurr

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. July 4- 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, NOT FILLED
Sun. July 5- 8:00 AM - Mike Greslick, Ginny Reeder
Sun. July 5- 10:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti, Lou Ann Clark,
Bob Olson, Susanna Tomlinson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. July 4- 4:00 PM - Marge Rudolph, Jeremy Truscello,
Larry VanSickel, Paula VanSickel
Sun. July 5- 8:00 AM - Jane Becker, John Becker, Ray Kennedy,
Ed Stoltz
Sun. July 5- 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Mitchell Evans,
Peg Madden, Patrick Podoletz

SACRISTAN

Sat. July 4- 4:00 PM - Mary King
Sun. July 5- 8:00 AM - Ashley Greslick
Sun. July 5- 10:00 AM - Barbara Bundy

SCRIP

Sat. July 4- 4:00 PM - Lori Baker, Marge Rudolph
Sun. July 5- 8:00 AM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
Sun. July 5- 10:00 AM - Carolyn English, NOT FILLED

****Mass Time Change - Our 2nd Mass on Sunday will begin at 10am and will continue with this schedule through Labor Day weekend ****

A Few Words from the Pastor:

SHARE IN THE MISSION OF POPE LEO -- As Pope Leo XIV carries out his global mission, the Vatican is calling on the faithful worldwide to support him through the traditional **Peter's Pence Collection** this Sunday, June 28, the day before the solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul. No contribution is too small; every gift counts: It doesn't matter whether you can offer a grain of sand or a mountain; what truly matters is participating and giving what is within your means, according to Peter's Pence Office. Your gift is "a concrete sign of communion with him as the successor of Peter, and of concern for the most needy, whom the pope always cares for." Let this be an occasion to give your vote of confidence in our first American Pope!

CELEBRATING OUR 250TH BIRTHDAY – As we celebrate our Independence as a nation this week, we can call to mind some important Catholics in our American History. We honor Charles Carroll, the only Catholic signer of the Declaration of Independence, who faced severe religious marginalization during his life. We can also invoke the patron saints of the Americas, such as St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and St. John Neumann, for the protection and moral guidance of the nation!

OUR SAINT OF THE WEEK, SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE – Often referred to as Doubting Thomas because of his desire to believe in the risen Christ if only he could touch his wounds, Thomas proclaimed “My Lord and my God!” when in fact he encountered the Lord Jesus. He is called **Didymus** (“the Twin”), and perhaps we can see ourselves in him! Christian tradition holds that he traveled east as a missionary and preached in India. Tradition says he was martyred near present-day Chennai, India, and is especially revered by the Saint Thomas Christian communities of India. We celebrate his feast on Friday, July 3rd.

SAVE THE DATES!

Annual Parish Picnic: Sunday, July 26th after the 10am Mass in Fr. Bailey Hall (gym)

Diocesan Family Conference: Saturday, September 19th at Bishop Carroll High School in Ebensburg

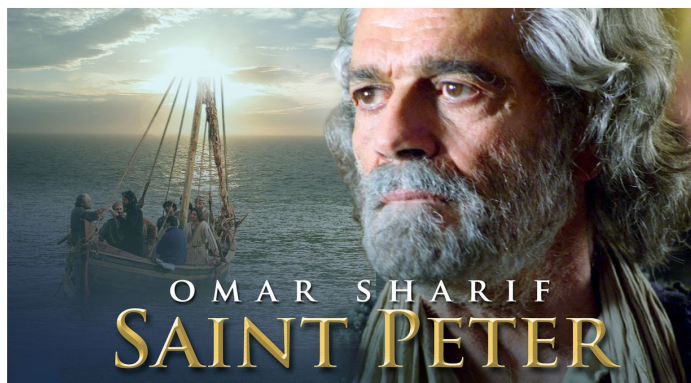
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ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL PICNIC-SUNDAY, JULY 26TH: Join your parish family on Sunday, July 26th following the 10am for our Annual Parish Picnic. We will enjoy and share each other's prepared dishes along with chicken, hot dogs and shredded beef to complete our lunch. Please bring a dish to share in a disposable tray or bowl, if possible. A basket raffle will be conducted and the proceeds will be donated to St. John's Social Committee. There are sign up sheets on the kiosk in the Gathering Space inviting your attendance, what you wish to bring, if you would like to help in any way and also to bring a basket for the raffle. We are most grateful to the committee for all the hard work they have been doing in preparing this special event. Please join us as we celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the Altoona Johnstown Diocese and the 250th year of our great nation with fun, food and fellowship!

BASKET DONATIONS: The Picnic Committee is looking for all those creative parishioners who could donate a basket for the Parish Picnic. Not crafty; no problem! We will accept scrip cards, gift cards, lottery tickets, themed items & items from your home. Our committee will put together some baskets from your donations. The sky's the limit on making some interesting baskets. Questions: contact the office & a committee member will get back to you.

THERE IS A SIGN UP SHEET ON THE KIOSK FOR THOSE WISHING TO MAKE THEIR OWN BASKET. THANK YOU!



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Schedule for the Week of June 28th

Sunday, June 28 - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

John Prosperi

10:00 AM - Mass for *George & Genie Semko* requested by

Karen Mazzarella

Monday, June 29 - Sts. Peter & Paul

8:30 AM - Mass for *Sam Neal* requested by

Julie & Bernie Beiswenger

Tuesday, June 30 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Andrew Jr. & Florence Danca*

requested by Vicki Faretta

Wednesday, July 1 - Weekday

5:30 PM - Confessions

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

Betty Peschock & family

Thursday, July 2 - Weekday

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

Bob & Ginny Reeder

Friday, July 3 - St. Thomas

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

Karen Mazzarella

Saturday, July 4 - Vigil of Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:15 PM - Confessions

4:00 PM - Mass for *Leo & Cecelia Long* requested by

Dave & Connie McManuels

Sunday, July 5 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

John Prosperi

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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The Parish Office is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9am to 3pm unless otherwise noted on door to accommodate appointments and vacations. Thank you!

NEWCOMERS: Welcome to our parish family! If you wish to participate fully in our parish life, please register in the office Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday, 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. or complete a Parish Registration Form provided in the Gathering Space and return it in the offertory collection. To volunteer for parish ministries or discuss how St. John's may be present to your faith journey, kindly call 814-942-5503 to schedule a meeting with Monsignor Becker.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Today's readings take us back to some basics of stewardship living. The First Reading shows us the necessity and power of hospitality. The Second Reading reminds us what it is that makes us disciples and Christian stewards in the first place (hint – it's our Baptism!) Finally, in today's Gospel, Christ teaches us how to live daily life as His stewards.

We have come full circle to the importance of hospitality, and to putting God first in our lives because we have become disciples of Christ through our Baptism. We put God first by serving others as if we were serving Christ Himself, thus losing a self-centered life and finding our true fulfillment.

June 13th & 14th

Envelopes	\$	3,932.00
Loose Offerings	\$	1,132.00
Catholic Education	\$	25.00
Heating & Cooling	\$	125.00
Catholic Communication	\$	10.00
Online Giving	\$	1,326.75
Total Offertory	\$	6,550.75

2026 Catholic Ministries Drive Goal: \$37,300

January 1, 2026 - May 31, 2026

Gifts/Pledges - \$42,875.00

Total Gifts Received -\$41,470.00

Pledge Balance - \$1,405.00

****We have reached our goal!****

2026 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE: Our Catholic Ministries Drive supports 10 ministries throughout our diocese, which all fall into one of our three main focuses of evangelization, serving those in need, or formation of our priests and deacons. **We reached our goal in May!** **We will be receiving our first overage check in the amount of \$4,170 soon. Any additional funds received now will come directly back to the parish to be used for the replacement of our aging heating and cooling unit.** Thank you for supporting the Catholic Ministries Drive and our diocese's vital ministries!

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION: This weekend is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Leo XIV to be a sign of hope to our suffering brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Be a sign of hope with your generosity. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

ST JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

Please call Ginny Reeder (695-7671) or email her at gabby.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:*

Idy Caporuscio • Dr. Kip Dolphin • Ed Drexler
Lois Dullinger • Charles Elder • Marianne Jones
Ray King • Sally Langham • Elsie MacCullagh
Dave Madden • Ron Merilli • Mike Nagle
Olga Romerowicz • Bette Richards
Anne Showalter • Cathy Stapelfeld • Walter Sweedo
Tim Temofonte • Wally Wargo • Lois Werfel
All Garvey Manor Residents

MOTHER THERESA MINISTRY: If you know of a parishioner not currently on our list that is in a nursing facility, hospital or homebound that would like to receive Communion at home, a visit or cards please text or call Mary Susick at 814-207-0185.

JOURNEY THROUGH LOSS: The next session will be offered at Holy Family Parish in Portage from 6:30-8:00 beginning on Wednesday, July 29. *Journey Through Loss* is a 9-week Christian based Bereavement Support Program for adults who are grieving the death of a loved one. Friends and family members from other parishes and denominations are most welcome. Thoughts from a former participant: "It was a prayerful time, a time for memories, tears, laughter, and sharing."

For more information or to register contact Mary Petrak, 814 502-6076, mfpetrak@hotmail.com

GABRIEL PROJECT: A Pro-life Ministry dedicated to helping moms and babies in the Altoona area with baby items as needed. The current needs are diapers size 5, 6, 7, & 8 and Summer clothes (newborn to size 5T). Donations to purchase larger items are appreciated. Any mom needing assistance should call 814-440-1021.

SUMMER SCRIP: Don't leave for vacation without your scrip! You can purchase scrip online for flights, cruises, and hotels. Going to the pump for road trips can be a big expense, but with scrip fundraising you can help earn funds for St. John's when you fill up your tank! Make those gallons of gas work for more than just your car by purchasing scrip gift cards to pay for all your fuel expenses. Do you enjoy eating out? Check out our selection of restaurant scrip cards! Purchase scrip at all weekend masses or go to www.raiseright.com to get started. Still have questions or need help getting started? Stop at the Scrip Table before or after any weekend mass to get help!

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Registration Forms for the 2026-2027 Faith Formation Year are now available in the Gathering Space.

All public school students entering Kindergarten through 9th grade should be registered with the Faith Formation Program.

All catholic school students entering 2nd grade and 9th 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.

SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE: The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a way to pray for our parish priests, deacons and Bishop. Seven different women will pick one day of the week as their day to pray for one hour each week for a year. This hour is spent specifically praying for the priest, deacon or Bishop and his needs. Each priest, deacon or Bishop would need 7 different women to pray for them each week. Each day of the week must be covered. This is an excellent opportunity to intercede for these men at our parish and Diocese who need our prayers. We are considering beginning additional groups here at St. John's in the fall. Please stay tuned for details in the coming months!

BUS TRIP: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Altoona, Altar & Rosary Society is sponsoring a bus trip to Sight & Sound Theatre to see "Joshua." The trip is on Saturday, August 22nd, and the cost is \$235.00/person. The trip includes bus transportation & gratuity, lunch at Hershey Farms & gratuity, and play ticket. The Bollman bus will depart from Mount Carmel Parking Lot (9th Avenue & 11th Street 16602) at 8:30 am. There will be a rest stop on the way to the Theatre and a stop coming back home that gives you a chance to get something to eat, on your own. For reservations, please call the Parish Office during the week at 814-942-8501.

BLESSING BAGS PROJECT: During the months of June, July and August, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Prince Gallitzin #2625 will be collecting the following items for the Blessings Bags Project for the Homeless of our community. There will be a box in the Gathering Space for you to place your donations. In advance, thank you for your generosity in this project. Once we have collected all the items, the members of our court will create the blessing bags for the homeless of our community. Items needed: Band-Aids, washcloths, small bottled water, toothbrushes, travel size toothpaste, soap, shampoo and toilet paper, deodorant, brushes/combs, floss, chapstick, socks, small tissues.