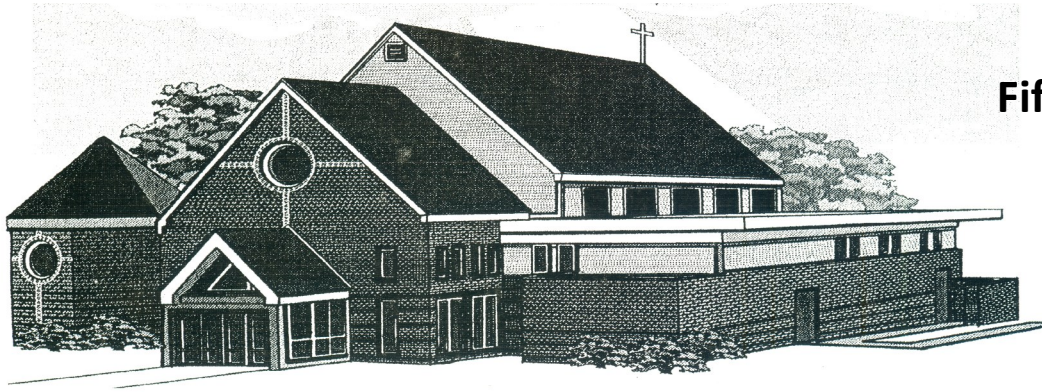




**Fifteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
July 12, 2026**

**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

July Prayer Intention of Pope Leo

For respect for human life
Let us pray for the respect and protection
of human life in all its stages, recognizing it
as a gift from God.



NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS

LECTORS

Sat. July 18- 4:00 PM - Joyce Cunningham, Maria Spayd
Sun. July 19- 8:00 AM - Mary Truesdale, Mike Greslick
Sun. July 19- 10:00 AM - Bob Olson, NOT FILLED

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. July 18- 4:00 PM - Abigail Hovance, Sadie Swope
Sun. July 19- 8:00 AM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
Sun. July 19- 10:00 AM - Camille Krug, Aidan Schurr

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. July 18- 4:00 PM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
Sun. July 19- 8:00 AM - Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
Sun. July 19- 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Dolores Capriotti,
Ken Gorman, Susanna Tomlinson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. July 18- 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, Jeremy Truscello,
Larry VanSickel, Paula VanSickel
Sun. July 19- 8:00 AM - Ray Kennedy, Mike O'Neill, Ginny Reeder,
Ed Stoltz
Sun. July 19- 10:00 AM - Wendy Campbell, Lou Ann Clark,
Mitchell Evans, Jared Miller

SACRISTAN

Sat. July 18- 4:00 PM - Mary King
Sun. July 19- 8:00 AM - Ashley Greslick
Sun. July 19- 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

SCRIP

Sat. July 18- 4:00 PM - Julie Beiswenger, Becky Merilli
Sun. July 19- 8:00 AM - Lori Baker, NOT FILLED
Sun. July 19- 10:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph

****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:

A SUMMER TOUR BEGINS! This past Thursday was the start of my 10 day tour to experience the highlights of Britain, Ireland and Scotland. We are grateful to have Father Deogratius Kyara from Tanzania here this weekend as part of the Missionary Cooperative Appeal. More details about Father Deogratius Kyara and his appeal are shared below. Please be generous in the support of the formation of these young priests! Prayers for safe travels for all those on this summer tour are appreciated!

POPE LEO'S PRAYER: Pope Leo XIV has urged Catholics across the globe to join him this July in praying for respect for human life. In his prayer intention for the month of July, the Pope is praying "for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God." Recognizing that the Lord has created each person in love and calls everyone to live in fullness, the pope said in the video: "Each person is a sacred gift that reflects your face from the first instant of existence to the final breath of their journey on earth." The Pope prayed that the Lord help his Church become a living witness of the Gospel of life, "an open home where every life is celebrated, where no one feels unwanted, and where dignity is always honored and protected." Finally, Pope Leo concluded by imploring the Lord Jesus to help us love life as he does, "with tenderness, fidelity, and self-giving. May we proclaim, in words and actions," he said, "that every human life is worth the total gift of ourselves."

SAVE THE DATES!

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ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL PICNIC-SUNDAY, JULY 26TH: Join your parish family on Sunday, July 26th following the 10am mass 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!

Mission Appeal — Apostolic Life Community of Priests, Tanzania Please welcome Father Deogratius Kyara, a religious priest from the Apostolic Life Community of Priests in the *Opus Spiritus Sancti*, who will speak at all weekend Masses at Our Church of St. John the Evangelist on the weekend of **July 11-12, 2026**. Fr. Deogratius was ordained a priest in 2023 in Moshi, Tanzania. Since his ordination, he served in parish ministry as Parochial Vicar at Saint Joseph-Ipito Parish in the Diocese of Sumbawanga in Tanzania, and then, in July 2025, he moved to the U.S. for further studies. He is currently a student at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and resides at Saint James Parish in Washington, PA, in the Pittsburgh Dio-



cese. **Mission Appeal:** As a young Missionary Community, they have many needs. At present, they are facing the challenge of meeting the tuition fees for 75 major seminarians who are studying both Philosophical and Theological Studies at Jordan University in Morogoro, Tanzania. Any assistance they can get from this Mission Appeal will help support the formation of these young men who will soon become priests. Those who will directly benefit can't thank you enough for your consideration in this. Your generous financial and spiritual help will make the difference. Please be generous in your response to Father's appeal. Thank you for the opportunity to share with you about the Apostolic Life Community of Priests and our needs in Tanzania. For more Information about the ALCP/OSS, visit: <https://www.alcp-oss->



All of the seminarians of the Apostolic Life Community of Priests in Tanzania

Schedule for the Week of July 12th

Sunday, July 12 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Mass for *Andrew Jr. & Florence Danha*
requested by Vicki Faretta

10:00 AM - Mass for *Angela M. Auerbeck* requested by
Mary & Tom Webb

Monday, July 13 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Communion Service

Tuesday, July 14 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Communion Service

Wednesday, July 15 - Weekday

5:30 PM - Confessions

6:00 PM - Mass for *George Billeck* requested by
the Sibold family

Thursday, July 16 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Communion Service

Friday, July 17 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Communion Service

Saturday, July 18 - Vigil of Sixteenth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

3:15 PM - Confessions

4:00 PM - Mass for *Mary Helen & William Stokan*
requested by Mr. & Mrs. William Stokan

Sunday, July 19 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:00 AM - Mass for *the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Bob
& Loretta Olson* requested by Bob & Loretta Olson

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!

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!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Today's readings are filled with analogies for the stewardship way of life, demonstrating the slow and steady, yet powerful effect this lifestyle will have on those who fully embrace it.

In our first reading, from Isaiah, the Father speaks to us of the gentle but unstoppable power of His Word, using the analogy of the Word as "rain and snow" that water the earth, "making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats." He tells us that His word always serves a purpose – it gives us life, sustains our very being. Christian stewards must fill themselves with this nourishment every day. When we commit to regular prayer time with God's Word, we can absolutely count on it to take root in us and transform our lives.

Let us deepen our commitment to this way of life, allowing the Sower to do His work in our lives. The Master Gardener will surely produce miraculous fruits through us.

June 27th & 28st

Envelopes	\$	5,653.00
Loose Offerings	\$	427.00
Catholic Education	\$	25.00
Peter's Pence	\$	165.00
Ascension Sunday	\$	25.00
Catholic Communication	\$	25.00
Heating & Cooling	\$	425.00
Online Giving	\$	840.25
Total Offertory	\$	7,585.25

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 have received our first overage check in the amount of \$4,170. 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!

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.

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 • Donna Fornwalt
Erin Jones • 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

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

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.

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.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Registration Forms for the 2026-2027 Faith Formation Year are now available in the Gathering Space.
Classes will be begin in mid-September.

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 of their home parish to prepare for Sacraments.
Catholic school students do not receive the sacraments through the school.

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

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.

PROCLAIM! NIGHT WITH THE ALTOONA CURVE: In celebration of the 125th anniversary of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, *Proclaim!* is sponsoring a night with the Altoona Curve on August 14 at PNG Field in Altoona. The game starts at 6:00 p.m., but before the game, *Proclaim!* is hosting a picnic supper at 5:00 p.m. Game tickets are \$9 for adults; \$7 dollars for children ages 3-12. The picnic supper is free with the purchase of a game ticket. To purchase tickets, contact Cory Homan at the Altoona Curve at 814-283-3128 or choman@altoonacurve.com. As part of the celebration, the Very Rev. Frank Sconaienchi, TOR, the Very Reverend Matthew Baum, and Father Michael Pleva will throw out the ceremonial first pitch.

ONLINE OFFERTORY: If you find yourself away from St. John's for any reason - illness, inclement weather or vacation, you can continue to express your gratitude to God through the secure online giving option that we have offered for more than a decade. Join the many parishioners who already take advantage of it. From the parish website, www.stjohnsaltoona.org, click on the "Donate Online" button on the left of the page and follow the instructions to create an account and schedule your contributions. You may continue to place your envelope in the basket when you are present at Mass - just check the "I gave online" box. You can also mail your contribution envelopes to our office - 309 Lotz Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602. Thank you!



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