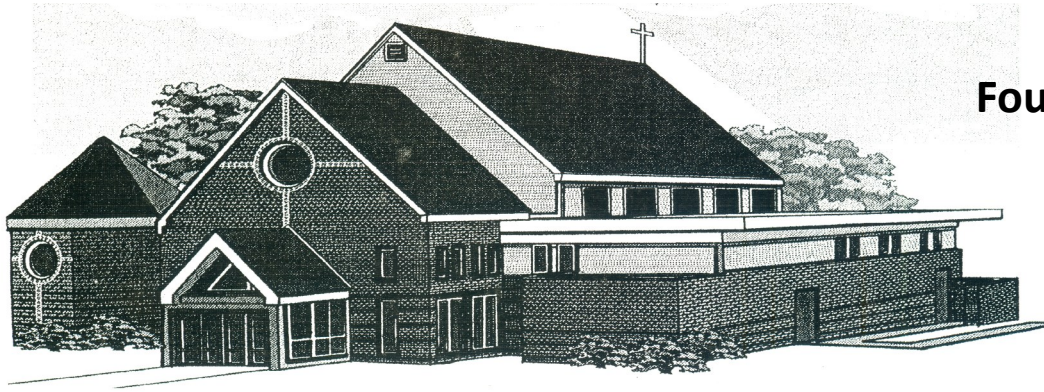




**Fourteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
July 5, 2026**

**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 11- 4:00 PM - Jeremy Truscello, Joyce Cunningham
Sun. July 12- 8:00 AM - Susan Podoletz, Maria Spayd
Sun. July 12- 10:00 AM - Evie Koch, Estella Koch

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. July 11- 4:00 PM - Abigail Hovance, Sadie Swope
Sun. July 12- 8:00 AM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
Sun. July 12- 10:00 AM - Camille Krug, Aidan Schurr

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. July 11- 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, NOT FILLED
Sun. July 12- 8:00 AM - Jennifer Helsley, Ginny Reeder
Sun. July 12- 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Lou Ann Clark,
Ken Gorman, Susanna Tomlinson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. July 11- 4:00 PM - Betsy Lloyd, Dennis Moughemer,
Karen Moughemer, NOT FILLED
Sun. July 12- 8:00 AM - Ashley Greslick, Mike Greslick,
Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
Sun. July 12- 10:00 AM - Walter Bloom, Wendy Campbell,
Mary Horton, Patrick Podoletz

SACRISTAN

Sat. July 11- 4:00 PM - Linda McAleer
Sun. July 12- 8:00 AM - Ashley Greslick
Sun. July 12- 10:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti

SCRIP

Sat. July 11- 4:00 PM - Lori Baker, NOT FILLED
Sun. July 12- 8:00 AM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
Sun. July 12- 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:

THE FOURTH OF JULY: CELEBRATING OUR 250TH BIRTHDAY – As we celebrate our Independence as a nation this weekend, 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!

A PRAYER FOR THE 4TH OF JULY: *Father of all nations and ages, we recall the day when our country claimed its place among the family of nations; for what has been achieved we give you thanks, for the work that still remains we ask your help. As you have called us from many peoples to be one nation, grant that, under your providence, our country may share your blessings with all the peoples of the earth. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

OUR SAINT OF THE WEEK: SAINT BENEDICT OF NURSIA – His feast is commemorated on July 11 and is honored as the **Father of Western Monasticism**. and is one of the most influential saints in Christian history. Pope Paul VI named him the **Patron of Europe** in 1964. He was born around **480 AD** in Nursia. After studying in Rome, he withdrew to a life of prayer and solitude in a cave at Subiaco. His reputation for holiness attracted disciples, leading him to establish several monasteries and eventually the famous monastery at Monte Cassino. St. Benedict reminds us that holiness is usually found not in extraordinary deeds but in faithful daily living. His motto, often summarized as "**Ora et Labora**" ("**Pray and Work**"), teaches that every aspect of life can become an offering to God when lived with love and discipline. There is a brief sentence which captures the heart of Benedictine spirituality: "*Prefer nothing whatever to Christ.*" We are urged to place Christ first in every decision, relationship, and task.

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!

RECEIVE UP TO DATE INFORMATION FROM ST. JOHN'S WITH FLOCKNOTE: We want to communicate more effectively with you. But we also want to make it easy for you to control what types of announcements you get from us and how you are notified when we make them. And in order to do this we are using a simple service called FLOCKNOTE. Like sending "notes" to your "flock". This is all totally free for you to use and it's going to also make it easy for you to stay plugged in to the ministries or groups that you care about, all by text message or email updates. Your information will be completely safe and secure. And you can unsubscribe from any updates at any time! To join, text SJC1 to 84576. Then after it responds, make sure you click that link and complete the process. If you can't complete this on your mobile phone, please go online to stjohnsaltoona.flocknote.com to register.

THANK YOU! We would like to thank the Independent Catholic Foundation for the generous grant of \$1,150 awarded to St. John's as part of the 2026-2027 Impact Grant Program. This grant provides funds to help pay for a portion of our annual subscription to FORMED, which is available to all parishioners to access diverse Catholic movies, audio books, podcasts, shows, and more. To learn more about FORMED or how to sign up, please contact the office.

Founded in 1990 as a lay governed nonprofit public charity, the Independent Catholic Foundation provides financial support through endowments and investment accounts to Catholic charitable causes nationwide with special emphasis on those located within the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. Individuals, families, and agencies entrust their extraordinary generosity with ICF knowing it will steward every gift in a Catholic responsible manner. CEO Chris Ringkamp welcomes confidential conversations by phone, 814-201-2080, or by email, chris@icfoundation.us.

Schedule for the Week of July 5th

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*

Monday, July 6 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass in honor of *Jo-Ann Semko's birthday*

requested by Karen Mazzarella

Tuesday, July 7 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Joyce A. Cordek* requested by

Larry Cordek

Wednesday, July 8 - Weekday

5:30 PM - Confessions

6:00 PM - Mass for *Sue Caldwell* requested by

Lesley Ventre

Thursday, July 9 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Ron Peshock* requested by

Betty Peschock

Friday, July 10 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Tiffany Mickens* requested by

Linda Weyandt

Saturday, July 11 - Vigil of Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:15 PM - Confessions

4:00 PM - Mass for *People of the Parish*

Sunday, July 12 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Mass for *Andrew Jr. & Florence Dancha*

requested by Vicki Faretta

10:00 AM - Mass for *Angela M. Auerbeck* requested by

Mary & Tom Webb

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: The theme of humility is central to our readings today. God Himself is a humble God, so if we wish to follow Him as Christian stewards, we too must be humble. In fact, humility is key to the stewardship way of life, and to a peaceful and fulfilling life.

Our first reading from Zechariah foretells the unexpected way in which the Lord, the Savior of the world, will arrive. "See, your king shall come to you, a just savior is he, meek and riding on an ass... and he shall proclaim peace to the nations." It is almost unfathomable that our almighty and all-powerful God would humble Himself to live among us as one of our own, let alone to contemplate the unassuming way in which He arrived – born as a helpless baby, growing up under the care of human parents and finally making his entrance as savior on a lowly colt. Christ has given us a clear and compelling model of humility.

Let us resolve to follow in the footsteps of our Savior, embracing the humble path of stewardship. It is the path that leads to peace here and now, and ultimately leads us to heaven.

June 20th & 21st

Envelopes	\$	3,074.00
Loose Offerings	\$	482.00
Heating & Cooling	\$	5,545.00
Online Giving	\$	1,782.37
Total Offertory	\$	10,883.37

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
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

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!

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.
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.

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.