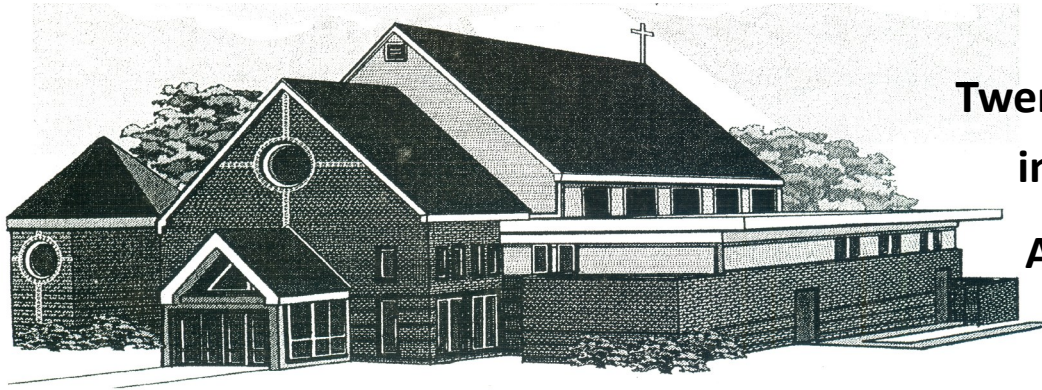




**Twenty-second Sunday
in Ordinary Time
August 30, 2026**

**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

August Prayer Intention of Pope Leo

For evangelization in the city
Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.



NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS

LECTORS

Sat. Sept. 5- 4:00 PM - Joyce Cunningham, Maria Spayd
Sun. Sept. 6-8:00 AM - Susan Podoletz, Mike Greslick
Sun. Sept. 6-10:00 AM - John Sukala, Richard Consiglio

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. Sept. 5- 4:00 PM - Abigail Hovance, Sadie Swope
Sun. Sept. 6- 8:00 AM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
Sun. Sept. 6- 10:00 AM - Estella Koch, Evie Koch

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Sept. 5- 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, David Loth
Sun. Sept. 6- 8:00 AM - Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
Sun. Sept. 6- 10:00 AM - Barbara Bundy, Lou Ann Clark,
Ken Gorman, Susanna Tomlinson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. Sept. 5- 4:00 PM - Betsy Lloyd, Marge Rudolph,
Larry VanSickel, Paula VanSickel
Sun. Sept. 6- 8:00 AM - Jane Becker, John Becker, Mike O'Neill,
Mary Truesdale
Sun. Sept. 6- 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Dolores Capriotti,
Mitchell Evans, Mary Horton

SACRISTAN

Sat. Sept. 5- 4:00 PM - Mary King
Sun. Sept. 6- 8:00 AM - Ashley Greslick
Sun. Sept. 6- 10:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti

SCRIP

Sat. Sept. 5- 4:00 PM - Lori Baker, Marge Rudolph
Sun. Sept. 6- 8:00 AM - Amber Yasolsky, Heather Yasolsky
Sun. Sept. 6- 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:

SUNDAY MASS TIME CHANGE -- Beginning on September 13, the Sunday after Labor Day, our second Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 AM. Remember to mark your mark your calendars! We will do a robo call as a reminder!!

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION -- The needs of our local food banks are great! Please remember to bring some nonperishable food items to Mass, and/or consider making a cash gift. There are so many hungry mouths to feed here in our own community, and the cost of food continues to rise!

OUR SEASON OF CREATION -- Each year from September 1 to October 4, the Christian family unites for this worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. It is a special season where we celebrate God as Creator, acknowledging Creation as the divine continuing act that summons us as collaborators to love and care for the gift of all that is created. As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common call to care for Creation. We are co-creatures and part of all that

God has made. Our well-being is interwoven with the well-being of the Earth. We rejoice in this opportunity to safeguard our common home and all beings who share it with us. This year the theme for the Season is "Living Water," taken from the beautiful book of the prophet Ezekiel.

A NEW MASS FOR CREATION: Catholic communities will now be able to celebrate Mass "for the care of creation" after the Vatican announced that a new formulary of prayers and biblical readings for the Mass will be added to the Roman Missal. The prayers for this Mass began development during Pope Francis' pontificate in response to requests for a liturgical way of celebrating the meaning and the message of 'Laudato si', the Encyclical of Pope Francis which emphasized the importance of our care for our common home! Please join us on Tuesday for the World Day of Prayer for Creation, when we will offer this Mass.

SAVE THE DATES!

Backpack Blessing: Sunday, August 30th at the 10am Mass-Students bring your backpacks to Mass!

Despot Scholarship Applications Due: Sunday, August 30th Return to the Collection Basket or Parish Office

Alpha: September 8th-November 17th from 6-8:15pm in St. John's cafeteria

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

Faith Formation Meet the Teacher/Parent & Student Meeting: Sunday, September 20th at 9:30am in the gym

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULING For September 12, 2026 – December 31, 2026 It's time to schedule ministries for the Fall and Winter of 2026. 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. Please update your profile online, call Mike, or fill out a card and return it by Noon on August 30th. The next schedule will then be generated and go live on or around September 1. Family members can fill out one card front and back. Thank you for your service to our faith community throughout the year!

DIOCESAN FAMILY CONFERENCE CELEBRATING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIOCESE: The diocesan family conference will be held on Saturday, September 19th at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, Ebensburg. This conference has been designed for every generation, from young children and teens to parents, grandparents, clergy and parish leaders. This day includes the annual Men's and Women's Conferences, Shycon (**also a discipleship event for Senior High Confirmation candidates**) and Junior High Youth Day. This day-long event will offer inspiring keynote presentations, engaging break-out sessions, opportunities for prayer and fellowship, food and the Vigil Mass for Sunday. You may register online at: dioceseaj.org or copies of the registration booklet are available in the Gathering Space or by contacting the parish office. Please also prayerfully consider being a Sponsor for this day. Information on the day and to be a sponsor are in the registration booklet. For additional information contact Francine Swope at fswope@dioceseaj.org OR (814)317-2646.

Schedule for the Week of August 30th

Sunday, August 30 - Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Mass for *Irene Greslick* requested by
Mike & Ashley Greslick

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

Monday, August 31 - Weekday

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

Tuesday, September 1 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Robert Cole* requested by
Mary Ann Cole

Wednesday, September 2 - Weekday

5:30 PM - Confessions

6:00 PM - Mass for *Andrew Jr. & Florence Dancha*
requested by Vicki Faretta

Thursday, September 3 - St. Gregory the Great

8:30 AM - Mass for *Sue Caldwell* requested by
Kathy & Terry Tomassetti

Friday, September 4 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Betty Caldwell* requested by
Kathy & Terry Tomassetti

Saturday, September 5 - Vigil of Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:15 PM - Confessions

4:00 PM - Mass for *Alison Costa* requested by
Doug & Maria Spayd

Sunday, September 6 - Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:00 AM - Mass for *Dr. Murray & Georgia Dolphin*
requested by the Dolphin family

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.

MUSIC MINISTRIES: Calling all Music Makers! Our St. John music ministries support our liturgies and festive parish celebrations through hymns, anthems, solos, and instrumental praise. If you carry a tune in your heart and want to sing or share your musical talent, please contact Patti at 814-414-7529. Adult Choir rehearsal will start on Wednesday, September 2nd at 7:00 p.m. Youth Choir will meet on Thursdays from 6:00-6:45 beginning September 10th. Handbell Ensemble will begin on Thursday, September 10th at 7:00 p.m. Come and join your voice with ours!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: If we are striving to live the stewardship way of life, we must be honest with ourselves and admit it's not going to be easy. Dying to self and living for Christ and others is tough. It's the work of a lifetime. But in the end, it's the only work that really matters and the only life that truly satisfies. Our readings today reflect this challenging reality.

It's all about love. Jesus loved us totally, giving us all of Himself on the Cross, in His word, and in the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist. And so we must choose: love of self, or love of God and others – which is tough but fulfilling and leads to the eternal reward of heaven. Jesus promises that He “will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then He will repay all according to his conduct.”

Let us make the tough choice to lose our life for Christ's sake, in grateful response to His love. Honestly, what better life could there be?

August 15th & 16th

Envelopes	\$	3,623.00
Loose Offerings	\$	349.00
Mission Co-op	\$	25.00
Heating & Cooling	\$	231.00
Assumption of Mary	\$	445.00
Online Giving	\$	1,559.30
Total Offertory	\$	6,232.30

2026 Catholic Ministries Drive Goal: \$37,300

January 1, 2026 - July 31, 2026

Gifts/Pledges - \$60,348.00

Total Gifts Received -\$60,098.00

Pledge Balance - \$250.00

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

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 2026** (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend Sunday, **September 13** in **ALTOONA** at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, **September 20** 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 11th.**

ST JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

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

Barbara • Idy Caporuscio • Dr. Kip Dolphin
Ed Drexler • Lois Dullinger • Charles Elder
Patty Flanagan • Donna Fornwalt • Erin Jones
Marianne Jones • Ray King • Sally Langham
Elsie MacCullagh • Dave Madden
Suzana Mladenovska • Mike Nagle • Olga Romerowicz
Bette Richards • Anne Showalter • Cathy Stapelfeld
Walter Sweedo • Tammy • Tim Temofonte
Wally Wargo • Lois Werfel • Holly Whitmire
All Garvey Manor Residents

HOME WITH THE LORD: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:

Judy Ann Flaig, grandmother of Ashley Greslick
May she rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.

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.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT SCRIP! Don't forget to buy scrip for your home improvement purchases! Whether you're picking out new furniture, remodeling the kitchen, or repainting your favorite room, big projects don't come cheap. On the plus side, big spending means big rebates for St. John's, so don't forget to order scrip for purchases at Lowes, Home Depot, etc. Have questions still? Stop by the Scrip table at any weekend mass and our volunteers will be happy to help answer any questions.

ST. JOHN'S BOWLING LEAGUE: Are you looking for something fun for the whole family to do together? Do you have just a little "SPARE" time every two weeks? Roll on down to Holiday Bowl and join our St. Johns Bowling League. This is a Just for Fun League and we would love to have you!. We don't care if you enjoy spending the whole time in the gutter or if the pins fear you as soon as you walk onto the lane. We hope that you will join us at Holiday Bowl. We will begin September 11, 2026 and there is a sign up sheet located on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space. Any questions, please call JR Mendez at (814)761-2181.

CLASS REUNION: The Bishop Guilfoyle Class of 1986 is planning their 40th class reunion. The date is set for November 13 & 14, 2026. All classmates and spouses are welcome. Please contact Reneé Francis-Luciano @ 814-329-0858 for further information.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH: MEET THE TEACHER/ PARENT & STUDENT MEETING 9:30AM-GYM

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 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.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS: Please join us on Sunday, August 30th 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 the weekend of August 30th and will continue on Sundays during the 2nd Mass. During Children's Liturgy we gather the younger children during the readings and homily to provide a kid friendly version of the readings and other activities. Children are returned to the parents after the homily is finished. Please join us!

BIRTH OF MARY CELEBRATION: Tuesday, September 8th at St. Catherine of Siena Church/Shrine, Old Rt.22,Duncansville. Mass times: 7am, 12:05pm and 5:30pm. Evening Mass and Rosary Procession at the Shrine. Bishop Mark Bartchak, celebrant. Please bring a lawn chair. Inclement weather, the outdoor mass will be celebrated in the church. Rosary at 7:30am, 11:15am, 1pm and 4:30pm. Food, exhibits and crafts in the church hall. Conclude the day with birthday cake for all in the church hall.

ALPHA: Alpha will be starting every Tuesday beginning September 8th through November 17th here at St. John's in the cafeteria from 6-8:15pm. Dinner is included. Registration forms will be available in the Gathering Space. If you have any questions, please contact Jane Becker at 414-9836.

SWEET ADELINES ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Tuesday, September 15th from 7-8pm at Jaggard Methodist Church, 1801 Pl. Valley Blvd, Altoona. Looking for new members, with or without experience!

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!