

# St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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March 4, 2018



## Mass Times

Weekday – 8:30 AM

Saturday - 5:30 PM

Sunday – 9:00 AM

Holy Days – 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM

Eucharistic Holy Hour – Friday – 3:00 PM

**CONFESSIONS** – Saturday at 4:30 PM, Sunday at 8:00 AM and after Holy Hour,  
all Masses, or any time by appointment.

Religious Education – grades 1 -11 on Sunday 10:00-10:55 AM – Fr. Fairman

Parish Council – Bob Spargo, Chairman

Finance Council – Mark Rakoczy, OD, Chairman

Catholic Charities – 814-944-9388, call Monday through Friday, between 9AM and 5 PM

**LITURGY----March 3-11**

**SATURDAY**      **March 3**  
**5:30 PM**            Fran Hillegas by Loved Ones

**SUNDAY**            **March 4**  
**9:00 AM**            All Members of the Parish

**MONDAY**            **March 5**  
**8:30 AM**            Ray Laurentis  
 by Bob & Carol Harclerode

**TUESDAY**          **March 6**  
**8:30 AM**            **NO MASS**

**WEDNESDAY**      **March 7**  
**8:30 AM**            Health of Tom Imgrund  
 by James Whisker

**THURSDAY**        **March 8**  
**8:30 AM**            Eugene Smith

**FRIDAY**            **March 9**  
**8:30 AM**            Marguerite Rogish  
 by Bill Blackburn Family

**3:15 PM**            **EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR**  
**4:30 PM**            **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**SATURDAY**      **March 10**  
**5:30 PM**            All Members of the Parish

**SUNDAY**            **March 11**  
**9:00 AM**            James Hillegass by Linda Steel  
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**March 10 & 11**



**LECTORS**

**5:30 PM**            M. Ziviello  
**9:00 AM**            S. Snyder

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**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Please fill out a yellow registration card found by the bulletin board and introduce yourself to Fr. Fairman.

**Parishioners:** Please let us know if you are leaving the parish so we can update our records.

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**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET AND ROSARY:** We pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary before Mass at 5 PM Saturday and 8:25 AM Sunday. The Rosary and Chaplet is also prayed after weekday Masses.

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Religious education for all students in the parish grades 1-11, classes meet from 10-10:45 AM. Contact Fr. Fairman to register a new student.

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

Mar 4-Choir practice after 9 AM Mass  
 Mar 4-First Confession  
 Mar 11-CCD Confessions  
 Mar 12-Pro Life Meeting-Homewood Estates-6:30 PM  
 Mar 14-Ladies Meeting-7PM-Social Hall

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**PRAYER LIST:** Jerry Corle, Pat Waltman, Conley Circo, Bev Summerville, Michael Miller, Gabriel Grassi, Margaret Novak, Mary Drake, Hope Burkett, Pete Schetrompf, Joe Price Family, Fr. Norm Imgrund, Don Weaverling, Jane Cunard, Gene Ford, Cathy Crawford, Vincent Naglic, Chris Olsen, Ellen Coleman, Linda Wigfield, Joe Summerville, Deb Willey, Joan Buchanan, Anne Majcher, Herb Hillegas, Barb McConnell, Shirley Ford, Terry Young, Cameron Lowery, Marie Smith, John Milavec, Bradley Foor, Helen Terry, Bryce Phillip Johnson, Ann Robine, J. B. Whisker, Robert Myers, Stephen McLean, Jacey Schmidt, Jean Williams, Joette Reid, Jackie Verdiglione, Bill Waltman, Pat Young, Deborah James, Jane Hood, Rose & Ben Feight, John Watson, Sandy Carl, Emily Koontz, Carol Hines, Jeff Robine, Richard Bord, Helen Snyder, Kathleen Tomkosky, Nancy Stolarski, Troy Melliott, Dwane Gochnour, Fr. John Ellias, Cindy Appley, Mary Ellen Culver and Cohen Allen.

(Please call to add or remove a name once the person is recovered or no longer in need of special prayer. If you are placing someone other than a family member on the list, please be sure to have their permission first.)

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| <b>SUNDAY OFFERING</b>   |            |
| <b>February 25, 2018</b> |            |
| Weekly:                  | \$1,276.50 |
| Ash Wed., Haiti Missions | \$30.00    |
| Black & Indian Missions  | \$35.00    |
| <b>Thank you!</b>        |            |

**MARCH LOCAL NEEDS COLLECTION:** March 29, is **Holy Thursday**. Our collection that day will be for **St. Vincent de Paul Society, Bedford County**. We ask you to use your **March monthly envelope** for this collection. It will be combined with all other monthly donations.

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**SECOND COLLECTION:** Next weekend, **March 10-11**, we will take up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC)** to respond to **Jesus is disguise**. Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people at home and abroad.

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Notes from Fr. Fairman



Please note that I am in the process of changing my email address. My new email address is [fdfairman@gmail.com](mailto:fdfairman@gmail.com). Please use this new email, although I will still check the yahoo account as well.

If you would like to serve our parish as a money counter, please let me know. I can answer any question that you might have. Thank you for considering serving our parish in this way.

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**MASS INTENTIONS:** We are accepting Mass intentions for 2018. Mass Intention envelopes are available on the table under the bulletin board in the Gathering Space.

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**REMINDER:** If the Everett School District has a delay or is cancelled due to the weather, Mass is also canceled. *If there is only a delay, we will still have our Eucharistic Holy Hour. If school is canceled, Eucharistic Holy Hour will be canceled.* Daily Mass is also cancelled on days of a funeral.

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**CHOIR PRACTICE:** The choir will practice after the 9:00 Mass. Please consider joining your talent to our choir.



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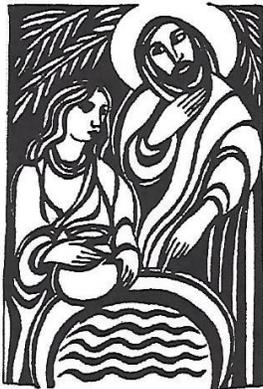
**LADIES OF ST. JOHN:** Next meeting will be Wednesday March 14, 2018, 7 PM. All ladies of the parish are welcome.

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**PRO-LIFE:** Bedford County Citizens Concerned for Human Life meeting will be held Monday, March 12, 6:30 PM, in the game room at Homewood Estates. For more information call Doug Braendel at 814-623-6887

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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



WHOEVER DRINKS THE WATER I SHALL GIVE WILL NEVER THIRST JN4:5-42

**LENTEN PENANCE SCHEDULE:**

**Seven Dolors-Sunday, March 18,** after Noon Mass

**St. Thomas-Sunday, March 18,** 4 PM

**St. John the Evangelist:**

**Week of March 18**

Saturdays 4:30 PM, Sundays 8 AM

9:30 AM after regularly scheduled

weekday Masses

Wednesday March 21, 6:30 PM

After Stations of the Cross Friday at 5 PM

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**ST VINCENT DEPAUL:** In today's Gospel Jesus is asked "What sign can you show us?" Every day we can see signs of how God has visited us in the blessings of our lives. Let us be a sign of God's love by being a blessing to others.

**Through your contributions you are a sign of God's love to the suffering and poor allowing us to assist 44 families during the month of February: 30 with heating fuel, 4 – utilities, 4 – emergency housing, 4 – rent, 1 – food, 1- gas. Thank you and God bless you.**

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**LITURGICAL REFLECTION:** Today the elect (those seeking the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) hear the Gospel of the women at the well. She is thirsting for something in her life; sin has taken her to the wrong places. She discovered that Christ is the living water who leads us from sin to a new life. When we celebrate the Funeral Mass for a sister or brother, we call upon God's mercy to forgive whatever sinful offenses may stand in the way of salvation. As one of the prayers at the funeral Mass begins, "O God, who are mercy for sinners..." we are reminded that both the living and dead stand in need of God's mercy and compassion. **Number 129, Diocese of Altoona Johnstown Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd. Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.**

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**Families and the Gospel**

**March 4**

**John 2:13-25**

Today's gospel says Jesus chased the merchants out of the temple, it doesn't say He was angry. Jesus teaches us to act from conviction and not from anger. He didn't condemn the merchants, only their business practice. Attack the behavior and not the person.

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**Stewardship Reflection**

**Third Sunday in Lent**

**March 4**

Darkness or light — Jesus tells us that if we live our lives as faithful stewards our deeds will shine out and be clearly seen as we reflect God's dream. How much light do your deeds give off?

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**NOTE FROM FR. FAIRMAN:** All Fridays in Lent (**February 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**) are days of abstinence. The fourth precept of the Church is to **abstain** and **fast** on appointed days,



- Children, even if they are not bound to these obligations yet, should be instructed about them and educated in a true sense of penance.
- Many times people wonder what is considered meat and what is not. Meat includes beef, pork, chicken, turkey, ham etc. Amphibians, reptiles, fish and any cold blooded animals are not considered meat. Eggs, milk products and sauces made from animal fats may be eaten as well.

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Remember your loved ones on **Wednesday, March 21 with Mass at 11:00 am.** Theme of the day: “New Beginnings.” All spouses will be mentioned and remembered at Mass. Luncheon to follow. Widows and widowers throughout the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to attend. Sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office and hosted by the Immaculate Conception Church, 1640 New Germany Road, Summerhill. Reservations required by March 15. A \$5 donation is suggested. Contact the Family Life Office at 814-886-5551 or [familylife@dioceseaj.org](mailto:familylife@dioceseaj.org).

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**THE FRIAR’S NOOK GIFT SHOP**

The Friar’s Nook Gift Shop – Open Mon –Sat 10 – 4, 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg, Pa 16648 (Across from the Monastery) Stop in to see our new collections. We also have several outdoor statues and garden plaques. If you have any questions, please call (814) 695-3802.

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**ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLE:** Please drop off **rinsed, crushed aluminum beverage cans ONLY** for recycling, near the garage doors. **Aluminum foil and plates are NOT recyclable.** The proceeds are sent to the Haiti Missions.

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**BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION:** For Everett Elementary school in Everett. See container under bulletin board sample picture on container.

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***A Prayer on Fasting Peggy Rowe-Linn***

*The words you are about to read are the result of my contemplation on the topic of fasting during Advent, Lent or any other period when you want to offer small sacrifices to God for all the blessings he has bestowed upon us. Any one of them is a challenge for me.*

**Lord,** please give me the courage to fast from anger, bitterness and resentment. Please replace those words, feelings and actions with kindness, sweetness and lightness of spirit. Let joy be my companion.

**Lord,** please give me the courage to fast from gossip. Please let only sincere compliments and gentle words spill forth from my lips. Lord, please give me the grace to fast from self-indulgence. Please replace avarice and selfishness with the graces of selflessness and charity towards others. Let moderation and love of others be my goal.

**Lord,** please give me the grace to fast from quarreling. Please bless me with the grace and ability to be your peacemaker. Let peace dwell within me so others may see the light of your presence within me.

**Lord,** please give me the grace to fast from constant and chronic distractions that separate me from your desires for me. Please grace me with the ability to listen and be attentive to the needs of others and act upon those needs as you would have me act. Let nothing distract me from you.

**Lord,** please give me the grace to fast from false gods in this fast-paced, consumer-driven world. Please bless me with the ability to discern your will alone and to never lose sight that you, and you alone, are God.

**Lord,** please give me the grace to fast from all that is irreverent; gluttony, sloth, immodesty and impurity of any kind. Please bless me with the desire to seek only those things in life that are good and holy. Lord, please give me the grace to fast from the need for me to be always right. Please bless me with the desire to seek and do what is right and just.

**Lord,** please give me the grace to fast from behavior that promotes my own self-interest. Please give me the grace to desire only your will for my life. Lord, please give me the grace to fast from all that distracts me from you, as you—Father, Son and Holy Spirit are the passion of my soul.

**Lord,** give me the grace to stay focused on your path towards holiness. Lord, please give me the grace to fast from all which you do not desire of me. Please bless me with the daily grace necessary and sufficient to be a saint.

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