

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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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 17-25

SATURDAY **March 17**
5:30 PM Francis L. Hankinson by Family

SUNDAY **March 18**
9:00 AM All Members of the Parish

MONDAY **March 19**
8:30 AM Charles Fleegle
 by Knights of Columbus

TUESDAY **March 20**
8:30 AM **NO MASS**

WEDNESDAY **March 21**
8:30 AM Marvin King

THURSDAY **March 22**
8:30 AM Betty Konsavich
 by Bob & Carol Harclerode

FRIDAY **March 23**
8:30 AM Special Intention

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

SATURDAY **March 24**
5:30 PM All Members of the Parish

SUNDAY **March 25**
9:00 AM Daniel Wood by Fred & Margaret Grover

Palm Sunday-March 24 & 25 

LECTORS

5:30 PM E. Cunard & R. Gesselberty
9:00 AM P. Rakoczy & K. Maola

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.

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.

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Mar 18-Choir practice after 9 AM Mass
 Apr 9-Pro Life Meeting-Homewood Estates-6:30 PM
 Apr 11-Ladies Meeting-7PM-Social Hall

PRAYER LIST: Jerry Corle, Pat Waltman, Conley Cirko, 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 Kootz, 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.)

SUNDAY OFFERING
March 11, 2018

Weekly:	\$1,255.00
Catholic Relief Svce:	\$495.00

Thank you!

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.

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP BARTCHAK (RETURN OF CHALICE): At the center of the Church's annual liturgical calendar is the commemoration of the Lord's death and resurrection during the Three Days. Lent will end late in the afternoon of Thursday, March 29. The Three Days will begin Holy Thursday evening, March 29, with the Mass of the Lord's Supper. As the Church enters the sacred Triduum, the offering of the chalice is to be restored in all the parishes of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. At the Mass of the Lord's Supper all in the Diocesan Church will be welcomed to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord under the species of bread and wine. Consistently the Church has stated that the fullness of the sign of Mass is seen in the reception of both the consecrated bread and the consecrated wine. This is what Jesus the Lord directed on the night before he died, to eat his Body and drink his Blood. All are invited to receive Holy Communion under the elements of both bread and wine Holy Thursday evening. Also, beginning at the Mass of the Lord's Supper, we will now return to the regular manner of exchanging the sign of peace

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



LADIES OF ST. JOHN: Next meeting will be Wednesday April 11, 2018, 7 PM. All ladies of the parish are welcome.

PRO-LIFE: Bedford County Citizens Concerned for Human Life meeting will be held Monday, April 9, 6:30 PM, in the game room at Homewood Estates. For more information call Doug Braendel at 814-623-6887

2018 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE: This drive focuses on a select group of ministries with emphasis on the poor, families, youth, seminarians and leadership development of clergy and laity. Please reflect on Bishop Mark's invitation you have received and return your pledge card to the diocesan Office of Development. All contributions received beyond our parish quota for the diocese, \$9,011 will be used for this year's project. We will add \$5,000 to our quota to be used to repair/replace the pews that are cracked and replace the kneelers since so many are in poor condition. Thank you for supporting these, vital ministries with sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure.

Please let us know if you did not receive a letter from the bishop.

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

ST VINCENT DEPAUL In today's Gospel, God demonstrates great love for us by sending his Son so that we may believe in him. We demonstrate our great love for God by doing good works: reaching out to others, acting in justice and charity.

Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Know that your nickel, dime, quarter or dollar is multiplied by the coins placed by others in the collection basket.

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: Our sins go before us always. We must seek forgiveness that comes from God alone. Lent is our annual retreat to seek the strength to turn away from sin and live in the grace of God's love. It is part of Catholic life to pray for our dead. God is the one to judge us. We seek the lord to be merciful and loving in the judgment of our deceased. At the Funeral Mass we pray, "oh God, whose nature is always to forgive and to show mercy, we humbly implore you for our servant (who has died)..." Jesus Christ died on the cross for forgiveness of our sins. We seek that forgiveness for our faithfully departed. Roman Missal, Masses for the Dead I. For the Funeral, A, Outside Easter Time, Diocese of Altoona Johnstown Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd. Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.

Families and the Gospel

March 18 John 3:14-21

Today's gospel speaks of light and darkness. Often a parent is deliberately "left in the dark." Darkness can be comforting for it makes no demands on us. Light can be disturbing for it forces us to take action. Parents walk a delicate balance of when to "sit in the dark" and when to "turn on the lights."

Stewardship Reflection

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 18

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?

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

14TH ANNUAL PRO-LIFE DINNER: Community Grace Brethren Church, 1216 Raystown Rd., Everett, Friday, April 6, 2018 Dinner at 6:00 p.m. ~ Doors Open at 5:00 p.m. Come early to check out our door prizes! Featured Speaker: Mike Spencer, Midwest Director of Life Training Institute Dinner flyer at www.BedfordCountyProLife.org/dinner

SAVE THE BABIES & THE MOMS: Be a 2018 Sponsor of our "Save the Babies & the Mom's" Projects! Platinum/\$250 * Gold/\$100 * Silver/\$50 * Bronze/\$25 Check out our many pro-life projects listed on our Sponsor form at www.BedfordCountyProLife.org/projects

Fostering Sibling Relationships

Family meals together—The strongest families eat dinner together just about every night. Only something significant keeps them from being together for the evening meal.

Church every Sunday—Like meals, regular church attendance strengthens families and acts as an anchor for the family.

Vacations—Getting out of town to have fun together is important for making memories and leaving the stress of daily life behind.

Individual time with each child—Parents who take time separately with each child can decrease the rivalry that comes when children need to compete for their attention.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

John 12:20-33

"I have glorified it and will glorify it again."

