

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----May 19-27

SATURDAY May 19 All Members of the Parish
5:30 PM
SUNDAY May 20 Eileen & Leo O'Brien by Family
9:00 AM
MONDAY May 21 Grace Facchinei by Bob & Carol Harclerode
8:30 AM
TUESDAY May 22 NO MASS
8:30 AM
WEDNESDAY May 23 Marc & Gracie Byrd
8:30 AM
THURSDAY May 24 Sarah Ann Robine by Marjorie Felton
8:30 AM
FRIDAY May 25 Eileen & Leo O'Brien by Family
8:30 AM
3:00 PM EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR
SATURDAY May 26 All Members of the Parish
5:30 PM
SUNDAY May 27 Melda Grover by Fred & Margaret Grover
9:00 AM

May 26 & 27 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS



5:30 PM J. Naglic & M. Ziviello
9:00 AM B. Spargo & K. Spargo

LECTORS

5:30 PM P. Rakoczy
9:00 AM N. Hillegas

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

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

May 20-Choir Practice after 9 AM Mass
May 20-Baccalaureate, Everett H.S. - 7pm
June 11-Pro-Life Meeting-6:30 PM-Spring House Estates
June 13-Ladies of St. John-7 PM-Social Hall

PRAYER LIST: Whitney Krumme, Julia May, Jerry Corle, Pat Waltman, Bev Summerville, Margaret Novak, Mary Drake, Hope Burkett, Pete Schetrompf, Joanna Price, Fr. Norm Imgrund, Don Weaverling, Jane Cunard, Gene Ford, Cathy Crawford, 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, J. B. Whisker, Robert Myers, Stephen McLean, Jacey Schmidt, Jean Williams, Joette Reid, Jackie Verdiglione, 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 Elias, 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
May 13, 2018
Weekly: \$1,783.00
Ascension: \$436.00
Local Needs: \$195.00
Thank you!

2018 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE:

All contributions received beyond our parish quota for the diocese, \$9,011 will be used for this year's project. We have added \$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. As of May 7, we have received \$7,925.00 in cash and pledges.



We would like to welcome new parishioners Stephen Lewis and the Wilson family, Jeffrey, Mamie, Elle, Lola and Carolyn.

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 June 13, 2018, 7 PM**. All ladies of the parish are welcome.

PRO-LIFE: Bedford County Citizens Concerned for Human Life meeting will be held **Monday, June 11, 6:30 PM**, in the game room at Homewood Estates. For more information call Doug Braendel at 814-623-6887

OUTDOOR SUMMER MASSES: Father John D. Byrnes, Rector, and the Parish Family of Saint Michael the Archangel Basilica, Loretto, invite the faithful to join us each Sunday evening at **7:00 p.m.** for the outdoor Sunday Mass at the beautiful Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto. The first Mass of the season will be celebrated on **Sunday, May 27, 2018**, and will continue through Labor Day Weekend, September 2, 2018. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel.



This Sunday Christians will celebrate Pentecost, the historic giving of the Holy Spirit to all believers in Jesus Christ and thus the birthday of the church. Before it was the name of a Christian holiday, Pentecost (Heb. Shavuot) was celebrated annually by the

Jewish people in honor of the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai. Jews still celebrate it today, fifty days after Passover—hence the name Pentecost (“pente” = five). (Appropriately, Christian Pentecost occurs fifty days after Easter.) Because of the importance of the feast, ancient Jews traveled from all over the known world to their religious capital, Jerusalem, for the occasion, and that’s what we see in Acts 2—a multiregional, multilinguistic gathering.

ST VINCENT DEPAUL: Today as we celebrate Pentecost the Holy Spirit wants to make us advocates of God’s presence to bring new life to others, especially those who do not know the love of God in their lives. **Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box will help the poor to believe in the mystery of God’s love for them.**

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: This is Pentecost Sunday and the fifty days of the Easter Feast conclude. Today we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit who reveals faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is the Holy Spirit that enlightens the minds of believers to go forth and share the good news of the dying and rising of the Lord. Christians are people of life. We boldly proclaim our shared faith in Christ’s saving death and resurrection. With 1.3 billion Catholics we proclaim with certitude and trust our faith in God’s abiding love, the Lord’s salvific death and resurrection, and the Spirit’s guiding presence in our lives. **Diocese of Altoona Johnstown Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd. Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.**

Families and the Gospel

May 20 John 20:19-23

Today, on Pentecost, we remember Christ has given us the Holy Spirit to assist us in raising our family and he expects us to use this personal gift. Let’s turn off the noise, apps and distractions in our lives and let the Holy Spirit guide us to the truth.

Stewardship Reflections

Pentecost May 20, 2018

“The Holy Spirit is the fire of Jesus. The Spirit, the first gift of the risen Christ to his people, gives us both the ability to receive the Gospel of Jesus and, in the response, the power to proclaim it.” (Go and Make Disciples – Tenth Anniversary Edition: USCCB: 2002)


PENTECOST

THE DISCIPLES REJOICED WHEN THEY SAW THE LORD! JUN 20, 1923



LOVE INC HOSS'S SUNDAY: We are excited to team up with Hoss's Steak and Sea House to raise money for a very worthy cause. Please consider visiting the Hoss's location in Bedford, on 5/27/2018 to aid us in raising money to benefit Love Inc. Coupons are on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space.

LOVE INC MUSIC FESTIVAL & CHICKEN BBQ:

 Love INC Music Festival and Chicken BBQ, Saturday **June 16, 11AM-4 PM**, at Snake Spring Recreational Park. Chicken BBQ available at **11 AM** until sold out, **\$8.50** per dinner. Event held rain or shine. See bulletin board for more details.

MEN'S RETREAT: St. John the Baptist Retreat Center in New Baltimore, Pennsylvania will be offering a retreat for men, **June 22-23** at their historic retreat house. The retreat director will be Father Larry Richards, a priest of the Diocese of Erie. The retreat will begin at 6 PM on Friday June 22 and conclude the afternoon of Saturday June 23. The cost of the retreat is \$80 for a single room, \$75 for a double occupancy, and \$45 for commuters wishing to attend meals and the conferences. Contact the retreat center at 814-733-2210 or email Father Aron Maghsoudi at amaghsoudi@dioceseaj.org for further information.

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 Spring collection... Mother's Day, Communion and Confirmation items. We also have several outdoor statues and garden plaques. If you have any questions, please call (814) 695-3802

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION: For Everett Elementary school. See box under bulletin board by restrooms, sample picture on flyer on board.

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.

Finding God in Nature

The natural world is a profound reflection of the beauty, truth and goodness of God.

"We need to find God and He cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature—trees, flowers, grass—grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence... We need silence to be able to touch souls." — Mother Teresa



In his encyclical *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis says of his namesake, St. Francis of Assisi, that he is "the example par excellence of care for the vulnerable and of an integral ecology lived out joyfully and authentically."

Born into a wealthy merchant family in 12th - Century Italy, St. Francis pursued a life of pleasure, materialism, and worldly honor as a young man. He also showed signs of a compassionate heart at a young age, abandoning the goods he was selling for his father in the marketplace to follow after a beggar and give him all the money he had.

Late, after returning from war, St. Francis was riding his horse in the countryside when he came upon a leper, at which point he halted his horse, dismounted, approached, and embraced the man. It was the greatest freedom Francis had ever experienced, and thereafter, he devoted himself to serving the poor and the outcast in fraternity with his brothers amid the beauty of the natural world.

The beloved saint spent much of his time praying outdoors, walking in the wilderness, hiking up mountains, sleeping in caves, and living in hermitages. He grew so close to nature that he came to realize a kinship with all living things. In his *Canticle of the Creatures*, he refers to elements of creation, such as the sun and the moon, as his brothers and sisters.

The pope says, "St Francis shows us just how inseparable the bond is between nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace... What is more, St. Francis, faithful to Scripture, invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of His infinite goodness and beauty."

Pope Francis concludes, "Everything is connected. Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society."

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