

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---September 8-16

SATURDAY **September 8**
5:30 PM Lottie Gesselberty
 by John & Ruth Gesselberty

SUNDAY **September 9**
9:00 AM All Members of the Parish

MONDAY **September 10**
8:30 AM Rae Barkman by Family

TUESDAY **September 11**
8:30 AM **NO MASS**

WEDNESDAY **September 12**
8:30 AM Special Intention by Theresa Lankey

THURSDAY **September 13**
8:30 AM Bill Waltman by Bob & Shirley Felton

FRIDAY **September 14**
8:30 AM Sarah Ann Robine
 by Fred & Margaret Grover

3:00 PM **EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR**

SATURDAY **September 15**
5:30 PM All Members of the Parish

SUNDAY **September 16**
9:00 AM Bill Waltman by the Ladies of St. John

September 15 & 16
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS



5:30 PM M. Barbacci & K. Maola
9:00 AM B. Spargo & K. Spargo

LECTORS

5:30 PM K. Maola
9:00 AM G. Golden

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:

Sept 9-Choir Practice after 9 AM Mass
 Sept 9-Parish Picnic-Snake Spring Community Park-3 PM
 Sept 10-Pro-Life Meeting-6:30 PM-Spring House Estates
 Sept 16-CCD Classes begin
 Oct 10-Ladies of St. John-7 PM-Social Hall

PRAYER LIST: Rosa Davis, Whitney Krumme, Julia May, Jerry Corle, Pat Waltman, Bev Summerville, 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, 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 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.

For the repose of the soul of *Barbara Lucy (Reynolds) Orr*, mother of the Reverend *Joseph T. Orr*, who died this week.

(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	
September 2, 2018	
Weekly:	\$1,487.00
Local needs:	\$210.00
CMD:	\$10.00
Thank you!	

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE 2018: 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 **replace the kneelers** since so many are in poor condition. As of **Sept. 4**, we have received **\$10,376.00** in cash and pledges from 33 households. Thank you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Religious education for all students in the parish grades 1-11, will begin **September 16**. Classes meet from 10-10:45 AM. Contact Fr. Fairman to register a new student.



RCIA: If you know of any adult who is interested in becoming Catholic or an adult who needs to finish his or her initiation (First Communion and Confirmation), please contact Father Fairman.

PARISH PICNIC: The Annual Parish Picnic will be held **TODAY**, Sunday, September, 9, 3 PM, at the Snake Spring Community Park, Pennknoll Road. Food, games, activities, prizes! Friends and family welcome! Meat, beverages, table settings provided. Bring a covered dish to share.



PRO-LIFE: Bedford County Citizens Concerned for Human Life meeting will be held **Monday, September 10, 6:30 PM**, in the game room at Homewood Estates. For more information call Doug Braendel at 814-623-6887

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 October 10, 2018, 7 PM**. All ladies of the parish are welcome.

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION: For Everett Elementary School. See box on table by the statue of the Blessed Virgin.

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: In today's Gospel we hear how Jesus "makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!" In living the gospel, we must open our ears to hear and recognize all the everyday opportunities for making God's presence known especially to those who are poor and suffering. On September 9, the Church also celebrates the feast of Blessed Frederic Ozanam, the founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Frederic heard the call of Jesus to love and serve those who are suffering.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can "make God's presence known" to those who are suffering and poor?

LITURGICAL REFLECTION:

The body of the deceased Catholic Christian is the body once washed in baptism, anointed with the oil of salvation, and fed the Bread of Life. The body of the deceased brings forcefully to mind the Church's conviction that the human body is in Christ a temple of the Holy Spirit and destined for future glory at the resurrection of the dead. A further expression for the reverence for the body is the care traditionally taken to prepare the bodies of the deceased for a burial that befits their dignity, in expectation of their final resurrection in the Lord.

Order of Christian Funerals, Cremation, 1998, Introduction, Number 412. Diocese of Altoona Johnstown Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd. Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.

Families and the Gospel

September 9 Mk 7:31-37

Because the deaf man in today's gospel recognized his disability, he could seek help from Jesus. Deafness abounds in families: in our children (O Dad, not that again), in parents (It's just a stage), and in spouses (Are you listening?). Before Jesus can enter your home and heal, you must first recognize your deafness.

Stewardship Reflections

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time September 9

Just as the deaf mute in today's Gospel received a new life from Jesus, so too, have we received new lives through Baptism. May we boldly proclaim all that God has given to us in our lives!

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HE MAKES THE DEAF HEAR AND THE MUTE SPEAK. MK 7:31-37



FATIMA DEVOTIONS: The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on **Thursday September 13th, at 6:30 P.M.** in the Sunken Gardens. (In case of inclement weather, the devotions will be at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel). The singing will be led by the Holy Name Men’s Choir” and the sermon will be delivered by Fr. Ananias Buccicone, OSB of Queen of Peace Church in Patton. We would like to extend a cordial welcome to all.

Celebration for the 50th Anniversary of the Restoration of the Permanent Diaconate: Bishop Mark Bartchak and Deacon Michael Russo, Director of the Permanent Diaconate, cordially invite all parishioners of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown to attend a special Liturgy celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Restoration of the Permanent Diaconate on Monday, September 17th, 5:30 PM to be held at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. All are welcome.

THE FRIAR’S NOOK GIFT SHOP:

The Friar’s Nook Gift Shop – Garage Sale
Please join us for our second annual Garage Sale held at The Friar’s Nook Gift Shop, 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg, on Saturday, Sept. 15th at 10:00 AM. The Garage Sale will include a variety of items including clearance items from the gift shop, and refreshments will also be available for purchase.

Liturgical Reflection...

This Tuesday, September 11, is the anniversary of the tragic events that took place in our country on September 11, 2001. Many lives were lost, many were injured, and still many continue to mourn the events of that painful September day. Take time for prayer: participate at Mass, pray the rosary, read scripture, take time before the Blessed Sacrament. It is a day to remember firefighters, police officers, and emergency medical technicians who serve the local community. We are grateful for their service to us.





Adopt a Grandparent

Many families live far away from their grandparents. Many older citizens live far away from their grand-children.

Find an older person in your neighborhood to adopt. Remember them with cards, gifts, food, and visits.

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Stress and the Experience of Loss

Stress is an experience that is common in our society. Because of the nature of our fast-paced existence, most Americans are constantly influenced by the stresses of everyday living.

Stress is commonly defined as pressure, strain or tension. It is understood to be physiologic as well as psychological and spiritual. Stress is a normal part of life that can cause growth. It is important to discover means to cope with and reduce stress in order to lead a healthy and satisfying life.

Persons who are grieving are subject to many forms of stress. Not only do they experience the loss of a loved one but they also may experience a change in lifestyle, change in other relationships, change in financial security, to name just a few. Many persons who are grieving are truly “stressed out.” What can be done about it?

In order to control stress, one must first believe that it is possible to control stress. We often think that we are helpless to reduce the effects of stress. That is not necessarily true. Reducing stress requires a conscious decision on the part of the individual to become aware of the harmful effect of excessive stress in order to reduce it. Remember that reducing stress is the ultimate goal. Elimination of stress entirely is not possible. The following are simple measures for reducing stress.

Use Common Sense. Eat three meals a day. Sleep eight hours, work eight hours, and allow eight hours of other activity. Make sure you give yourself time for your own needs. (Listen to music, do a craft, get outdoors, etc.) Keeping physically balanced can help one to maintain a more healthy perspective.

Avoid unnecessary stress. Let go of things, people, events, etc. that are out of your control. Avoid gatherings that increase stress rather than reduce it. Limit visits to or from persons who seem to cause more tension within you.

Learn to relax. Develop the technique of taking “mini-vacations.” Mentally visualize pleasant surroundings. Imagine yourself at the beach or mountains. Breath in the fresh air and allow it to strengthen you (Breath of God). Purchase a taped recording of stress management techniques and use it at least three to four times per week, if not daily.

Take time to pray. Allow God to enter your life and teach you how to let go. Letting go takes trust and love. Allow God to take over your life and heal those areas of pain that are so troublesome to you. Imagine the picture of a child who crawls up on his/ her parent’s lap and rests there without care or worry.

O God, Help me to decide to care for myself. Caring for myself is a gift I can give myself each day of my life.
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