

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF August 24 2025
Twenty First Sunday In Ordinary Time

Please note that all daily masses will be held in the chapel unless otherwise noted. In the event of a funeral mass there will be no (8:30 AM) daily mass.

Monday 8:30AM :	NO MASS	
Tuesday 8:30 AM:	Ronald Castillo	By: Dorothy Castillo
Wednesday 8:30 AM:	Charles Hankinson (B'day)	By: The Restly Family Reunion
Thursday 8:30 AM:	Patrick L. Smith (B'day)	By: Mary Jane Smith
Friday 8:30 AM:	James Fleming (Anniv)	By: Susan Fleming Dibert and Family

Twenty-Second Sunday Of Ordinary Time:		
Saturday 6:00 PM:	Marie Hankinson (B'day)	By: The Family
Sunday 8:00 AM:	Don Lynch	By: Lois R. Lynch Frazee
Sunday 10:30 AM:	Irene McGreevey	By: McGreevey Family

Sanctuary Candle: Peace
St. Peregrine Candle:

Mass Readings for the Week:

Monday:	Optional Memorial Of St. Joseph Calasan, Priest Feast Of St. Louis IX of France, King and Secular Franciscan 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10/PS Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b (R/.cf.4a Matthew 23:13-22/Isaiah 58:6-11/PS Psalm 112:1/Matthew 22:34-40 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13/PS Psalm 34:2/Matthew 18:1-5
Tuesday:	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8/PS Psalm 139:1-3, 4-6/Matthew 23:23-26
Wednesday:	Memorial Of St. Monica 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13/PS Psalm 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab (R/.1)/Matthew 23:27-32 Sirach 26:1-4, 13-16/Luke 7:11-17
Thursday:	Memorial Of St. Augustine, Bishop And Doctor Of The Church 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13/PS Psalm 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17/Matthew 24:42-51 1 John 4:7-16/PS Psalm 119:12/Matthew 23:8-12
Friday:	Memorial Of The Passion Of St. John The Baptist 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8/PS Psalm 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Jeremiah 1:17-19 PS Psalm cf. Psalm 71:15ab/Mark 6:17-29
Saturday:	Optional Memorial Of The Blessed Virgin Mary 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11/PS Psalm 98:1, 7-8, 9/Matthew 25:14-30
Sunday:	Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/PS Psalm 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11 (R/.cf.11b) Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a/Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus' challenge, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough".

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Mass Schedule:
Mon: No Mass Tues: 8:30 AM Wed - Fri: 8:30 AM Sat: 6:00 PM (Vigil) Sun: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Secretary Office Hours:
Mon :8:00 AM-3:00PM Wed :8:00 AM-3:00PM Thurs :8:00 AM-3:00 PM Fri :8:00AM –3:00 PM

Baptism: Arrange in advance for pre-baptismal instructions.

Confessions: Saturday 5:00 – 5:45 PM

Holy Communion:
Low Gluten hosts will be available for anyone with a low gluten tolerance. If you have a low gluten tolerance, please tell the priest before mass so a low gluten host can be placed in a pyx for you.

Matrimony: Arrange nine months in advance. Couples expected to participate in pre-marriage preparation program

Rosary: Saturday Evenings beginning at 5:25 PM

Parish Mission Statement

St. John the Baptist Parish is a Catholic Christian Community centered in rural New Baltimore, Pennsylvania. As members of the Body of Christ, we seek to live as entrusted stewards using God’s gifts responsibly, intelligently, prudently, and gratefully to bring about His kingdom. As stewards of our time, talents, possessions, and faith, we are called to put our lives in proper focus and to live in accord with one another giving love and caring support, to accept Christ’s challenge as related in the Gospels- to serve one another.



St. John’s News & Upcoming Events:

21st Sunday In Ordinary Time

As we begin a new school year and very soon a new religious education year ... “You are reminded to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of hands. For the Spirit of God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. He has Saved us and called us to a holy life – not because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed though the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.” (2 Tim 1:6-10)

Religious Education News:

Religious Education Registration:

Currently asking ALL students in grades K-11 to please register by calling the office at (814) 733-2210 or sending an email so materials can be ordered. The first day of Religious Education will be Sunday September 21 2025 from 9:10 AM to 10:10 AM.

Religious Education Teachers:

Please contact the office ASAP! if you DO NOT plan on teaching this year so a replacement can be found.

Also a teacher is needed for Seventh and Eighth Grade, and Ninth through Eleventh Grade so please call the office if interested ASAP so preparations can be made to obtain child abuse clearances and the Virtus Training. All teachers must have both Clearances and Virtus completed before the start of Religious Education on Sunday September 21st

SHYCON:

Information was received on Monday August 18th from the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown regarding SHYCON 2025. SHYCON 2025, is scheduled for Sunday October 19th beginning promptly at 11:30 AM at the Stokes Center at St. Francis University in Loretto. Gathering our young people in grades 9-12 not only is an opportunity to grow in their faith but to see themselves members of Christ’s body the young Church on a bigger scale than their parish. It is necessary that we Support and Encourage our young people to participate in events like these. This is open to anyone in grades 9 -12. Just a reminder that this is part of the formation for confirmation. This year’s theme for SHYCON is based on the Jubilee of Hope Psalm 71:5 “For You are my hope, O Lord God; You are my trust from my youth. The keynote speaker is Joe Melendrez. Joe is one of America’s most exciting Catholic performers. Joe is a natural MC, dynamic and sought after musical performer as well as captivating and inspirational speaker and retreat leader. Please call or email the office to register your child or children for this event. The deadline to register is Wednesday October 1st at 3:00 PM. Please feel free to call Francine Swope @ 814-317-2646 if there are additional questions.

Office Of Youth Protection- “Empowering God’s Children Lessons For Youth:

Youth protection Lessons for students in our Religious Education Programs will need to be completed and turned into the Office NO LATER THAN December 31, 2025 (For All Grades) which then will be recorded ONLINE!! Unless they are recorded online, they are considered incomplete. Year after year, many are not completing these until the last minute and we are chasing around students up to the end of their session. Since both St. John The Baptist Catholic Church and the Diocese Of Altoona-Johnstown gets either an in-person or paper audit EVERY year, this information is needed in order to get it prepared for the reports. The lessons will be emailed to the parents for each child (s) grade level in the upcoming weeks. The email address that is on file for religious education will be the email the lessons are sent to. If you don’t receive these lessons please call the office to ensure correct contact information is on file.

PRAYER LIST

John Andzelik, Abby Barnes, Lori Barnes, Fr. William Barron, Debbie Brady, Cindy (Miller) Bearer, Jane Beyer, Theresa Beyer, Lisa Bischof, Tonya Brown, Mark Bruck, Carol Burcaw, Macy Burke, Doug Burkett, Max Bulger, Tim Bruck, Larry Clarr, Randy Clites, Denis Crum, Lee Crum, Andrew Davenport, Sara Davenport, Michael Davis, Velma Davis, Larry DeArmitt, Alice Deitz, Donna Dennison, Tracy Dickey, Dorothy Dittmer, Joyce Dively, Tara Dively, Lisa Easter, Chris Edes, Ray Engleka, George Faidley III, Tabitha Flick, Bradley Fochtman, Harry Fochtman, Mike Fochtman, Mark Frankenfield, Myrna Fries, Becky Foor, Carol Ann Gallagher, Brian Gardill, Jarrett Gowatty, Paisley Goetzl, Helen Greenway, Kelsey Grove, Grayson Gumbert, Sam Hall, Ron Hagens, Nellie Hall, Eugene Hankinson, Phyllis Harris, Mary Jo Harrington, Aaron Hay, Paisley Hay, Bob Jenkins, Elizabeth, Ken & Kennaley Heider, Nickole Herdman, Sandra Herzing, Dale Hickey, Ida Mae Hillegass, Lisa Hillegass, Missy Hillegass, Tara Hillegass, Todd Hillegass, Amy Jo Hoffman, Phyllis Hoppert, Tina Hoover, Ernest Imgrund, Pete Innis, Mary Janachovski, Martha (Lewis) Kalbach, Matt Karns, Jason Kinzer, David Krieie, Fr. Robert Kaylor, Todd Kline, Eric Knott, Virginia Lambert, John Lancaster, Eli Lankey, Kelly Legarski, Bruce Leonard, Carol Leppert, Gordon Leppert, Brenda Leister, Chase Lester, Kaitlyn Lewis, Barry Leydig, John Lynch, Toots Maddy, Ron Makarun, Martha Marker, Susan Martin, Tim Martin, George Maser, Angie Matey, Joseph Matey, Brooks May, Janet Michael, Tony and Janet Miele, Linda McCahan, Shirley McVicker, Betty Meslovich, Terry Metevier, Erica Miller, Ray & June Miller, Tara Miller, Mike Montreal, Reed Morgan, Tracey Mowry, Carol Murphy, Kai Musselman, John Myers, Ashley Nail, Dr. Cyril Nathaniel, Eugene Nickelow, Elissa Nunamaker, Donna Otto, Rick Otto, Michael Price, Sabina Restly, Tara Ritchey, Cindy Robb, Katherine Rosenbaum, Teri Schreiber, Nancy Schrock, Barb Sarver, Shirley Sechler, Greg Seeley, Richard Seese Jr. , Jordon Seville, Lorraine Shadduck, Sandra Shaffer, Terry Shaffer, Harold Shannon, Clyde Shippy, Tom Shippy, Daniel Smith, Eddie Smith, Edith Smith, Marie Smith, Shaun Smith, Oscar Speicher, Linda Stiffler, Rosalie Swingle, Carol Taylor, Mary Jane Thomas, Leroy Turner, Janet Valentine, Michael Valentine, Gail Wade, Anna Lee Wambaugh, Tom Warren, Jr., Staci Weaver, Aaron Weiss, Bonnie Welsh, Dee Werline, John & Doris Werner, Christina Whetstone, Logan Weyand, Alyssa Will, Charlotte Will, Jan Will, Pat Will, Tracy Williams, Larry & Alice Winegardner, Lucy Wright, Angie Wolfhope, Dorothy Wolfhope, Ron Wolfhope, Steve Wolfhope, Tim Wyles, Shirley Varchetti, Roger Yarnell

If you added a person’s name to the prayer list and they have since recovered, please call to remove their name from our prayer list.

OFFERTORY

Sunday Loose: \$528.00	Sunday Adults: \$2724.00	Total Sunday: \$3252.00
Local Needs: \$10.00	Heating Fund: \$60.00	Assumption: \$599.00
Society Of African Missions- Fr. Habib: \$1994.00		

We’re always collecting non- perishable food items for our local foodbanks. Items can be placed in the bins in the back of church.

21st Sunday Of Ordinary Time - A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar:

The phrase in today’s gospel, “I don’t know where you come from,” is often used by parents about children and children about parents. Change is so rapid one generation has little in common with another We depend on love, trust, and mutual respect to bridge this gap.

The Pope’s Prayer Intention For August:

For mutual coexistence
Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.



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Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown 2025 Women's Conference

*Strength in Christ
Joy in the Mess*

Join us for our 4th Annual DAJ Women's
Conference hosted at Mount Aloysius College
at the Bertschi Center on September 20th, 2025
9:00am-4:00pm

We encourage the women of our diocese to take time for some faith-filled nourishment this fall by coming to enjoy Mass with Bishop Mark Bartchak, Confessions with our local priests, and talks by our featured speaker with a guided prayer session. As well as light refreshments and lunch served. Fill up your spiritual cup with time for reflection, prayer, and fellowship with the women of our diocese.

We're so excited to have with us as this year's speaker, Megan Hjelmstad. She is an author, speaker, mentor, wife, mom, and veteran. She is coming to us from Denver, CO and has family here in PA. Come and enjoy as Megan speaks on the joy found in mess of life.

Check-in Begins at 7:30am
Mass with Bishop Mark at 9:00am
more information to follow

To register please scan the QR code or go to
ajdiocese.org/giving or check with your local
parish for a registration form

For questions please call Brittany Boland at the
office of Stewardship & Development - 814-695-5579



Diocesan News & Upcoming Events:

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE BUS TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC:

The Diocese of Altoona Johnstown is having bus trip for a Jubilee Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC on **Friday, October 17, 2025**. Trip will include a tour of the Shrine, confessions and Mass with the Bishop. You can purchase lunch at the Shrine Cafeteria or bring a lunch. There will be a rest stop on the way to Washington and a stop on the way back to Somerset for dinner on your own. **To make reservations beginning August 4th, please call Linda Gattian at 814-443-6574 or email: lgattian@dioceseaj.org. The cost of the trip is \$50.00/person, which includes the gratuity for the driver. The bus will leave at 6:30 am from Saint Peter, Somerset. The deadline to reserve a seat (s) and make the payment is September 20th**



Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgies:

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 2025 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend **Sunday, September 21 in ALTOONA** at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or **Sunday, September 28 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 12th.**

St Gregory's Annual Festival – MacDonalddton, PA

All You Can Eat Family-style ham and turkey dinners with noodles, mashed potatoes, gravy, church slaw, green beans and desserts will be served on Sunday **August 31st from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Takeout will be available! The cost is **Adults: \$14.00 and Children under 12: \$7.00** -games, bake sale, themed baskets, refreshments – fun for all ages – come and enjoy reminiscing with family and friends in our air-conditioned hall. \

Invitation to Labor Day Festival: Parishioners of SS Philip and James Catholic Church at 247 High Street in Meyersdale invite you to their Labor Day Festival on **Monday, Sept.1st**. A ham and turkey buffet will be served from 11:30 to 2:00, with take-out meals available. Dinner tickets sold at the door are **\$13; Children (5-10) \$7; Under 5 are Free**. Outdoor activities from 11:30 to 3:30 include music entertainment by guitarist/singer Ray Christiansen. There will be games, basket raffle, funnel cakes and refreshments. Drawings for the baskets will be at 3:00. Participants do not need to be present

Popular EWTN Personality to Preach at Lilly Parish:

In celebration of the Jubilee Year 2025, Our Lady of the Alleghenies Parish in Lilly will welcome a special guest as part of the faith community's annual 40 Hours Devotion. **It is happening September 7-9 with Solemn Vespers each evening at 7:00 p.m.** EWTN personality Father Leo Patalinghug will be the guest homilist. Father Patalinghug is an award-winning chef, radio and TV host, speaker, and author. He is perhaps best known for his popular TV cooking segments, in which he also highlights the Catholic faith. Our Lady of the Alleghenies Parish is a designated Holy Site in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown during this Jubilee Year. Guests who visit the parish may have their pilgrim's passport stamped.

Is God Calling You to Become a Deacon?

Do you believe that God might be calling you to discern the Ordained Ministry of Christ the Servant, as a Permanent Deacon in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown? If so, you and your wife (if married) are invited to join Bishop Mark and Deacon Michael Russo at the "Bishop's Night of Vocations" on **October 8 at 7:00 p.m.** at the U.S. Hotel Tavern in Hollidaysburg. Reservations are required and can be made by contacting Jessica at (814) 361-2000. **The deadline for reservations is September 2.**

I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers!

Women At The Well:

There is a Women At The Well group forming here at St. John’s. Come and learn how to pray Lectio Divina – praying with that Sunday’s Gospel. We meet after Monday morning 8:00 AM mass in the Chapel. For more information please contact Lindsay Hankinson at (814) 233-8786. We would love to have you join us.

Stewardship Reflection August 24 2025: – 21st Sunday In Ordinary Time

Today’s readings show us that it is not enough to be Christ’s disciples in name only. To be a real disciple, we must live for Christ every day and in every aspect of life. This kind of life takes strength and discipline. Intentionally and consistently offering the Lord the best of our time, talent and treasure through a stewardship way of life is a form of spiritual discipline. These spiritual disciplines teach us to become ever more aware of God’s constant provision for us and they keep us on the narrow path towards the Kingdom of Heaven. The more we embrace this way of life, the more we can be ‘trained’ by the Lord in the ways of true discipleship. Though difficult, these disciplines become a source of spiritual strength. In the week ahead, let’s strive to embrace the spiritual disciplines that can transform us into real disciples of Christ and lead us into the Kingdom of God.

The Jubilee 2025 Pilgrim’s Passport used by many persons and families during this Jubilee year **need to be returned, or postmarked by September 8 and sent, to the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Pastoral Center, 2713 West Chestnut Avenue, Altoona PA 16601** to be eligible for prizes that were listed on the inside cover of the Passport: An overnight stay in Washington DC the weekend of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Pilgrimage, October 17, an overnight stay in Pittsburgh, or the monetary amounts, and various gift cards. You still have some weeks to travel and visit Holy Sites in our five deaneries!

OMOS To Host Fall Workshop:

Our Mother of Sorrows is hosting a workshop featuring author Dr. Michel Therrien on **Saturday, September 13, 2025 from 8:00AM-4:00PM**. His current book "Wounded Witness" offers a compelling analysis of the current state of the Church and the obstacles that have hindered its evangelizing mission. This workshop will offer an opportunity for insight regarding our fellow Catholics and a pathway towards understanding and deeper fellowship. We hope to reach many people with this important message, and with your help, we can accomplish this goal.

Workshop on Christian Nationalism:

All are invited to register to hear Dr. Anna Floerke Scheid speak on “Discipleship or Duplicity: Resisting Christian Nationalism” on **Wed., Sept. 3, 2025 at 7 PM in-person at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat House, 148 Monastery Avenue on Pittsburgh South Side Slopes and virtually via Zoom**. Anna Floerke Scheid is an associate theology professor at Duquesne University and author of “Just Revolution: A Christian Ethic of Political Resistance and Social Transformation”. Her presentation will provide an overview of Christian nationalism, the danger it poses, and how to resist it. The event is sponsored by the Association of Pittsburgh Priests. To register, go to www.associationofpittsburghpriests.com

“SPONSORS OF HOPE” CAMPAIGN:

The Permanent Diaconate Community of the Altoona-Johnstown diocese is launching a “**Sponsors of Hope**” campaign to raise funds to continue supporting our foreign missions’ program. Our foreign mission program encompasses many facets. What is prompting us to begin our “Sponsors of Hope” campaign is the dedication of our contact, Pakistani priest Father Khalil Maqsood. With his guidance, we have opened a school for the “Brickyard Children,” who work daily in the brickyards and have no opportunity to receive an education. In addition, we have been helping the many persecuted Christians who are deprived of the basic necessities of life, such as food, medicine, and clothing. Hopefully, by joining our efforts to raise funds, we can not only help further the education of these impoverished children but also serve as a beacon of hope by bringing the mercy of Christ and His love into their world. Though the main thrust of our work is helping the children, our long-term goal is to continue to reach out by providing food, medical supplies, clothing, and prayerful support through the guidance of our trusted friend, Father Kahlil. We also provide assistance in India and other parts of the world as the need arises. We are now open to anyone who may want to join us on this journey. If you would like to know more about our foreign mission’s program, we have provided information in the gathering space. Or please see the Deacon’s Website: <http://www.deaconaj.org/>

Our Lady Queen Of Angels Fall Sportsmen Raffle:

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish will be hosting their annual **Fall Sportsmen Raffle on Sunday, September 21st** at the parish activity center in Central City. In addition to the chance to win the prizes listed on the ticket, an entrance ticket entitles the bearer to an all you can eat meal, beer, and the chance to buy tickets for the walk around prizes (everything needed for a sportsman, cash, meat, and other prizes). **The event starts at 1:00 PM, tickets are \$35.00. Please call the parish office at 814-754-5224 for tickets or prize information .**

Precious Life 24th Annual Walk For Life:

Precious Life of Bedford County Invites you to take part in their **24th Annual Walk For Life on Saturday September 20th at 10:00 AM. Registration begins at 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM. The walk will start at Bedford Methodist Church/Burkett’s Watch Me Grow Early Learning Center located at 132 E. John Street Bedford PA 15522**. They will be walking the sidewalks of Bedford Borough to show our support for the unborn by raising awareness and donations that will make a difference in the lives of countless women and children in our community. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Giovanelli by calling or texting @ (814) 494-0069 or email@ amy@plinc.org. Last year Precious Life raised over \$6,000, thanks to the kindness and generosity of our attendees. Registration Forms for the walk can be picked up on the back table of the Church.

