



## St. Catherine Church

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**SATURDAY, August 15: VIGIL OF TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**5:00 p.m. MASS** – †Deceased Schachern & Battistella families by Anna, Woody and Danny

**SUNDAY, August 16: TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**9:00 a.m. MASS** – Living and Deceased Members of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish

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**Monday, August 17: Weekday**

**8:00 a.m. MASS** – †Clara Puchalla by Joe and Maria Danish

**Tuesday, August 18: Weekday**

**8:00 a.m. MASS** – †In Thanksgiving by Mary and family

**Wednesday, August 19: *Saint John Eudes, Priest***

**8:00 a.m. MASS** – †Concetta Magliere by Joe and Maria Danish

**Thursday, August 20: Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church**

**8:00 a.m. MASS** – †Theonas Fleming by Fred and Mona Weakland

**Friday, August 21: Saint Pius X, Pope**

**8:00 a.m. MASS** – †Susan Drake by Grand and Great Grandchildren

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**SATURDAY, August 22: VIGIL OF THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**5:00 p.m.** – †Grace Knox by Joe and Maria Danish

**SUNDAY, August 23: TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**9:00 a.m. MASS** – Living and Deceased Members of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish

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### ***Sacrament of Baptism of Infants:***

By appointment, preferably celebrated within the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, families, regardless of religious affiliation, are encouraged to attend and participate in Baptismal Sacramental Preparation and Celebration. Sponsor certificate must be received at the Parish Office if the sponsors are not members of Saint Catherine of Siena Church.

### ***Becoming Catholic:***

This is an ongoing journey of preparation. We invite all who are interested to contact the Parish Office or drop a note into the collection basket with your intention to become a Catholic, your name, address and telephone number to contact you for further information. Sacrament of Baptism or Reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church will be celebrated at Easter Vigil on March 27, 2016.

### ***Adult Confirmation:***

Are you an adult who has not been confirmed? We invite you to complete your initiation into our Christian community and to affirm the faith, which you were baptized. You will become part of our Christian Initiation Classes for those becoming Catholics. Your formation process will culminate with the Sacrament of Confirmation celebrated at the Easter Vigil on March 27, 2016.

***Sacrament of Reconciliation:*** One half hour before Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses or anytime by appointment/request.

***Sacrament of Matrimony:***

Make the arrangement with the Parish Office at least nine months *prior* to celebration of your wedding.

***Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick:***

Request the Anointing of the Sick when you know the date of an upcoming medical procedure or the beginning of the medical treatment by calling the Parish Office. The peace that the Sacrament offers can be yours during the days you prepare for the medical appointment.

***Ministry of Caring – Communion to the Sick, Hospital, and Shut-In Visits:***

If you have a family member who needs Holy Communion taken to them on Friday mornings, please call the Parish Office during the regular Office Hours, so we can arrange for trained Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Communion to visit. Also, **please notify the Parish Office if you know someone at home or in the hospital.** The hospitals do not notify the Parish Office of hospital stays, so please have a family member call the office. Anyone who needs to be included on the First Fridays' Visitation list of the Sick, please call the Parish Office. Father will try to visit them each month during the day of the First Friday of the month.

***Catholic Devotions in Our Parish***

***Marian Devotions:***

Approximately 30 minutes before each Mass begins with the recitation of the Holy Rosary.

***Assistance from our Parish Office***

***Sponsor Certificates:*** If you are asked to be a Baptism or Confirmation sponsor, our parish secretary can help you with the required certificate. Please call the Parish Office *at least one month prior* to the celebration of the Sacrament. This presumes that you are a registered member of Saint Catherine of Siena Church and practicing Catholic living a valid Church Marriage (if married).

***Certificates:*** Copies of certificates for Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation, and Marriage received at Saint Catherine of Siena you may request by calling the Parish Office.

***Are you a member of Saint Catherine of Sienna Roman Catholic Church?*** In order to be considered a member of Saint Catherine of Siena Roman Catholic Church you must submit the REGISTRATION/UPDATE form, located in the sacristy of the church, or you may call the Parish Office to obtain one. If you are not receiving the collection envelopes, most likely you are not registered at this time. If you are a new member currently attending Saint Catherine liturgies, who has not yet registered, or any young adults, 18 or older previously listed as members under their parent's household, please take a moment to fill out this form. In case you moved and began to use new mailing address, please contact the Parish Office, before your mail forwarding service will expire and the parish will not be charged extra fees by the local Post Offices.

If you know of ***Prayer Requests for a sick parishioner:*** Write the name or petition in our Parish Prayer Request Book located in the vestibule of our church. The Prayer Request Book is brought into the church at each weekend Mass and all the intentions are included in the General Intercessions.

***Bulletin and Parish Announcements:*** To place an article into our bulletin, please contact the Parish Office by 10:00 a.m. Tuesday before the weekend. To place an announcement for the weekend Masses, please contact the Parish Office before 12:00 p.m. on Friday.

**WE REMEMBER** all the sick parishioners in our prayers, especially all our parishioners in the nursing homes and all homebound of our parish:

**Stella Los, Mercy Miller- Meadowview Manor,** 2103 us highway 522 s, Mcveytown, PA 17051

**Betty Renninger - Ohesson manor,** 276 green ave., Lewistown, PA 17044

**Robert Phillips, Helen Komir - Woodland Retirement Center,** Rt. 522, Orbisonia, PA 17243

**Julia Madden - William Penn nursing home,** 163 summit drive, Lewistown, PA 17044

**Helen Crouse - Shirley Home,** 17050 Country View Lane, Shirleysburg, PA 17260

*a card or visit would be greatly appreciated!*

*Mary, health of the sick, pray for them.*

prayer



**chain:** if you have someone for whom you would like to request prayer, please get in touch with Maria Danish, 542-2233; Liz Stasenko, 542-4987, or Carmela Ciccaglione, 542-4281; they will contact the people on their list. if you want the person's name to remain

anonymous, just ask for a special intention, etc. the lists include: Maria Danish: Ed and May Galla Liz Stasenko: Bonnie Melnyk, Maggie Stiffler, Jeannette Bumbaugh, Cathy Wilson; Carmela Ciccaglione: Ann. Gilliland, Mary Gaisior, Carmen Rivera, Valerie Thomas, Melissa Fleming. those on the list will be called when a request is received, but the prayer chain will not be held up if the contact person is unable to reach you. if anyone else would like to be added to the prayer chain, please call the rectory or one of the contact persons.

*please let us know when you or a family member is admitted to the hospital.*



**Birthdays** Nancy Kumpf, David Gaisior, Alivia Hanes, Mercy Miller.

**LIVE MASS** aired Every Sunday from Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown on **WWCP-TV Fox Channel 8**. If you are homebound and not able to attend the Sunday Mass, please watch our Diocesan Program Proclaim at 10:30 a.m. and the live telecast of Sunday Liturgy at 11:00 a.m.

**PRO LIFE CORNER** Be pro-life. The pre-born cannot speak in defense of themselves. The only voice they have is yours. Join pro-life today.



### **DEPRESSED OR ANXIOUS? NEED SOME HELP AND SUPPORT?**

Catholic Charities, an agency of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown offers professional, confidential counseling for individuals, children and youth, families, and couples. Please call them at 944-9388 for more information.

### **Outdoor Summer Masses**

The Diocesan Vocation Office is once again holding Masses at the Outdoor Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto, PA this summer. Masses begin at 7:00 pm on Memorial Day Weekend and finish on Labor Day Weekend. Please bring your own lawn chair. In case of inclement weather, Mass will be held inside the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel. For more information, please call the Diocesan Vocation Office at 814-472-5441.

**MASS TIMES** - If you are traveling this summer and need to find a church and mass times, simply go to [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org). This website will tell you the mass times in any area you are visiting.



The **Parish Picnic** will be held on Sunday, August 23, 2015 at the **Riverside Park** in Mt. Union (behind the high school field house). The food cart will be serving hamburgers and hot dogs from 12:00-1:00 p.m. The parish has reserved the park for the entire day. Please come and enjoy the food and fellowship. Be sure to record the number of family members attending and what food/beverage you are bringing to the picnic. A head count is due by August, 16, 2015. A signup sheet is in the gathering area. See you at the park.

**Knights of Columbus** will hold its **Soccer Challenge** Saturday, September 12 at 9:00 a.m. at the Mount Union High School Field, open to kids ages 10-12 yrs olds.

**Pope Francis has declared that a Year of Consecrated Life** will be celebrated from Advent 2014 to the World Day of Consecrated Life, Feb. 2, 2016. As part of this celebration, the Carmelite Community of the Word Sisters are offering a “Day of Discernment” Saturday, Aug. 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the CCW Incarnation Center, 394 Bem Road, Gallitzin, PA. The Carmelite Community of the Word is an Institute of Diocesan Rite, primarily women of prayer, rooted in the tradition of Carmelite Spirituality, who actively engage in ministerial labors in the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese. The day will include communal prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, time for personal discernment and an opportunity to meet members of the Carmelite Community of the Word and explore our Ministries. For more information about this event, to discuss your journey, or to register for this event, Please contact: Vocation Director: Sr. Margie McGuire- 814-472-9457 or Vocation Co-Director: Sr. Linda LaMagna. E-Mail: margiemc12@gmail.com. Visit our website at [www.ccwsisters.org](http://www.ccwsisters.org) or visit us on facebook

**Scott Hahn Announcement** The Society of St. Vincent DePaul will sponsor a day with Dr. Scott Hahn, noted Catholic author and speaker, Saturday Sept 12, 2015 at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School in Ebensburg. Tickets for the day are \$10 per person which includes refreshments and a boxed lunch. For more information or to purchase tickets contact Laurie at 814-943-1981 ext. 106

Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating their 1st, 5th, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 55th, and 60th+ Wedding Anniversary in 2015 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend Sunday, Sept. 13 in JOHNSTOWN at St. John Gualbert Cathedral or Sunday, Sept. 20 in ALTOONA at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00 p.m. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Punch and cookies will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families. Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Tuesday Aug. 25.

Faith & Light – Sharing Faith & Friendship with Intellectual Disabled Persons A faith sharing group which also includes family members, caregivers, friends. Meets monthly, Sundays, 1:00-4:00 pm at a handicap accessible location. Call Gaye (814) 472-7317 or Family Life Office (814) 886-5551. [www.faithandlight.org](http://www.faithandlight.org); [www.faithandlightusaeast.org](http://www.faithandlightusaeast.org)

Know someone married 5 or 10 years? A son or daughter, sibling, niece or nephew, or you yourselves...Bishop Mark has a message for you! To receive this letter, send the couple's name, mailing address, email and whether married 5 or 10 years to the Family Life Office, 5379 Portage St., Lilly, PA 15938; 814-886-5551; [familylife@dioceseaj.org](mailto:familylife@dioceseaj.org). Be sure to indicate it is for the anniversary letter from Bishop Mark.

## **His Most Productive Crop**

One growing season a farmer had a beautiful crop of grain. But a week before the harvest it was wiped out by a hailstorm. His son expected the farmer to lash out in bitterness and despair. But instead he accepted the loss in a spirit of faith and quiet acceptance. Today this farmer's son is a person of faith who has also learned to live with failure and loss. He thinks of this devastated grain field as his father's most productive crop because it taught him a lesson he had never forgotten. When it comes to our own children, we should remember that lessons and values which we try to teach them are more easily caught than taught. Modeling the right behavior before our children is a lot more effective than lectures and empty words.

## ***PLEASE, MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS***

**August 16, 2015** (Sunday): **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Meeting** in School Hall at 10:00 a.m.

**August 20, 2015** (Thursday): **ST VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY Meeting** in Holy Family Hall at 5:00 p.m.

**September 1, 2015** (Tuesday): **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL Meeting** in the Holy family hall at 6:30 p.m.

**September 4, 2015** (Friday): **FIRST FRIDAY** visits to homebound and hospitalized parishioners.

**September 9, 2015** (Wednesday): **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA Meeting** in Holy Family Hall at 6:30 p.m.

**September 12/13, 2015** (Saturday/Sunday): **THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA COLLECTION** will be taken at all the weekend Masses.

**September 17, 2015** (Thursday): **ST VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY Meeting** in Holy Family Hall at 5:00 p.m.

**September 20, 2015** (Sunday): **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Meeting** in School Hall at 10:00 a.m.

**September 26/27, 2015** (Saturday/Sunday): **RETIRED PRIESTS MEDICAL COLLECTION** will be taken at all weekend Masses.

**October 2, 2015** (Friday): **FIRST FRIDAY** visits to homebound and hospitalized parishioners.

**October 7, 2015** (Wednesday): **PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL Meeting** in Saint Catherine Rectory at 6:30 p.m.

**October 14, 2015** (Wednesday): **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA Meeting** in Holy Family Hall at 6:30 p.m.

**October 15, 2015** (Thursday): **ST VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY Meeting** in Holy Family Hall at 5:00 p.m.

**October 17/18, 2015** (Saturday/Sunday): **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION** will be taken at all the weekend Masses.

**October 18, 2015** (Sunday): **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Meeting** in School Hall at 10:00 a.m.

**November 1, 2015** **ALL SAINTS DAY** is a Holy Day of Obligation.

**November 1, 2015** (Sunday): **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS.**

**November 3, 2015** (Tuesday): **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL Meeting** in the Holy family hall at 6:30 p.m.

**November 6, 2015** (Friday): **FIRST FRIDAY** visits to homebound and hospitalized parishioners.

**November 11, 2015** (Wednesday): **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA Meeting** in Holy Family Hall at 6:30 p.m.

## Schedule of Liturgical Ministries for August 22/23, 2015

MASS	Lectors	Altar Servers	Hospitality Ministers (Greeters)	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday <b>5:00 p.m.</b>	Louise Ketner	Marie Daschbach	Mary Lyons	Louise Ketner Andrea Christoff Jerry Norris
Sunday <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Suzanne Brown Dennis Drake	Kaitlin Todaro C. J. Booher Lauren Todaro	Helen Rinker	Mary Secrest Will Crouse Marcia Slates

**Liturgical Reflection....** The Church encourages the ministry of Commentator. In the absence of the Deacon, the commentator assists with the Universal Prayer. Where it is the custom, the commentator may provide the faithful with brief explanations and exhortations so as to direct their attention to the celebration and ensure that they are better disposed for understanding it. These remarks should be thoroughly prepared and notable for their restraint. Also, he/she may make the parish announcements at the appropriate time. The commentator stands in a suitable place within the sight of the faithful, but not at the ambo. General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Number 105b. Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.

*STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION* Christian stewards recognize that their “possessions” are only on loan from God. They recognize these gifts, cherish them, cultivate them and share them with others while “giving thanks always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Eph 5:20)

### *FINANCIAL REPORT*

Number of Sunday Envelopes Issued:.....142  
 Number of Sunday Envelopes Used:.....74



*SANCTUARY CANDLE:*  
**Poor Souls**



*GIFT BEARERS for:*  
**Saturday August 22, 2015:** Nick and Cinda  
**Sunday, August 23, 2015:** Ushers

*COLLECTION COUNTING SCHEDULE for:*  
**Sunday, August 16, 2015:** Dennis Drake  
**Sunday, August 23, 2015:** Kathy Lantz

### *LOOSE COLLECTION*

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of month: Saint Catherine Cemetery  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of month: General  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month: St. Vincent DePaul Society  
 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month: Charity

### Today Gospel

Jn 6:51-58

In today’s gospel Jesus speaks of eating his flesh and blood. Parents can identify with this, for they often feel devoured by all the demands of family life. This is unavoidable for children grow in the soil of sacrificial love. Parenting is not part time work. It is a consuming lifetime commitment.