APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES:

Sat. Jan. 14 - 4:00 PM - Kelsey Donoughe, Ryan Donoughe
Sun. Jan. 15 - 8:00 AM - Sarah Geishauser, not filled
Sun. Jan. 15 - 11:00 AM - Nate Rudolph, Kaelab Ruggles

LECTORS:

Sat. Jan. 14 - 4:00 PM - Joyce Cunningham, David Langguth
Sun. Jan. 15 - 8:00 AM - Fran Semelsberger, Tim Rea
Sun. Jan. 15 - 11:00 AM - Donna Moyer, Susanna Tomlinson

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. Jan. 14 - 4:00 PM - Jenna Jenkins, John Lloyd
Sun. Jan. 15 - 8:00 AM - Cora Bacon, Mary Truesdale
Sun. Jan. 15 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Barbara Bundy, Dolores Capriotti, Bob Olson, David Petrak, Mary Petrak

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Sat. Jan. 14 - 4:00 PM - Barb Aubrey, Connie Baker, Betsy Lloyd, Judy Sneath
Sun. Jan. 15 - 8:00 AM - Mary Grace Horton, Charlie Moore, Ginny Reeder, Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. Jan. 15 - 11:00 AM - Paula Adams, Walter Bloom, Lou Ann Clark, Wally Wargo

SACRISTAN:

Sat. Jan. 14 - 4:00 PM - Mary & Ray King
Sun. Jan. 15 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. Jan. 15 - 11:00 AM - Barbara Bundy

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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

January 16 - Parish Office closed.
March 1 - Ash Wednesday/Lenten Soup Supper
March 11 - Love Feast

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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE:
MONDAY•TUESDAY•THURSDAY•FRIDAY: 8:30AM
WEDNESDAY: 6:00PM
SATURDAY: 4:00PM
SUNDAY: 8:00AM•11:00AM

The magi were overjoyed at seeing the star,
and on entering the house they saw the child
with Mary his mother.
Matthew 2:10-11

A Few Words from the Pastor:

Seeing America First – At our Wednesday evening Mass this week we welcome as our celebrant Father Anthony Petracca. He has recently published a travel book entitled Seeing America First, which includes stories from his own treks across the country, along with recommendations for travel destinations in each of the 50 states! He will be doing a book signing after Mass, as well as offer a brief comment on the travels which prompted his writing. All are encouraged to come to Mass and visit with Father Petracca, and purchase his book!

Speaking of "Seeing America First" – On Sunday afternoon I will leave to take a week in the Florida sun, along with two priest companions. I am grateful for Deacon Gene and our excellent staff for holding down the fort in my absence.

Unbound – Next weekend a visiting priest, Rev. John D. Kirwin, will be here representing "Unbound." Formerly known as the Christian Foundation for Children and Aging (CFCA), Unbound is a nonprofit sponsorship organization headquartered in Kansas City, Kansas. Unbound was founded by lay Catholic workers acting on the Gospel call to serve the poor. "Unbound" partners with families living in poverty, empowering them to become self-sufficient and fulfill their desired potential. Rather than a special collection, Unbound encourages sponsorships. Our visiting priest will provide materials, and all the necessary information about how YOU can help the disadvantaged!

The Baptism of the Lord – In our liturgical calendar this year, with Christmas on a Sunday, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which is usually celebrated the Sunday after the Epiphany, is transferred to Monday of this week. Please join us for this important feast!

A New Playground and Fence – On Lotz Avenue behind the church, our school tenants, NHS, have erected a fence within which a playground will be constructed. When the weather is suitable, this will give the children a safe place to play. The cost of the fence and playground is met by NHS themselves.

National Migration Week (January 8 – 15) - For nearly a half century, the Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated National Migration Week, which is an opportunity for the Church to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children, and victims and survivors of human trafficking. The theme for National Migration Week 2017 draws attention to Pope Francis' call to create a culture of encounter, and in doing so to look beyond our own needs and wants to those of others around us. In the homily given at his first Pentecost as pope, he emphasized the importance of encounter in the Christian faith: "For me this word is very important. Encounter with others. Why? Because faith is an encounter with Jesus, and we must do what Jesus does: encounter others."

New Sidewalks – Our gratitude to Dave Auerbeck for the new sidewalks that he and his crew poured between our back parking lot and our parish office. We appreciate his generosity and hard work.

Adult Ed to Resume – Our Adult Ed program continues next Sunday, January 8, as we welcome again Bishop Robert Barron, with a new series entitled "Pivotal Players." This 12 week series will illumine the contribution of some of Catholicism's greatest saints, artists and writers. It will include Saint Francis of Assisi (where we will begin) and Saint Catherine of Siena, St. Thomas Aquinas and Blessed John Henry Newman, Michelangelo and G.K. Chesterton. This is a program you will not want to miss!

Praying for Christian Unity – Later this month, from January 18-25, we will be observing the *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*. There has never been a time in our history when Christian need to be united and speaking with one voice, especially in the face of persecutions in the Middle East and in response to the rampant materialism in our own culture. This is an urgent mission for Pope Francis, as it should be for all of us! The theme for this year: ***Reconciliation: the Love of Christ Impels Us!***

OUR PARISH FAMILY … Barbara Harpster has been a member of our parish since 1998. She is a Regional Marketing Representative for Centre Publications, and travels throughout Pennsylvania to meet with business people. Barb explained that her company produces various types of business materials "from business cards to chamber publications". Here at St John's, Barb is a choir member and cantor. Her mother, Donna, is also a choir member. Barb has an adult daughter, Katie, who is a teacher of the deaf for IU8 in Cambria County. Katie is engaged, so they are busy preparing for her wedding coming up in June. When I asked Barb how she felt about St John's, she said it's always been "welcoming" here and "feels like a family". *If you're willing to be included in this weekly feature, designed to help us learn more about our St John's family, contact: Cecelia Bloom, at 695-2806 or ceceb13@verizon.net. We'd especially like to hear from some of our 4:00 & 8:00 Mass people!*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education Schedule

January 8 Regular class 9:15-10:45
January 15 Regular class 9:15-10:45
January 22 Regular class 9:15-10:45

11th Grade Confirmation Retreat

Saturday January 14th - 9 to 5 at St. Francis University

NEXT WEEKEND, please welcome Rev. John D. Kirwin, who will be with us to celebrate Masses and tell us about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 20 developing countries. To learn more, call (800) 875-6564 or visit Unbound online at www.unbound.org.

LOVE FEAST: You will notice strips on the kiosk to donate food items for our next Love Feast which is ***Saturday, March 11***. Please return items by ***March 6*** to the designated area under the coat-rack. Also, we will need new servers for this event as some of our usual helpers have gone south for sea & sunshine. Please volunteer to help by signing up on the kiosk.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Matthew 2:11

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow all year long. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be the most generous with that one thing that means the most to us.

Stewardship at St. John's

OFFERTORY for January 1, 2017

Envelopes	$	7,470.00
Loose	$	774.00
Children's	$	30.00
Parish Development	$	101.00
Solemnity of Mary	$	1,581.00
Catholic Education	$	86.00
Christmas Offering	$	1,165.00
Total:	$	11,207.00
Online Giving:	$	2,629.00
TOTAL:	**$**	**13,836.00**

ACA update: $59,128 in Receipts
The parish has exceeded the goal of $49,405.
Parish Share is $9,723.00 as of 12/13/16

St. John's Prayer List

It is a Spiritual Work of Mercy to pray for the sick. If you know of someone in the parish who is ill or has passed away and in need of prayers, please call Ginny Reeder (695-7671) or email her at ginny.reeder@gmail.com to add their name to the prayer list.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING and their caregivers and give thanks for those who have recovered. *Lord we ask for your blessings and care for these and all people in need*:

Judy Baird • Millie Bilski • Carol Field
JoAnne Gerardine • Judy Hurm • Brian Kopp
Ron Peschock • Bob & Mary Rajnish • Olga Romerowicz
Fran Semelsberger • Madison Shura • Patty Teufel
Noah Wills
For Christian unity

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION AND DELIVERY: We are collecting cereal for the Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at the Assumption Chapel. There will be a separate container for the cereal. Please add cereal to our ongoing monthly Food Collection. Thank you. Also, please consider signing up on the kiosk to deliver food that we collect to a designated food bank. Details are on the sheet attached to the sign-up. Most volunteers pick up the bags of food after morning Mass on the Monday after the second Sunday.

HAITI UPDATE: We will be taking a trip to Haiti from January 18th to January 24th. We still have room if you want to join us . If you missed the bulletin insert sharing Father Banive's Christmas letter, it is posted on the kiosk. We will soon display a photo of the new school desks. Also, *please consider making a donation* toward extra checked baggage, printer ink for school worksheets, school supplies, and another battery for the solar panel. It would be nice to have some of these costs covered for our trip. During Lent we will be promoting a fund to help with the teacher salaries.
For more information, please contact Mary Lee Madigan-Davis at mlmdcreek@aol.com or 814-931-2651.

January Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

CHRISTIAN UNITY

That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

Thank you! Words cannot express the gratitude that we feel for the cards, gifts, both monetary and otherwise, and the cheerful greetings that you gave us during this Christmas Season.
As I have said before:

***Thank you for being part of our lives and allowing us to be part of yours. May God bless you*!**

Deacon Gene and Barbara Neral

Additional flowers were placed in the sanctuary at Christmas in memory of:

Patsy Adams, Dorothy Miller, Thomas Miller, Tony Stachmus and Virginia Stachmus requested by Dr. & Mrs. Dennis Stachmus;

Joseph Aungst requested by Chris & Natalie Smith & family;

Gary Bevan, Bevan and Baronner families requested by Marilyn Bevan;

My parents, Mr. & Mts. James Heitsenrether requested by Susan Wertz;

Deceased members of the Leonard, Kochle and Lloyd family requested by Mr. & Mrs. John Lloyd;

Jeffery Goetz requested by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Luckner;

Marion Nagle requested by Barb Nagle

Star of the Sea Council 4245, Hollidaysburg, will hold its Free Throw Championship on January 28, 2017 from 12:00-2:00pm at St. Patrick's Gym in Newry. REGISTRATION 12:00-12:30pm. Competition is free but donations of a non-perishable food item for a local food bank is encouraged. Open to boys and girls 7-14 as of January 1, 2017. Participants must bring proof of age and may only participate in one council competition. Awards for all age groups. Questions or pre-register by calling Dennis Dombrosky at 695-1509 or emailing dinopapt@aol.com.

ECUMENICAL SERVICES: On Sunday, January 22, 2017, Bishop Mark Bartchak of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown will host an ecumenical service at C athedral of the Blessed Sacrament, One Cathedral Square, Altoona, Pennsylvania. The service begins at 2:00 PM and all are invited to participate .
On Sunday, January 29, 2017, Bishop Michael Rhyne of the Lutheran tradition will host an ecumenical service at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, 1000 Scalp Avenue (Richland), Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Bishop Mark Bartchak will be in attendance at this service, which begins at 2:00 P.M.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday January 8 - The Epiphany of the Lord
8:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*
11:00AM-Mass for *Francis Bean* requested by Guido & Debbie Santella

Monday January 9 - The Baptism of the Lord
7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:30AM– Morning Prayer and Communion Service

Tuesday January 10 - Weekday
7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:30AM– Morning Prayer and Communion Service

Wednesday January 11 - Weekday
5:00PM- Eucharistic Adoration
6:00PM– Mass for *Danny Roberto* requested by Betsy Slat

Thursday January 12 - Weekday
7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:30AM– Morning Prayer and Communion Service

Friday January 13 - Weekday
7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Therese Schneider* requested by Anna Musselman

Saturday January 14 - Vigil of the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00PM-Mass for *People of the Parish*

Sunday January 15 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM-Mass for *Guido Prosperi* requested by John Prosperi
11:00AM-Mass for *Jeff Sefchock* requested by Terry & Kathy Tomassetti

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12; Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-1

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