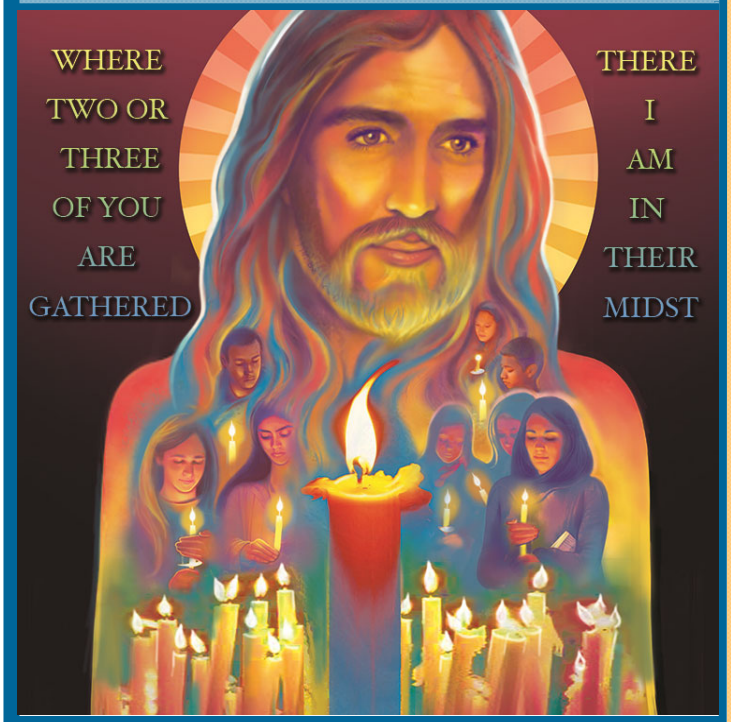
## *UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS*

September 10 - Haiti Presentation at 9:15
September 10 - Second Sunday Food Collection
**September 10 - Return to 11:00 Mass Time**
September 12 - Parish Council Meeting
September 17 - Religious Education Classes Start
September 23 - Wine/Cider Tasting after 4:00 Mass




# SEPTEMBER 10, 2017
# 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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**September Prayer Intention of Pope Francis**

**PARISHES**

That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

## APPOINTMENTS

**ACOLYTES:**
**Sat. Sept. 16 - 4:00 PM - Ryan & Jack Donoughe**
**Sun. Sept. 17 - 8:00 AM - Emily & Ethan Miller**
**Sun. Sept. 17 - 11:00 AM - Alexandria Auerbeck, Nate Rudolph**

**LECTORS:**
**Sat. Sept. 16 - 4:00 PM - Jenna Jenkins, Wally Wargo**
**Sun. Sept. 17 - 8:00 AM - Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky**
**Sun. Sept. 17 - 11:00 AM - Donna Moyer, Bob Olson**

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**
**Sat. Sept. 16 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, John Lloyd**
**Sun. Sept. 17 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, Fran Semelsberger**
**Sun. Sept. 17 - 11:00 AM - Cecelia Bloom, Susanna Tomlinson, Walter Bloom, Barbara Bundy, Joseph Klobuka, Pam Klobuka**

**MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:**
**Sat. Sept. 16 - 4:00 PM - Barb Aubrey, Betsy Lloyd, Heather Nackley, Billy Sweet**
**Sun. Sept. 17 - 8:00 AM - Helen Miller, Ginny Reeder, Ed Stoltz, Mary Truesdale**
**Sun. Sept. 17 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Lou Ann Clark, Anna Podoletz, Patrick Podoletz**

**SACRISTAN:**
**Sat. Sept. 16 - 4:00 PM - Billy Sweet**
**Sun. Sept. 17 - 8:00 AM - Joyce Cunningham**
**Sun. Sept. 17 - 11:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti**

**SCRIP:**
**Sat. Sept. 16 - 4:00 PM - Becky Merilli, NOT FILLED**
**Sun. Sept. 17 - 8:00 AM - Carolyn English, NOT FILLED**
**Sun. Sept. 17 - 11:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph**

**WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE**

**MONDAY • TUESDAY • THURSDAY • FRIDAY - 8:30AM**
**WEDNESDAY - 6:00 PM**
**SATURDAY - 4:00PM • SUNDAY - 8:00AM • 11:00AM**

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# A Few Words from the Pastor:

**What Generosity!** We are remembering in a very special and urgent way the people who are suffering in Texas due to the recent hurricane and subsequent flooding. We received close to $5,000 in donations in the second collection! Those who were not able to contribute last weekend, are urged to do so this weekend. Many thanks to all who have contributed. Checks can be made out to the parish. These funds will be sent to Catholic Charities in the dioceses that have been affected.

**A Presentation on our Sister Parish –** We are most grateful to Mary Lee Davis for preparing a program on our Sister Parish in Haiti, to be presented at the first session of our Adult Ed this Sunday, September 10, at 9:15. Please plan on joining us for this informative and inspiring presentation.

**Adult Ed - Untold Blessings** - God calls each of us to become a saint, and he's ready to support us along the way by providing abundant blessings. Join us as we seek these blessings by participating in Bishop Robert Barron's DVD-based program: "Untold Blessing: Three Paths to Holiness." The first path is "Finding the Center in Christ;" the second is "Knowing You Are a Sinner" and then the third, "Realizing Your Life is Not About You." ***We begin this series on Sunday, September 17th, at 9:15 AM in the Cafeteria.***

**Scholarship Available!** We have extended the deadline for applications for the John and Helen Despot Scholarship Fund for Catholic Elementary Education. Applications are available in the Gathering Space or can be obtained from the parish office. The scholarship will be awarded later in the month. We are grateful for the generosity of the Despot family, who have so generously established this fund in memory of their parents, John and Helen.

**Of Feasts and Saints** – On Thursday we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, followed on Friday by the feast of our Mother of Sorrows. These celebrations go side by side for good reason, for certainly it was at the foot of the Cross that Mary was overcome with sorrow! Book-ending these feasts are the commemoration of St. John Chrysostom on Wednesday, and the martyrs Cornelius and Cyprian on Saturday. St. John Chrysostom lived in the 4th century and is considered one of the great preachers of Christian history. He served as Bishop of Constantinople before being exiled by his adversaries, and died in exile in 407 AD. Cornelius and Cyprian were lasting friends, and are always remembered together. Serving the church in the 3rd century, both were martyred for their faith – Cornelius as Pope, and Cyprian as bishop of Carthage. Of Cyprian St. Jerome wrote: "It is superfluous to speak of his greatness, for his works are more luminous than the sun."

**Our Catholic Ministries Drive** – We are most appreciative of your support of our Catholic Ministries Drive. Caring for the Poor and Strengthening Families, Nurturing our Youth, and Forming Clergy and Laity, are the needs which your contributions sustain. Our parish goal is $45,713, toward which we have received $35,735. Please be generous.

**Pilgrimages** - I have begun making plans with Mr. Jim Roccio for a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in May of 2018. If you recall, Jim is the planner for our Ireland and Rome trips in the past. We will be giving more info in the near future. Looking ahead, in 2019 we would like to plan a summer trip to the California Missions (San Diego, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, San Francisco, and the wine country). In 2020, we will be planning a pilgrimage to Oberammergau in Bavaria, Germany, to experience the world-renowned Passion Play, which is presented only every ten years.

***OUR PARISH FAMILY …*** Larry & Annette Shedlock have been members of our parish since 1985, and Annette said that they "like just about everything at St John's". Larry works for New Pig Corporation, and Annette is an RN at UPMC Altoona. They are both originally from the Portage area, and have 2 adult children and 2 grandchildren. Their son, Michael, has a Doctorate in Pharmacy and is married to Amanda Kenney who is also from our parish. Daughter Denise works as a medical coder, and lives with her husband Josh and their 2 children in Bens Creek. Their home is Larry's old homestead, which Larry and Josh have remodeled & enlarged. Larry & Annette usually attend the 11:00 Mass, or sometimes the 4:00 Saturday Mass to fit with Annette's work schedule. Annette said they have enjoyed watching the children in our parish grow up and that they love seeing other parishioners with grandchildren. She also said they appreciate that our parish offers such a wide variety of activities, with ways to be involved from "big to small". And Larry thinks that our choir is "awesome".

*The "Our Parish Family" feature is designed to help us learn more about our fellow parishioners. If you're willing to be featured here, contact Cecelia Bloom at 695-2806 or ceceb13@verizon.net.*

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

**Religious Education Classes Start next Sunday, September 17 - 9:15AM to 10:45AM**

You can find our yearly calendar at www.stjohnsaltoona.org

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· At Mass we work to become the people God wants us to be, then we are sent out to live what Christ taught and share that with others.
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    2. In the Priest
    3. In the Word of God
    4. In the people
· Start your week off by letting God transform you!

***WINE AND CIDER TASTING:***
All are invited to join us on Saturday, September 23 after the 4:00PM Mass. Let's toast to the upcoming Fall Season!

***GIVE US THIS DAY:*** A reminder that new or renewed subscriptions to this monthly publication are due at the end of September. There are envelopes in the gathering space that you can use to make your $20 payment by the end of this month.

***STEWARDSHIP CORNER:*** Am I my brother's keeper? All three readings today suggest the answer is "yes" for the Christian Steward. We will be rewarded by the Lord if we follow his directives.

## Stewardship at St. John's

*OFFERTORY for September 3, 2017*

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| Envelopes | $ 6,769.00 |
| Loose | $ 719.00 |
| Children's | $ 32.00 |
| Catholic Register | $ 38.00 |
| Parish Development | $ 100.00 |
| Catholic Education | $ 111.00 |
| Catholic University | $ 85.00 |
| Retired Priest Medical | $ 60.00 |
| *SubTotal* | *$ 7,914.00* |
| Online Giving | $ 2,503.00 |
| ***Total Offertory*** | ***$10,417.00*** |

**Hurricane Relief $4,720.00**
**Matching Grant Donations To Date $20,500**
**Catholic Ministry Drive Amount Received YTD $35,735**
**Pledges YTD $4,760**

***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*:

**Baby Adam • Millie Bilski • Vicky Buda**
**Yolanda Bumann • Vincent Cannizzaro • Robert Cole**
**Mary Lee DeStefano • Michael DeStefano**
**Michelle Fasline • Carol Field • JoAnne Gerardine**
**Brian Kopp • Robert Leidy • Bill Loth • Jim McLarren**
**Bryson Miller • June Miller • Anne-Marie Norris**
**Ron Peschock • Dave Petrak • Bob & Mary Rajnish**
**Olga Romerowicz • Justine Wareham Smith**
**Patty Teufel • Lois Werfel • Noah Wills**
**Our Lady Of Lourdes Parish**

HOME WITH THE LORD: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:

**Everest Saad, grandson of Bonnie Saad**
**Carolyn Ward**
**Alma Reismeier - mother of Mary Ann Mirobelli**
**Jack Sahlaney - father of Betty Abraham**

***SCRIP CONTEST:*** Don't forget to sign up as a new ScripNow user and place 2 orders between Sept 1 and Oct 31 to be entered into the contest to win $50 of Scrip. Those already using ScripNow who order $2500 in Scrip between Nov 10 and December 24 will be given an entry for a contest to win $100 of Scrip. Winners will be selected during 11:00AM mass. The winner need not be present to win. This Scrip contest is supported by Fit3 team forming in Altoona with Heather Yasolsky as coach.

***HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL PRESENTS:*** Rockin' the Key's Dueling Piano's By Dueling Piano's International on Friday, September 22 at the Railroaders Museum. Tickets are $25.00 a person. Join us and our professional entertainers as they tickle the ivories and tickle your funny bones! Tickets are on sale now. Call or stop by any of our three campuses for tickets. Middle School – (814)942-7835 Altoona – (814)381-7011 Hollidaysburg (814)695-6112

***GOLF TOURNAMENT:*** Saint Patrick School in Newry will be holding a Golf Tournament at Iron Masters Golf Club on Saturday, October 7, 2017. Please contact the school for details at 695-3819.

***HAITI NEWS:*** There will be a trip to Haiti in early November. We will continue with the recycling education and, under Debbie Johnson's direction, a music project involving the Sts. Peter and Paul choir will begin. If you have any interest in going on this mission please contact Mary Lee Madigan-Davis, mlmdcreek@aol.com. 931-2651. Another trip in January is also planned.

***ST JOHN'S FAMILY ALBUM:*** Take a look at the album on the stand in the gathering space. The last five entries were recently done by our new calligrapher, Tyne Palazzi. This album is a wonderful place to commemorate special events (e.g. weddings, anniversaries, baptisms, First Communions, graduations), or to remember someone who has passed on. If you would like to request an entry, please complete one of the envelopes that are with the album. You can place your completed envelope back in the album, or just drop it in the collection basket. We hope that more parishioners will take advantage of this opportunity to create a lasting record of the special events and wonderful people that are a part of St John's Parish.

***CHICKEN BARBECUE:*** St. Demetrius Parish in Gallitzin will hold its annual Chicken BBQ Dinner and Mini-Bazaar Sunday September 24th, in the parish Activity Center (rear 616 Church St.) in Gallitzin. Dinners for Adults: $10.00; Children 6-12: $6.00; Children aged 5 and under: free. Takeouts: $10.00. A flea market will also be featured, as well as baked goods, games, and baskets. Dinner will be served from 11 a.m. until - ?

***EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION:*** Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Altoona, PA is commemorating the Centennial of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima by scheduling Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction for 2 hours on the following dates of the original Apparitions: Thursday, July 13th, Saturday, August 19th, ***Wednesday, September 13th***, and Friday, October 13th. Holy Hours are from 6 – 8 PM. Each holy hour will start with praying of the rosary for Peace in the World as Our Lady originally requested and the time in between will be spent in quiet meditation. All are welcome!

***"THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL BUT THE WORKERS ARE FEW." (Matthew 9:37)*** It is that time of the year and the Monastery Community garden at the Franciscan Monastery in Hollidaysburg needs your help to bring in the Harvest, then pack and deliver the fresh vegetables to the people who feed the poor in our community. These Acts of Mercy are both worthwhile and fulfilling. Volunteer for an hour or more. Not all jobs are physical. Call Teresa at 684-5581 or David at 327-9774 for more information.

## *SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK*

**Sunday September 10- 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00AM-Mass for *Pat Madden* requested by
Diane & Rick Kline
11:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*

**Monday September 11 - Weekday**
9:00AM-Mass for *Father Paul Turnbull* requested by
Barb Bundy

**Tuesday September 12 - Weekday**
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Bud Bloom* requested by
Adam Lee

**Wednesday September 13 - St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
5:00PM-Eucharistic Adoration/Confessions
6:00PM-Mass for *Fr. Robert Yetsko, T.O.R.* requested by
Dr. & Mrs. David Lee

**Thursday September 14 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Matthew Geishauser* requested by
Lance & Michele DeFrancisco

**Friday September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows**
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Ward & Marcella Diehl* requested by
John & Carol Bismark

**Saturday September 16 - Vigil of the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
3:00PM-Confessions
4:00PM- Mass for *People of the Parish*

**Sunday September 17- 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00AM-Mass for *Pat Madden* requested by
Rick & Diane Kline
11:00AM-Mass for *Connie Perretta* requested by
Ray & Mary King

***READINGS FOR THE WEEK***
Monday: Col 1:24 -- 2:3; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

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