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APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES:

Sat. Feb. 10 - 4:00 PM - David & Alexandria Auerbeck
Sun. Feb. 11 - 8:00 AM - Sarah Geishauser, Amber Yasolsky
Sun. Feb. 11 - 11:00 AM - Caitlin & Tyler Conigy
Wed. Feb. 14 - 6:00 PM - Nicholas Helsley, Claire Nackley

LECTORS:

Sat. Feb. 10 - 4:00 PM - Jack Donoughe, David Andrews
Sun. Feb. 11 - 8:00 AM - Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
Sun. Feb. 11 - 11:00 AM - Jim Campbell, Paul Dennis
Wed. Feb. 14 - 6:00 PM - Bill Foose, Norma Foose

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Feb. 10 - 4:00 PM - Barb Aubrey, Dorothy Yingling
Sun. Feb. 11 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, Fran Semelsberger
Sun. Feb. 11 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Dolores Capriotti
Wed. Feb. 14 - 6:00 PM - Barbara Bundy, Walter Bloom

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Sat. Feb. 10 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, Heather Nackley,
Mary Frances Stokan, Wally Wargo
Sun. Feb. 11 - 8:00 AM - Carolyn English, Helen Miller,
Charlie Moore, Mary Truesdale
Sun. Feb. 11 - 11:00 AM - Wendy Campbell, Lou Ann Clark,
Peg Madden, Patrick Podoletz
Wed. Feb. 14 - 6:00 PM - Fran Semelsberger, Daniel Turcovsky,
Diane Turcovsky, Dorothy Yingling

SACRISTAN:

Sat. Feb. 10 - 4:00 PM - Billy Sweet
Sun. Feb. 11 - 8:00 AM - Joyce Cunningham
Sun. Feb. 11 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan
Wed. Feb. 14 - 6:00 PM - NOT FILLED

SCRIP:

Sat. Feb. 10 - 4:00 PM - Charlene Lancy, Anna Rasmussen
Sun. Feb. 11 - 8:00 AM - Christopher Palazzi, Heather Yasolsky
Sun. Feb. 11 - 11:00 AM - Judy Sneath, Dorothy Yingling

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

February 9 - Movie night, "Silence": 7:00 PM
February 10 - Mardi Gras: 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM
February 11 - Second Sunday Food Collection
February 14 - Ash Wednesday: 8:30 AM & 6:00 PM Mass
February 14 - Lenten Soup Supper after 6:00 PM Mass
February 16 - Stations of the Cross: 7:00 PM
February 19 - Parish Office Closed/Presidents' Day
February 24 - Discover The Church after 4:00 PM Mass
February 25 - Penance Service: 4:00 PM

Jesus said,

"LET US GO ON
TO THE NEARBY
VILLAGES THAT I MAY
PREACH THERE ALSO.
FOR THIS PURPOSE
HAVE I COME."

Mark 1:38



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FEBRUARY 4, 2018
5TH SUNDAY IN
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A Few Words from the Pastor:

Friday Night at the Movies! The 16th century persecution of Christians in Japan (see the note below!) is powerfully portrayed in the new film, *Silence*, directed by Martin Scorsese and starring Liam Neeson. This film will be shown on Friday, February 9th at 7:00 PM in our Parish Center. All are most welcome. Popcorn and refreshments provided!

Our Japanese Martyrs - Paul Miki, son of a Japanese military leader, joined the Jesuits in 1580, and became known for his eloquent preaching. He was crucified in Nagasaki on February 5, 1597 with twenty-five other Catholics during the persecution of Christians under the regent, Toyotomi Hideyoshi, who ruled Japan in the name of the emperor.

Bring Your Old Palm to Church – The ashes that we use on Ash Wednesday are prepared from the palms of the previous Holy Week. If you have your palm from last year, bring it to church and place in the basket provided!

Arise! Together in Christ! – As our diocese is embarking on an exciting adventure in parish renewal, each parish has been asked to form an “Arise” parish team. *Arise Together in Christ* is a three-year, parish-centered process of evangelization and spiritual renewal, designed to help people develop a closer relationship with Christ, grow in community, and reach out in service to others. Should you be interested in serving on this team, or simply want to learn more about “Arise,” please contact Msgr. Becker or Debbie Johnson. For more information, follow the *Catholic Register*, or go online to: <https://www.dioceseaj.org/arise>.

Someone in the Hospital? – Because parishes are not notified by the hospital when a parishioner has been admitted, it is important that family members contact the parish office with that information. This will give us an opportunity for a pastoral visit, as well as inclusion in our prayers!

Sister Scholastica – As a 4th grader at St. Patrick’s school in Newry, I was taught by Sister Mary Scholastica, a Sister of Mercy (RSM). I remember her friendly disposition, as well as the “Board of Education” which she kept close at hand should any of us get out of line! It was only much later in life that I learned that *Saint* Scholastica was the twin sister of Saint Benedict. There is a beautiful stained-glass window of Scholastica and Benedict in the Benedictine basilica of St. Vincent in Latrobe. We honor her this Saturday, February 10.

A Reminder! Second Sunday Food Collection will take place next Sunday!

Adult Ed – Our Sunday sessions continue with insightful discussions on the Old Testament with Dr. Amy Jill Levine, note scholar from Duke University. All are most welcome!

Small Lenten Groups Again This Year – As in previous years, we are encouraging parishioners to participate in our small group discussions during Lent. The sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Space, as well as copies of the resource we will be using. Let this be your best Lent ever!

OUR PARISH FAMILY: Jorden & Kelly Luther officially joined St John’s just last year, but had been attending Mass here intermittently over the last several years. Their son, Eli David, was born in July and recently baptized at our 11:00 Mass. Jorden is originally from this area, grew up as a member of Our Lady of Lourdes parish, and graduated from Bishop Guilfoyle. Kelly is from near Columbus, Ohio and first came to this area in 2009 to attend St Francis University. After meeting Jorden and graduating from college, she moved here permanently to begin work in 2014. Jorden is a Physician Assistant at Dr’s Walk-In Care in Altoona. Kelly is also a Physician Assistant, at the UPMC Huntingdon Primary Care Center and the UPMC Altoona ER. Jorden & Kelly said they have found St John’s to be “warm and welcoming” and chose our parish because of the family atmosphere. They appreciate that there are other young families and that no one seems upset about an occasional crying baby, which allows them to feel comfortable worshipping as a family. Also, Kelly said that her large home parish in Ohio has a wonderful music program and our music makes her feel “right at home”. In the past, they have both served as Eucharistic Ministers, Jorden as a lector, and Kelly in music ministry. They are looking forward to becoming more involved here at St John’s, when their work schedules and baby Eli’s schedule permit.



Whether you are a new or longtime parishioner, we’d love to feature you in a future bulletin. If you’re willing, please contact: Cecelia Bloom, at 695-2806 or ceceb13@verizon.net.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Sunday February 4 - Regular class 9:15-10:45
Sunday February 11 - No Class
Sunday February 18 - Regular class 9:15-10:45
Sunday February 25 - No Class

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

11th Grade Confirmation service project :

February 14th (Ash Wednesday) 5:00PM -8:30PM
in the cafeteria serving soup supper to parish.



Starting Sunday, February 18th, our 11 First Communion students will be present every Sunday at the 11:00 AM Mass during Lent. This is a wonderful way to deepen the children's understanding of the Mass and give them a special sense of church community as they prepare for this sacrament. Please pray for them as they are in their final preparation before receiving First Holy Communion.

LADIES NIGHT OUT: Join St. John's Women's Group for an evening of FUN, FOOD, GAMES - Monday, Feb 5, 2018, in the Parish Center at 6:00 PM. RSVP by emailing Barb Bundy at bf Bundy@gmail.com. Bring a friend, and a dish, drink, or dessert. If you have any fun game ideas, please give Barb the info.

PARISH MARDI GRAS PARTY: (Ages 21 & over) Saturday, February 10, from 5:30PM until 9:00PM in Father Bailey Hall. Please join us for delicious food, music, dancing, entertainment. the King Cakewalk and the crowning of the 2018 Mardi Gras King & Queen. The parish will provide chicken & soft drinks. Please bring a side dish. Sign up on the kiosk. Guests are welcome. BYOB



In preparation for our March 10 Love Feast, you will find strips to purchase food items on the kiosk in the gathering space as well as a sign-up sheet for volunteering to prepare and serve the food. Please consider joining us for this important ministry to the hungry.

HOODIES AND SOCKS FOR THE TEEN SHELTER: During the months of January and February the Women's Group is collecting hoodies (all adult sizes) and socks to be given to the Teen Shelter. Place in the designated box in the gathering space. Many of the teens arrive at the Shelter with just the clothes on their backs and they need our support. Also, please pray for them. Thank you.

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 gabby.reeder@gmail.com to add their name to the prayer list.

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 • Jen Buda • Robert Cole
Millie Grace Capon • Mary Lee DeStefano
Michael DeStefano • Keith DeMastens • Carol Field
JoAnne Gerardine • Dianna Green • Brian Kopp
Bryson Miller • June Miller • Ron Peschock
Dave Petrak • Bob & Mary Rajnish • Allison Recker
Dorothy Roberto • Olga Romerowicz
Maureen Smithe • Dianne Stultz • Patty Teufel
Lois Werfel • Noah Wills • That those who have
material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure
of corruption.**

MARDI GRAS BAKE SALE: The Friar's Nook will be holding a Mardi Gras bake sale on Tuesday, February 13th from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM that will include traditional Fat Tuesday pastries. The Friar's Nook is located across from St. Bernardine Monastery at 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg.

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP: For the next two meetings on February 26 and March 26, we will be discussing Hildegard of Bingen's theology of the Holy Spirit. Study guides for these lectures are on the kiosk in the gathering space.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Jesus balanced His time of serving others with quiet prayer time. Christian stewards include prayer and reflection among their daily routines. It is only through the strengthening of their relationship with God that they can continue to serve well.

Stewardship at St. John's

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Envelopes	\$ 4,304.00
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Children's	\$ 4.00
Parish Development	\$ 102.00
Catholic Education	\$ 0.00
SubTotal	\$ 5,102.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,568.00
Total Offertory	\$ 6,670.00

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LENTEN FISH DINNERS:

Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament: Fish Sandwich
Lenten Lunches from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM Ash Wednesday and Fridays of Lent. Eat in or take out. \$7.00.

Our Lady of Lourdes: Every Friday during Lent. Take out starts 3:30 PM. Eat in from 4-7 PM. \$9.50 Adults & \$7.00 Children

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel: Ash Wednesday, February 14, from 4:00 - 7:00 PM. \$8.00 Tickets sold in advance at the Parish Office, 806 11th Street. Take out available.

St. Therese of the Child Jesus, 25th Ave. & 5th St.: Fridays during Lent, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Take out available. \$10.00 Adults \$7.00 Children under 12.

St. Patrick, Newry: Every Friday during Lent (beginning February 16, 2018), including Good Friday from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. All-you-care-to-eat seafood buffet!

Unter Uns Club, Van Buren Ave. & 14th Street: Starting Ash Wednesday, February 14, and continuing each Friday during Lent, including Good Friday, March 30. 4:30 to 7:00 PM. \$9.00 for adults, \$5 Children 4-10, under 3 free.

VIDEO SERIES: Bishop Robert Barron's DVD titled - UN-TOLD BLESSINGS: THREE PATHS TO HOLINESS at Holy Rosary Church in Juniata. The dates and times are as follows: Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 PM February 20th, 27th and March 6. Bishop Barron paints a beautiful picture of what it takes to be a follower of Jesus Christ. If you are able to attend, please call Sister Theresa at 942-5747.

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LITURGICAL REFLECTION: In today's first reading Job says, "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle...my life is like the wind." The brevity of our life on earth reminds believers that there is more. Christ died and rose from the dead to share this gift with those who believe. All the prayers of the funerary rites witness to the Christian hope that life endures into eternity. At the death of a Christian, whose life of faith was begun in the waters of baptism and strengthened at the Eucharistic table, the Church intercedes on behalf of the deceased because of its confident belief that death is not the end. *Order of Christian Funerals, 1998-1999, Number 4.*

February Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

SAY "NO" TO CORRUPTION:

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday February 4 - Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*

11:00AM-Mass for *Bill Kopp, Mark Kopp & Connie Tipton*
requested by Louise Kopp

Monday February 5 - St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Carolyn Ward* requested by
Bob & Ginny Reeder

Tuesday February 6 - St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Joe Robeson*

Wednesday February 7 - Weekday

5:00PM-Eucharistic Adoration/Confessions

6:00PM-Mass for *Shirley Millin* requested by
Mark & Linda Snyder

Thursday February 8 - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *John Bacon* requested by
Ray & Cora Bacon

Friday February 9 - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:30AM-Morning Prayer & Communion Service

Saturday February 10 - Vigil of the Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

3:00PM-Confessions

4:00PM-Mass for *People of the Parish*

Sunday February 11 - Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00AM-Mass for *Mike Susick* requested by
Dan & Mary Susick

11:00AM-Mass for *Teresa Geishauser*
requested by Mr. & Mrs. Stan Galant

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37





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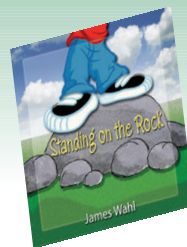
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