

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Oct. 14: Parish Office Closed
Oct. 27: Trunk or Treat - 12:30 PM
Oct. 31: All Saints Day Vigil Mass - 6:30 PM
Nov. 1: All Saints Day Mass - 8:30 AM
All Saints Day/Mass of Remembrance - 6:30 PM
Nov. 9: Love Feast

If we have died with Christ Jesus
we shall also live with him;
if we persevere
we shall also reign with him.

— 2 Timothy 2:11-12a



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OCTOBER 13, 2019
28TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
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Office hours: Monday - Friday 9:00-3:00

October Prayer Intention of Pope Francis
Holy Spirit

That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender
a new missionary "spring" in the church.



APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES

Sat. Oct. 19 - 4:00 PM - Ryan Donoughe, NOT FILLED
Sun. Oct. 20 - 8:00 AM - Ethan & Emily Miller
Sun. Oct. 20 - 11:00 AM - Brody Partner-Gore, Kaelab Ruggles

LECTORS

Sat. Oct. 19 - 4:00 PM - David Langguth, Mark Sloan
Sun. Oct. 20 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, Tim Rea
Sun. Oct. 20 - 11:00 AM - James Krug, Jim Campbell

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Oct. 19 - 4:00 PM - Mary Haenig, Dorothy Yingling
Sun. Oct. 20 - 8:00 AM - Fran Semelsberger, Mary Truesdale
Sun. Oct. 20 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Walter Bloom, Cecelia
Bloom, Barbara Bundy, Norma Foose, Bill Foose

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. Oct. 19 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, Carolyn English,
Betsy Lloyd, Judy Sneath
Sun. Oct. 20 - 8:00 AM - Ray Kennedy, Jane Strasser,
Larry VanSickel, Paula VanSickel
Sun. Oct. 20 - 11:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti, Lou Ann Clark,
Mary Grace Horton, Peg Madden

SACRISTAN

Sat. Oct. 19 - 4:00 PM - Mary & Ray King
Sun. Oct. 20 - 8:00 AM - Joyce Cunningham
Sun. Oct. 20 - 11:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti

SCRIP

Sat. Oct. 19 - 4:00 PM - Julie Beiswenger, Mary Haenig
Sun. Oct. 20 - 8:00 AM - Erika & Heather Yasolsky
Sun. Oct. 20 - 11:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY • TUESDAY • THURSDAY • FRIDAY - 8:30AM

WEDNESDAY - 6:00PM

SATURDAY: 4:00PM • SUNDAY: 8:00AM & 11:00AM

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A Few Words from the Pastor:

THANKS TO OUR SOUP MAKERS! Kudos to our cooks and helpers who made our participation in the Hollidaysburg Pumpkin Festival such a success! A special shout out to Ginny Reeder, who is the prime mover and who reminded me that this is the 17th year that St. John's has had our famous soup stand!

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD - In an apostolic letter released September 30, Pope Francis has declared that the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time will be devoted to the celebration and study of the Word of God. The document is called *Aperuit illis*, from its opening words in Latin, taken from St. Luke's Gospel, where the Evangelist describes how the Risen Jesus appeared to His disciples, and how "He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures." Recalling the importance given by the Second Vatican Council to rediscovering Sacred Scripture for the life of the Church, Pope Francis says he wrote this Apostolic Letter in response to requests from the faithful around the world to celebrate a Sunday of the Word of God. With this apostolic letter, the pope "invites us to hold the word of God in our hands every day as much as possible so that it becomes our prayer, and a greater part of our lived experience." In 2020 this special Sunday will be January 26.

DAILY MASS AND FUNERALS - Because of the close proximity of a morning funeral to the 8:30 AM Mass, going forward our 8:30 daily Mass will be cancelled on days when we have a funeral. Those daily Mass attendees are encouraged to represent the parish at the funeral. Thank you for understanding!

TWO SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE! The John and Helen Despot Scholarship Fund is making available two \$450 Scholarships for any child of St. John's who is attending a Catholic elementary or middle school in this school year. Applications are available in the Gathering Space or can be obtained from the parish office. The deadline for application has been extended to October 15, and the scholarship will be awarded later in the month. We are grateful for the generosity of the Despot family, who has so generously established this fund in memory of their parents John and Helen.

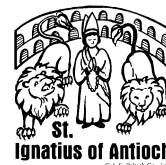
MISSION APPEAL, OCTOBER 20 - Next weekend we will be welcoming Father Paschal Agor, a missionary priest from Nigeria. Father Paschal is a member of Schoenstatt, an International Movement of renewal in the Catholic Church. All its members are connected through a Covenant of Love, a special consecration to Mary. And as a Catholic movement of spiritual renewal, Schoenstatt promotes a practical spirituality that inspires Catholics to be more committed to their faith. This is expressed through a deep love for Mary, the Mother of God, a commitment to the Eucharist, and faith in Divine Providence. A visit from a missionary is always an occasion to broaden our vision of the Catholic Church and our global mission to preach the gospel. Your generosity to this mission appeal will assist our missionaries in serving Christ in foreign lands!

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM THIS WEEK'S SAINTS -



Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes with which Christ looks out his compassion to the world. Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which he is to bless us now. Teresa of Avila, October 15

I am writing to all the Churches and I enjoin all, that I am dying willingly for God's sake, if only you do not prevent it. I beg you, do not do me an untimely kindness. Allow me to be eaten by the beasts, which are my way of reaching to God. I am God's wheat, and I am to be ground by the teeth of wild beasts, so that I may become the pure bread of Christ. St. Ignatius of Antioch, October 17



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: Next weekend we will celebrate world Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

GIVE US THIS DAY: It is time to subscribe or renew a subscription to this monthly missal. Please note that the cost has gone up to \$27 for a year's subscription. If you would like to continue your subscription, please enclose payment in the envelope provided with your October booklet. For those interested in seeing what **Give Us This Day** is, we've provide a basket of samples in the Gathering Space. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 942-5503.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

- Oct. 13** - No class.
Oct. 20 - Class in session.
Oct. 27 - Class in session.

HELP NEEDED: Parish Council, in partnership with Mary Lee Madigan-Davis, is looking for the future leader of our Haiti mission. The position is not immediate but would be taken on in time after a mentoring period. Mary Lee will work with the new candidate for as long as necessary. A trip to Haiti would be required at some point. This is a unique ministry that offers unique rewards. If you might be interested, please speak with any of these people who have visited our mission: Monsignor Becker, Debbie Johnson, James Krug, and Mary Lee.

SCRIP TIP: Scrip fundraising is a no-selling program that enables families to raise money for St. John's. Scrip is just another way to pay for everyday purchases using gift cards in place of cash, checks, and credit cards. You purchase gift cards from us at face value, and we order those cards at a reduced price. The difference is an instant rebate for St. John's. You can also order scrip gift cards and track your scrip rebates online, all in one convenient location: ShopWithScrip.com. Our code is E73D25C3842.

CCW HAITI TEA: You are invited to a Harvest Tea and Basket Auction on Sunday, November 24, 2019, from 2-4 pm at St. Patrick's Parish Hall in Newry. Proceeds from this event benefit the Carmelite Community of the Word Hands and Hearts Haiti Ministry. *Tickets purchased before Nov. 1 are \$15. Tickets purchased after Nov. 1 are \$18.* For tickets, send names of those attending with payment to CCW Hands and Hearts Haiti Ministry, 394 Bem Rd., Gallitzin, PA 16641. For information call 814-886-4098.

CDA MEETING: The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Prince Gallitzin Court 2625 will meet on Monday, October 14, 2019 at St. Rose of Lima Social Hall. A social will be at 6:30 followed by our regular meeting at 7:00pm. New members are welcome.

ARISE TOGETHER IN CHRIST: For those unable to join an Arise group this fall, the diocese has recommended a collaborative 7-part video and discussion guide series presented by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Catholic Relief Services. The videos bring the themes of Catholic social teaching to life and inspire us to put our faith into action. To access the webpage, type this address into your web browser: <https://www.crs.org/resource-center/CST-101>. Additional resources may be found on the Catholic Social Teaching webpage of the USCCB: <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/>.

ST JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

Please call Ginny Reeder (695-7671) or email her at gabby.reeder@gmail.com to add or remove someone from 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:*

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Judy Baird • Robert Cole • Millie Grace Capon
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Molly Grenfell • Ken Hartman • Elain Houseknecht
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Dave Petrak • Mary Rajnish • Allison Recker • Vicki Riley
Olga Romerowicz • Mike Rudolph • Peggy Seiler
Anne Showalter • Tim & Dina Temofonte
Patty Teufel • Lois Werfel • William Wieland
Noah Wills • Amber Yasolsky • Milan & Family**

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

**Boni Javier
Joe Miller**

May they rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.

ALTOONA CATHEDRAL TO HOST VIENNA BOYS CHOIR:

The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona will host the Vienna Boys Choir on October 27 at 7:00 p.m. Renowned as one of the finest vocal ensembles in the world, the Vienna Boys Choir is a frequent visitor to North America performing in houses of worship and great concert venues like New York's Carnegie Hall and Chicago's Symphony Hall. The concert is free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be taken to support the Cathedral's Concerts Under the Dome series.

Stewardship at St. John's Offertory for October 6

Envelopes	\$ 5,124.00
Loose	\$ 734.00
Children's	\$ 7.00
Retired Priests	\$ 50.00
Catholic Education	\$ 230.00
Catholic University	\$ 10.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 35.00
<i>SubTotal</i>	<i>\$ 6,190.00</i>
Online Giving	\$ 2,748.00
Total Offertory	\$ 8,938.00

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Payments/Donations	\$111,393
Pledge Payment Committed	\$47,233
Total Pledges/Donations	\$158,626
2019 Catholic Ministries Drive: Goal - \$43,116	
<i>As of August 31, 2019:</i>	
Payments/Donations	\$30,980
Pledge Payment Committed	\$1,600
Total Pledges/Donations	\$32,580

TOASTY TODDLER COLLECTION: We need your help! We are accepting donations of NEW-Hats, Scarves & Gloves, Coats & Snowsuits for Boys and Girls. Sizes needed- Newborn through Toddler Size 5T and 4, 5, 6, 6x, 7, 8 or Small. There will be a box in the Gathering Place for your donations. Toasty Toddler is a project that provides warm winter outerwear to children birth through age five.

HOMEMADE ITALIAN TRIO DINNER: TAKE OUT ONLY.

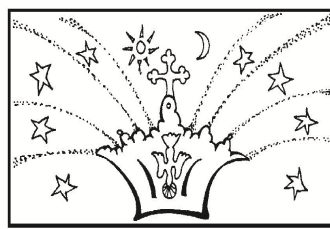
Sunday, November 3, from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM.
Lasagna, Spaghetti & Meatballs With Salad, Roll/Butter & Dessert \$11.00. St. Joseph Catholic Church, Williamsburg.
For tickets call Jim at 832-2139 or Sandy at 658-3600.

CRAFT FAIR: Catholic Daughters of the Americas - Court Saint Rita will sponsor a Fall Craft Fair to be held on Saturday, November 2, 2019 at Saint Matthew Catholic Church Hall at 1105 Cameron Avenue, Tyrone, PA . Crafters are asked to register before October Saturday, October 19th at \$15.00 per table. Craft Fair will be from 10 am to 3 pm. There will also be a Designer Purse Consignment Sale (gently used). Lunch will be available featuring home-made soups, haluski, sloppy joes, potato salad, and baked goods. Please contact Debbie Zakrzewski at 814-632-3070 to register as a crafter/vendor.

ARTS & CRAFT SHOW: Saint Michael School will be hosting their 40th Annual Arts & Crafts Show on Saturday, October 19th and Sunday, October 20th at Our Lady of Loreto Community Hall from 10:00am – 4:00pm on Saturday and 10am -3pm on Sunday. Homemade soups, sandwiches, and baked goods will be available for purchase. Over 70 vendors will be on hand to sell their beautiful handcrafted items. Chances will be available on a Samsung Chromebook, gift cards, baskets, and 50/50. FREE admission and FREE door prize chances. Any questions, please contact Renee Phister @ 322-7836.

NIGHT AT THE RACES: St Demetrius Church is sponsoring a "Night at the Races" on October 19, 2019. Doors open at 5:00 PM and races will start at 6:00 PM. Location: The Parish Social Hall, 714 Foster St. in Gallitzin. \$25.00 donation will get you a horse (while they last) for one race and admission for you and a guest. In addition, eat-in-meal and refreshments will be available to patrons. To reserve you horse call Brenda Smithmyer at 207-5894.

HUMANE SOCIETY DONATIONS: Catholic Daughters of the Americas Prince Gallitzin #2625, Altoona Court is in need of your help in securing items of dog food, cat food etc. to be donated to our local Humane Society. Your donated items can be placed in the box located in the Gathering Space from October 1 through November 1, 2019. Again we thank you for your kindness and generosity.



Twenty-eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
October 13, 2019

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if we persevere
we shall also reign with him.

— 2 Timothy 2:11-12a

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Oct. 13 – 28th Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00AM- Mass for *Bob Cooney* requested by
Ginger Cooney & Family
11:00AM- Mass for *People of the Parish*

Monday Oct. 14 – Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM- Morning Prayer
8:30AM- Mass for *Joe Robeson*

Tuesday Oct. 15 – St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM- Morning Prayer
8:30AM- Mass for *David Dardzinski* requested by
Rich & Joyce Lowe

Wednesday Oct. 16 – Weekday

5:00PM- Eucharistic Adoration/Confessions
6:00PM- Mass for *John Lloyd* requested by
Betsy Lloyd & Family
6:45PM- Rosary

Thursday Oct. 17 – St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM- Morning Prayer
8:30AM- Mass for *Bill Schmerbeck* requested by
Betsy Lloyd & Family

Friday Oct. 18 – St. Luke, Evangelist

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:30AM - Morning Prayer & Communion Service

Saturday Oct. 19 – Vigil of the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00 PM- Confessions
4:00PM- Mass for *People of the Parish*

Sunday Oct. 20 – 29th Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00AM- Mass for *Donald Watkins* requested by
Rich & Joyce Lowe
11:00AM- Mass for *Rose (Villani) Ryan* requested by
Thomas Villani

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54
Friday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9



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