

# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

309 LOTZ AVE

DECEMBER 27, 2015  
HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,  
MARY & JOSEPH

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While it is easy to see how God is merciful through the witness of the Scriptures and the life of the Church, it is sometimes challenging for us to apply it to our daily actions. How do we live out what Christ calls us to in Scripture? Our ability to live out the motto "Merciful like the Father" is dependent on our first accepting God's superabundant love and mercy that he pours out on us.

## APPOINTMENTS

### ACOLYTES:

Thurs. Dec. 31- 4:00PM- Piper Brunhuber, Nick Rasmussen  
 Fri. Jan. 1- 10:00AM- Cassandra Crevecoeur  
 Sat. Jan. 2. - 4:00PM- Claire Resick Julie Resick  
 Sun. Jan. 3- 8:00AM- Danielle Miller, Ethan Miller  
 Sun. Jan. 3- 11:00AM- Cherie Langenbacher, Makayla Langenbacher

### LECTORS:

Thurs. Dec. 31- 4:00PM- Joe Klobuka, Heather Nackley  
 Fri. Jan. 1- 10:00AM- Bob Olson, Susanna Tomlinson  
 Sat. Jan. 2. - 4:00PM- Matt Michelone, Mark Sloan  
 Sun. Jan. 3- 8:00AM- Not Filled, Tim Rea  
 Sun. Jan. 3- 11:00AM- Paul Dennis, Richard Karcher

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Thurs. Dec. 31- 4:00PM- Not Filled Francene Boland  
 Fri. Jan. 1- 10:00AM- Barb Bundy, Not Filled  
 Sat. Jan. 2. - 4:00PM- Connie Baker, Kathleen Heller, Jenna Jenkins, John Lloyd  
 Sun. Jan. 3- 8:00AM- Dan Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky  
 Sun. Jan. 3- 11:00AM- Dee Capriotti, Lou Ann Clark, Bill Foose, Norma Foose, Ann Mingyar, Debbie Smith

### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Thurs. Dec. 31- 4:00PM- Kathleen Heller, Fran Semelsberger, Wally Wargo, Dorothy Yingling  
 Fri. Jan. 1- 10:00AM- Gloria Banks, Dan Roberts, Judy Roberts, Judy Sneath  
 Sat. Jan. 2. - 4:00PM- Coleen Langguth, David Langguth, Dennis Moughemer, Karen Moughemer  
 Sun. Jan. 3- 8:00AM- Ray Kennedy, Charlie Moore, Fran Semelsberger, Ed Stoltz  
 Sun. Jan. 3- 11:00AM- Marilyn Bevan, Walter Bloom, Not Filled

### Sacristan:

Thurs. Dec. 31- 4:00PM- Kathleen Heller,  
 Fri. Jan. 1- 10:00AM- Michele DeFrancisco  
 Sat. Jan. 2. - 4:00PM- Joyce Cunningham, Ron Cunningham  
 Sun. Jan. 3- 8:00AM- Not Filled  
 Sun. Jan. 3- 11:00AM- Marilyn Bevan

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## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

**Dec. 27th**- Brunch for feast of St. John the Evangelist  
**February 6-** Mardi Gras Party  
**May 14th**- Love Feast

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**OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED:**  
**Wednesday, December 30th-**  
**Sunday, January 3rd**

## A Few Words from the Pastor:

**Holy Day of Obligation** - January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God, and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times: 4:00 PM on New Year's Eve, and 10:00 AM on New Year's Day. This Feast celebrates the unique role of Mary in the history of salvation, acclaimed from the earliest centuries of Christianity.

**Many, many thanks!** My sincerest appreciation to all those who have sent cards and gifts in celebration of the Lord's birth. Mass on New Year's Day will be for the intentions of the parish, that our New Year be richly blessed with good health and good graces!

**What Beautiful Liturgies!** - I know I express the gratitude of the whole parish in thanking all those who did so much in making our Christmas Masses so expressive of joy and praise. To our choirs, our liturgical ministries, our decorators, to all who in any way assisted in giving Glory to God in the Highest, our heartfelt THANKS!

**Retreat Time** - I will be away the first week of January, on retreat with some priest friends. I am grateful to Father Carl Vacek who will be covering the weekend Masses, and Deacon Gene who will be doing Communion Services during the weekdays.

**Apostleship of Prayer** - In the mailing that went out to all parishioners was included materials for the Apostleship of Prayer for 2016. With a vision of the church which is much broader than our own, Pope Francis invites us each month to pray for a General Intention and also for a Missionary Intention. We ask that you keep these special needs of our world in your daily prayer!

**Family Life Calendars for 2016** - We are blessed to have such an active Family Life Office in our diocese, which has for many years made available a beautiful calendar. These are available now in the Gathering Space, compliments of Stevens Mortuary.

**Our Next Bus Trip: The Pennsylvania Farm Show** - We've all seen it on TV, but there is nothing like an actual visit to the PA Farm Show! Mark your calendars for **Thursday, January 14**. Pennsylvania hosts the largest indoor agricultural exposition in the nation, with nearly 6,000 animals, 10,000 competitive exhibits and 300 commercial exhibits. This will be the 100<sup>th</sup> annual Farm Show! There is no cost for admission, with an amazing food court to satisfy all your culinary desires! The cost for transportation is only \$40 for adults, and our school children will travel free. Sign up now in the Gathering Space!

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## January

### Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis

#### Interreligious Dialogue

That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice

#### Christian Unity

That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.

#### Matching Grant of \$15,000 -

Our parish has received a generous matching grant of \$15,000! To receive this grant, we must match it. All in the parish will receive a letter to this effect, inviting your response. Because this grant is earmarked for the 2015 Annual Catholic Appeal, all donations will be exempt from the usual diocesan tax on income. Please be generous! When we reach \$15,000, our gifts double in value! This End of the Year Appeal will be most helpful in enabling us to keep a balanced budget! Our heartfelt gratitude for all that you are able to do! **We have received \$10,564.00.**

On **Sunday, December 27th** there will be a brunch served between the morning Masses in honor of our patron saint, St. John the Evangelist. Since the feast falls on a Sunday this year, the liturgy will reflect the Sunday worship. Watch for a sign-up sheet on a kiosk in the gathering space. Thank you

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Dec 27-Jan3 NO CLASS- Merry Christmas

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**CONFIRMATION:**

**All Confirmation Candidates:**

**Saturday, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>:** 9<sup>th</sup> grade students and a parent will meet in the cafeteria from 9:00 - 1:00 for a Baptism Retreat.

**Sunday, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>:** 10<sup>th</sup> grade students have a Confirmation session, 10:45 - 2:15

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**Take a Break from Winter:** If you would like to enjoy Caribbean warmth for a week this winter, join us on a trip to Sts. Peter and Paul in Haiti. Approximate dates are January 27 to February 3, 2016. Accommodations are comfortable and the food is very good. No special skills are required; just a willingness to be present to our Haitian brothers and sisters, but if you have some sewing, knitting, crocheting knowledge we can use your help.

Two veterinarians, Matt Stachmus and Shawn Orczeck, will continue their work from last year.

Cost is the airfare and personal travel expenses. Tetanus and hepatitis shots are required. Malaria prevention pills and antibiotics can be prescribed by your doctor.

If you have even the smallest interest to join us, please get in touch with Monsignor Becker or Mary Lee Madigan-Davis, 931-2651, [mlmdcreek@aol.com](mailto:mlmdcreek@aol.com)

**Liturgical Reflection:** Today the Church acclaim Mary with her most ancient title, Mother of God. Raising her child in the tradition of the Hebrew faith, Mary teaches her Son about God the Father's love for his people. Over the generations God's mercy is proclaimed in the sacred texts. Israel celebrates the love, kindness, and compassion of God. Jesus learns of God's mercy through the loving guidance of his mother. Today the Diocese also prays for peace on this first day of the civil calendar. Through the intercession of the Mother of God, may justice and peace become a reality in our time.

## Angel Tree Bulletin Announcement 2015

The Angel Tree was able to help 19 families for Christmas 2015 because of your incredible generosity.

In this Year of Mercy our families were extremely grateful and ask me to share their gratitude for your many gifts.

This parish continues to share time, talent and resources in ways that go above and beyond anything that one could ask. You are truly angels doing God work.

To all those who purchased food and gifts, wrapped, delivered, and made gifts for those who were in need, thank you and may God bless you this Christmas and all through the New Year.

**Angel Tree Coordinators, Susanna Tomlinson and Ron Adams**

## Stewardship at St. John's

### OFFERTORY for December 13, 2015

Loose: \$481.00  
Envelope: \$5,910.00  
Children's: \$3.00  
Parish Development: \$35.00  
Catholic Charities: \$40.00  
Christmas Offering: 75.00  
Christmas Flowers: 305.00  
Retirement for Religious: 698.00

**Total: \$7,547.00**

**Online Giving: \$1,925.00**

**TOTAL: \$9,472.00**

**Immaculate Conception: \$1,037.50**

# ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL

December 19th-Jan. 3rd: NO SCHOOL

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!!!**

Jan. 4th: School Resume

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## **St. John the Evangelist School**

### **Scrip Program**

**Cash Receipts and Disbursements Report**  
**For the Five Months Ending November 2015**

#### **Receipts**

Inventory Sales \$252,926.20  
PrestoPay profit \$ 460.65  
**\$253,386.85**

#### **Disbursements**

Purchases \$ 247,528.02  
School Subsidy \$ 12,500.00  
Credit Card Fees \$ 444.44  
Other Misc. Exp 20.70  
**\$ 260,493.16**

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements \$(7,106.31)  
Cash Balance as of 10/31/2015 \$5,758.03  
Inventory @ Market Value \$34,763.00  
Loan From Church \$10,000.00

**Any questions, please call Matt & Alicia  
Reilly at 943-6875.**

**\*\*SCRIP WILL NOT BE SOLD ON  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24TH  
& THURSDAY, DECEMBER  
31ST.**

**LOST KEYS: THERE WERE KEYS FOUND IN  
THE CAFETERIA TWO WEEKENDS AGO. THEY  
ARE BMW KEYS WITH A SHEETZ CARD AND  
THREE OTHER KEYS. PLEASE STOP BY THE  
OFFICE.**

# Sunday, December 27, 2015

## SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

### Sun. Dec. 27th- Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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

11:00AM-Mass for *Lena Colyer* requested by Dan & Patty Rebar

6:30PM - Lectionary Based Faith Sharing

### Mon. Dec. 28th- The Holy Innocent

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:15AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Karen Brooks* requested by Val & Tom Miller

### Tues. Dec. 29th- Fifth Day- Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:30AM- Morning Prayer & Communion Service

### Wed. Dec 30th- Sixth Day- Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

5:00PM- Confessions

6:00PM- Mass for *Leo & Cecelia Long* requested by Bill & Dee Schmerbeck

### Thurs. Dec. 31st- Seventh Day- Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

4:00PM- Vigil of the Holy Day

### Friday Jan, 1st- Solemnity of Mary

10:00AM- Mass for *People of the Parish*

### Sat. Jan. 2nd- Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord

3:00PM- Confessions

4:00PM- Mass for *Joseph Aungst Sr.* requested by Family

### Sun. Jan. 3rd- Epiphany of the Lord

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

11:00AM-Mass for *Lena Colyer* requested by Dan & Patty Rebar

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#### Weekday Readings

Mon. Dec. 28- 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18

Tues. Dec. 29- Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

Wed. Dec. 30- 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

Thurs. Dec. 31- 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

Fri. Jan. 1- Is 9:1, 5; Lk 1:33, 6:22-27/18, Gal 4:4-7, Lk 2:16-21

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