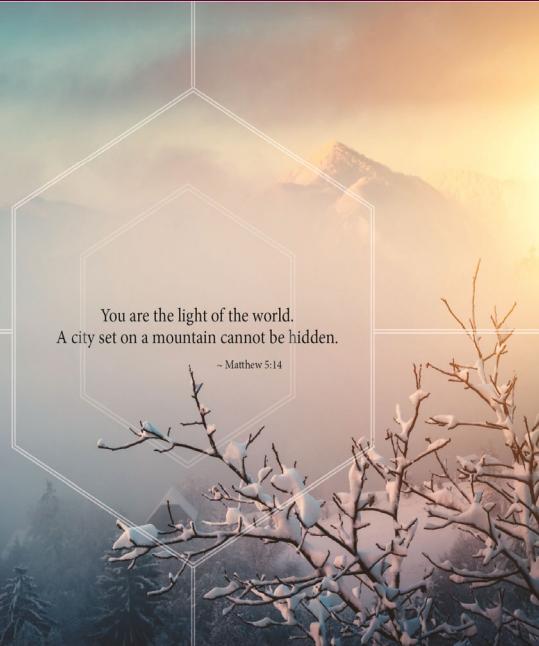


WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE:
MONDAY•TUESDAY•THURSDAY•FRIDAY: 8:30AM
WEDNESDAY: 6:00PM
SATURDAY: 4:00PM
SUNDAY: 8:00AM•11:00AM

FEBRUARY 5, 2017

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- February 12- 2nd Sunday Food Collection
- February 20 - Parish Office closed
- March 1 - Ash Wednesday Masses - 8:30AM & 6:00 PM
- March 1 - Lenten Soup Supper
- March 11 - Love Feast
- April 23 - New Parishioners Luncheon
- April 30 - First Communion
- May 6 - Spring Fling
- July 23 - Parish Picnic

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- Mr. Ken Dunmire Maintenance

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES:

- Sat. Feb. 11 - 4:00 PM - Alycia Auerbeck, David Auerbeck
- Sun. Feb. 12 - 8:00 AM - Mai Linh Do, not filled
- Sun. Feb. 12 - 11:00 AM - Nate Rudolph, Kaelab Ruggles

LECTORS:

- Sat. Feb. 11 - 4:00 PM - John Lloyd, Heather Nackley
- Sun. Feb. 12 - 8:00 AM - Cora Bacon, Ronan Adams
- Sun. Feb. 12 - 11:00 AM - Jim Campbell, Patrick Schurr

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS

- Sat. Feb. 11 - 4:00 PM - Joyce Cunningham, Bill Stokan
- Sun. Feb. 12 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, Fran Semelsberger
- Sun. Feb. 12 - 11:00 AM - Barbara Bundy, Dolores Capriotti, Ginger Cooney, Bill Foose, Norma Foose, Susanna Tomlinson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

- Sat. Feb. 11 - 4:00 PM - Barb Aubrey, Connie Baker, Judy Sneath, Dorothy Yingling
- Sun. Feb. 12 - 8:00 AM - Helen Miller, Mary Truesdale, Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
- Sun. Feb. 12 - 11:00 AM - Walter Bloom Lou Ann Clark, Anna Podoletz, Patrick Podoletz

SACRISTAN:

- Sat. Feb. 11 - 4:00 PM - Mary & Ray King
- Sun. Feb. 12 - 8:00 AM - Michele DeFrancisco
- Sun. Feb. 12 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

A Few Words from the Pastor:

Whatever you do to the least of my people.... In the light of the recent declaration from the White House regarding immigration, it would be well to note the response given by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: Regarding the Executive Order's halt and reduction of admissions, Bishop Joe S. Vásquez of Austin, Texas, chairman of the Committee on Migration, stated: *"We strongly disagree with the Executive Order's halting refugee admissions. We believe that now more than ever, welcoming newcomers and refugees is an act of love and hope. We will continue to engage the new administration, as we have all administrations for the duration of the current refugee program. We will work vigorously to ensure that refugees are humanely welcomed in collaboration with Catholic Charities without sacrificing our security or our core values as Americans, and to ensure that families may be reunified with their loved ones. The United States has long provided leadership in resettling refugees. We believe in assisting all those who are vulnerable and fleeing persecution, regardless of their religion. Today, more than 65 million people around the world are forcibly displaced from their homes. Given this extraordinary level of suffering, the U.S. Catholic Bishops will redouble their support for, and efforts to protect, all who flee persecution and violence, as just one part of the perennial and global work of the Church in this area of concern."*

Children's' Liturgy of the Word – We have begun the beautiful practice at our 11AM Mass of providing a special "Liturgy of the Word for Children." Before the readings, our little ones are called to the altar for a blessing, and then led by one of our catechists to the Day Chapel, where they will hear the word of God in a way that they can better understand. They then return at the time of the creed. If you would like to help with this ministry, don't hesitate to call or email to Mary Haenig, our Director of Religious Formation.

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!

Adult Ed – Our Sunday sessions continue with the Robert Barron series, *Pivotal Players*, which highlights some of the great figures in Christian history. We continue this week with the life of the great artist Michelangelo.

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. The persecution of Christians at this time in Japanese history is powerfully portrayed in the new film, *Silence*, directed by Martin Scorsese and starring Liam Neeson. This is not a film you will want to miss! It premiered at the Vatican, and is up for some Academy Awards. Coming to a theater near you!

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 Friday, February 10.

A Reminder! Second Sunday Food Collection next Sunday, February 12.

Ash Wednesday in a Month! – Lent comes late this year, beginning with Ash Wednesday on March 1st. At our parish Liturgy Committee meeting we discussed how we might observe this season. We would like to place a greater focus on the Stations of the Cross, a venerated tradition in the Catholic Faith in which we journey with Christ to Calvary. Stations are observed each Friday of Lent. Following Stations, there will be an adult bible study of the Passion narratives from the four gospels. Mark your calendar and make a mental note to walk in the steps of Jesus this Lent.

February Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

COMFORT FOR THE AFFLICTED

That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education Schedule

February 5: Regular class 9:15-10:45

February 12: Regular class 9:15-10:45

February 19: NO CLASS - Presidents Day Weekend

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD DURING LENT

We will be having Children's Liturgy weekly at the 11 AM Mass during Lent.

If you have a love of children, we have the tools for you to deliver the Word to them on a child's level.

Please contact Mary Haenig - mshaenig@gmail.com for more information. High school students are welcome to volunteer too!



LOVE FEAST: Our next Love Feast is Saturday, March 11. Please take a look at the sign-up sheet on the kiosk and volunteer to help. We still need volunteers to bake cupcakes . Also, our planning committee will meet to make final arrangements on Monday, March 6, at 6:30 PM in the Day Chapel. We will meet in the cafeteria Friday, March 10 to cook the meat for the meal.

STEWARSHIP CORNER "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:16
The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Let your light shine! Be careful to recognize that God is working through you and don't put yourself above the people you have been called to help.

Stewardship at St. John's

OFFERTORY for January 29, 2017

Envelopes:	\$ 3,922.00
Loose:	\$ 678.00
Children's:	\$ 8.00
Total:	\$ 4,608.00
Online Giving:	\$ 1,425.00
TOTAL:	\$ 6,033.00

2016 Contribution Statements are available upon request. Please call the Parish Office at 814-942-5503.

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.

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:*

**Millie Bilski • Bob Broadwater • Debbie & Ed Ergler
Michelle Fasline • Carol Field • Wayne Flanagan
Bill Foose • JoAnne Gerardine • Ron Hord
Judy Hurm • Brian Kopp • Ron Peschock
Bob & Mary Rajnish • Bob Reeder • Judy Roberts
Olga Romerowicz • Fran Semelsberger • Madison Shura
Patty Teufel • Noah Wills**

Comfort for the afflicted

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

**Elizabeth Baumgartner
Pauline H. Casciotti - mother of Donna Harpster
Mary Jane Horton - mother of Dennis Horton**

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

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION: Next weekend we will be collecting food & funds for Mary Ann Grove to take to the Salvation Army. Here is a relevant quote from Pope Francis, addressing US families "...who are not concerned simply with paying their taxes, but in their own quiet way sustain the life of society...generate solidarity by their actions...offer a helping hand to those most in need."



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS Save the date for this fundraising event: "Cash Bash" to be held on March 11th. Please call the middle school office (942-7835) for ticket information. A \$100.00 ticket admits two people.



HAITI NEWS: We are back from our trip, safe and healthy. Slowly, as is the Haitian way, we are making progress. There will be some particular projects, but please keep in mind the general budget without which Sts. Peter and Paul could not continue. Thank you.

OUR PARISH FAMILY ...



Chris & Melissa Ringkamp joined our parish in 2000. They had met in the choir at Cathedral parish in 1995 and married in 1998. Some here might remember Melissa's grandparents, Leo & Cecelia Long. They are both now deceased but were perhaps the longest members ever of St John's. Chris is currently the Development Director for the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, and Melissa is a Paralegal with a State College law firm. Their son, Nathan, will be 16 later this month and is in the 10th grade at Hollidaysburg Senior High. Nathan takes piano and organ lessons from our accompanist, Patti, and sometimes plays here. He also plays the cello, the alto sax in the high school marching band, and joined his school's swim team this year. The family doesn't have a set Mass time and attend any of the three, somewhat depending on Nathan's schedule as an altar server. Chris said they enjoy the "sense of community" here and appreciate that those feelings have remained part of our parish over the years. He also feels that the liturgies here are very meaningful, with a combination of "awesome music and good homilies". *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!*

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE: As children we sang the lively song This Little Light of Mine. The words, of course, are based on today's Gospel, in which we are called as disciples to be salt and light for the world. Children are uninhibited about sharing their faith. It's only when we grow older that we prefer to hide our light under a bushel basket because our culture tends not to emphasize discipleship. The message in this week's readings is clear: in order to give glory to God through our discipleship, we must show the light of Christ in our words and deeds. Not an easy thing for inhibited adults. Often we may think of salt and light in terms of what we do for others, but it can be just as important not to do something, such as getting angry with the stranger on the road, or telling an offensive joke.

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SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday February 5 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*
11:00AM-Mass for *Gary Bevan* requested by
Patty & Larry Benton

Monday February 6 - St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for the *Leo & Cecelia Long* requested by
Bill & Dee Schmerbeck

Tuesday February 7 - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Joan Bean* requested by
Mary & Dave Petrak

Wednesday February 8 - Weekday

5:00PM- Confession
6:00PM- Mass for *Therese Schneider* requested by
Dan, Sue & Michael Speck

Thursday February 9 - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM- Mass for *Eileen Becker* requested by
Clarence Becker

Friday February 10 - St. Scholastica, Virgin

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

Saturday February 11 - Vigil of the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday February 12 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM-Mass for *Elizabeth Baumgartner*
11:00AM-Mass for *Annie Johnston* requested by
Bob & Ginny Reeder

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: Gn 1:20 -- 2:4a; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37



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