

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES:

Wed. Feb. 10- 6:30PM- Rylee Hershey, Dustin Smith, Claire Resick
Sat. Feb. 14. - 4:00PM- Jack Donoughe, Kelsey Donoughe
Sun. Feb. 15- 8:00AM- Danielle Miller, Ethan Miller
Sun. Feb. 15- 11:00AM- Nate Rudolph, Patrick Donoughe

LECTORS:

Wed. Feb. 10- 6:30PM- Kathleen Heller, Jenna Jenkins
Sat. Feb. 14. - 4:00PM- Mark Sloan, Matt Michelone
Sun. Feb. 15- 8:00AM- Dan Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
Sun. Feb. 15- 11:00AM- Bill Foose, Norma Foose

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Wed. Feb. 10- 6:30PM- Fran Semelsberger, Melissa McHugh, David Petrak, Mary Petrak, Dee Capriotti, Darlene Scarpaci, Lou Ann Clark
Sat. Feb. 14. - 4:00PM- John Lloyd, Kathleen Heller, Barb Aubrey, Connie Baker
Sun. Feb. 15- 8:00AM- Joyce Cunningham, Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. Feb. 15- 11:00AM- Paul Dennis, Mary Dennis, Bob Olson, Susanna Tomlinson, Marilyn Bevan, Dee Capriotti

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Wed. Feb. 10- 6:30PM- Bill Stokan, Mary Stokan, Mike O'Neill, Ginny Reeder
Sat. Feb. 14. - 4:00PM- David Langguth, Coleen Langguth, Dennis Moughemer, Karen Moughemer
Sun. Feb. 15- 8:00AM- Fran Semelsberger, Gloria Banks, Ray Kennedy, Ed Stoltz
Sun. Feb. 15- 11:00AM- Walter Bloom, Lou Ann Clark, Wally Wargo, Not Filled

Sacristan:

Wed. Feb. 10- 6:30PM- Barb Bundy
Sat. Feb. 14. - 4:00PM- Kathleen Heller
Sun. Feb. 15- 8:00AM- Ron Cunningham, Joyce Cunningham
Sun. Feb. 15- 11:00AM- Barb Bundy



A MOMENT OF MERCY:
Pope Francis reminds us:
God's mercy can make even the driest land become a garden, can restore life to dry bones (cf. Ez 37:1-14). ... Let us be renewed by God's mercy, let us be loved by Jesus, let us enable the power of his love to transform our lives too; and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation and make justice and peace flourish.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

309 LOTZ AVE

FEBRUARY 7, 2016

5TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

*I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with all
my heart, for you have heard the words of
my mouth.*

-Psalm 138:1



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- Mr. Ken Dunmire**, Maintenance

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- February 10th- Ash Wednesday/Soup Supper
- February 28th- Parish Penance Service 4:00
- May 1st- New Parishioner Luncheon
- May 14th- Love Feast
- July 24th- Parish Picnic- Legion Park

A Few Words from the Pastor:

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS - The holy season of Lent begins on Wednesday, with our morning Mass and distribution of ashes taking place at 8:30AM. There will also be an evening Mass at 6:00PM. Following evening Mass we will have our traditional Lenten soup supper. Please plan on beginning your Lent in a prayerful manner, with wonderful fellowship to follow!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - We will again walk the Way of the Cross this Lent, with Stations for the school children at 1:30 PM on Thursdays, as well as at 7:00 PM on Fridays. Enrich your Lenten Journey.

SMALL LENTEN GROUPS AGAIN THIS YEAR - As in previous years, we are encouraging parishioners to participate in our small group discussions during Lent. As a resource we will be using a booklet entitled Renew Our Hearts, which is based upon the writings of Pope Francis. The sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Space, as well as copies of Renew your Hearts. Let this be your best Lent ever!

A RICH HISTORY - Any great photos of your time at St. John's School? Class pictures or fun shots are encouraged. Special Photo Envelopes are available in the gathering space. Please clearly identify each photo. We will make certain that photos will be returned to you. If you have digital photos, you may give us a disk, or email them to Lindsay. Many thanks!

OPERATION RICE BOWL - This Lent we will again be participating in Operation Rice Bowl. Your generosity for those most in need is so very much appreciated. Rice Bowls will be distributed in the Gathering Space.

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE IN LENT - Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

MARK THE DATE! We would like to plan a day trip to the *Philadelphia Flower Show* on Monday, March 7th. The Philadelphia Flower Show is the nation's largest and longest-running flower show in North America. The 2016 Flower Show theme, Explore America, will celebrate the centennial anniversary of the National Park Service with acres of gardens, floral displays and adventure experiences. We will depart from the church parking lot at 7AM and return by 11PM. The final cost will be determined this week, which covers the cost of your entrance to the show as well as your travel in a luxury coach. Welcome spring and its splendid beauty.

THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS -

The focus of our Lenten Adult Formation program is The Power of Forgiveness. Using a powerful video by the same name, we will explore the depth of forgiveness necessary to get beyond unimaginable hurts, i.e., 911, the Middle East and mass shootings such as the Nickel Mine School in Amish country. Plan to join us for this important "Year of Mercy" program.

February

Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis

Care for Creation

That we may take good care of creation—a gift freely given—cultivating and protecting it for future generations.

Asia

That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.

Ash Wednesday Soup

Supper: Please join us in the cafeteria for a delicious meal of homemade soup and fresh bread, following 6:00 Mass on Feb. 10th. As we begin our Lenten journey we remember our less fortunate brothers and sisters for Peter and Paul parish in Haiti, whom this simple meal would be a feast. Donations will be accepted for Saints



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Feb 7...all families to attend the Mardi Gras Bingo
Feb 10-ASH WEDNESDAY
Feb 14- NO CLASS- Presidents Day Weekend
Feb 21- Regular class schedule 9:15-10:45

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CONFIRMATION:

Wednesday, Feb. 10th: 11th grade group service project, Ash Wednesday Soup Supper, 4:30 - 7:00 or 6:00 - 8:30

Sunday, Feb. 21st: Confirmation Session for 9th Graders, 10:45-2:15

Sunday, Feb. 28th: Youth Ministry Activity: Eucharistic Adoration, 9:15-10:45

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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:
1. Mary Jane Horton
2. Joe Robeson- 100 years old on Valentine's Day
3.

Please respect the person's right to privacy and secure permission before placing a name on the Prayer List.

When a person recovers, please call the office and have their name removed from the list.

Birthday wishes for Joe Robeson -

Our parishioner, Joe Robeson Sr will be 100 years old on Valentine's Day this year. if you anyone would like to send a card, his address is Allegheny Lutheran Home, 916 Hickory Street, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

Stewardship at St. John's

OFFERTORY for January 31, 2016

Loose: \$442.00
Envelope: \$5,201.00
Children's: \$2.00
Parish Development: \$8.00
Ash Wednesday: \$10.00
Total: \$5,663.00
Online Giving: \$1,738.00
TOTAL: \$7,401.00

Second Sunday and HUNGER: Next Sunday, FEBRUARY 14, will be our second Sunday, so your generosity in bringing food items (including cleaning supplies or personal hygiene items) or a cash donation will be greatly appreciated. You may have noted in last week's *Altoona Mirror* that many of the 48,000 PA adults without dependents on SNAP (food stamps) may lose their benefits. But 45% of SNAP participants are under 18 & 20% are elderly or disabled. In 2013 alone, food stamp benefits of every food stamp recipient were cut 7%, & food stamps are provided to only 79% of eligible families. The inevitable result of the increases in poor, hungry people is that food banks are forced to either ration food or turn people away. Jesus' command is that we feed the hungry, not judge their neediness.

10 Things Food Banks Need But Won't Ask For:

Some items are in high demand at the food bank and you may not realize it. Because they aren't essentials, the staff doesn't publicly ask for them. A survey asked volunteers what items people would be most appreciative of and we've listed the top 10 below: **spices, feminine products, chocolate, toiletries, canned meats, crackers and tortillas, baby toiletries, soup packets, socks, canned fruit other than pineapple**

It can be a humiliating experience to visit a pantry, and it can make you feel very much less than. So to get a treat of some sort just really makes a difference. And believe me - there are enough loaves of bread, cans of fruit, and dried beans to go around at these places. You won't be starving someone by donating some microwave popcorn or chocolate chips now and again. I promise!

Many blessings to you for your support of those in need.

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL

- February 10th- No Homework Night
- February 11th- Classroom Valentine's Day Parties
- February 12th- In-service-No School
- February 15th- President's Day Holiday- No School
- February 27th- Regional OM competition

St. John the Evangelist School **Scrip Program**

Cash Receipts and Disbursements Report **For the Sevens Months Ending January 2016**

Receipts

Inventory Sales \$376,321.50
PrestoPay profit \$ 706.40
\$377,027.90

Disbursements

Purchases \$ 355,055.66
School Subsidy \$ 17,500.00
Credit Card Fees \$ 649.72
Other Misc. Exp 20.70
\$ 373,226.08

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements \$3,801.82
Cash Balance as of 1/31/2016 \$7,359.39
Inventory @ Market Value \$24,658.00

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

Sunday, February 7, 2016

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. Feb. 7th- 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM- Mass for *People of the Parish*
11:00AM-Mass for *Gary Bevan* requested by Bob & Cathy Chirden
6:30PM - Lectionary Based Faith Sharing

Mon. Feb. 8th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:15AM- Morning Prayer
8:30AM- Mass for *Romayne Davidson* requested by Ray & Cora Bacon

Tues. Feb. 9th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:15AM- Morning Prayer
8:30AM- Mass for *Annie Johnston* requested by Brenda, Steve & Alex Fix

Wed. Feb. 10th- Ash Wednesday

8:30AM- Mass for *Henry Evangelista* requested by Family
5:00PM- Confessions
6:00PM- Mass for *Karen Brooks* requested by Patricia Meintel

Thurs. Feb. 11th- Thursday After Ash Wednesday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:30AM- Mass for *Morgan Litzinger* requested by Carole Litzinger

Friday Feb. 12th- Friday after Ash Wednesday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:15AM- Morning Prayer
8:30AM- Mass for *Ward & Marcella Diehl* requested by John & Carol Bismark

Sat. Feb. 13th- Vigil for 1st Sunday of Lent

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

Sun. Feb. 14th- 1st Sunday of Lent

8:00AM- Mass for *Ida Proserpi* requested by John Proserpi
11:00AM-Mass for *Jeff Sefchok* requested by Barry & Cathy Krug
6:30PM - Lectionary Based Faith Sharing

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Weekday Readings

Mon. Feb. 8- 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56
Tues. Feb. 9- 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13
Wed. Feb. 10- 2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 6-18
Thurs. Feb. 11- Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
Fri. Feb. 12- Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15