

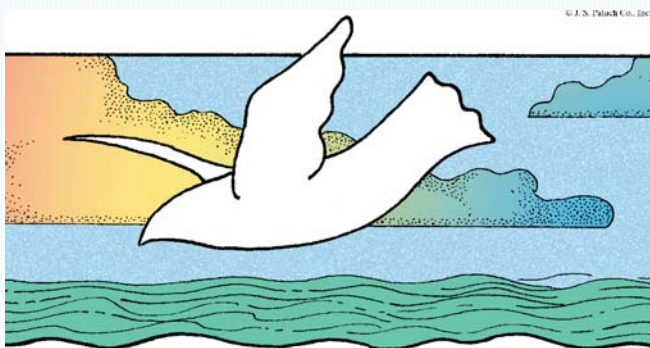
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

309 LOTZ AVE

JANUARY 10, 2016 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

*He saved us through the bath of rebirth
and renewal by the Holy Spirit.*

-Titus 3:5



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MASS SCHEDULE:

MON., TUES., THURS. FRIDAY: 8:30AM
WEDNESDAY: 6:00PM
SATURDAY: 4:00PM
SUNDAY: 8:00AM; 11:00AM

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES:

Sat. Jan. 16. - 4:00PM- Rachel Resick, Claire Resick
Sun. Jan. 17- 8:00AM- Nick Rasmussen, Zoey Landeck
Sun. Jan. 17- 11:00AM- Caitlin Conigy, Tyler Conigy

LECTORS:

Sat. Jan. 16. - 4:00PM- Victor Rizzo, Matt Michelone
Sun. Jan. 17- 8:00AM- Fran Semelsberger, Joyce Cunningham
Sun. Jan. 17- 11:00AM- Bob Olson, Barb Bundy

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. Jan. 16. - 4:00PM- Jenna Jenkins, John Lloyd, Barb Aubrey, Connie Baker
Sun. Jan. 17- 8:00AM- Dan Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
Sun. Jan. 17- 11:00AM- Steve Wilson, Bill Foose, Norma Foose, Lou Ann Clark, Paul Dennis, Mary Dennis

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Sat. Jan. 16. - 4:00PM- Judy Sneath, Betsy Lloyd, Peg Madden, Dorothy Yingling
Sun. Jan. 17- 8:00AM- Carolyn English, Larry VanSickel, Paula VanSickel, Helen Miller
Sun. Jan. 17- 11:00AM- Dee Capriotti, Walter Bloom, Marilyn Bevan, Wally Wargo

Sacristan:

Sat. Jan. 16. - 4:00PM- Mary King, Ray King
Sun. Jan. 17- 8:00AM- Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. Jan. 17- 11:00AM- Marilyn Bevan



Happy New Year!

January is a month of new beginnings and new resolutions. In this Jubilee Year, we are asked to make acts of mercy a priority in our lives and to live out the compassionate love of God. What acts of mercy can I show to my family and neighbors this week? Am I able to go out of my comfort zone, to inconvenience myself, so that others may experience God's mercy through my actions?

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

February 6th- Mardi Gras Party

February 10th- Ash Wednesday

May 14th- Love Feast

July 24th- Parish Picnic- Legion Park

A Few Words from the Pastor:

Adult Ed to Resume - Our Sunday morning Adult Ed resumes this week, beginning with a bible study of St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. This letter of Paul will be read each Sunday up until the beginning of Lent. All are encouraged to bring your bible. All are most welcome!

Praying for Christian Unity - Later this month, from January 18-25, we will be observing the *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*. There has never been a time in our history when Christian need to be united and speaking with one voice, especially in the face of persecutions in the Middle East and in response to the rampant materialism in our own culture. This is an urgent mission for Pope Francis, as it should be for all of us!

Easter Comes Early This Year - The celebration of the Lord's Resurrection comes very early in 2016, on the 27th of March. Easter is a movable feast in the Christian calendar, the date of which was determined by the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD. At this council it was established that **Easter** would be held on the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on or after the spring equinox. The Orthodox churches follow the same rule. However, they follow the Julian Calendar and the Western church follows the Gregorian Calendar. This year the Orthodox Easter will be on May 1st.

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 100th 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. **Our 3rd-6th grades will be attending. CALL THE OFFICE FOR REGISTRATION.**

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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.

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JOY DRUMMING: Joy

Drummers will be conducting a drum retreat from 11:00am until 3:00pm on Saturday, January 16th in the school cafeteria. There will be time for prayer, refecton, meditation, and drumming. The theme for the event is epiphany. The afternoon will feature guest drummer Yamoussa Camara. Bring a lunch for yourself or a covered dish to share. No drumming experience necessary. The event is free but your donations are welcome. Blessings to all.



PARISH MARDI GRAS PARTY (21 AND OVER)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6 AT 5:30 PM IN THE GYM. PARISH WILL PROVIDE THE MEATS AND SOFT DRINKS. JOIN US FOR DELICIOUS FOOD, MUSIC, DANCING, ENTERTAINMENT, A KING CAKEWALK AND MANY, MANY DOORPRIZES. SIGN UP SHEETS ARE ON THE KIOSK IN THE GATHERING SPACE.

ANY QUESTIONS CALL JOAN PRICE @ 944-3207

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Schedule

Jan. 9th Regular classes resume 9:15-10:45
Jan 9th 10th grade Confirmation session 10:45-2
Jan 17th Regular classes 9:15-10:45
Jan 24th Regular classes 9:15-10:45

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CONFIRMATION:

All Confirmation Candidates:

Sunday, Jan. 10th: 10th 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

Liturgical Reflection: Today concludes the Christmas Season. The church prays at Mass, "...we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord, that, faithfully listening to your Only Begotten Son, we may be your children in name and in truth." On this celebration of the baptism of the Lord, we recall our baptismal identity in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. By God's mercy and love we have been claimed for Jesus Christ. We are children of light and seek to live this new life of faith through God's mercy.

Stewardship at St. John's

OFFERTORY for January 3, 2016

Loose: \$1,090.00
Envelope: \$6,720.00
Children's: \$3.00
Parish Development: \$100.00
Total: \$7,913.00
Online Giving: \$2,218.00
TOTAL: \$10,131.00

*Flowers were placed in the sanctuary,
at Christmas,
"In Memory/Honor Of":*

Our Loved Ones requested by Helen, Donna
& Fred Fornwalt

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Valentine's Prayer and Luncheon for Widows and Widowers throughout our Diocese Remember your loved ones on Wednesday, February 3 with Mass at 11:00 am. All spouses will be mentioned and remembered at Mass. Luncheon at Noon, followed by a special musical presentation. A \$5 donation is suggested. Widows and widowers throughout our Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to attend. Sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office and hosted by the Immaculate Conception Church, 1640 New Germany Road, Summerhill. Reservations required by January 26. Contact the Family Life Office at 814-886-5551 or email at familylife@dioceseaj.org.



ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL

Jan. 11th-15th- Dibels Testing

Jan. 12th- Officer Phil K-2nd

Jan. 14th- Farm Show 3rd-6th

Jan. 15th- No School- In-Service

Jan. 18th- No School- Martin Luther

King Day

Sunday, January 10, 2016

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. Jan. 10th- Baptism of the Lord

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

11:00AM-Mass for *Annie Johnston* requested by Rita & Jerry Kibler

6:30PM - Lectionary Based Faith Sharing

Mon. Jan. 11th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:15AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Joan & Leonard Farrell*

Tues. Jan. 12th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:15AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Joseph Szarwark*

Wed. Jan. 13th- Weekday

5:00PM- Confessions

6:00PM- Mass for *Karen Brooks* requested by Patricia Meintel

Thurs. Jan. 14th- Weekday

8:30AM- Morning Prayer & Communion Service

Friday Jan. 15th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:15AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Jeff Sefchok* requested by Sefchok family

Sat. Jan. 16th- Vigil for 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00PM- Confessions

4:00PM- Mass for *Guido Prosperi* requested by John Prosperi

Sun. Jan. 17th- 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00AM-Mass for *Butch Litzinger*

6:30PM - Lectionary Based Faith Sharing

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Weekday Readings

Mon. Jan. 11- 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20

Tues. Jan. 12- 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28

Wed. Jan. 13- 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39

Thurs. Jan. 14- 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45

Fri. Jan. 15- 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12

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

**Cash Receipts and Disbursements Report
For the Six Months Ending December 2015**

Receipts

Inventory Sales \$326,056.40
PrestoPay profit \$ 642.95
\$326,699.35

Disbursements

Purchases \$ 316,691.90
School Subsidy \$ 15,000.00
Credit Card Fees \$ 493.73
Other Misc. Exp 20.70
\$ 332,206.33

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements \$(5,506.98)
Cash Balance as of 12/31/2015 \$7,359.39
Inventory @ Market Value \$40,673.00
Loan From Church \$10,000.00

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