

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES:

Sat. Jan. 23. - 4:00PM- David Auerbeck, Alexandria Auerbeck
Sun. Jan. 24- 8:00AM- Keaton Swope, Amber Yasolsky
Sun. Jan. 24- 11:00AM- Cherie Langenbacher, Makayla Langenbacher

LECTORS:

Sat. Jan. 23. - 4:00PM- Kathleen Heller, Jenna Jenkins
Sun. Jan. 24- 8:00AM- Dan Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
Sun. Jan. 24- 11:00AM- Barb Bundy, Steve Wilson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. Jan. 23. - 4:00PM- David Petrak, Mary Petrak, Connie Baker, John Lloyd
Sun. Jan. 24- 8:00AM- Joyce Cunningham, Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. Jan. 24- 11:00AM- Bill Foose, Norma Foose, Paul Dennis, Mary Dennis, Bob Olson, Susanna Tomlinson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Sat. Jan. 23. - 4:00PM- Barb Aubrey, Bill Sweet, Dorothy Yingling, Judy Sneath
Sun. Jan. 24- 8:00AM- Fran Semelsberger, Mary Truesdale, Charlie Moore, Mary Grace Horton
Sun. Jan. 24- 11:00AM- Marilyn Bevan, Lou Ann Clark, Walter Bloom, Wendy Campbell

Sacristan:

Sat. Jan. 23. - 4:00PM- Kathleen Heller
Sun. Jan. 24- 8:00AM- Ron Cunningham, Joyce Cunningham
Sun. Jan. 24- 11:00AM- Dee Capriotti

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

February 6th- Mardi Gras Party
February 10th- Ash Wednesday
April 3rd- New Parishioner Luncheon
May 14th- Love Feast
July 24th- Parish Picnic- Legion Park



A MOMENT OF MERCY: From Pope Francis, new book, The Name of God is Mercy. *I believe that this is a time for mercy. The Church is showing her maternal side, her motherly face, to a humanity that is wounded. She does not wait for the wounded to knock on her doors, she looks for them on the streets, she gathers them in, she embraces them, she takes care of them, she makes them feel loved.*

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

309 LOTZ AVE

JANUARY 17, 2016

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME

NATIONS SHALL BEHOLD YOUR
VINDICATION, AND ALL THE KINGS
YOUR GLORY.

-ISAIAH 62:2



PASTORAL STAFF:

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- Mr. Ken Dunmire**, Maintenance

MASS SCHEDULE:

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

A Few Words from the Pastor:

Making the Most of our School Building - As the consolidation of our city Catholic Schools continues, consideration needs to be given to making the best use of our own school building. We have been approached by NHS Schools, a non-profit system of schools for children with autism, which is interested in leasing our building. Currently located at the old Mt. Carmel School, NHS is seeking a more central location, for it serves multiple school districts in providing specialized education for autistic children. The NHS use of our building, Monday through Friday, will in no way affect our use of this space for our Religious Ed. classes, or for any evening or weekend parish functions in the gym or cafeteria. This lease will be a win-win for all involved. We will gain some needed income for the maintenance of our building, while continuing to have full use of our facilities on evenings and weekends. For NHS, it will be more centrally located to meet the needs of their client school districts, with the bonus of having a gymnasium for the use of the children. **There will be a special parish meeting on Wednesday, January 20th at 7:00 in the cafeteria to discuss this possibility.** Kelly Brennan, the director of our local NHS school, will be in attendance to answer any questions. Those wishing to have their voice heard are encouraged to attend.

"Christians Uniting": The Ecumenical Conference of Greater Altoona sponsors this weekly program on the Public Access Channel. It airs on Sundays at 12:30PM and 7:30PM. You may enjoy watching it!

Adult Ed to Resume - Our Sunday morning Adult Ed continues, with a focus on 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!

Old Palms for Ash Wednesday - Lent begins early this year (February 10th), and since the ashes we use for Ash Wednesday are from the palms of the previous year, we are asking that if you have any old palm in your home from last Palm Sunday, please bring them to church and place it in the basket provided.

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.

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.

Haiti Trip: We will be visiting Haiti January 27th to February 3rd. We would appreciate any monetary donations toward the expenses of checked baggage and travel within the country. You may place it in an envelope marked trip into the Common Cents Jug or pass it on to Msgr. Becker or Mary Lee Madigan-Davis. Thank you so much!

The Women's Group of

St. John's Parish is going out to dinner on Tuesday, January 19 at 6:00 PM at Aki Japanese Restaurant located in the Park Hills Plaza. All women of the parish are invited to join us. Please let me know if you will join us. Contact me by phone (944-1607) or email, bf Bundy@gmail.com. We need an accurate count for the reservation. Barb Bundy

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Schedule

Jan 17th Regular classes 9:15-10:45

Jan 24th Regular classes 9:15-10:45

Jan 24th- 11th grade Confirmation session 10:45-2:15

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CONFIRMATION:

Sunday, Jan. 24th: Confirmation Session for 11th Graders, 10:45-2:15

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

Sunday, Jan. 21st: Confirmation Session for 9th Graders, 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

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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 10, 2016

Loose: \$551.00

Envelope: \$5,081.50

Children's: \$0.00

Parish Development: \$70.00

Total: \$5,702.50

Online Giving: \$3,289.00

TOTAL: \$8,991.50



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 whom this simple meal would be a feast. Donations will be accepted for Saints Peter and Paul parish in Haiti.

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 DOOR-PRIZES. SIGN UP SHEETS ARE ON THE KIOSK IN THE GATHERING SPACE.

ANY QUESTIONS CALL JOAN PRICE @ 944-3207



ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL

Jan. 18th– No School– Martin Luther King Day

Jan. 20th– End of Marking Period

Jan. 26th– 8th grade shadowing

Jan. 27th– Report Cards

7th and 8th Grade Bake Sale: January 30th and 31st, the 7th and 8th graders of St. John's School will be holding a bake sale in the gym, after all weekend masses. They will be selling homemade bake goods such as cakes, pies, and cookies. The money the students raise will go toward their end-of-the-year class trip.

Thank You, The 7th and 8th graders of St. John's

Sunday, January 17, 2016

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

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

Mon. Jan. 18th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:15AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Joyce Cordek* requested by Larry Cordek

Tues. Jan. 19th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:15AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Fran & Mary Bednarski*

Wed. Jan. 20th- Weekday

5:00PM- Confessions

6:00PM- Mass for *Joseph & Jean Dardzinski*

Thurs. Jan. 21st- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:30AM- Mass for *Peggy Harber* requested by Jean Trybus

Friday Jan. 22nd- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:15AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Annie Johnston* requested by Rose Ann Simelbauer

Sat. Jan. 23rd- Vigil for 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00PM- Confessions

4:00PM- Mass for *Jerry Bowmaster* requested by Michael Bowmaster

Sun. Jan. 24th- 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00AM-Mass for *Lena Coyler* requested by Madeline Launchi

6:30PM - Lectionary Based Faith Sharing

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Weekday Readings

Mon. Jan. 18- 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22

Tues. Jan. 19- 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28

Wed. Jan. 20- 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6

Thurs. Jan. 21- 1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 13:44-46

Fri. Jan. 22- 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19

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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.