

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES:

Sat. Feb. 4 - 4:00 PM - Amelia Partner, Amber Yasolsky
Sun. Feb. 5 - 8:00 AM - Emily Miller, Ethan Miller
Sun. Feb. 5 - 11:00 AM - Cherie Langenbacher, Makayla
Langenbacher

LECTORS:

Sat. Feb. 4 - 4:00 PM - Joyce Cunningham, Matt Michelone
Sun. Feb. 5 - 8:00 AM - Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
Sun. Feb. 5 - 11:00 AM - Barbara Bundy, Bob Olson

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. Feb. 4 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, Jenna Jenkins
Sun. Feb. 5 - 8:00 AM - Melissa McHugh, Danielle Miller
Sun. Feb. 5 - 11:00 AM - Walter Bloom, Cecelia Bloom,
Lou Ann Clark, Pam Klobuka, Joseph Klobuka, Donna Moyer

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Sat. Feb. 4 - 4:00 PM - Coleen Langguth, David Langguth,
John Lloyd, Betsy Lloyd
Sun. Feb. 5 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, Ed Stoltz
Paula VanSickel, Larry VanSickel
Sun. Feb. 5 - 11:00 AM - Wendy Campbell, Dolores Capriotti,
Peg Madden, Wally Wargo

SACRISTAN:

Sat. Feb. 4 - 4:00 PM - Billy Sweet
Sun. Feb. 5 - 8:00 AM - Michele DeFrancisco
Sun. Feb. 5 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

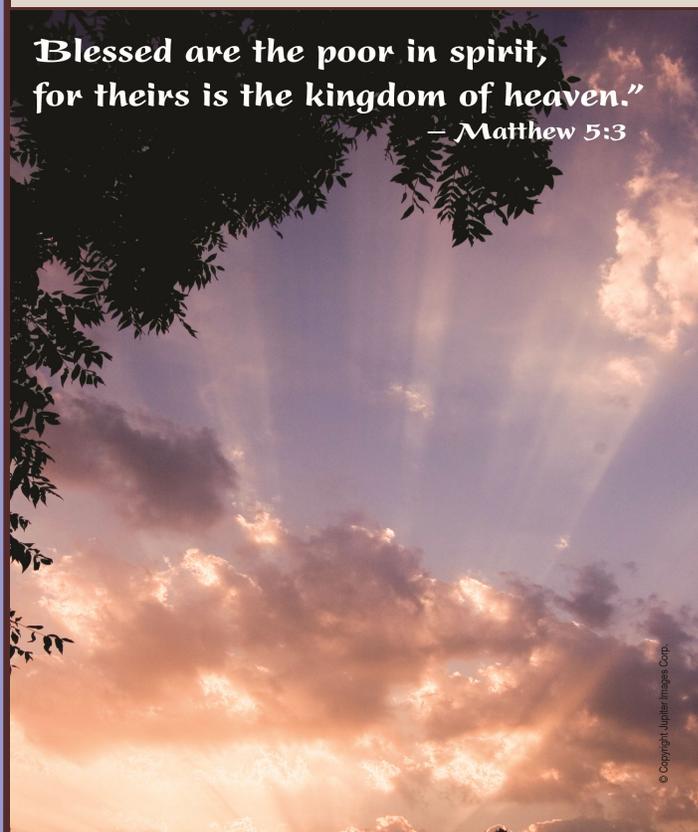
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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE:

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

**Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”**
— Matthew 5:3



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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

March 1 - Ash Wednesday/Lenten Soup Supper
March 11 - Love Feast
April 23 - New Parishioners Luncheon
May 6 - Spring Fling
July 23 - Parish Picnic

A Few Words from the Pastor:

An Outpouring of Generosity – Many thanks to all who have assisted the Edger family, Lisa and her children Chelsea and Alexia, in helping them to rebuild their lives after a recent home fire. This is a wonderful testimony to the Christian spirit here at St. John's.

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!

Catholic Schools Week – We celebrate our Catholic School Ministry this week, with a special 9:30 AM Mass at the Cathedral on Friday for all the children of Holy Trinity School. This Thursday I will be offering Mass at Bishop Guilfoyle, as our high school students celebrate the excellent Catholic Education they are receiving!

Saint John Bosco (January 31) – Known as "Father and Teacher of Youth," Don Bosco was an Italian Roman Catholic priest, educator and writer of the 19th century. While working in Turin, Italy, he dedicated his life to the betterment and education of street children, juvenile delinquents, and other disadvantaged youth. He founded a religious community, the Salesians of Don Bosco, which continues to minister to the youth all over the world.

Candlemas Day (February 2) - Candlemas commemorates the ritual purification of Mary, 40 days after the birth of her son Jesus. This day also marks the ritual presentation of the baby Jesus to God in the Temple at Jerusalem. The Gospel of Luke says that Jesus was met by Anna and Simeon. Simeon held the baby Jesus and called him a Light to the World. The festival is called Candlemas because this was the day that all the Church's candles for the year were blessed.

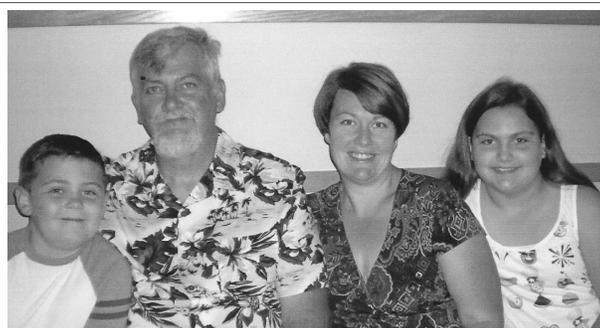
St. Blaise (February 3) - Little is known about Saint Blaise prior to his mention in an ancient physician's medical journal. It spoke of Saint Blaise's aid in treating objects caught in the throat. Elsewhere, it is also mentioned that he was aided by animals and treated people and beasts alike. Saint Blaise is believed to begin as a healer then, eventually, became a "physician of souls." He then retired to a cave, where he remained in prayer. People often turned to Saint Blaise for healing miracles. **Next Sunday he will be remembered here at St. John's with the blessing of throats after each of the weekend Masses.**

Nocturnal Adoration This Friday – Adoration this Friday, February 3rd, will be at St. Mary's in Altoona, with our St. John's hour for adoration being from 8 until 9. All are welcome to spend this sacred time before the Blessed Sacrament!

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 St. Catherine of Siena, and will continue next week with the great artist Michelangelo.

Celebrating the Nativity at St. John's – There is no more enduring image for Christmas than the Crèche, which reveals in all simplicity the story of the birth of Christ. Might we consider adding to the figurines to our Nativity scene in the front of the church, to include the shepherds and the magi? These figures of the shepherds and the "three Kings" are part of our set as designed by Demetz Studios, whose workshop is situated in Ortisei - Val Gardena – Italy. The cost of each is \$2,000. Those who are interested in purchasing one for our parish as a memorial gift for a loved one can speak with Deacon Gene or myself, or may call the office. We will have pictures of these figures in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your generosity!

OUR PARISH FAMILY ... The Wagner family have been members of our parish for about 6 years. Dave is Logistics Manager at Trinity Plastics in Lewistown, and Jennifer is the art teacher at Holy Trinity Middle School. She also plans the curriculum for the art program at Holy Trinity's two elementary schools. They have two children: Chloe, age 10 and Ben, age 8. Chloe and Ben attend Holy Trinity School, and stay busy with many other activities as well. Chloe plays the clarinet, takes art lessons, and rides horses. Ben takes piano lessons, does archery, and plays basketball. And here at St John's, both are members of the children's handbell choir. When I asked Jennifer how they felt about St John's, she said that they love the family atmosphere and how "friendly and inclusive" the parish is. She also added that our music program "can't be beat".



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education Schedule

- January 29: Regular class 9:15-10:45
- February 5: Regular class 9:15-10:45
- February 12: Regular class 9:15-10:45
- February 12: 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!



DIRECTORY UPDATE The directory proof has been revised and submitted for printing. Once they are printed and shipped to us, you will be able to pick up your copy in the gathering space.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:3

This one confuses people. Replace the word "humble" for "poor" and it makes more sense. People that are humble recognize their dependence on God and trust that He will provide all that they need. Unfortunately, for many of us, pride and ego enters our lives and we think we can live without God. Remember – God first in all circumstances.

Stewardship at St. John's

OFFERTORY for January 22, 2017

Envelopes:	\$	5,899.00
Loose:	\$	940.00
Children's:	\$	4.00
Parish Development	\$	2.00
Catholic Education	\$	30.00
Total:	\$	6,875.00
Online Giving:	\$	1,860.00
TOTAL:	\$	8,735.00

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 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:*

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

For Christian unity

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

- 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.

BOOK CLUB: Our discussion of Islam & the rise of ISIS was stimulating but incomplete. We plan to meet again at D"Lites at 11 a.m. on *Friday, February 3, 2017*. Anyone is welcome to attend.

FR. JOHN KIRWIN, AND UNBOUND, want to thank Monsignor Becker, the staff, ministers, musicians and all the wonderful parishioners of St. John the Evangelist, for their warm welcome the weekend of January 14/15, when 22 of our children and elderly found sponsors at the weekend Masses. What a wonderful parish! Please keep up your Good Work of proclaiming The Good News. This will be a grace-filled experience for those sponsored and their sponsors in the years ahead. For anyone else wishing to sponsor, a child or an elderly person through UNBOUND, you may do so by calling UNBOUND at 800-875-6564 or by going online at www.hopeforafamily.org. Blessings a hundred fold and many thanks.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE: This Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 3:00 PM, at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Richland (Johnstown). Bishop Michael Rhyne, Lutheran bishop of the Allegheny Lutheran Synod, will preside at a Lutheran-Catholic Common Commemoration of the Reformation. Presiding with Bishop Rhyne will be Bishop Mark Bartchak, who will preach.

LOVE FEAST: Our next Love Feast is *Saturday, March 11*. Strips of paper on the kiosk list the food items needed for this event. Please take a strip, purchase the item and return the food by *March 6* to the designated area under the coat-rack. Also, we will need new servers for this event since some of our usual helpers have gone south for sea & sunshine. There is a sign up sheet on the kiosk for those to who are willing to help serve food that day.

BOAST IN THE LORD What are you most proud of? What do you like to boast about? Were you top of your class in college? Do you work harder than anyone in your office? Or are you the best at appearing to work hard, but hardly working? Everyone likes to have something they are the best at, or at least very good. But it really is kind of silly to base your own worth on what you accomplish. What truly makes us important is that we are loved by God. Our second reading tells how God uses the foolish, weak, or poorest people to shame those who are wise, strong, and wealthy. Why? Because God loves the poor, the weak, the disabled, the homeless just as much as God loves the important people.

And it's not just the external qualities that are important. Some wealthy people have great love for the poor. Some of the best teachers only work with disabled children. Our Gospel on the Beatitudes today makes that clear if you listen carefully. Blessed are not just the poor, but the poor in spirit; not only the hungry, but those who hunger for righteousness. That's what Saint Paul means when he says, "Whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 1:31).

So how do we get to be "important" to God? Instead of asking God to make my projects a success, I can ask what God wants me to do. And for all the good that you do, remember to thank the Lord.

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• **HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated the week of January 28th through February 5th. The theme will be "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service".

- An all Campus Mass will be held at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, February 3rd at 9:30 AM to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. Everyone is invited to join us.
- 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.



SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday January 29 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*
 11:00AM-Mass for *Patricia Shuster* requested by Bob & Ginny Reeder

Monday January 30- Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
 8:10AM-Morning Prayer
 8:30AM-Mass for the Faithful

Tuesday January 31 - St. John Bosco, Priest

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
 8:10AM-Morning Prayer
 8:30AM-Mass for *Joseph Dullinger* requested by Mark & JoAnne Delozier & Family

Wednesday February 1 - Weekday

5:00PM- Confession
 6:00PM- Mass for *Steve Dubaniewicz*

Thursday February 2 - The Presentation of the Lord

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

Friday February 3 - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
 8:10AM-Morning Prayer
 8:30AM- Mass for *Therese Schneider* requested by Jane & John Becker

Saturday February 4 - Vigil of the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00PM- Confession
 4:00PM-Mass for *Annie Johnston* requested by Bernadine Farrell & Family

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20
 Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43
 Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6
 Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
 Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29





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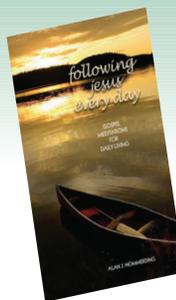


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