

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES:

Sat. Jan. 30. - 4:00PM- Dustin Smith, Piper Brunhuber
Sun. Jan. 31- 8:00AM- AJ Abraham, Drew Abraham
Sun. Jan. 31- 11:00AM- Caitlin Conigy, Tyler Conigy

LECTORS:

Sat. Jan. 30. - 4:00PM- Maria Spayd, John Lloyd
Sun. Jan. 31- 8:00AM- Tom Robison, Ron Adams
Sun. Jan. 31- 11:00AM- Paul Dennis, Richard Consiglio

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. Jan. 30. - 4:00PM- Barb Aubrey, Jenna Jenkins, Bill Stokan, Kathleen Heller
Sun. Jan. 31- 8:00AM- Melissa McHugh, Fran Semelsberger
Sun. Jan. 31- 11:00AM- Walter Bloom, Cecelia Bloom, Pam Klobuka, Ken Gorman, Marilyn Bevan, Dee Capriotti

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Sat. Jan. 30. - 4:00PM- Connie Baker, Peg Madden, Judy Sneath, Mary Frances Stokan
Sun. Jan. 31- 8:00AM- Dan Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky, Mike O'Neill, Ginny Reeder
Sun. Jan. 31- 11:00AM- Lou Ann Clark, Wendy Campbell, Wally Wargo, Not Filled

Sacristan:

Sat. Jan. 30. - 4:00PM- Mary King, Ray King
Sun. Jan. 31- 8:00AM- Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. Jan. 31- 11:00AM- Marilyn Bevan

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

February 6th- Mardi Gras Party
February 10th- Ash Wednesday/Soup Supper
May 1st- New Parishioner Luncheon
May 14th- Love Feast
July 24th- Parish Picnic- Legion Park



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.*

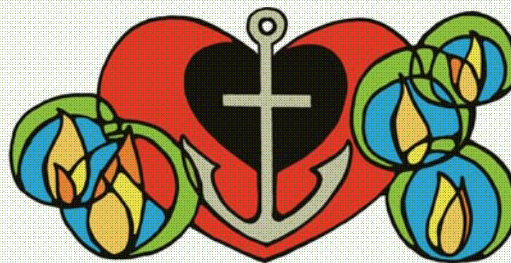
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

309 LOTZ AVE

JANUARY 31, 2016

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME

*Faith, hope, and love remain, these three;
but the greatest of these is love.
-1 Corinthians 13:13*



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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:

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!

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.

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!

NOCTURNAL ADORATION THIS FRIDAY - Adoration this Friday, February 5th, 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!

ECUMENICAL SERVICE - This Sunday, January 31st, at 2:00PM there will be an ecumenical service at Grace Lutheran Church in State College. If anyone would like to go and needs a ride, give me a call. I will be leaving from the rectory at 1:00PM.

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.

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.

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 31st- Regular classes 9:15-10:45

FAMILY LENT MORNING--Feb 7th at 9:15am

All Religious Ed families are to meet in the gym at 9:15am
We are going to play some Mardi Gras BINGO
with prizes and learn a little about LENT!!

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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 and in need of prayer please call Ginny Reeder (696-6717) or email her at gabby.reeder@gmail.com to add their name to the prayer list. Please respect the person's right to privacy and secure permission before placing their name on 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. JoAnne Gerardine (1/22/16)
2. St. John's School Staff & Faculty
- 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.

Lent starts on February 10th, we will be forming scripture discussion groups again for the Lenten season. Sign up sheets are available in the gathering space for the next two weekends, please sign up. If you wish to lead a group please call the office or Dee Capriotti at 934-3054.

Stewardship at St. John's

OFFERTORY for January 24, 2016

Loose: \$443.00

Envelope: \$2,687.00

Children's: \$3.00

Parish Development: \$35.00

Total: \$3,168.00

Online Giving: \$1,593.00

TOTAL: \$4,761.00

March for Life: \$537.00



Ash Wednesday Soup

Supper: This year our 11th Grade Confirmation Candidates will host the annual Soup Supper. Please join us in the cafeteria for a delicious meal of homemade soup and fresh bread, following 6:00 Mass on February 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.

If you would like to make soup or bread please sign up on the kiosk or contact Mary Petrak, 201-2982, 502-6076, mfpetrak@hotmail.com.

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Weekday Readings

Mon. Feb. 1- 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20

Tues. Feb. 2- Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40

Wed. Feb. 3- 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6

Thurs. Feb. 4- 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13

Fri. Feb. 5- Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29

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St. John the Evangelist School Scrip Program

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

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL

- January 31st- February 5th- Catholic Schools Week
 - 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

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

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK:

Sunday, January 31: Catholic Schools are S C H W E E T: Come out to support our 7th & 8th graders' field trip bake sale after all Masses this weekend.

Sunday, January 31: Skate-INTO Catholic Schools Week at Galactic Ice from 6:00-8:00pm. (Prek-8th)

Monday, February 1: Crazy Hair Day/Door Decorating: Kick off Catholic Schools Week with crazy hair & crazy doors (doors will be judge on Thursday). Theme: *Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service*

Tuesday, February 2: Catholic School Teacher's are Superheroes: Dress like your favorite superhero, or wear your favorite superhero t-shirt/hoodie.

Wednesday, February 3: Sporting for your school: Wear your favorite sport jersey or hoodie over your school uniform.

Thursday, February 4: Family Open House Day: Mass is celebrated in honor of our grandparents. Students from all grades prepare for this occasion. Grandparents, aunts & uncles are welcome to visit the classrooms from 9:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Friday, February 5: Mom/Dad/Guardian Appreciation Breakfast: All school parents are invited to share break fast with their children in the cafeteria from 7:00 to 8:00. Also parents will be able to go and visit their child's class room until 9:30 a.m.

School Spirit Day: Dress down in your school spirit or Bishop Guilfoyle colors.

Sunday, January 31, 2016

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. Jan. 31st- 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM- Mass for *Robert & Genevieve Huber* requested by Wieland, Martens & Huber Families

11:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*
6:30PM - Lectionary Based Faith Sharing

Mon. Feb. 1st- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:15AM- Morning Prayer
8:30AM- Mass for *Steven Dubaniewicz*

Tues. Feb. 2nd- Presentation of the Lord

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:15AM- Morning Prayer
8:30AM- Mass for *Peggy Harber* requested by Savino Family

Wed. Feb. 3rd- Weekday

5:00PM- Confessions
6:00PM- Mass for *Leo & Cecelia Long* requested by John & Carol Bismark

Thurs. Feb. 4th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:30AM- Mass for *Donna Long* requested by Bill & Dee Schmerbeck

Friday Feb. 5th- Saint Agatha

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:15AM- Morning Prayer
8:30AM- Mass for *John A. Despot* requested by Budd Family

Sat. Feb. 6th- Vigil for 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00PM- Confessions
4:00PM- Mass for *Lee Wilson* requested by Wife, Cece Wilson

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