

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

309 LOTZ AVE
ALTOONA, PA 16602

ALL SAINTS DAY
NOVEMBER 1, 2015

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES:

Sat. Nov. 7- 4:00PM- David Auerbeck, Alexandria Auerbeck
Sun. Nov. 8- 8:00AM- Danielle Miller, Ethan Miller
Sun. Nov. 8- 11:00AM- Patrick Donoughe, Kaelab Ruggles

LECTORS:

Sat. Nov. 7- 4:00PM- Jenna Jenkins, Matt Michelone
Sun. Nov. 8- 8:00AM- Tim Rea, Fran Semelsberger
Sun. Nov. 8- 11:00AM- Richard Consiglio, Richard Karcher

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. Nov. 7- 4:00PM- Connie Baker, NOT FILLED, John Lloyd, Bill Stokan
Sun. Nov. 8- 8:00AM- Joyce Cunningham, Melissa McHugh
Sun. Nov. 8- 11:00AM- Walter Bloom, Cecelia Bloom, Ginger Cooney, Ken Gorman, Donna Moyer, Bob Olson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Sat. Nov. 7- 4:00PM- Mary Petrak, David Petrak, Christine Stachmus, Denny Stachmus
Sun. Nov. 8- 8:00AM- Charlie Moore, Mike O'Neill, Larry VanSickel, Paula VanSickel
Sun. Nov. 8- 11:00AM- Marilyn Bevan, Wendy Campbell, Dee Capriotti, Lou Ann Clark

Sacristan:

Sat. Nov. 7- 4:00PM- Mary King, Ray King
Sun. Nov. 8- 8:00AM- Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. Nov. 8- 11:00AM- Marilyn Bevan

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MASS SCHEDULE:

MON., TUES., THURS. FRIDAY: 8:30AM

WEDNESDAY: 6:00PM

SATURDAY: 4:00PM

SUNDAY: 8:00AM; 11:00AM

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PASTORAL STAFF:

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Religious Education took 23 high school students to SHYCON this past Sunday at St Francis University. It was a spirit filled day and we had a lot of fun!



A Few Words from the Pastor:

Conference on the Environment - On Thursday, November 12 at 7:00PM, our parish will host a conference entitled "The Care of our Common Home." Responding to the recent encyclical on Pope Francis on the environment, Bishop Mark Bartchak will give the keynote address, summarizing the focus of the encyclical. Representatives of various faith traditions will then give their response based on their own faith traditions. All are encouraged to join us!

All Souls' Day, Nov. 2 - It is a beautiful tradition in the Catholic Church to pray for our beloved dead. Our Mass on Monday morning will be offered for all of the deceased of our parish and families. Please plan on joining us!

A Prayer for our Departed Priests - At 9:30AM on All Souls' Day, following our morning Mass, we will gather at the "Priests' Plot" at Calvary cemetery, praying for the peaceful repose of the priests who have gone before us and have shepherded God's people in our diocese.

God in America - Beginning this weekend, our Adult Ed will turn its attention to how "religious liberty shaped America." How did Christianity come to our shores? Who were all these different denominations and why were they coming to America? Using as our resource a PBS Frontline documentary, we will be given an interesting and informative history of religion in America. As we draw near to Thanksgiving, this will be most fitting! Please join us!

Saint of the Week - After the Reformation it was St. Charles Borromeo who emerged as a guiding light in implementing the reforms of the Council of Trent. He was a great champion of seminary formation, and many seminaries have been named and dedicated to his vision of priestly education and ministry. We celebrate his memory on November 4, and continue to benefit from the direction which he has given the church in our formation of future priests.

Organizing Payroll - There are hundreds of employees throughout our diocese, working in a variety of settings, but especially in our parishes and schools. For the purposes of uniformity and fairness, and to meet the many requirements of taxes and healthcare, the diocese is planning to provide a consistent procedure for the pay of all our employees. Direct deposit and the calculation of all taxes will be among the benefits for both the parishes and employees.

Second Sunday Food Collection - Just a reminder that next Sunday we will be having our monthly collection of food and finance for the needy of our community.

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October

Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis

Human Trafficking

That human trafficking, the modern form of slavery, may be eradicated.

Mission in Asia

That with a missionary spirit the Christian communities of Asia may announce the Gospel to those who are still awaiting it.

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Social Committee Mem-

bers: The results of the survey are in! A meeting will be held on Wednesday, Nov 4 after the 6 PM Mass (6:45pm) in the cry room of the church. We will make plans for the picnic and for the refreshments for the next ecumenical program which will be held at St. John's on November 12th. All are welcome to attend and share their ideas.

Collecting Travel-size Hy-

giene Items - It's that time of year again! If you have collected an over abundance of hygiene items while traveling, please consider donating them to our CCD program for special projects. Needed items are: travel-size items of shampoo, hair conditioner, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, individually wrapped body soap (and container) and tissues. Quart and gallon-sized zip-loc bags would also be greatly appreciated. A marked box is located in the Gathering Space of the Church.

Calling all angels at St. John's to be on the lookout for families that need help during the Christmas Season. If you know someone in our parish, your family or a neighbor who may need help please call Susanna at 317-7531 or call the church at 942-5503 and leave their name and number. Susanna will call and talk to them. Deadline is Wednesday November 18, 2015. No names will be taken after November 18th. The Angel Tree will be ready November 21, 2015 for those who want to shop on Black Friday.

Turkeys needed: Did you earn enough reward points for a free turkey at one of the local grocery stores? If you would like to donate your turkey to the Christmas food drive, please contact Susanna at 317-7531 to make arrangements for pick up on December 11th. Thank you for being an angel.



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LOVE FEAST: Thanks to the dozens of parishioners who bought food, decorated treat bags, baked cupcakes, set up, cooked, served & cleaned up to make our Saturday Love Feast 1 of our best ever. We served over 120 hungry adults & children who warmed our hearts with their, "Thank You's," smiles & hugs. One guest was so pleased with her server that she offered to bring a cake in return for more of the same service the next weekend. Speaking of our next weekend, Simpson Temple has no one to serve the weekend of **January 9, 2016, so we will try to gather enough volunteers to serve then in addition to our other 2016 dates: May 14 & October 22.**

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTIONS, 2015: A big **Thank You** to the following parishioners who delivered between 55 & 90 bags of non-perishable food to 1 of 8 food banks over the past 10 months: Joyce Lowe & her religious education students, Mary Petrak & her confirmation students, Bill & Norma Foose, Tom & Fran Semelsberger, Bill & Patti Sweet, Ray & Mary King, Ed Stoltz, & Denny & Christine Stachmus. Please don't miss out on a rewarding opportunity to sign up to deliver food 1 of the first 10 months of 2016 (as you know, we use the food collected in November & December for the families we help through the Angel Tree).

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:



PINE CONE COLLECTION: Religious Education is collecting pine cones for our Advent wreaths we will be making in December. If you have pinecones in your yard we would love to have them. There will be a collection box in the gathering space in the church.

CONFIRMATION:

VOLUNTEER NEEDED: Right here in our parish we have many opportunities to Evangelize! We are in need of a team member for 9th grade Confirmation. Our 9th grade team will follow the class through their 11th grade Confirmation. Each year our Confirmation students meet 2-3 times on Sunday for a Confirmation session. They also have a retreat and a group service project. Team members are needed to be part of small group discussions at our sessions. You would not be responsible for planning the sessions, and do not have to be present at every activity. Thank you for prayerfully considering this important ministry to our youth.

Upcoming Events:

Sun., Nov. 1, 10:45-2:15, Rite of Commitment at Mass and Confirmation Session for all 10th graders

Sun., Nov. 22, 10:45-2:15, Rite of Blessing at Mass and Confirmation Session for all 9th graders

Contact Mary Petrak, 201-2982 or 502-6076, mfpetrak@hotmail.com

GRANT WRITER: The Haiti Committee is looking for someone who can volunteer his or her time and talent for grant writing. Please contact Monsignor Becker or Mary Lee Madigan-Davis, mlmdcreek@aol.com, 931-2651.

Stewardship at St. John's

OFFERTORY for October 26, 2015

Loose: \$632.00
 Envelope: \$4,860.50
 Children's: \$0.00
 Parish Development: \$65.00
 Retire Priest & Medical Collection: \$25.00
 All Saints: \$10.00
 World Mission: \$40.00
 Catholic Charities: \$20.00
 All Souls: \$25.00
Total: \$5,677.50
Online Giving: \$1,628.00
TOTAL: \$7,305.50

ATTENTION VETERANS! The students of St. John's School would like to invite all veterans and their families to our Veterans Day Program to be held Thursday, November 12 at 12:30pm in the school gym. As always, the students will celebrate with songs and music selected to honor our distinguished guests. We have also invited veterans from the VA home in Hollidaysburg. So please set aside this day and time and come join us! No reservations needed ~ we always have room for our heroes!

Monday Night Basketball! Beginning on Monday, October 19th, and continuing until spring, a group of men will play pick-up basketball in Father Bailey Hall (our gym) from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM. This is for men ages 18 and up, and the cost is just a few bucks a night. So, lace up those Chuck E. Taylors and come work on your 3-point shot!

OTHER NEWS:

- **Mister Rogers' Neighborhood SWEATER DRIVE:** Hollidaysburg Area Public Library, Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 6:30pm. Special Appearance by Mr. McFeely. Wear a sweater! Bring a sweater. Donations of coats, vests and other clothing to keep people and animals warm during the cold months. **DROP OFF PLACES ARE: ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL & CHURCH, HOLLIDAYSBURG LIBRARY, & HOLLIDAYSBURG YMCA.**
- **Student Travel to Australia!** Do you know of a 6th - 12th grade student who would be a good candidate to travel and learn next summer? People to People International Student Travel is looking for good candidates to experience Australia for 20 days (grades 6 - 9) or Australia, Fiji, and New Zealand for 22 days (grades 9 - 12). Contact Steve Wilson at 944-8680.

Sunday, Nov. 1, 2015 SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. Nov. 1st- All Saints Day

8:00AM- Mass for *John M. Stoltz* requested by UPMC Family

11:00AM-Mass for *Frank H. Auerbeck* requested by Bob & Ginny Reeder

Mon. Nov. 2nd- All Souls Day

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:15AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *People of the Parish*

Tues. Nov. 3rd- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:15AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Eileen Becker* requested by Mr. & Mrs. Jim Roccio

Wed. Nov. 4th- Saint Charles Borromeo

5:00PM- Eucharistic Adoration

6:00PM- Mass for *Timothy Kimmel* requested by Wieland & Martens Families

Thurs. Nov. 5th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:30AM- Mass for *Peggy Harber* requested by Patricia Shingler & Family

Friday Nov. 6th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:15AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *John Dunn* requested by Rich & Joyce Lowe

Sat. Nov. 7th- Vigil for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00PM- Confessions

4:00PM- Mass for *Mildred Burchfield* requested by John & Betsy Lloyd & Family

Sun. Nov. 8th- 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00AM-Mass for *Serena Stevens* requested by Chris, Natalie Smith & Family

6:30PM - Lectionary Based Faith Sharing

Weekday Readings

Mon. Nov. 2nd-Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

Tues. Nov. 3rd- Rom 12:5-16b/Lk 14:15-24

Wed. Nov 4th- Rom 12:3-13/Jn 10:11-16

Thurs. Nov. 5th- Rom 14:7-12/Lk 15:1-10

Fri. Nov. 6th- Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8
