



Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

—Matthew 25:13

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32ND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

November 12 - Second Sunday Food Collection
November 13 - Parish Council Meeting
November 23 - Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00AM
November 23 & 24 - Parish Office closed.
December 3 - 4:00PM: Parish Penance Service
December 10 - 7:00PM: Advent of Christmas Concert
February 10 - Mardi Gras

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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

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

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES:

Sat. Nov. 18 - 4:00 PM - Jack & Ryan Donoughe
Sun. Nov. 19 - 8:00 AM - Nicholas Helsley, Amber Yasolsky
Sun. Nov. 19 - 11:00 AM - David & Alycia Auerbeck

LECTORS:

Sat. Nov. 18 - 4:00 PM - David Langguth, Mark Sloan
Sun. Nov. 19 - 8:00 AM - Joyce Cunningham, Tim Rea
Sun. Nov. 19 - 11:00 AM - Paul Dennis, Patrick Schurr

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. Nov. 18 - 4:00 PM - Barb Aubrey, NOT FILLED
Sun. Nov. 19 - 8:00 AM - Francene Boland, Mary Truesdale
Sun. Nov. 19 - 11:00 AM - Lou Ann Clark, Debbie Dougherty,
Joseph Klobuka, Pam Klobuka, Bob Olson, Susanna Tomlinson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Sat. Nov. 18 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, Dennis Moughemer,
Rose Wargo, Wally Wargo
Sun. Nov. 19 - 8:00 AM - Carolyn English, Ginny Reeder,
Darlene Scarpaci, Fran Semelsberger
Sun. Nov. 19 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Dolores Capriotti,
Anna Podoletz, Patrick Podoletz

SACRISTAN:

Sat. Nov. 18 - 4:00 PM - Mary & Ray King
Sun. Nov. 19 - 8:00 AM - Michele DeFrancisco
Sun. Nov. 19 - 11:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti

SCRIP:

Sat. Nov. 18 - 4:00 PM - Dawn & Frank Steinbugl
Sun. Nov. 19 - 8:00 AM - Jim & Wendy Campbell
Sun. Nov. 19 - 11:00 AM - Judy Sneath, Dorothy Yingling

A Few Words from the Pastor:

An Easing of Duties - With the announcement by the bishop that Father James Dugan is named pastor at our Lady of Lourdes parish, I am relieved of my duties there as administrator. I appreciate very much your understanding on weekends when I was not able to be present here at St. John's. We rejoice with our Lady of Lourdes that they now have a resident pastor.

Our Mission Trip to Haiti – Our current Haiti Mission Trip includes Mary Lee Madigan-Davis, Debbie Johnson and Mike Guinard from this parish, and Martha O'Brien from Holy Name Parish in Ebensburg. We pray for their protection and look forward to their safe return!

World Day of the Poor -- Pope Francis Has added a new observance to the church calendar: The World Day of the Poor. He is calling on Christians around the world to serve the poor with concrete actions that address their daily needs, noting that service to the poor is "an imperative that no Christian may disregard." This special observance is set for the 33rd Sunday of the Year, the Sunday before the Feast of Christ the King. In his message announcing this day, the pope makes a short but poetic and powerful scriptural argument that "If we truly wish to encounter Christ, we have to touch his body in the suffering bodies of the poor, as a response to the sacramental communion bestowed in the Eucharist." This "Day of the Poor" coincides appropriately with our national collection for the Campaign for Human Development.

Honor a Loved One This Christmas - We plan to augment our beautiful nativity set by adding some additional figurines. We have a commitment for a shepherd, as well as for the angel. A second shepherd would be welcome, as well as his sheep. This will be a beautiful enhancement of our Christmas nativity scene. Contributions toward the purchase of these figures can be made in memory of a loved one. The cost for the shepherd is \$1500, and for a lamb, \$450. While these figures are not inexpensive, they will be a wonderful remembrance for a loved one at Christmas. For further information, contact our parish office. An image of the shepherd and lambs is on display on the kiosk in the gathering space.

Saint of the Week! Frances Xavier Cabrini (July 15, 1850 – December 22, 1917), also called **Mother Cabrini**, was an Italian-American religious sister, who founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a Catholic religious institute that was a major support to the Italian immigrants to the United States. *She was the first naturalized citizen of the United States to be canonized by the Roman Catholic Church, on July 7, 1946.* We celebrate her feast on Monday, November 13.

Advent Calendars – Advent is coming soon, and the tradition of a beautiful Advent Calendar can help "keep Christ in Christmas," and not allow secular values to distract us. Advent Calendars will be available in the Gathering Space for only \$5.00. A special envelope is provided and can be placed in the collection.

OUR PARISH FAMILY... Allen & Dolores ("Dee") Capriotti have a long history here at St John's. They have been members of our parish for 35 years and renewed their wedding vows here in the early 1990's. Also, their two daughters and then two of their grandchildren attended St John's School. Their daughter, Angelina Long, and her two children, Kaelab and Baylee, are also current members here. Their other daughter, Veronica, lives in North Carolina with her husband and 2-year-old son. Allen is an artist – just look around our worship space! And Dee is a Realtor with the local ReMax agency. Dee currently serves our parish as a Eucharistic Minister, Hospitality Minister, and Sacristan. She recently resigned after serving for fifteen years as chairperson of our Family Life Committee, and is also a previous member and president of Parish Council. Allen usually attends 8:00 Mass, and Dee prefers the 11:00. Dee says St

John's is her "sanctuary", and she visits here "when trying to figure out something". She also said that she loves the Mass and feels that the choir "adds so much". And Allen would like to thank our parishioners for the "support and appreciation" they've shown for the projects he has completed at St John's.

NOTE: Next week, the "Our Parish Family" feature will be a little different. We'll focus on Allen's work, and explain more about his completed project -- the Raising of Lazarus mural, and his work in progress -- the panels illustrating the Gospels of St John.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Go to www.stjohnsaltoona.org for 2017-2018 calendar.



Also, "like" and follow St. John the Evangelist Church on Facebook.

November 12 - No Class

November 18th - 11th grade Confirmation Retreat at St Francis

November 19th - Regular Class from 9:15-10:45

November 26th - NO CLASS Happy Thanksgiving!

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

Nov 18 - 11th Grade Confirmation Retreat at St Francis University

FIRST RECONCILIATION INFORMATION

- Saturday December 9th First Reconciliation retreat from 1-2:30 in gym. Student attends with parent.
- Saturday December 16th Sacrament of First Reconciliation. 11:00AM in the Church.

FOOD COLLECTION: The Hollidaysburg Ambucs will be collecting non perishable food items during the Hollidaysburg Christmas Parade on Sunday, November 19 at 2:00PM. All food items will be donated to the American Resuce Mission. Please call Rick Centar at 695-3141 for more information.

STEWARSHIP CORNER: Good stewards, like the sensible bridesmaids in today's parable, are ready to share their gifts when the Master calls. It is through the prudent use of our time, abilities, and finances that will always keep us mindful of the presence of the Risen Christ.

Stewardship at St. John's

OFFERTORY for November 5, 2017

Envelopes	\$ 6,437.00
Loose	\$ 854.00
Children's	\$ 4.00
Catholic Education	\$ 112.00
Parish Development	\$ 150.00
Catholic Register	\$ 18.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 50.00
World Mission	\$ 40.00
All Souls Day	\$ 372.00
All Saints Day	\$ 691.00
Missionary Cooperative	\$ 705.00
<i>SubTotal</i>	\$ 9,433.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,183.00
Total Offertory	\$ 12,616.00

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 ginnen.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:*

Baby Adam • Bernie Beiswenger • Millie Bilski

Jen Buda • Vincent Cannizzaro • Robert Cole

Millie Grace Capon • Mary Lee DeStefano

Michael DeStefano • Michelle Fasline • Carol Field

Rick Fownes • JoAnne Gerardine • Brian Kopp

Bryson Miller • June Miller • Leona Paule • Ron Peschock

Dave Petrak • Bob & Mary Rajnish • Allison Recker

Olga Romerowicz • Maureen Smithe • Diane Stultz

Patty Teufel • Lois Werfel • Noah Wills

Our Lady Of Lourdes Parish • Christians In Asia

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

John Lloyd

THANKSGIVING MEAL FOR SENIOR CITIZENS: The Dorothy Day Outreach Center at St. Francis University will honor senior citizens with a catered Thanksgiving meal on November 22 from 10:30Am-1:00PM at the Torvian Dining Hall on the University Campus. *Reservations must be received by November 17.* Please call 814-472-2877 or 814-472-2878 to make a reservation.

TOASTY TODDLERS: During the month of November the St. John's Women's Group will have a container in the gathering space to collect new coats, hats, and gloves for children up to age 4. Sizes needed are boys and girls newborn, 3, 6, 9, 12 and 24 months, as well as 2T to 5T, 4,5, 6,7,8 and small. These items will be taken to the Family Resource Center at the United Way of Blair County to help the youngest children stay warm through the winter months. Thank you for your support.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Over 46 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. By supporting this collection you give people a hand up, not a hand out. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

ATTENTION SHOPPERS: Black Friday shopping is quickly approaching. If you are planning to do your Christmas shopping then, please consider supporting the church by purchasing Scrip gift cards. It's too late to order gift cards that we do not have in stock for Black Friday, but you can purchase Giant Eagle cards and use them to purchase gift cards in the store for any of the vendors Giant Eagle offers. As an added bonus, you earn gas points (which typically double over the Holiday season)! Also, don't forget gift cards for those hard to shop for people on your Christmas list. Order now to have them for Christmas gift giving!

SCRIPNOW USING PRESTOPAY is an easy way to support the church with your shopping. Hundreds of retailers offer ScripNow and you can purchase it at any time. For example, if you are purchasing something from Lowe's and need it right away, you can get online with your smartphone in the store and purchase a Lowes gift card after you have the items in your cart and know how much you'll be spending. These online purchases are available in \$10.00 increments. Purchase the amount of Lowes scrip you need in the back of the store and it shows up on your phone by the time you reach the front of the store. The best thing is protection from identity theft. No one has your identifying information when you purchase with Scrip, so it's great for online shopping too!

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP: Please join us for refreshments, fellowship, & lively discussion in the parish center on *Monday, December 11, at 6:30 pm.* We will focus on stress reduction via mindfulness - a great strategy both for personal well being and spiritual growth. We will leave relevant materials for your review on the kiosk in the gathering space.

OVERNIGHT ADVENT RETREAT: The Carmelite Community of the Word offers an Overnight Advent Retreat, Living the Christmas Story, Then and Now on December 1-2, 2017 from 7:00PM Friday to 3:00PM Saturday. Meet and engage in prayerful reflections with the people of the original advent. Discover these powerful figures as they respond to God's plan and allow yourself to recognize something of oneself in each character. Retreat includes presentations, time for reflection and prayer and conversation. Meals and housing included. Retreat fee: \$40 per person, \$55 for married couples. *Pre-registration is required by Nov. 27 with a non-refundable deposit of \$15 per person.* Reservations are limited to 10 participants with private rooms. Sessions and retreats will be held at Carmelite Community of the Word Incarnation Center, 394 Bem Rd., Gallitzin, PA. To register, get directions, or for more information, call 814-886-4098.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday November 12 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM-Mass for *Ida Prosperi* requested by
John Prosperi

11:00AM-Mass for *Serena Stevens* requested by
Janet Belsey

Monday November 13 - St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Sam & Hilda Neal* requested by
Julie & Bernie Beiswenger

Tuesday November 14 - Weekday

8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Janie Long* requested by
Dee & Carol

Wednesday November 15 - Weekday

5:00PM-Eucharistic Adoration/Confessions
6:00PM-Mass for *Francis Bean* requested by
David & Mary Petrak

Thursday November 16 - Weekday

8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Cole Rinker* requested by
Anna Marie Rasmussen

Friday November 17 - St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Joseph Robeson*

Saturday November 18 - Vigil of the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00PM-Confessions
4:00PM- Mass for *John Lloyd* requested by
Billy & Patti Sweet

Sunday November 19 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM-Mass for *Mark Kopp* requested by
Ed & Debbie Ergler
11:00AM- Mass for *People of the Parish*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Wis 1:1-7; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wis 2:23 -- 3:9; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b -- 8:1; Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37



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