



The recent visit to Sts. Peter and Paul was successful. We were able to record the choir singing both Creole and English songs. The portable solar lights were a great hit and really appreciated. Fourteen soccer balls were donated by CharityBall. We spent time in the community catching up with familiar friends and meeting new ones. If you would like to see more pictures, check out St. John's Facebook page.



NOVEMBER 19, 2017

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

November 23: 9:00AM - Thanksgiving Day Mass
November 23 & 24 - Parish Office closed.
December 3: 9:15AM - Family Advent Gathering
December 3: 4:00PM - Parish Penance Service
December 10: 7:00PM - Advent of Christmas Concert
December 16: 11:00AM - First Reconciliation

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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. 25 - 4:00 PM - Jack Donoughe, Claire Nackley
Sun. Nov. 26 - 8:00 AM - Mai Linh Do, NOT FILLED
Sun. Nov. 26 - 11:00 AM - Nate Rudolph, Kaelab Ruggles

LECTORS:

- Sat. Nov. 25 - 4:00 PM - Heather Nackley, Maria Spayd
Sun. Nov. 26 - 8:00 AM - David Andrews, Ronan Adams
Sun. Nov. 26 - 11:00 AM - Gary Johnson, Susanna Tomlinson

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS:

- Sat. Nov. 25 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, NOT FILLED
Sun. Nov. 26 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, Fran Semelsberger
Sun. Nov. 26 - 11:00 AM - Cecelia Bloom, Walter Bloom,
Barbara Bundy, Bob Olson, NOT FILLED

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

- Sat. Nov. 25 - 4:00 PM - Billy Sweet, Dennis Moughemer,
Karen Moughemer, NOT FILLED
Sun. Nov. 26 - 8:00 AM - Carolyn English, Ray Kennedy,
Mike O'Neill, Mary Truesdale
Sun. Nov. 26 - 11:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti, Lou Ann Clark,
Judy Sneath, NOT FILLED

SACRISTAN:

- Sat. Nov. 25 - 4:00 PM - Billy Sweet
Sun. Nov. 26 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. Nov. 26 - 11:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti

SCRIP:

- Sat. Nov. 25 - 4:00 PM - Becky Merilli, NOT FILLED
Sun. Nov. 26 - 8:00 AM - Natalie Smith, Ed Stoltz
Sun. Nov. 26 - 11:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph

A Few Words from the Pastor:

Thanksgiving Day Mass – All are encouraged to participate in the Eucharist at 9:00 AM on Thanksgiving Day. This is a secular holiday but with a very deep spiritual meaning. There is no better way to keep this Thanksgiving Day sacred than celebrating Mass with your parish family. All are invited to bring food items for the neediest in our community.

World Day of the Poor – In announcing this day, Pope Francis wrote: *I invite the whole Church, and men and women of good will everywhere, to turn their gaze on this day to all those who stretch out their hands and plead for our help and solidarity. They are our brothers and sisters, created and loved by the one Heavenly Father. This Day is meant, above all, to encourage believers to react against a culture of discard and waste, and to embrace the culture of encounter. At the same time, everyone, independent of religious affiliation, is invited to openness and sharing with the poor through concrete signs of solidarity and fraternity. God created the heavens and the earth for all; yet sadly some have erected barriers, walls and fences, betraying the original gift meant for all humanity, with none excluded.*

Honor a Loved One This Christmas – As we augment our beautiful nativity set, we have received 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. An image of the shepherd and lambs will be on display on the kiosk in the gathering space. Contact the office for more information.

Advent Calendars – 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.

The Patroness of Music - At the center of the rose stained glass window in the back of the Cathedral is a woman saint who is holding a miniature organ. That is St. Cecilia, patroness of music, the martyr of the third century whose memory we observe on Wednesday, November 22nd. St. Cecilia is regarded as the patroness of music, because she heard heavenly music in her heart when she was married.

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! Congratulations to Deacon Gene Neral and his wife Barbara, who celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on November 17. If you'd like to send them a card, the address is 1101 Flamingo Drive, Altoona, PA 16602
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The Feast of the Presentation of Mary, November 21 - Mary's presentation in the temple by her parents Ann and Joachim was first celebrated in Jerusalem in the sixth century. Tradition tells us that her parents, Anna and Joachim, offered Mary to God in the Temple when she was 3 years old, carrying out a promise made to God when Anna was still childless. This feast emphasizes that the holiness conferred on Mary from the beginning of her life on earth continued through her early childhood and beyond.

Advent Penance Service – There is no better preparation for Christmas than the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance. **Our Advent Penance Service will be held Sunday, December 3rd at 4:00 PM.** The daylight hour will be much more convenient for those who have difficulty getting out in the dark! Make good confession! What more beautiful way to begin the Advent season and prepare for the birth of the Savior.

FAMILY ADVENT GATHERING
All are welcome
Sunday December 3rd
9:15 in school gym



Come learn all about
CHRISMONS as we
drink hot chocolate, eat yummy
cookies and then help
decorate the St John's
Family Tree!!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

November 19th Regular Class from 9:15-10:45
November 26th ... NO CLASS Happy Thanksgiving!
December 3rd ... Advent Family Gathering 9:15 in gym
(student and parent)

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

December 16th 5-8 Confirmation service project/
Christmas party

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.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION: Please be generous in this week's second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.



In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25 percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects.

Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins.

More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES ON NOVEMBER 25/26: For 77 years, Catholic Charities has helped our neighbors throughout Central Pennsylvania regardless of faith or background. 100% of contributions received through next weekend's second collection will directly help your neighbors in need. Please return your Catholic Charities envelope or make your gift online at www.catholiccharitiesaj.org. Thank you for helping Catholic Charities of Altoona-Johnstown reduce poverty in communities throughout our diocese.

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 ginny.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

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

John Lloyd

BAKE SALE: The Friar's Nook Gift Shop, 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg, will hold a Thanksgiving bake sale on Monday, November 20th. Harvest bread and holiday tarts will be available while supplies last.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: It is through the faithful use of our God-given gifts that will lead to our full participation in the Kingdom of God. As our blessings increase, so too does our responsibility to use them as God intended.

Stewardship at St. John's

OFFERTORY for November 12, 2017

Envelopes	\$ 3,937.00
Loose	\$ 379.00
Children's	\$ 4.00
Catholic Education	\$ 20.00
Parish Development	\$ 52.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 20.00
World Mission	\$ 20.00
Missionary Cooperative	\$ 979.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 15.00
<i>SubTotal</i>	\$ 5,426.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,968.00
Total Offertory	\$ 7,394.00

Catholic Ministry Drive as of October 31:

Received - \$38, 485 Pledges - \$2,930

OUR PARISH FAMILY... Last week we featured Allen & Dee Capriotti, and promised more information about Allen's artistic contributions to our worship space. During the capital campaign in the mid 1990's to help fund the building of our present Church, Allen offered to do a religious portrait of John the Evangelist as an additional contribution. Parish Council at that time accepted, and explained to Allen the position and size of the intended space for the portrait. After considering the space, Allen felt that a mural would be more appropriate and chose the raising of Lazarus as the subject, as he had always loved the idea that "if you believe, you will never die". A parishioner framed and prepared the designated space, and the large canvas was glued to the wall. He gathered models and took "about 300 pictures" of faces, hands, feet, etc. In his words: "I did a complete tonal drawing, the monochromatic under painting, then the color was painted over top followed by the delicate final glazes. Working 3 days a week, 2 years later it was completed." The inspiration for his current work in progress was a restoration project that he completed years ago inside Philadelphia City Hall. It featured a monochrome mural of "Greek figures parading above the bookshelves of the library". He thought the space above the molding surrounding our worship space would be perfect for something like this, and chose the Gospels of St John the Evangelist as the subject. The first panel took "3 months, averaging 8 hours a day" to complete. Now he says there are "only" 7 more panels to go and The Last Supper will be next. Also, he said that he added the 10 angels "just to make things interesting". When the project is complete, a book with details of each painting and its' symbolism is planned. In addition to all this, he does personal paintings and enters juried shows around Pennsylvania. You can see a list on his website allencapriotti.com. He recently entered the Chelsea International Fine Arts Competition and won a show of his work at the Agora Gallery in NYC. You can check out their website and see a YouTube video of the reception held there on August 19, 2017. If you read last week's "Our Parish Family", Allen said that he wants to thank all of us. I think it's all of us that should be thanking him for sharing his talent! Thank you, Allen.



SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

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*

Monday November 20 - Weekday

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

Tuesday November 21 - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Joan Carney* requested by
Jim & Roberta Lowry

Wednesday November 22 - St. Cecelia, Virgin and Martyr

5:00PM-Eucharistic Adoration/Confessions
6:00PM-Mass for *Jim Branagan* requested by
Rich & Joyce Lowe

Thursday November 23 - Thanksgiving Day

9:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*

Friday November 24 - St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

8:30AM-Morning Prayer and Communion Service

Saturday November 25 - Vigil of the 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00PM-Confessions
4:00PM- Mass for *50th Wedding Anniversary of Bob & Ginny Reeder*

Sunday November 26 - 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*
11:00AM- Mass for *Barbara Byers* requested by
Mike & Beverly Thur

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44

Thanksgiving Day, Suggested:

Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lk 19:45-48



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