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— Matthew 23:11

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31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- November 10 - Parish Office closed
- November 11/12 - Recognition of Veterans at all Masses
- November 12 - Second Sunday Food Collection
- 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. 11 - 4:00 PM - Caitlin & Tyler Conigly
- Sun. Nov. 12 - 8:00 AM - Sarah Geishauser, NOT FILLED
- Sun. Nov. 12 - 11:00 AM - Kaelab Ruggles, NOT FILLED

LECTORS:

- Sat. Nov. 11 - 4:00 PM - Wally Wargo, Heather Nackley
- Sun. Nov. 12 - 8:00 AM - Francene Boland, Fran Semelsberger
- Sun. Nov. 12 - 11:00 AM - Susanna Tomlinson, Richard Karcher

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS:

- Sat. Nov. 11 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, Jenna Jenkins
- Sun. Nov. 12 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, Mary Truesdale
- Sun. Nov. 12 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Cecelia Bloom,
Walter Bloom, Dolores Capriotti, Donna Moyer, Bob Olson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

- Sat. Nov. 11 - 4:00 PM - Barb Aubrey, Lori Ginter, Judy Sneath,
Hedy Zumsteg
- Sun. Nov. 12 - 8:00 AM - Helen Miller, Mike O'Neill,
Larry VanSickel, Paula VanSickel
- Sun. Nov. 12 - 11:00 AM - Lou Ann Clark, Anna Podoletz,
Patrick Podoletz, Dorothy Yingling

SACRISTAN:

- Sat. Nov. 11 - 4:00 PM - Billy Sweet
- Sun. Nov. 12 - 8:00 AM - Joyce Cunningham
- Sun. Nov. 12 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

SCRIP:

- Sat. Nov. 11 - 4:00 PM - Joan Price, Nancy Weimer
- Sun. Nov. 12 - 8:00 AM - Amber & Heather Yasolsky
- Sun. Nov. 12 - 11:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph

A Few Words from the Pastor:

Prayers for Those in Need! At our Love Feast last Saturday, we asked our guests to write their special prayers, which we placed at the altar on Sunday. So that these prayers can be kept in mind, we are making each written need available after Mass for those who wish to know and pray for a particular need that has been expressed!

Training for Eucharist Ministers – For those who would like to serve the parish as a Eucharistic Ministers, there will be a special training session this Wednesday, November 8, at 7:00 PM. We will be meeting in the Day Chapel. Please consider participating in this important ministry in our parish!

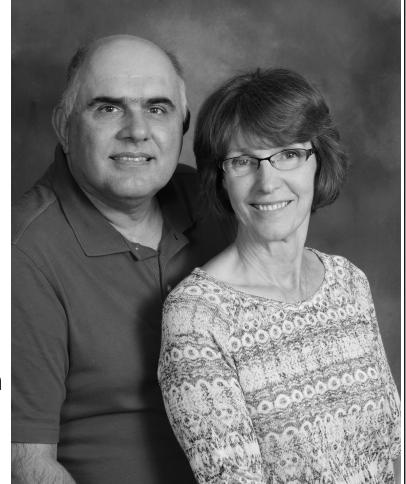
Honor a Loved One This Christmas - We plan to augment our beautiful nativity set by adding some additional figurines. We would like to begin with the addition of a shepherd and his sheep. This will be a beautiful enhancement of our Christmas nativity scene. Contributions toward the purchase of these figurines can be made in memory of a loved one. The cost for the shepherd is \$1500, and for a lamb, \$450. While these figurines 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 will be on display on the kiosk in the gathering space.

National Vocation Awareness Week - we are increasingly aware in our diocese and throughout our country, of the need for vocations to the priesthood, religious life and diaconate. This week of November 5-11 all are encouraged to pray more earnestly for vocations, and to encourage young men to consider the priesthood, and young women to consider religious life.

Our Mission Co-op Appeal –This weekend we welcome representatives of Franciscan Works, which currently operates Liberia Mission in West Africa. Founded in 2003, just as the civil war was ending, Liberia Mission began with just six orphans and children. Today it is a vibrant, life-saving community of love, learning, work and prayer, with about 50 residents. Nearly 500 youths from surrounding villages attend St. Anthony of Padua Mission School. These are young people who would not otherwise have access to education, medical care, adequate food and shelter, and faith-formation. Much prayer, joy and hope is evident at Liberia Mission, even with the sorrow and hardships associated with Ebola and the political and economic strife there. Your help is needed for this important ministry. Please be generous. Special envelopes will be distributed and your contributions will be greatly appreciated.

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.

OUR PARISH FAMILY... Dan & Mary Susick are both originally from Northern Cambria, and have been married for forty-four years. Dan worked in the coal mines for nineteen years, and then as a Corrections Officer at SCI Laurel Highlands for sixteen years. Mary said she worked “various places between children”, and later at the Jeff Lantzy Insurance Agency in Northern Cambria for sixteen years. After moving to Hollidaysburg in 2014, their daughter, Jennifer Helsley, who is also a member of our parish, invited them to try St John’s and they officially became members here in 2015. They also have another daughter, two sons, and nine grandchildren. Mary is also an artist – she’s been painting landscapes since she was a child, has done iconography for thirty years, and recently has tried portrait painting. Some of the icons she has done are in place at her home parish, St John’s Byzantine Catholic Church in Northern Cambria. Mary recently attended her first St John’s Womens Group meeting, and has offered to help the Social Committee with the greeting cards that we send to shut-ins. Dan and Mary both also volunteer at the St Vincent de Paul food pantry twice a week. They have “found a home” at our 8:00 Mass and said that St John’s parishioners are “very welcoming”. The “Our Parish Family” feature is designed to help us learn more about our fellow parishioners. If you’re willing to be featured here, contact Cecelia Bloom at 695-2806 or ceceb13@verizon.net.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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



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

November 5 - Regular class from 9:15-10:45

November 11th - 10th grade Confirmation Retreat
at Canoe Creek

November 12 - No Class

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

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

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

Nov 5 - 10th grade Confirmation session 9:15-10:45
followed by Rite of Commitment at 11AM Mass
Nov 11- 10th Grade Confirmation Retreat
at Canoe Creek 11AM-5PM
Nov 18 - 11th Grade Confirmation Retreat
at St Francis University

HAITI NEWS: From November 8 to November 13, Debbie Johnson, Michael Guinard, Mary Lee Madigan-Davis, and Martha O'Brien from Mount Aloysius will be traveling to Haiti. Martha speaks Haitian Creole and will be our translator. Our main project will be recording the choir of Sts. Peter and Paul singing both our hymns and theirs. This is in preparation for a joint CD with the two choirs, ours and theirs. This will be a fundraiser but we also hope this fosters even more community between our parishes. On this trip we will also continue recycling education.

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD DONATIONS: The new food pantry for PSU Altoona students will be the recipient of next weekend's collection. The following items are especially welcome for students lacking access to kitchen facilities: fruit & pudding cups, cereal, peanut butter & jelly, soup, canned pasta, snack crackers, granola bars, ramen noodles, cookies, nuts.

GROUNDS KEEPERS: Now that the growing season is over, it is time to thank those staff & parishioners who beautified our church/school/rectory campus. Please compliment the following: Maintenance Chief, Ken Dummire, Wendy Campbell, Joyce Cunningham, Deb & Ed Ergler, Michelle DeFrancisco, Nancy Fogel, Karen Horton, Ray & Mary King, Gary Johnson, and Ginny Reeder.

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 for distribution to those who are in need. Please be generous, as the need is great. Please call Rick Centar at 695-3141 for more information.

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

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

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.

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STEWARSHIP CORNER: "The greatest among you must be your servant," speaks Jesus in today's gospel. What wonderful news this is to those who give their gifts in service to others!

Stewardship at St. John's

OFFERTORY for October 29, 2017

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| Envelopes | \$ 4,265.00 |
| Loose | \$ 663.00 |
| Children's | \$ 5.00 |
| All Souls | \$ 166.00 |
| All Saints | \$ 76.00 |
| World Mission Sunday | \$ 80.00 |
| <i>SubTotal</i> | \$ 5,255.00 |
| Online Giving | \$ 1,553.00 |
| Total Offertory | \$ 6,808.00 |

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. *The last Sunday to order and have them in for Black Friday will be November 12th.* If you know you are shopping those Black Friday deals, but are not sure which store you will be buying from, 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)!

LOVE FEAST: The basket carried up in the offertory procession at all the masses last weekend contained the prayer intentions of guests at our Love Feast. Please feel free to take an intention slip from the basket in the gathering space to continue to pray individually for one of those intentions. Counting take-outs, we served 120 meals this time and again received many compliments. Heartfelt thanks to the following parishioners who enjoyed this service opportunity: Rhonda Adams, Angioli family, Dee, Baylee & Kaelab Capriotti, Ethan, Emily & Danielle Miller, Barb Nagle, Bob & Loretta Olson, Pat Podolitz, Fran Semelsberger, Jillian & Natalie Smith, Judy Sneath, & Anna Mae Widney.

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.

HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?
If you've been coming to Mass for a while, but are not Catholic, we invite you to look deeper into our faith tradition. We will be gathering to share the truths of the Catholic faith and the fellowship of our church family. We invite you to learn what Catholics believe in an open and welcoming setting. These gatherings also are opportunities for you to ask any questions you may have about the Church and our parish community. We meet in the day chapel at 9:15 Sunday morning. If you have any questions please ask Msgr. Becker or Deacon Gene or call Mark Krepich at 932-2223 or email at mark.krepich@gmail.com.

ANGEL TREE: Any family that may need help for Christmas must call Catholic Charities at **814-944-9388** by November 10th. The family should tell Catholic Charities that St. John The Evangelist Parish referred them. We will then be sent a list of their needs for our tree.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday November 5 - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*
11:00AM-Mass for *Judy Hurm* requested by
Judy Sneath

Monday November 6 - Weekday

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

Tuesday November 7 - Weekday

6:30PM-Mass for *Joseph Robeson*

Wednesday November 8 - Weekday

5:00PM-Eucharistic Adoration/Confessions
6:00PM-Mass for *Alma Reismeier* requested by
Bill & Gloria Gehringer

Thursday November 9 - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Bud Bloom* requested by
Dick & Donna Rieg

Friday November 10 - St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Eileen Becker* requested by
Clarence Becker

Saturday November 11 - Vigil of the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00PM-Confessions
4:00PM- Mass for *People of the Parish*

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 11:29-36; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11,
16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8



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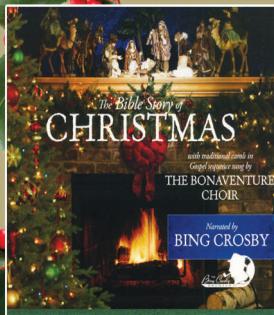
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