

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES:

Sat. Nov. 12 - 4:00 PM - Amelia Partner, Nathan Ringkamp
Sun. Nov. 13 - 8:00 AM - Nicholas Helsley, Amber Yasolsky
Sun. Nov. 13 - 11:00 AM - Nicholas Rasmussen, Kaelab Ruggles

LECTORS:

Sat. Nov. 12 - 4:00 PM - Mark Sloan, Maria Spayd
Sun. Nov. 13 - 8:00 AM - Joyce Cunningham, Tim Rea
Sun. Nov. 13 - 11:00 AM - Bob Olson, Paul Dennis

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. Nov. 12 - 4:00 PM - John Lloyd, David Loth
Sun. Nov. 13 - 8:00 AM - Francene Boland, Melissa McHugh
Sun. Nov. 13 - 11:00 AM - Walter Bloom, Cecelia Bloom, Barbara Bundy, Bill Foose, Norma Foose, Donna Moyer

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Sat. Nov. 12 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, Dennis Moughemer, Karen Moughemer, Judy Sneath
Sun. Nov. 13 - 8:00 AM - Carolyn English, Fran Semelsberger, Larry VanSickel, Paula VanSickel
Sun. Nov. 13 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Wendy Campbell, David Petrak, Mary Petrak

SACRISTAN:

Sat. Nov. 12 - 4:00 PM - Billy Sweet
Sun. Nov. 13 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. Nov. 13 - 11:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti

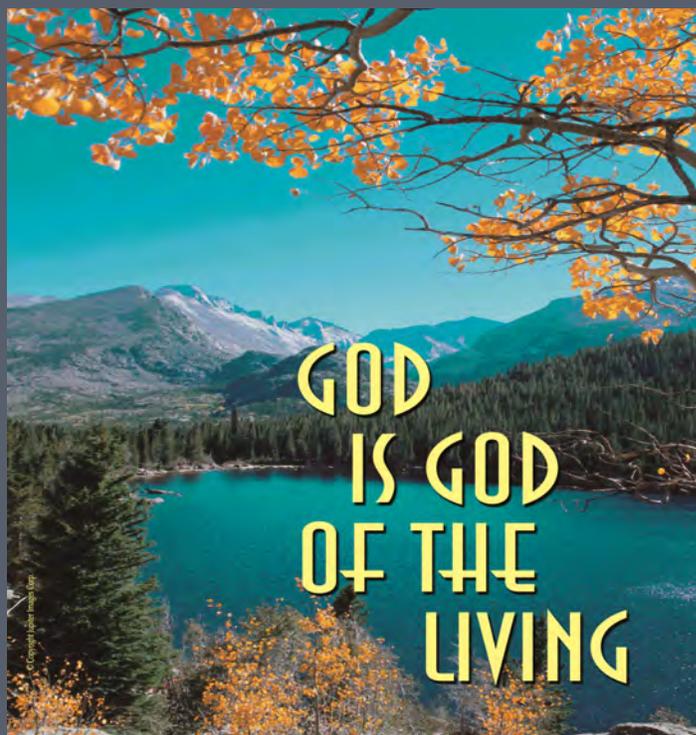


Pope Francis on Mercy -- *"It is not easy to entrust oneself to God's mercy, because it is an abyss beyond our comprehension. But we must! ... "Oh, I am a great sinner!" "All the better! Go to Jesus: He likes you to tell him these things!" He forgets. He has a very special capacity for forgetting. He forgets, He kisses you, He embraces you and He simply says to you: "Neither do I condemn you; go, and sin no more."*

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Nov. 19 - Wine & Cheese Social
Nov. 20 - Commitment Sunday
Dec. 4 - 4:00 Parish Penance Service

NOVEMBER 6, 2016
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY
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A Few Words from the Pastor:



Parish Sacrificial Giving – the Practice of Good Stewardship Every household will be receiving a letter this week inviting a prayerful reflection on the meaning of Parish Sacrificial Giving. Our giving is to

be planned and proportionate, a decision which relates our giving to our blessings received. It is a gift, with no strings attached. Our giving is to truly be sacrificial, as it is to come from our substance rather than our abundance. Finally, it is truly a prayer of Thanksgiving to almighty God for the unfathomable love God has shown us.

A Warm St. John's Welcome - We welcome as our guest preacher this weekend Father M.S. Selva, a visiting missionary from India, who will speak with us of the challenges facing the impoverished diocese of Kimbakonam, India. There will be a second collection to assist the mission of that diocese. We ask that you please be generous.

Conference on the Family - This Monday, November 7th at 7:00PM here at St. John's, the Ecumenical Conference of Greater Altoona is sponsoring an evening program focusing on the recent Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis on the family. Bishop Mark Bartchak will give an overview of the papal document, *Amoris Laetitia*, (*The Joy of Love*) with leaders of faith communities and social service agencies giving their responses in light of their own experience and faith traditions. There will be a question and answer session following, as well as time for fellowship and refreshments. All are cordially invited. We are proud to host this important conversation on the family!

Second Sunday Food Collection – Just a reminder that next Sunday we are called to be generous in our food and finance collection for the needs of the less fortunate. We can be proud of the fact that we are the only parish in the city which takes up this monthly collection. It is a tribute to our generosity as a parish family.

Wine and Cheese (and cider!) – On Saturday evening, November 19th, after the 4 PM Mass there will be a special gathering of the parish to celebrate the upcoming holiday season, with a special invitation to our new parishioners. It is a casual event, and all are encouraged to come!

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine – For the Year of Mercy, our diocese is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC on Saturday, November 12th. Please consider joining this sacred journey, especially if you have never been to our National Shrine. There is a Sign-Up in the Gathering Space, with more details posted there.

Mark Your Calendars – Commitment Sunday is November 20.

The Pope's Cathedral – On Wednesday of this week we celebrate the Feast of a church building, but it is not just any church building! St. John Lateran is Christendom's earliest basilica. Ordered by Rome's first Christian Emperor, Constantine the Great, it became the Popes' own cathedral and official residence for the first millennium of Christian history. It is an occasion for us to thank God for the gift our own parish church, the place where God dwells in a special way!



OUR PARISH FAMILY ... Shari Shultz first came to our parish about 7 years ago, after moving here from Mercer County in western Pennsylvania. She and her husband, William, have been married for 17 years. Shari has a 21-year-old son who lives in Bedford and is a cook at "10/09 Kitchen" there. And she also has a 5-month-old granddaughter, who was a preemie at birth but is doing great now. Shari works in employee benefits at JJAN Financial Group Inc., in Hollidaysburg. She is a member of our choir and usually attends the 11:00 Mass. She is also a member of The Altoona Chorus, a local chapter of Sweet Adelines International. After moving to this area, Shari said that she searched for a parish to belong to and "tried" several others before coming to St John's. But she chose our parish "after hearing the choir" and because of the "friendliness of the other parishioners". *If you're willing to be included in this weekly feature, designed to help us learn more about our St John's family, contact: Cecelia Bloom, at 695-2806 or ceceb13@verizon.net. We'd especially like to hear from some of our 4:00 & 8:00 Mass people!*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

November 6 Regular classes 9:15-10:45

November 13 Regular classes 9:15-10:45

November 20 Regular classes 9:15-10:45

9th Grade Rite of Blessing Mass

All 9th grade students need to be at 11am Mass on Nov 13th..please sit in reserved pew in front row

First Reconciliation Retreat

Sunday November 20th 1-2:30pm. Meet in the gym.



Angel Tree

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 Tomlinson at 317-7531 or call the church at 942-5503 and leave their name and number for Susanna to call them. The deadline is November 26, 2016.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING: Canned goods and non-perishable food items will be collected at Wednesday evening Mass on November 23, and our 9:00am Thanksgiving mass on November 24. Families are asked to bring their offering to mass. All donations will be used for the Christmas families in our Angel Tree project.

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. Thank you for being an angel.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Please note that the deadline for the November 27 bulletin is at noon on Thursday, November 17 because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

LECTOR TRAINING for those who would like to serve the parish as lectors will be held this Tuesday, November 8, at 6:30 in the church. If you did not sign up for this ministry, but would like to participate, feel free to come to the training that evening.

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 gabby.reeder@gmail.com to add their name to the prayer list.

Thinking of You and Get Well cards will be available in the Gathering Space the first weekend of each month. Please stop by to sign your name or write a greeting for our shut-ins and those on the prayer request 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:*

Judy Baird • Millie Bilski • Carol Field

JoAnne Gerardine • Judy Hurm • Brian Kopp

Joel Myers • Deacon Gene Neral • Ron Peschock

Bob & Mary Rajnish • Olga Romerowicz

Madison Shura • Terri Schneider • Patty Teufel

For an end to violence and unrest in our country

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

Anna Kent

Dave English (husband of Carolyn)

Thomas Rentz (brother of Jerry)

Patricia Schuster (mother of Gia Dixon)

May they rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.

Stewardship at St. John's

OFFERTORY for Oct. 30, 2016

Envelopes:	\$ 4,431.00
Loose:	\$ 439.00
Children's:	\$ 15.00
Parish Development	\$ 27.00
India Mission	\$ 54.00
All Souls	\$ 100.00
All Saints	\$ 66.00
Total:	\$ 5,132.00
Online Giving:	\$ 1,345.00
TOTAL:	\$ 6,477.00

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word."

2 THESSALONIANS 2:16-17

There are two important lessons here. First, we are called to be generous with our encouragement and hope. As God shows us mercy, we must be merciful to others. Second, joy is contagious! The joy we receive from doing good works not only strengthens us, it encourages others as well.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES It's not too late to sign up to serve the parish as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Sacristan or Minister of Hospitality. There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk and training will be scheduled soon.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION We are also looking for families to volunteer to bring up the gifts in the offertory procession. You can sign up on the kiosk in the gathering space and our Ministers of Hospitality will select volunteers from this list to bring up the gifts at each mass.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SEEKING NEW

MEMBERS: Are you a man of faith looking for a better way to serve the Church and your community? During this month, the Knights of Columbus Star of the Sea Council #4245 in Hollidaysburg, PA is seeking new members. In joining the Knights of Columbus, you can become part of the largest Catholic fraternal group in existence. As a Knight of Columbus, you will serve our local parishes and community while working each day to create a better world through charity. If you are looking to live out your faith in the spirit of charity by helping others, the Knights of Columbus welcomes you to join us. Through his support of community and Church, a Knight of Columbus forms friendships with his fellow Knights that can last a lifetime. If you interested in joining, please consider filling out a prospect card to be contacted by our council. You can also contact David De Pastina at (814)327-9774 or hollidaysburgkofc@gmail.com for further information.



TOASTY TODDLER DONATIONS The *Women's Group of St. John's* is taking up a collection of new hats, mittens or gloves, coats and snowsuits for boys and girls, sizes newborn to toddler Size 5T, and 4/5, 5/6,7/8, or small. There is a box in the gathering space for your donations. Please have all donations in by December 4.

FAMILY FUN BASKET RAFFLE sponsored by Family Services Inc. will be held next Sunday, November 13, from 12pm – 4pm at the Hollidaysburg Readiness Center (Armory) at the Meadows Intersection in Duncansville. In addition to the basket raffle, there will be free kids activities, a 50/50 drawing, food and entertainment. Tickets may be purchased at the door. The ticket price varies depending upon the number of raffle chances purchased.

CARMELITE COMMUNITY OF THE WORD SAYS "THANK YOU: The Carmelite Community of the Word sisters will NOT be holding our Pre-Christmas Festival and Spaghetti Dinner that has traditionally been held in November. We wish to express our deepest gratitude to all who have attended over the years and to all who have helped us in any way for your tremendous support.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday November 6th - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00AM-Mass for *Sam & Hilda Neal* requested by Julie & Bernie Beiswenger and Stan Neal

Monday November 7th – Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for the Faithful

Tuesday November 8th - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for the Faithful

Wednesday November 9th - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

5:00PM-Confessions

6:00PM-Mass for deceased members of Catholic Daughters

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

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for the Faithful

Friday November 11th - St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for the Faithful

Saturday November 12th – Vigil of the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00PM-Confessions

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

Sunday November 13th - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00AM-Mass for *Bob Bundy* requested by Barb Bundy

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday: Ti 1:1-9; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Thursday: Phlm 7-20; Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37



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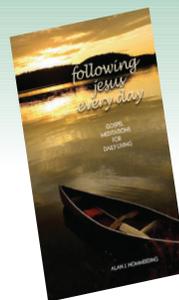


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