



Look at the Eyes! The logo for the Year of Mercy has been designed in such a way so as to express the profound way in which the Good Shepherd touches the flesh of humanity and does so with a love with the power to change one's life. One particular feature worthy of note is that while the Good Shepherd, in his great mercy, takes humanity upon himself, his eyes are merged with those of man. Christ sees with the eyes of Adam, and Adam with

the eyes of Christ. Every person discovers in Christ, the new Adam, one's own humanity and the future that lies ahead, contemplating, in his gaze, the love of the Father.

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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- Nov. 13th- Family Movie night
- Nov. 21st- Fall Grounds Clean Up
- Nov. 22nd- Reconciliation Retreat
- Dec. 6th- Parish Penance Service
- May 14th- Love Feast

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

309 LOTZ AVE
ALTOONA, PA 16602

33RD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 8, 2015

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

MASS SCHEDULE:

MON., TUES., THURS. FRIDAY: 8:30AM
WEDNESDAY: 6:00PM
SATURDAY: 4:00PM
SUNDAY: 8:00AM; 11:00AM

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES:

Sat. Nov. 14 4:00PM- Rachel Resick, Julie Resick
Sun. Nov. 15- 8:00AM- Zoey Landeck, Amber Yasolsky
Sun. Nov. 15- 11:00AM- Nathan Ringkamp, Nate Rudolph

LECTORS:

Sat. Nov. 14 4:00PM- David Petrak, Mary Petrak
Sun. Nov. 15- 8:00AM- Ron Adams, Francene Boland
Sun. Nov. 15- 11:00AM- Bob Olson- Jo-Ann Semko

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. Nov. 14 4:00PM- Barb Aubrey, Joyce Cunningham,
Jenna Jenkins, John Lloyd
Sun. Nov. 15- 8:00AM- Darlene Scarpaci, Fran Semelsberger
Sun. Nov. 15- 11:00AM- Dee Capriotti, Lou Ann Clark, Bill Foose,
Norma Foose, Ann Mingyar, Debbie Smith

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Sat. Nov. 14 4:00PM- Kathleen Heller, Dennis Moughemer,
Karen Moughemer, Heather Nackley
Sun. Nov. 15- 8:00AM- Mary Grace Horton, Ray Kennedy,
Charlie Moore, Ed Stoltz
Sun. Nov. 15- 11:00AM- Marilyn Bevan, Walter Bloom,
Wendy Campbell, NOT FILLED

Sacristan:

Sat. Nov. 14 4:00PM- Kathleen Heller
Sun. Nov. 15- 8:00AM- Michele DeFrancisco
Sun. Nov. 15- 11:00AM- Barb Bundy

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A Few Words from the Pastor:

Conference on the Environment - This 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 Barchak 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!

God in America - We continue our Adult Ed presentation on 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!

The Basilica of the Week? - YES! On Monday the Universal Church celebrates the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome, the oldest and highest ranking of the four major basilicas in Rome. The Basilica of St. John Lateran is the cathedral of the diocese of Rome, the official ecclesiastical seat of the Holy Father, the Bishop of Rome, not St. Peter's Basilica as so many mistakenly believe. The Basilica is also called the Church of Holy Savior or the Church of St. John Baptist. In ancient Rome this was the church where everyone was baptized. It the oldest church in the West, built in the time of Constantine and was consecrated by Pope Sylvester in 324.

Preparing for the Year of Mercy - On December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis will inaugurate a special Year of Mercy. The logo on the front of the bulletin captures the theme of this year, "Merciful like the Father." A large banner will be placed in the near our sanctuary as a daily reminder of the call to mercy which is given to us. In the Gathering Space we will have a series of banners which will keep us attentive to this theme. There will be a variety of ways that we will be observing this Holy Year in 2016. Stay tuned!

Advent Penance Service - There is no better preparation for Christmas AND for the Year of Mercy than the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance. We have scheduled our Advent Penance Service for Sunday, December 6th at 4:00 PM. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The daylight hour will be much more convenient for those who have difficulty getting out in the dark!

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FALL GROUNDS CLEAN-UP: You will notice a sign-up sheet on the kiosk to finish trimming & leaf raking (bringing a leaf blower, if you have 1, would be a good idea) on Saturday, November 21 from 9 am to noon. We plan to have pizza & soda in the cafeteria afterward. For religious education/confirmation students, you will be able to earn service hours.

Love Feast update: Our committee concluded that we won't have sufficient prep. time nor volunteers to hold a Love Feast in January, so our next 1 will be May 14. In addition, we failed to mention in our "thank you's" last week that Nathan Ringkamp provided piano accompaniment for the ultimate dinner experience for our guests.

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November

Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis

Dialogue

That we may be open to personal encounter and dialogue with all, even those who convictions differ from our own.

Pastors

That pastors of the Church, with profound love for their flocks, may accompany them and enliven their hope.

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Social Committee

Members: 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.

Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes -- Please note that the minutes from each parish council meeting are published for all parishioners to review. These are posted on the STJOHNSWEB.NET church website under Committees > Parish Council Minutes. Printed copies are available under the parish council member photos on the left kiosk in the gathering space. The minutes publication is delayed one month so that they may approved by the council at the following meeting before general distribution.

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.

Angel Tree Bulletin Announcements 2015

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.

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.

The Second Sunday Collection on November 8 will go toward the food that we buy for families on the angel tree.

Thanksgiving Offering: Can goods and non-perishable food items will be collected during a special offerings at Wednesday Evening Mass November 25, and Thursday morning mass, November 26. Special boxes decorated by the school children will be at the altar. Families are asked to bring their offerings to mass. All donations will be used for the Christmas families in our Angel Tree project.

Angel Tree: Our Angel Tree is located in the gathering space starting November 21, 2015. If you would like to participate this year, please take a tag, purchase the gift described and return the gift **and the tag** to the church no later than Thursday December 10th. We deliver on Friday, December 11th so that we have time to prepare the church for Christmas. Thank you for your continued support. There will be a special box near the angel tree to collect script that you buy for angel tree families.

Elves Needed: anyone interested in sorting food or wrapping gifts should meet at the church on Tuesday December 1st and Tuesday December 8th at 7PM (after mass). If you plan to wrap, please bring scissors. Food will be sorted for families on December 10th from 6PM to 8PM. Drivers needed to deliver gifts. We will be delivering gifts on Friday December 11th from 10:00 AM until Noon. Call Susanna at 317-7531 if you are able to help with delivery.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

First Reconciliation Retreat

November 22nd from 1-2:30pm
We will begin in school

Also can you tell me where I find out if we have a copy of the 2nd graders baptismal record. I need to make sure they were all baptized before they receive this next sacrament.

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FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH FROM 7-9
SCHOOL GYM

BRING A COMFY CHAIR, PILLOW OR CUSHION
AND ENJOY AN EVENING WITH THE WHOLE FAMILY.
FUN REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED. CHILDREN WHO ATTEND WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN A PRIZE!

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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. 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

Stewardship at St. John's

OFFERTORY for November 1, 2015

Loose: \$727.00
Envelope: \$6,859.50
Children's: \$3.00
Parish Development: \$0
All Saints: \$317.00
Catholic Charities: \$100.00
All Souls: \$537.00
Total: \$8,543.50
Online Giving: \$2,298.00
TOTAL: \$10,841.50

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. 8, 2015

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

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

Mon. Nov. 9th- The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:15AM- Morning Prayer
8:30AM- Mass for *Peggy Harber* requested by Jim & Steph Kilcoyne

Tues. Nov. 10th- Saint Leo the Great

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:15AM- Morning Prayer
8:30AM- Mass for *Albert Houseknecht*

Wed. Nov. 11th- Saint Martin of Tours

5:00PM- Eucharistic Adoration
6:00PM- Mass for *Deceased Members of the Catholic Daughters*

Thurs. Nov. 12th- Saint Josaphat

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:30AM- Mass for *Karen Brooks* requested by Joyce Veckov

Friday Nov. 13th- Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:15AM- Morning Prayer
8:30AM- Mass for *Frank Auerbeck* requested by Tony & Anna Rose Eckenrode

Sat. Nov. 14th- Vigil for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00PM- Confessions
4:00PM- Mass for *Marie Therese* requested by The Crevecoeur Family

Sun. Nov. 15th- 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM- Mass for *Ida Prosperi* requested by John Prosperi
11:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*
6:30PM - Lectionary Based Faith Sharing

Weekday Readings

Mon. Nov. 9th-1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Tues. Nov. 10th- Wis 2:23-3:9/Lk 17:7-10

Wed. Nov 11th- Wis 6:1-11/Lk 17:11-19

Thurs. Nov. 12th- Wis 7:22b-8:1/Lk 17:20-25

Fri. Nov. 13th- Wis 13:1-9/Lk 17:26-37
