



*The Synod of Bishops in Rome
October 4 - 25, 2015
"The Vocation and Mission of
the Family"*

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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Oct. 17th- Hollidaysburg Pumpkin Festival - Soup Sale -
benefits Sts Peter & Paul Church in Haiti
Oct. 24th- Love Feast

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MASS SCHEDULE:

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

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**ST. JOHN THE
EVANGELIST CHURCH**

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**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

OCTOBER 11, 2015

**The word of God is living and effective,
sharper than any two-edged sword.**

PASTORAL STAFF:

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**APPOINTMENTS**

**ACOLYTES:**

Sat. Oct. 17- 4:00PM- Claire Nackley, Amber Yasolsky  
Sun. Oct. 18- 8:00AM- Danielle Miller, Ethan Miller  
Sun. Oct. 18- 11:00AM- Nathan Ringkamp, Kaelab Ruggles

**LECTORS:**

Sat. Oct. 17- 4:00PM- Heather Nackley, Victor Rizzo  
Sun. Oct. 18- 8:00AM- Ron Adams, Fran Semelsberger  
Sun. Oct. 18- 11:00AM- Paul Dennis, Susanna Tomlinson

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

Sat. Oct. 17- 4:00PM- Connie Baker, Kathleen Heller, Jenna Jenkins,  
Mary Petrak, David Petrak  
Sun. Oct. 18- 8:00AM- Francene Boland, Joyce Cunningham,  
Melissa McHugh  
Sun. Oct. 18- 11:00AM- Walter Bloom, Cecelia Bloom, Ginger  
Cooney, Bill Foose, Norma Foose, Ken Gorman, Ann Mingyar

**MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:**

Sat. Oct. 17- 4:00PM- Barb Aubrey, Dennis Moughemer, Karen  
Moughemer, Dorothy Yingling  
Sun. Oct. 18- 8:00AM- Charlie Moore, Ed Stoltz, Dan Turcovsky,  
Diane Turcovsky  
Sun. Oct. 18- 11:00AM- Dee Capriotti, Lou Ann Clark, Not Filled,  
Not Filled

**Sacristan:**

Sat. Oct. 17- 4:00PM- Mary King, Ray King  
Sun. Oct. 18- 8:00AM- Michele DeFrancisco, Darlene Scarpaci  
Sun. Oct. 18- 11:00AM- Dee Capriotti

## A Few Words from the Pastor:

**Eucharistic Ministers** – We are most grateful to those who have offered their services as Eucharist Ministers for St. John's: Barb Aubrey, Mary Truesdale, Pam Klobuka, Kathy Heller and Pat Podoletz. We appreciate your ministry at Mass and to the homebound!

**Ministers of Hospitality** – For those interested in serving as Ministers of Hospitality, there is a training session on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 Mass. Please consider being part of this important ministry in our parish!

**Another Theresa** – This Thursday the church celebrates the other Theresa, Saint Teresa of Jesus, more commonly known as Teresa of Avila. Sister Teresa of Jesus lived in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, and was great reformer of religious life. She was a companion of St. John of the Cross in her efforts to renew monastic communities.

**Jubilee of Mercy: Merciful Like the Father** – Earlier this year our beloved Pope Francis announced a Holy Year of Mercy. These are his words: *Dear brothers and sisters, I have often thought of how the Church may render more clearly her mission to be a witness to mercy; and we have to make this journey. It is a journey which begins with spiritual conversion. Therefore, I have decided to announce an Extraordinary Jubilee which has at its center the mercy of God. It will be a Holy Year of Mercy. We want to live in the light of the word of the Lord: "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (cf. Lk 6:36). And this especially applies to confessors! So much mercy!*

*This Holy Year will commence on the next Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (December 8) and will conclude on Sunday, 20 November 2016, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe and living face of the Father's mercy. I entrust the organization of this Jubilee to the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization, in order that it may come to life as a new step on the Church's journey in her mission to bring the Gospel of mercy to each person.*

*I am confident that the whole Church, which is in such need of mercy for we are sinners, will be able to find in this Jubilee the joy of rediscovering and rendering fruitful God's mercy, with which we are all called to give comfort to every man and every woman of our time. Do not forget that God forgives all, and God forgives always. Let us never tire of asking forgiveness.*

**Pray for our Bishops Gathered in Rome** – The Fourteenth Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops has begun and will continue until October 25<sup>th</sup>. This synod will have the theme: "The vocation and mission of the family in the church and the modern world."

**Food Pantry: The food pantry is in need of peanut butter for the Sunday food collection. Thank you!**

CNEWA – Representatives of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association will be with us this weekend to speak about their relief and work in the Middle East. CNEWA is a pontifical organization whose sole purpose is to assist the churches of the Middle East, North Africa, India and Eastern Europe. We know how much these churches are suffering under extreme persecution. To learn more about the work of CNEWA, go to their website: [www.cnewa.org](http://www.cnewa.org).

### **2015 Diocesan Priests' Medical & Retirement Collection:**

Thank you for your thoughtful response to this year's Diocesan Priests Medical and Retirement Collection. We will continue to forward additional contributions as they are made or you may choose to donate online at [www.dioceseaj.org](http://www.dioceseaj.org)

**LOVE FEAST:** Our committee's final meeting before our October 24 Love Feast will be in the Church **October 21 at 6:30 p.m.**

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## **October**

### **Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis**

#### **Human Trafficking**

That human trafficking, the modern form of slavery, may be eradicated.

#### **Mission in Asia**

That with a missionary spirit the Christian communities of Asia may announce the Gospel to those who are still awaiting it.

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**Collecting Travel-size Hygiene Items** - Its that time of year again! If you have collected an over abundance of travel size personal hygiene items while vacationing this summer, please consider donating them our CCD program for special projects. Travel-size items of shampoo, hair conditioner, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, individually wrapped body soap (and container) and tissues. Quart and gallon sized zip lock bags would also be greatly appreciated. A marked box is located in the Gathering Space of the Church.

**10th ANNUAL HOLLIDAYSBURG PUMPKIN FESTIVAL** will be held SAT OCT 17 from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. We hope to sell 250 quarts of homemade soups. This fundraiser benefits our Twin Parish Sts Peter & Paul, Haiti. Please sign up on the kiosk to participate in making soup and/or work at the festival. Containers & instructions will be available for pick up in the Gathering Space the weekend of Oct 10 & 11. **Any questions, please call Ginny (695-7671) or Jane (696-0131)**



**Are You Interested in the Catholic Faith?** We are beginning a new journey in faith to share the richness of the Catholic Church and our parish family. We invite you to learn what the Church teaches, and be introduced to some of our parish members. These sessions also are opportunities for you, and others that you may wish to invite, to ask those perplexing and difficult questions you may have about the Church. These gatherings are for inquirers and are open to people who are unbaptized, as well as those who are baptized Christians from Protestant or Evangelical backgrounds. **We meet each Sunday at 9:15 AM in the Day Chapel** (left side of the gathering space). If you have any questions or want further information please call Mark Krepich at 932-2223 or email at [mark.krepich@gmail.com](mailto:mark.krepich@gmail.com). All are welcome. No reservations required.

**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](mailto:mlmdcreek@aol.com), 931-2651.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:



**PINE CONE COLLECTION:** Religious Education is collecting pine cones for our Advent wreaths we will be making in December. If you have pinecones in your yard we would love to have them. There will be a collection box in the gathering space in the church.

## CONFIRMATION:

Thank you to all of the parents and students who attended our opening meeting. The support of our parents is evident and greatly appreciated!

**Volunteers:** Do you have a little bit of time to give? We are always looking for volunteers to help with Confirmation sessions, to drive or chaperone special events, or to help prepare or serve Confirmation lunches. "Many hands make light work" - by helping out with just one activity you help our whole program.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- **Sun., Oct. 11, 9:15 - 10:45** in the school gym: BG students are invited to join the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grade Religious Ed classes for a Youth Ministry activity.
- **Sun., Oct. 18, 10:45 - 2:15:** Confirmation Session for all 11<sup>th</sup> graders and their sponsors. We will meet in the back of the church for 11:00 Mass.
- **Sun., Oct. 25, 11:30 - 6:00** at St. Francis: SHYCON (Senior High Youth Conference)

Contact Mary Petrak, 201-2982 or 502-6076, [mfpetrak@hotmail.com](mailto:mfpetrak@hotmail.com)

**Choir Fundraiser:** The Adult Choir is selling RADA Cutlery as a fundraiser. Orders can be placed with a choir member or online. For online orders, the website is [www.helpourfundraiser.com](http://www.helpourfundraiser.com). The customer # is 503896. The password is choir (must be lower case letters). If you order from a choir member, shipping and handling is only \$.50 and items will be picked up at the church, but those ordering online will pay by credit card, have items shipped directly to them and pay regular shipping and handling costs. Catalogues and order forms are available on the kiosk in the gathering space. The deadline for ordering from a choir member for delivery before Christmas is November 19. Thanks for your support. Contact Debbie Johnson for more information: 814-931-2867 or [dj219@msn.com](mailto:dj219@msn.com).

## Stewardship at St. John's

### OFFERTORY for October 4, 2015

Loose: \$543.00  
 Envelope: \$7,233.75  
 Children's: \$2.00  
 Parish Development: \$310.00  
 Medical Collection For Retired Priest: \$107.00  
 World Mission: 85.00  
**Total: \$8,280.75**  
**Online Giving: \$2,463.00**  
**TOTAL: \$10,743.75**

### St. John's School News:

October 11-17th- Five Below Coupon  
 October 17th- Barnes & Noble Book Fair  
 11am-7pm  
 October 23rd- In-service/Rocktoberfest  
 October 31st- Halloween Party

### OTHER NEWS:

- **Now Hiring Paid Volunteers!** Be a paid volunteer with the Senior Companion Program! Call Lindsey Wilson at Blair Senior Services at 946-1235 for more information.
- **Babysitter Needed:** Lauren & Scott Trimarco are in need of a babysitter please call them at 932-7345 or 934-3240 for more information.
- **Train Excursion:** Sat. October 17- 11:00am. Train-Potomac Eagle- 3hrs- train goes along the Potomac River sighting Eagle. Cost is \$86-includes bus from Altoona to Romney, W.VA. Contact Christine Stachmus 942-7683.
- **Student Travel to the Land Down Under:** If you know of a middle school or high school student who would be a good candidate for an experience in Australia next summer, our area will have an information meeting on **Monday, September 21, at 7:30 PM at the Penn Stater Convention Center in State College.** A representative from **People to People International Student Travel** will be there to make a presentation. You can contact Steve Wilson (944-8680) for more information.
- **HELP:** There is a parishioner in need of a ride to Mass. She lives right on Leslie avenue but can't walk far. If anyone would be willing to pick this lady up for mass- es please contact the office. I did not get a conformation on which mass she would like to go to she just needed a ride.

## Sunday, Oct. 11, 2015

### SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

#### Sun. Oct. 11th- 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM- Mass for *Bob Cooney* requested by Ginger & Family

#### 11:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*

6:30PM - Lectionary Based Faith Sharing

#### Mon. Oct. 12th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Eileen Becker* requested by Mr. & Mrs. Jim Roccio

#### Tues. Oct. 13th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Florence George* requested by Mr. & Mrs. Ron Schbcht

#### Wed. Oct. 14th- Weekday

5:00PM- Eucharistic Adoration

6:00PM- Mass for *Esther Marie Richards* requested by Sister, Bette Richards

#### Thurs. Oct. 15th- Saint Teresa of Jesus

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:30AM- Mass for *Jeff Sefchok* requested by Sefchok Family

#### Friday Oct. 16th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *David Dardzinski*

#### Sat. Oct. 17th- Vigil for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00PM- Confessions

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

#### Sun. Oct. 18th- 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00AM-Mass for *David "Pappy Butch" Litzinger* requested by Morgan, Preslee & Jadie

6:30PM - Lectionary Based Faith Sharing

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#### Weekday Readings

Mon. Oct. 12- Rom 1:1-7/Lk 11:29-32

Tues. Oct. 13- Rom 1:16-25/Lk 11:37-41

Wed. Oct. 14- Rom 2:1-11/Lk 11:42-46

Thurs. Oct. 15- Rom 3:21-30/Lk 11:47-54

Fri. Oct. 16- Rm 4:1-8/Lk 12:1-7

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