

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Oct. 15 to 18 - Year of Mercy Retreat with Fr. Dennis
Oct. 22 - Love Feast
Nov. 2 - 6:00 Mass of Remembrance
Dec. 4 - 4:00 Parish Penance Service



Pope Francis on Mercy - *God's mercy can make even the driest land become a garden, can restore life to dry bones (cf. Ez 37:1-14). ... Let us be renewed by God's mercy, let us be loved by Jesus, let us enable the power of his love to transform our lives too; and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation and make justice and peace flourish.*

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES:

Sat. Oct. 22 - 4:00 PM - David Auerbeck, Alexandria Auerbeck
Sun. Oct. 23 - 8:00 AM - Sarah Geishauser, Amber Yasolsky
Sun. Oct. 23 - 11:00 AM - Amelia Partner, Nate Rudolph

LECTORS:

Sat. Oct. 22 - 4:00 PM - Heather Nackley, Victor Rizzo
Sun. Oct. 23 - 8:00 AM - Fran Semelsberger, Joyce Cunningham
Sun. Oct. 23 - 11:00 AM - Donna Moyer, Susanna Tomlinson

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. Oct. 22 - 4:00 PM - Barb Aubrey, Connie Baker
Sun. Oct. 23 - 8:00 AM - Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
Sun. Oct. 23 - 11:00 AM - Ken Gorman, Mary Dennis, Bill Foose,
Norma Foose, David Petrak, Mary Petrak

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Sat. Oct. 22 - 4:00 PM - Judy Sneath, Christine Stachmus,
Denny Stachmus, Dorothy Yingling
Sun. Oct. 23 - 8:00 AM - Jane Becker, John Becker, Ray Kennedy,
Ginny Reeder
Sun. Oct. 23 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Wendy Campbell,
Dolores Capriotti, Lou Ann Clark

SACRISTAN:

Sat. Oct. 22 - 4:00 PM - Mary & Ray King
Sun. Oct. 23 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. Oct. 23 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

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A Few Words from the Pastor:

Retreat on the “Year of Mercy” – Father Dennis Mullen, our priest friend from Wisconsin, will be conducting a retreat for us on the Year of Mercy, beginning with our weekend Masses. He will then be giving spiritual conferences on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM. All conferences will be held in the cafeteria. On Sunday evening his topic will be “Mercy’s witness in the Jewish and Christian Scriptures.” Monday evening he will speak on “Mercy and the Pilgrim’s Path to Forgiveness and Reconciliation,” and on Tuesday his topics will be “Mercy and Justice; Two Sources of Holiness,” and “Living in Mercy: in Prayer and Action.” Please plan on joining us for these inspiring and motivating talks.

Parish Sacrificial Giving – Every Christian is called to be a faithful steward of the blessings which God has given. Sacrificial Giving is an invitation to stewardship of our resources, as we make a return to the Lord for all that he has done for us. Over the next number of weeks we will begin to address the call to stewardship in our giving to the parish. It is not by accident that our collection is taken in the middle of Mass, for our giving is truly an act of worship.

Adult Ed “Come meet John the Baptist” – With Advent only a month away, our focus for adult ed will be on one of the central biblical characters of Advent, St. John the Baptist. All are most welcome. Bring your own bible, or there are bibles available for your use.

Clergy Conference – Our annual Clergy Conference for priests and deacons will be held this week, beginning on Monday at noon and continuing until Wednesday noon. We are grateful that Father Dennis will be here to hold down the fort, and to offer daily Mass on Tuesday morning.

OUR PARISH FAMILY ... Eric & Nancy Price and their four children have been members here since 2002. Eric is a service technician for Ricoh, and Nancy is a homemaker (also known as “the CEO of Price, Inc.” !). Their oldest son, Josh, is a graduate student in Astrophysics at Florida Institute of Technology. Jeremiah is a junior at I.U.P., majoring in History Secondary Education and Special Education. And twins Bekah and Sarah are juniors at Altoona High School. Nancy taught in our Religious Education program in the past, and often helped her mother-in-law (Joan Price) with cooking for various special functions held here at St John’s. When their children were students at St John’s School, both Eric & Nancy coached the boys basketball team. They usually attend the 11:00 Mass and Nancy said that “there is nothing we don’t like about St John’s”. She especially appreciates all the “nice people” that are part of our parish, and that St John’s is “very family oriented”. *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.*

World Mission Sunday, October 23 – Jesus commanded his disciples before his Ascension to “Go out to all the world and spread the good news.” Next weekend we have the opportunity to share in this mission, as the universal church observes World Mission Sunday. In his message for this special Sunday, Pope Francis writes: *“Let us not close our hearts within our own particular concerns, but let us open them to all humanity.”* I urge all to be most generous.

Witnesses to the Gospel – We celebrate three feasts this week which highlight the depth of faith shown by the martyrs and evangelists. Monday we honor Ignatius of Antioch, a bishop of the second century who wrote some beautiful letters to the church and who became food for the lions! St. Luke is honored on Tuesday, the Evangelist whose Gospel and Acts are a splendid witness to the life and ministry of Christ. Wednesday we honor the North American Martyrs; European missionaries who came to our land in the 17th century and whose blood was shed for the faith. Most famous of these martyrs is St. Isaac Jogues, who was severely tortured, and whose fingers were cut off so that he would not be able to celebrate Mass.

Wedding Bells! We congratulate two young couples who were joined in the Sacrament of Marriage this weekend. On Friday afternoon Michael Greslick and Ashley Frye, both new members to our parish, exchanged vows with one another. On Saturday, Ashley Andrews, daughter of Dave and Jan Andrews, was wedded to Sean Shannon, of the Cathedral parish. Congratulations to both couples, as they begin their married life! Our prayers are with you!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Oct. 16th - Regular class K-8 9:15-10:45
Oct. 23rd - Regular class K-11 9:15-10:45
Oct. 30th - Regular class K-11 9:15-10:45
Oct. 30th 10th Grade Rite of Commitment at 11:00 Mass

The **LOVE FEAST meeting** scheduled for October 17 has been **changed to Wednesday, October 19 at 4:30 pm**, due to a conflict with the Year of Mercy Retreat being held at St. John's by Fr. Dennis Mullin.

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. Susanna will call and talk to them. Deadline is November 26, 2016.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – For those who would like to serve the parish as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans or Ministers of Hospitality, there is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk. Training for each ministry will be scheduled soon.

TOASTY TODDLER DONATIONS

Toasty Toddler is a project that provides new warm winter outerwear for children birth through age four. This program is sponsored by the Family Resource Center at the United Way of Blair County. In support of this program 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. The Family Resource Center's first distribution will begin November 10 with collections continuing until December 9. There is a box in the gathering space for your donations. Please have all donations in by December 4.

Monday Night Basketball Beginning on Monday, October 24th and continuing throughout the school year, there will be pick-up basketball sessions in Father Bailey Hall (our gym) from 7:00 - 8:30 PM. All men (ages 18 and up) are invited to join us. The cost is just a few bucks a night. So, lace up those Chuck E. Taylors and come work on your 3-point shot!

Two more ways to use scrip! 1. Shop online without concern of someone hacking your bank account by using gift cards for all your online shopping. 2. Use Netflix? Purchase a Giant Eagle card, use it to buy a Netflix card, and pay your bill online.

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:*

Judy Baird • Millie Bilski • JoAnne Gerardine
Judy Hurm • Brian Kopp • Joel Myers • 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

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

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. We look forward to a continued sharing of our ministerial efforts with you and promise our prayers on your behalf. Thank you!

Stewardship at St. John's

OFFERTORY for October 9, 2016

Envelopes:	\$ 4,532.00
Loose:	\$ 720.00
Children's:	\$ 4.00
Parish Development	\$ 3.00
Catholic Register	\$ 9.00
Priest's Retirement/Med.	\$ 25.00
Catholic Education	\$ 20.00
Total:	\$ 5,313.00
Online Giving:	\$ 2,430.00
TOTAL:	\$ 7,743.00

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The **Prayer Shawl Ministry** group meets every Tuesday at 7:00 in the Parish Center. New members are welcome to join. Each week, they gather to pray, knit or crochet, and socialize while making prayer shawls. There is always someone in need of prayers and shawls. If you don't know how to knit or crochet, we can teach you! For more information, call Barb Neff at 946-4203 or Elsie MacCullagh at 941-4941.

The **Catholic Life Conference Day of Prayer** will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2016, at Mount Aloysius College in Cresson. The theme will be "Enfleshing Mercy in our Lives – A Circle of Giving and Receiving." Sister Janet Ruffing, RSM, a professor at Yale Divinity School in Connecticut, will deliver the keynote addresses. All are invited. To register, please contact the Diocesan Parish Life Office at (814) 693-9605.

There will be a **Healing Mass** on Monday, October 17, 2016, at 7 pm, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Fr. Bill Kiel, from the Diocese of Greensburg, will be the main celebrant. All are welcome, especially those in need of physical, emotional, or spiritual healing, and those who support and care for them as well. Music for the Mass will be led by the Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group Music Ministry. For more information, please call 814-941-3832.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday October 16th - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM-Mass for *Bob Cooney* requested by
Ginger Cooney & family
11:00AM-Mass for *Serena Stevens* requested by
Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Klobuka

Monday October 17th – St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *David Dardzinski*

Tuesday October 18th - St. Luke, Evangelist

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for the Faithful

Wednesday October 19th - Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

5:00PM-Confessions
6:00PM-Mass for the Faithful

Thursday October 20th - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Donald R. Watkins*

Friday October 21st- Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for the Faithful

Saturday October 22nd – Vigil of the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00PM-Confessions
4:00PM-Mass for *Richard Fossen* requested by
Denny & Christine Stachmus

Sunday October 23rd - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*
11:00AM-Mass for *Eleanore Trimarco* requested by
Marian Monios & Daughter Michele

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday:	2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9
Wednesday:	Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday:	Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53
Friday:	Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59

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