

# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

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TWENTY-NIGHTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 18, 2015

Through his suffering, my servant shall  
justify many.

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## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Oct. 24th- Love Feast  
Nov. 12th- Conference on the Environment

## MASS SCHEDULE:

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



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

## PASTORAL STAFF:

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- Mr. Ken Dunmire, Maintenance

## APPOINTMENTS

### ACOLYTES:

Sat. Oct. 24- 4:00PM- Piper Brunhuber, Zoey Landeck  
Sun. Oct. 25- 8:00AM- Nick Rasmussen, Not Filled  
Sun. Oct. 25- 11:00AM- Not Filled, Not Filled

### LECTORS:

Sat. Oct. 24- 4:00PM- Kathleen Heller, Jenna Jenkins  
Sun. Oct. 25- 8:00AM- David Andrews, Francene Boland  
Sun. Oct. 25- 11:00AM- Paul Dennis, Steve Wilson

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. Oct. 24- 4:00PM- Barb Aubrey, Joyce Cunningham, Mary Petrak, David Petrak, Bill Stokan  
Sun. Oct. 25- 8:00AM- Darlene Scarpaci, Dan Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky  
Sun. Oct. 25- 11:00AM- Dee Capriotti, Lou Ann Clark, Ginger Cooney, Donna Moyer, Bob Olson, Debbie Smith, Susanna Tomlinson

### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Sat. Oct. 24- 4:00PM- Connie Baker, Coleen Langguth, David Langguth, Judy Sneath  
Sun. Oct. 25- 8:00AM- Mary Grace Horton, Helen Rentz, Jerry Rentz, Fran Semelsberger  
Sun. Oct. 25- 11:00AM- Walter Bloom, Not Filled, Not Filled, Not Filled

### Sacristan:

Sat. Oct. 24- 4:00PM- Kathleen Heller  
Sun. Oct. 25- 8:00AM- Darlene Scarpaci  
Sun. Oct. 25- 11:00AM- Dee Capriotti

## A Few Words from the Pastor:

**A Family Wedding** – I will be travelling this coming weekend to Monroe, Louisiana, to preside at the wedding of my nephew Michael Freyvogel. I am grateful to Deacon Gene for presiding at Communion Services on the weekdays that I will be gone, and to Father Jack McDowell, president of Bishop Guilfoyle High School, who will be celebrating the weekend Masses here at St. John's. We welcome Deacon Gene back to active ministry in the parish, and will show to Father Jack our warm St. John's hospitality.

**Our North American Martyrs** – Monday we observe the memory of John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Jesuit missionaries who came to New York and Canada from France in the 17<sup>th</sup> century to preach the gospel to the Huron and Iroquois Indians. Along with their companions, they met great resistance to the gospel message, and were finally tortured and put to death, being the first in North America to shed their blood for the Catholic Faith. Here in western Pennsylvania, there is a parish near Monroeville dedicated to their memory.

**Pray for our Bishops Gathered in Rome** – The Fourteenth Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops will continue until this Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. We continue to pray for this important meeting of our church leaders. It's theme is: "The vocation and mission of the family in the church and the modern world."

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

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



**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.

**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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**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.

**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.

**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 18<sup>th</sup>. The Angel Tree will be ready November 21, 2015 for those who want to shop on Black Friday.

**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 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for being an angel.

## **Scrip Gift Card Program**

### **Statement of Financial Position As of September 30, 2015**

**ASSETS:**

Cash in Bank: \$256.65  
 Inventory: \$25,183.22  
**Total Assets: \$25,439.87**

**Liabilities & Net Assets:**

Scrip Certificates Redeemable: \$1,755.00  
 Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$23,684.87  
**Total Liabilities & Net Assets: \$25,439.87**

### **Statement of Activities**

#### **For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2015**

**Receipts:**

Inventory Sales: \$134,881.20  
 Cost of Inventory Sold: (128,157.39)  
**Gross Profit: \$6,723.81**

**Other Income/Expenditures:**

PrestoPay Profit: \$215.00  
 School Subsidy: (\$7,500.00)  
 Credit Card Fees: (\$307.46)  
 Other Misc Exp: (\$20.70)  
**Total Other Income/Expenditures: (7,613.16)**

**Net Surplus/(Deficit) \$(889.35)**

## **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 11, 2015

Loose: \$253.00  
Envelope: \$5,602.00  
Children's: \$4.00  
Parish Development: \$10.00  
**Total: \$5,879.00**  
**Online Giving: \$2,743.00**  
**TOTAL: \$8,622.00**

## SCHOOL NEWS:

**October 21st-** Prek/K—J&B Tree Farm

**October 23rd-** In-service No School/  
Rocktoberfest (school parking lot)

**October 28th-** 5TH-8TH-Loretto Holy Places with Msgr Becker (also with St. Pats)

**October 31st-** Halloween Party (6:30-8:30)

**Monday Night Basketball!** Beginning on Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 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:

- **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.
- **Student Travel to Australia!** Do you know of a 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 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.
- **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 please contact the office.

## **Sunday, Oct. 18, 2015**

### **SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK**

#### **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

#### **Mon. Oct. 19th- Saints John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues.**

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Karen Brooks* requested by Ruth Westley

#### **Tues. Oct. 20th- Weekday**

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Donald Watkins*

#### **Wed. Oct. 21st-**

6:00PM- Evening Prayer & Communion Service

#### **Thurs. Oct. 22nd-**

8:30AM- Communion Service

#### **Friday Oct. 23rd-**

8:30AM- Morning Prayer & Communion Service

#### **Sat. Oct. 24th- Vigil for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

3:00PM- Confessions

4:00PM- Mass for *Paul Engleman* requested by John & Betsy Lloyd & Family

#### **Sun. Oct. 25th- 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**11:00AM-**Mass for *Lena Coyler* requested by Steve Klobuka

6:30PM - Lectionary Based Faith Sharing

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#### **Weekday Readings**

**Mon. Oct. 19-** Rom 4:20-25/Lk 12:13-21

**Tues. Oct. 20-** Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Lk 12:35-38

**Wed. Oct. 21-** Rom 6:12-18/Lk 12:39-48

**Thurs. Oct. 22-** Rom 6:19-23/Lk 12:49-53

**Fri. Oct. 23-** Rom 7:18-25a/Lk 12:54-59

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