

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES:

Sat. Oct. 8- 4:00 PM - Ryan Donoughe, Jack Donoughe
Sun. Oct. 9 - 8:00 AM - Nicholas Helsley, Nathan Ringkamp
Sun. Oct. 9 - 10:00 AM - Nicholas Rasmussen, Amelia Partner

LECTORS:

Sat. Oct. 8- 4:00 PM - Victor Rizzo, Mark Sloan
Sun. Oct. 9 - 8:00 AM - Fran Semelsberger, David Andrews
Sun. Oct. 9 - 10:00 AM - David Petrak, Mary Petrak

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. Oct. 8- 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, John Lloyd
Sun. Oct. 9 - 8:00 AM - Joyce Cunningham, Mary Truesdale
Sun. Oct. 9 - 10:00 AM - Pam Klobuka, Bill Foose, Norma Foose,
Bob Olson, Lou Ann Clark, Kenneth Gorman

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Sat. Oct. 8- 4:00 PM - Christine Stachmus, Denny Stachmus,
Heather Nackley, Judy Sneath
Sun. Oct. 9 - 8:00 AM - Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky,
Mike O'Neill, Ginny Reeder
Sun. Oct. 9 - 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Anna Podoletz,
Patrick Podoletz, Walter Bloom

SACRISTAN:

Sat. Oct. 8- 4:00 PM - Mary & Ray King
Sun. Oct. 9 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. Oct. 9 - 10:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti

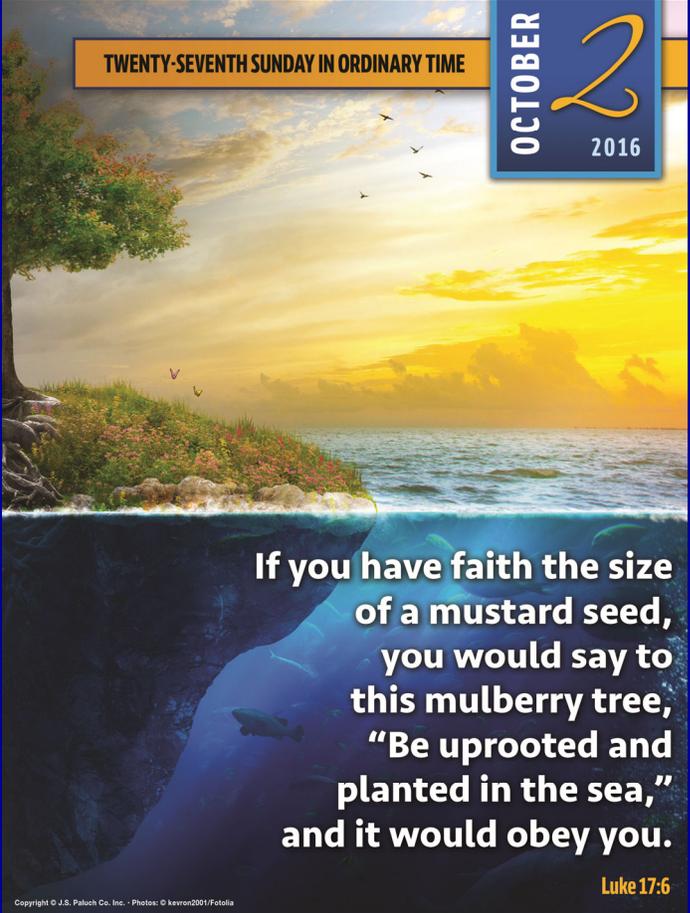
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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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**If you have faith the size
of a mustard seed,
you would say to
this mulberry tree,
“Be uprooted and
planted in the sea,”
and it would obey you.**

Luke 17:6

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Pope Francis on Mercy -- “Let us remain with Christ—abiding in Christ—and let us always try to be one with him. Let us follow him; let us imitate him in his movement of love, in his going forth to meet humanity. Let us go forth and open doors. Let us have the audacity to mark out new paths for proclaiming the Gospel of Mercy.”

A Few Words from the Pastor:

Retreat on the “Year of Mercy” – Father Dennis Mullen, our priest friend from Wisconsin, will be coming in the middle of October, and will be conducting a retreat for us on the Year of Mercy. He arrives on Friday the 14th, and will celebrate and preach at all Masses that weekend. For the next few evenings he will lead us in a prayerful reflection on the power and grace of the Year of Mercy. Mark your calendars!

Feasts this Week – St. Francis of Assisi is arguably the most well-known and beloved of all the saints. We celebrate his feast this Tuesday, October 4. He is known for his love of all creation and for the reforms which he brought about in the Church by his simplicity of life. His deep love for Christ in His passion was most manifest in his own body by the gift of the Stigmata (the wounds of Christ). We offer a special prayer for our own Pope Francis, who mirrors so beautifully his patron.

On Friday we observe the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, which commemorates the decisive victory of the combined Christian fleet in 1571 at the Battle of Lepanto, defeating an Ottoman fleet off western Greece. It was formerly sometimes known as the Feast of Our Lady of Victory (one of the largest parishes in our diocese, located in State College).

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.

Blessing of Pets: All are familiar with the affection which St. Francis of Assisi had for animals. In anticipation of his Feast this Tuesday, we will continue our annual tradition of having our blessing of pets this Sunday, October 2nd, at 1 PM in the front circle of the church!

Nocturnal Adoration – On this First Friday, October 7th, Nocturnal Adoration will be held here at St. John’s, beginning at 8 and continuing until 11. Our St. John’s hour is 10 -11. Come and spend some time with our Eucharistic Lord.

Mass Intentions – You will notice that there are Mass intentions listed for weekdays and for weekends. If there is a special anniversary or birthday of a loved one, living or deceased, don’t hesitate to have Mass offered for your loved one’s intentions. We will attempt to satisfy all Mass requests in a timely manner.

Being a SCRIP Parish! – There is no simpler way to assist your parish financially than by participating in our SCRIP program. Using the gift cards that are available for sale after Mass, every purchase you make, whether at the mall or the market or Sheetz, brings a financial benefit to the parish. It’s that simple!

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

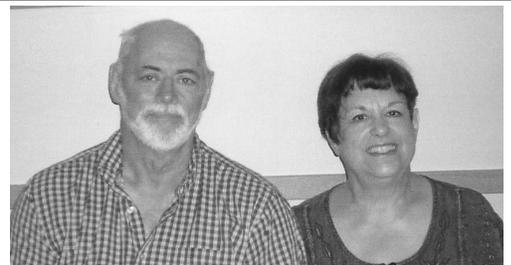
Oct. 15 - Hollidaysburg Pumpkin Festival Soup Sale

Oct. 15 to 18 - Year of Mercy Retreat with Fr. Dennis

Oct. 16 - Senior Breakfast

Oct. 22 - Love Feast

OUR PARISH FAMILY ... Patrick & Renee Benton have been members here for about 7 years. Patrick grew up in Hollidaysburg, left for a number of years, and then moved back after he and Renee married. Retired now, he was a Transmission Systems Operator for First Energy. Renee, also retired now, was an Advanced Practice Nurse in Psychiatry and taught in the nursing program at a NJ college for 33 years. Between them, they have 4 adult children and 9 grandchildren. As a newcomer to our area, Renee said that she had prayed about finding the right Church. She met Msgr. Becker at an interfaith luncheon, and just a week later he contacted her and invited her to St John’s. Renee said that Msgr. went much further though, by encouraging and helping her through the annulment process, as she had been divorced for many years before marrying Patrick. Her annulment was granted and Msgr. remarried them here at St John’s. (She shared this to encourage others who might be in a similar situation.) She said the first thing she heard here was the choir and was “blown away”. Renee is a trained Stephen Minister for our parish, and volunteered as a teacher’s assistant in our school for 6 years. Patrick is involved with The Hub, a mission ministry that helps individuals, communities, and other organizations in need. You can check this group out online -- it’s amazing and inspiring! They both attend Adult Ed, and Renee said they “love the topics covered and the other people who attend”. *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.*



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

October 2nd regular classes 9:15-10:45

October 9th Regular classes 9:15-10:45

October 16th Regular classes 9:15-10:45

FIRST CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

October 9th at the 11am Mass for Children pre-school (3&4) thru 3rd grade. **Volunteers** of all ages, from teens to mature adults, are welcome to join a team. The commitment is small, 2 or 3x a year. We have a great leader book that leads you through the readings and questions. Attend on Oct 9th to observe and see if you would be interested in helping. You can email Mary Haenig if you'd like to volunteer or have any questions -mshanig@gmail.com



FREE SENIOR BREAKFAST ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16



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All parishioners 65 and older are invited to attend a free breakfast, served by the 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students on Sunday, October 16 after the 8:00 am Mass and continuing until 10:30 am. Please sign up on the kiosk in the gathering space, or call Stephanie at 934-6752 for more information.

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. The Women's Group will place a box in the gathering space for your donations on October 9 and it will remain there until December 4.

October Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis

Journalists

That journalists, in carrying out their work, may always be motivated by respect for truth and a strong sense of ethics.

World Mission Day

That World Mission Day may renew within all Christian communities the joy of the Gospel and the responsibility to announce it.

11th ANNUAL HOLLIDAYSBURG PUMPKIN FESTIVAL will be held SATURDAY, OCT 15, 2016, from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Once again, our parish will be selling soup. Please sign up on the kiosk to make soup and/or work at our booth to help with this fund raiser, which benefits our Twin Parish in Haiti. Containers & instructions for those who sign up will be available for pick up in the Gathering Space the weekend of Oct 8 & 9. If you have any questions, call Ginny at 695-7671 or email: ginny.reeder@gmail.com. Thank you.



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NEW LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE AVAILABLE

The liturgical ministry schedule for October through January 1st is available online at *Ministry Scheduler Pro* (see link from www.stjohnsaltoona.org). Please check for your assignments. Printed copies are in the literature holder hanging from the right kiosk in the gathering space.

The **Catholic Life Conference Day of Prayer** will be held on 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. To register, please contact the Diocesan Parish Life Office at (814) 693-9605.

There will be a TAG sale (yard sale) this Saturday, October 8th, in the Dorothy Day Outreach parking lot on the Saint Francis University campus from 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.



Our high school students are focusing on Mercy this first semester. Last week they talked about the Homeless. They talked about the hardships, not judging, and seeing the face of Christ in everyone! Then they got a little taste of just how challenging it is.



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.



Please remember to bring a food item to your portrait session. If you do, you will receive a coupon for \$5.00 off your order. Also, next Sunday, October 9, is our regular second Sunday food collection.

10 THINGS FOOD BANKS NEED BUT WON'T ASK FOR:

Spices, feminine products, chocolate, toiletries, canned meats, soup packets, baby toiletries, crackers and tortillas, socks, fruit other than pineapple

It can be a humiliating experience to visit a food pantry, so to give a treat of some sort just really makes a difference. There are enough loaves of bread, cans of fruit, and dried beans to go around at these places. You won't be starving someone by donating some microwave popcorn or chocolate chips now and again. Many blessings to you for your support of those in need.

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.

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:*

- Millie Bilski • JoAnne Gerardine**
- Judy Hurm • Brian Kopp • Joel Myers**
- Ron Peschock • Bob & Mary Rajnish**
- Olga Romerowicz • Madison Shura**
- Patty Teufel**

For all students, parents, teachers and administrators during the new 2016-2017 school year

For an end to violence and unrest in our country

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday October 2nd - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*
11:00AM-Mass for *Judy Weaver* requested by Barb Bundy

Monday October 3rd – Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *John Kostelniczak*

Tuesday October 4th - St. Francis of Assisi

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Merie Therese Joacin* requested by the Crevecoeur family

Wednesday October 5th - Weekday

5:00PM-Confessions
6:00PM-Mass for *Eileen Becker* requested by Clarence Becker

Thursday October 6th - Weekday

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

Friday October 7th - Our Lady of the Rosary

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Tim & Donna Sheehan* requested by Connie Burket

Saturday October 8th – Vigil of the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00PM-Confessions
4:00PM-Mass for *People of the Parish*

Sunday October 9th - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM-Mass for *Ida Prosperi* requested by John Prosperi
11:00AM-Mass for *Leonard Majestic* requested by Barb Bundy

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26

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