

## APPOINTMENTS

### ACOLYTES:

Sat. Nov. 5 - 4:00 PM - Rachel Resick, Claire Resick

Sun. Nov. 6 - 8:00 AM - Mai Linh Do, not filled

Sun. Nov. 6 - 11:00 AM - Cherie Langenbacher,  
Makayla Langenbacher

### LECTORS:

Sat. Nov. 5 - 4:00 PM - Victor Rizzo, Heather Nackley

Sun. Nov. 6 - 8:00 AM - Joyce Cunningham, David Andrews

Sun. Nov. 6 - 11:00 AM - Bill Foose, Norma Foose

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. Nov. 5 - 4:00 PM - Jenna Jenkins, Bill Stoken

Sun. Nov. 6 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, Fran Semeslberger

Sun. Nov. 6 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Walter Bloom, Cecelia  
Bloom, Dolores Capriotti, Lou Ann Clark, Ginger Cooney

### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Sat. Nov. 5 - 4:00 PM - David Langguth, Coleen Langguth,  
John Lloyd, Betsy Lloyd

Sun. Nov. 6 - 8:00 AM - Ray Kennedy Charlie Moore, Ed Stoltz,  
Mary Truesdale

Sun. Nov. 6 - 11:00 AM - Peg Madden, Anna Pololetz,  
Patrick Podoletz, Wally Wargo

### SACRISTAN:

Sat. Nov. 5 - 4:00 PM - Mary & Ray King

Sun. Nov. 6 - 8:00 AM - Ron & Joyce Cunningham

Sun. Nov. 6 - 11:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti

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**Pope Francis on Mercy** -- "Saint Paul reminds us that notwithstanding the difficulties and the sufferings of life, the hope of salvation which Christ has sown in our hearts nonetheless continues to grow. The mercy of God is poured out upon us, making us just and giving us peace."



### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

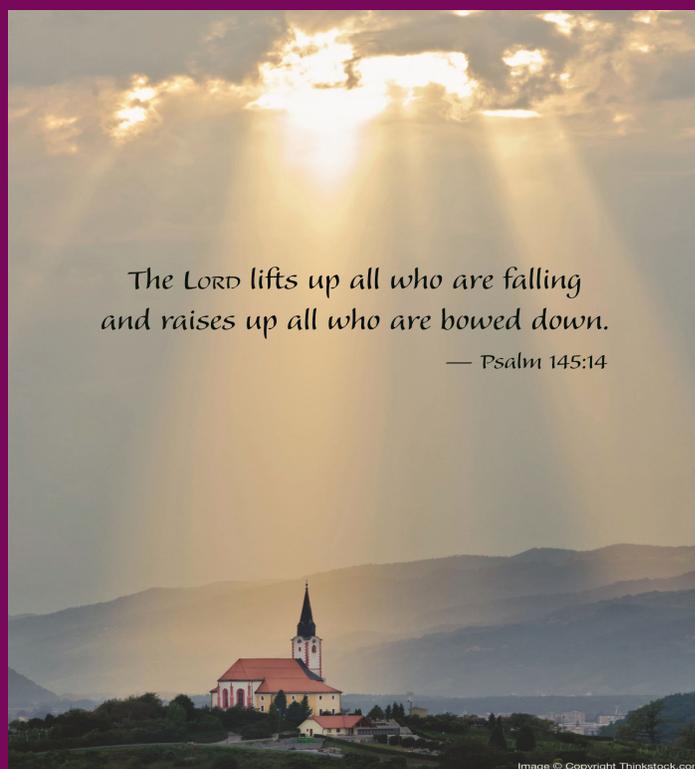
Nov. 1 - All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation)

Nov. 2 - 6:00 Mass of Remembrance

Nov. 19 - Wine & Cheese Social

Nov. 20 - Commitment Sunday

Dec. 4 - 4:00 Parish Penance Service



*The LORD lifts up all who are falling  
and raises up all who are bowed down.*

— Psalm 145:14

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## A Few Words from the Pastor:

### **Parish Sacrificial Giving – the Practice of Good Stewardship**

Good Stewardship is the generous sharing of our time, talent, and treasure for the building up of the kingdom of God. Parish Sacrificial Giving helps us determine the sharing of our treasure. The first principle of Sacrificial Giving is this: In a spirit of grateful dependence, we are to give back to God a portion of everything that our Blessed Lord has given us.

It is not by accident that the collection is taken up in the middle of Mass. The collection, by authentic biblical standards, is an act of worship. In our celebration of the Mass, we bring our gifts to the altar as a way of saying thank you for the blessings we have received. We make a generous return to the Lord for all that He has given us!

Throughout the month of November we will be encouraged to prayerfully consider the blessings which God has given us, and how we might make this return to Him through Sacrificial Giving.

### **Mark Your Calendars – Commitment Sunday is November 20**

**All Saints Day** – Tuesday is a holy day of obligation, as the church universal honors the radiant communion of saints! Our vigil Mass on Monday evening will be at 6:00 PM, and Masses on the feast itself will be celebrated at 8:30 AM and 6:30 PM. The Saints are living Gospels. We celebrate their lives!

**All Souls' Day, Nov. 2** – It is a beautiful tradition in the Catholic Church to pray for our beloved dead. On Wednesday evening at 6:00PM our Mass will be a Mass of Remembrance for all those who have died during the past year, and for all of our beloved dead.



**Conference on the Family** - On Monday, November 7th at 7:00PM here at St. John's, the Ecumenical Conference of Greater Altoona is sponsoring an evening program focusing on the recent Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis on the family. Bishop Mark Bartchak will give an overview of the papal document, *Amoris Laetitia, (The Joy of Love)* with leaders of faith communities and social service agencies giving their responses in light of their own experience and faith traditions. There will be a question and answer session following, as well as time for fellowship and refreshments. All are cordially invited. We are proud to host this important conversation on the family!

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine** – For the Year of Mercy, our diocese is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. Please consider joining this sacred journey, especially if you have never been to our National Shrine. There is a Sign-Up in the Gathering Space, with more details posted there.

**Apostles Honored this week** – In addition to the feast of All Saints and the Remembrance of All Souls, the church this week celebrates **Saint Charles Borromeo**, who was responsible for the implementation of the decrees of the Council of Trent, following the Reformation. He was a true shepherd of souls, promoting the establishment of seminaries for the training of priests.

**Our Visiting Missionary** - We welcome as our guest preacher next weekend Father M.S. Silva, a visiting missionary from India, who will speak with us of the challenges facing the impoverished diocese of Kimbakonam, India. There will be a second collection to assist the mission of that diocese. We ask that you please be generous.

**OUR PARISH FAMILY ...** Mary Ann Mirobelli became our parish's Business Manager in November 2015. Prior to coming to St John's, she was the Controller at Nason Hospital where she had worked for 13 years. She and her husband John are both originally from Altoona, and they have two adult sons and one grandson. Mary Ann grew up in St Mark's Parish, so she usually attends Mass there or at Cathedral Parish where her parents belong. She came to our parish at a very unsettled time, and said that this past summer was especially busy for herself and Ken (our maintenance person). After our school closed and the teachers had removed all their belongings, Mary Ann and Ken had the primary responsibility for preparing it for the new tenants and also for setting up our new parish office. Now she seems very settled and happy in her new work space. She's also joined our bowling league and has helped our Social Committee with several functions, including last week's soup sale. Most of all, she said that she enjoys meeting and interacting with parishioners and "there are a lot of nice people here".

*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](mailto:ceceb13@verizon.net). We'd especially like to hear from some of our 4:00 & 8:00 Mass people!*



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE**

October 30 regular classes 9:15-10:45

November 6 Regular classes 9:15-10:45

November 13 Regular classes 9:15-10:45

**Oct 30th 10th Grade Rite of Commitment Mass**

All 10th grade students need to be at 11am Mass

**9th Grade Rite of Blessing Mass**

All 9th grade students need to be at 11am Mass

on **Nov 13th**... please sit in reserved pew in front row

**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](mailto:gabby.reeder@gmail.com) to add their name to the prayer list.

***Thinking of You and Get Well cards will be available in the Gathering Space the first weekend of each month. Please stop by to sign your name or write a greeting for our shut-ins and those on the prayer request 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 • Carol Field**

**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**

**Dave English (husband of Carolyn)**

**Thomas Rentz (brother of Jerry)**

**Patricia Schuster (mother of Gia Dixon)**

*May they rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.*

**TOASTY TODDLER DONATIONS**

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. There is a box in the gathering space for your donations. Please have all donations in by December 4.

**PUMPKIN FESTIVAL** soup sale grand total is \$3408. Again, many thanks to all our donators, volunteers, and Carnegie Equipment/Linda & Ed Donahoe for donating the containers, and also to the Joy Drummers for their donation. Remember to feed the "Common Cents" jug in the Gathering Space, our ongoing means of donation for Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Marmont, Haiti.

**LECTOR TRAINING** for those who would like to serve the parish as lectors will be held this Tuesday, November 8, at 6:30 in the church. If you did not sign up for this ministry, but would like to participate, feel free to come to the training that evening.

**A MASS OF REMEMBRANCE** will be held this Wednesday, November 2, at 6:00 PM. If you wish to have someone remembered who has died in the past year, complete one of the forms on the kiosk and return it to the parish office or place it in the collection basket this Sunday, October 30. We will also place the memory board in the gathering space during the month of November to remember all our deceased loved ones. You are welcome to post a picture, prayer card or obituary on the board.

**Stewardship at St. John's**

**OFFERTORY for Oct. 23, 2016**

Envelopes:	\$ 4,954.50
Loose:	\$ 438.00
Children's:	\$ 8.00
Parish Development	\$ 70.00
World Mission	\$ 250.00
All Souls	\$ 35.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 5,755.50</b>
Online Giving:	\$ 1,360.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 7,115.50</b>

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

*"But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over.'" LUKE 19:8*

We are all called to graciously give back to the Lord in proportion to the blessings we have been given. This means everyone isn't called to give the same amount, but is called to give equal sacrifice. No amount is too small or insignificant! Open your heart, how is God calling you?

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES** It's not too late to sign up to serve the parish as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Sacristan or Minister of Hospitality. There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk and training will be scheduled soon.

**OFFERTORY PROCESSION** We are also looking for families to volunteer to bring up the gifts in the offertory procession. You can sign up on the kiosk in the gathering space and our Ministers of Hospitality will select volunteers from this list to bring up the gifts at each mass.

**LOVE FEAST:** Thanks to every parishioner who contributed food, decorated bags, cupcakes toward our serving 110 meals to neighbors in need at Simpson Temple Saturday, October 22. A special thank you to those who spent hours working to prepare & serve food, clean up, and socialize with our grateful guests (who included 2 infants in spite of the cold temperature): Barb Aubrey, Dee Capriotti, Ray & Mary King, Danielle & Ethan Miller, Barb Nagle, Dave & Mary Petrak, Ginny Reeder, Jerry & Helen Rentz, Melissa & Nathan Ringkamp, Baylee Ruggles, Fran Semelsberger, Jillian Smith, Christine & Denny Stachmus, & Anna Mae Widey.



Are you a man of faith looking for a better way to serve the Church and your community? During this month, the Knights of Columbus Star of the Sea Council #4245 in Hollidaysburg, PA is seeking new members. In joining the Knights of Columbus,

you can become part of the largest Catholic fraternal group in existence. As a Knight of Columbus, you will serve our local parishes and community while working each day to create a better world through charity. If you are looking to live out your faith in the spirit of charity by helping others, the Knights of Columbus welcomes you to join us. Through his support of community and Church, a Knight of Columbus forms friendships with his fellow Knights that can last a lifetime. If you interested in joining, please consider filling out a prospect card to be contacted by our council. You can also contact David De Pastina at (814)327-9774 or hollidaysburgkofc@gmail.com for further information.

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

## **SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK**

### **Sunday October 30th - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

11:00AM-Mass for *Lena Colyer* requested by  
Amelia Fedorico

### **Monday October 31st – Vigil for All Saints Day**

6:00PM- Mass for *Eleanore Trimarco* requested by  
Pat & Kathy Kibler

### **Tuesday November 1st - All Saints Day**

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*

6:30 PM -Mass for *David English*

### **Wednesday November 2nd - All Souls Day**

5:00PM-Confessions

6:00PM-Mass for *All Souls*

### **Thursday November 3rd - Weekday**

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Bob Cooney*

### **Friday November 4th-**

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Ralph F. Lowe* requested by  
Rich & Joyce Lowe

### **Saturday November 5th – Vigil of the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

3:00PM-Confessions

4:00PM-Mass for *Bill Shultz* requested by  
Betsy Shultz

### **Sunday November 6th - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

11:00AM-Mass for *Sam & Hilda Neal* requested by  
Julie & Bernie Beiswenger and Stan Neal

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Phil 2:1-4; Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Wednesday: Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a; Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Phil 3:17 -- 4:1; Lk 16:1-8



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