

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 4, 2015



*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

PASTORAL STAFF:

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APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES:

Sat. Oct. 10- 4:00PM- Jack Donoughe, Kelsey Donoughe
Sun. Oct. 11- 8:00AM- Zoey Landeck, Nick Rasmussen
Sun. Oct. 11- 11:00AM- Patrick Donoughe, Matthew Woolridge

LECTORS:

Sat. Oct. 10- 4:00PM- David Petrak, Mary Petrak
Sun. Oct. 11- 8:00AM- Tim Rea, Not Filled
Sun. Oct. 11- 11:00AM- Donna Moyer, Patrick Schurr

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. Oct. 10- 4:00PM- Barb Aubrey, Kathleen Heller, Jenna Jenkins,
John Lloyd, Bill Stokan
Sun. Oct. 11- 8:00AM- Joyce Cunningham, Melissa McHugh,
Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. Oct. 11- 11:00AM- Dee Capriotti, Lou Ann Clark, Mary
Dennis, Paul Dennis, Bill Foose, Norma Foose, Debbie Smith

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Sat. Oct. 10- 4:00PM- Coleen Langguth, David Langguth, Betsy
Lloyd, Wally Wargo
Sun. Oct. 11- 8:00AM- Ray Kennedy, Helen Rentz, Jerry Rentz,
Ed Stoltz
Sun. Oct. 11- 11:00AM- Walter Bloom, Wendy Campbell, Not
Filled, Not Filled

Sacristan:

Sat. Oct. 10- 4:00PM- Kathleen Heller
Sun. Oct. 11- 8:00AM- Ron Cunningham, Joyce Cunningham
Sun. Oct. 11- 11:00AM- Dee Capriotti

A Few Words from the Pastor:

Training for Eucharistic Ministers - This Sunday, October 4th, at 5:00PM, there will be a special training session in the church for anyone who would like to serve the parish as a Eucharistic Minister. Please give serious consideration to this invitation to take a more active role at Mass.

Adult Ed - Our Adult Education series continues this Sunday, October 4th. We are using a new series this year, "Priest, Prophet and King," led by our favorite presenter, Bishop Robert Barron, of the archdiocese of Los Angeles. Our sessions begin following the 8 o'clock Mass. Please join us for enlightening presentations and discussions, and of course, wonderful fellowship.

CNEWA - Representatives of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association will be with us next 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.

The Month of the Holy Rosary - On Wednesday, October 7th, the church celebrates the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. This feast was instituted to honor Mary for the Christian victory over the forces of the Ottoman Empire at Lepanto, Italy, on October 7, 1571. This victory saved Europe from being overrun by the forces of Islam. Pope St. Pius V and all Christians had prayed the Rosary for victory.

Our Focus on the Family Continues - The World Meeting on the Family which concluded last Sunday in Philadelphia was the introduction to an Fourteenth Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, which begins on October 4th and will continue until the 25th. This synod will have the theme: "The vocation and mission of the family in the church and the modern world."

Liturgical Ministries - For those who would like to serve the parish as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, or Ministers of Hospitality, there is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk. Training for Eucharistic ministers is scheduled for Sunday, October 4.

2015 Diocesan Priests' Medical & Retirement Collection: Thank you for your thoughtful response to this year's Diocesan Priests Medical and Retirement Collection. The amount you have contributed has been forwarded to the diocese for the designated purpose of subsidizing our diocesan priests' medical care and retirement needs. We will continue to forward additional contributions as they are made or you may choose to donate online at www.dioceseaj.org

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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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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)**

LOVE FEAST: Please consider either signing up on the kiosk to work at or bake cupcakes for the October 24 Love Feast. You will also find strips on the kiosk to purchase supplies for the event.

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, 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.

Stewardship at St. John's

OFFERTORY for September 27, 2015

Loose: \$562.00
 Envelope: \$4,644.50
 Catholic Register: \$0.00
 Children's: \$3.00
 Parish Development: \$20.00
 Medical Collection For Retired Priest: \$325.00
Total: \$5,554.50
Online Giving: \$1,333.00
TOTAL: \$6,887.50



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. All are welcome. No reservations required.

BOWLERS NEEDED for our league. Anyone interested can come and join us. More information Contact Becky Moran 814 317-7490 or Ann Brown 814 944-9485.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

CATECHIST PRAYER

Father of all families, you have called our Catechists to serve the children of St John's parish in truth and love. May they be faithful to this call, rooted in your Word, and open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit. May they use these gifts, especially the gifts of faith, hope, and love, to serve the children as a witness to you, who are love and life and the source and destiny of all children. Let your Spirit enlighten their minds and strengthen their hearts so they can be a path of Christ's love to all. Amen.

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 9th, 10th, and 11th grade Religious Ed classes for a Youth Ministry activity.
- **Sun., Oct. 18, 10:45 - 2:15:** Confirmation Session for all 11th 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

St. John's School News:

October 8th- School Picture Retakes
October 17th- Barnes & Noble Book Fair
October 23rd- In-service/Rocktoberfest
October 31st- Halloween Party

A PLACE TO GROW!

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- please contact the office. I did not get a confirmation on which mass she would like to go to she just needed a ride.

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Weekday Readings

Mon. Oct. 5- Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37
Tues. Oct. 6- Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42
Wed. Oct. 7- Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4
Thurs. Oct. 8- Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13
Fri. Oct. 9- J1 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26

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Sunday, Oct. 4, 2015 **SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK**

Sun. Oct. 4th- 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00AM-Mass for *Serena Stevens* requested by
Natalie & Chris Smith & Family

6:30PM - Lectionary Based Faith Sharing

Mon. Oct. 5th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Frank Auerbeck* requested by Maria & Doug Spayd

Tues. Oct. 6th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *John Kostelniczak*

Wed. Oct. 7th- Our Lady of the Rosary

5:00PM- Eucharistic Adoration

6:00PM- Mass for *Tim & Donna Sheehan* requested by Connie Burket

Thurs. Oct. 8th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:30AM- Mass for *Josie & Curly Bednarski*

Friday Oct. 9th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Leonard Majestic* requested by Barb Bundy

Sat. Oct. 10th- Vigil for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00PM- Confessions

4:00PM- Mass for *Ida Prosperi* requested by John Prosperi

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