

ONE OF THE LEPROS, REALIZING HE HAD BEEN HEALED, RETURNED, GLORIFYING GOD IN A LOUD VOICE.

LUKE 17:15

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Pope Francis on Mercy

Pope Francis urges the faithful to be as merciful as the Lord, because that is the best way to be "a sign, a channel, a witness of His love". Reflecting on the reading from the Gospel of Luke on being merciful, "just as your Father is merciful", Pope Francis said that is not a mere slogan, but a commitment for life. That reading, he observed, is where the motto of the Holy Year of Mercy originates.



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY, OCTOBER 10.

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES:

- Sat. Oct. 15 - 4:00 PM - Julie Resick, Claire Resick
- Sun. Oct. 16 - 8:00 AM - Mai Linh Do, Amber Yasolsky
- Sun. Oct. 16 - 11:00 AM - Kaelab Ruggles, Matthew Woolridge

LECTORS:

- Sat. Oct. 15 - 4:00 PM - Heather Nackley, David Langguth
- Sun. Oct. 16 - 8:00 AM - Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
- Sun. Oct. 16 - 11:00 AM - Susanna Tomlinson, Barbara Bundy

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS:

- Sat. Oct. 15 - 4:00 PM - Jenna Jenkins, John Lloyd
- Sun. Oct. 16 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, Fran Semelsberger
- Sun. Oct. 16 - 11:00 AM - Ginger Cooney, Walter Bloom, Cecelia Bloom, Donna Moyer, Marilyn Bevan, Dolores Capriotti

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

- Sat. Oct. 15 - 4:00 PM - Billy Sweet, Barb Aubrey, Dennis Moughemer, Karen Moughemer
- Sun. Oct. 16 - 8:00 AM - Carolyn English, Mary Grace Horton, Ed Stoltz, Charlie Moore
- Sun. Oct. 16 - 11:00 AM - David Petrak, Mary Petrak, Lou Ann Clark, Wally Wargo

SACRISTAN:

- Sat. Oct. 15 - 4:00 PM - Ron & Joyce Cunningham
- Sun. Oct. 16 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
- Sun. Oct. 16 - 11:00 AM - Barbara Bundy

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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 the weekend Masses on October 14-15. He will then be giving spiritual conferences on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM. Conferences will be held in church on Sunday and Tuesday, with Monday’s conference held in the cafeteria. On Sunday evening his topic will be “Mercy’s witness in the Jewish and 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.

Our Saint of the Week – Both Mother Theresa and St. Therese of Lisieux (the Little Flower) took their name from St. Theresa of Jesus, most often known as St. Theresa of Avila. She is widely known as the reformer of Carmel, the mother of the Discalced Carmelite nuns and friars, and as "spiritual mother" to countless Christians. She was declared a doctor of the Church in 1970. Along with Saint Catherine of Siena, she was the first woman ever to receive this title. She was born at Avila in Castile, Spain, on 28th March 1515 and died on 4th October 1582. Her greatest spiritual works are her Autobiography and the Interior Castle. We would all do well to imitate her, as we celebrate her feast next Saturday, October 15.

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 ... Jim & Wendy Campbell were married here at St John's in 1983, and have been members ever since. Jim is a Financial Advisor with Wells Fargo Advisors, and Wendy recently retired after teaching English at Hollidaysburg Jr High for 37 years. Their two adult children, Alex & Jessica, are both graduates of St John's School and also Bishop Guilfoyle. Alex went on to graduate from Carnegie Mellon, and is now an engineer for Kennametal in North Carolina. Jessica, who was just married here in May, graduated from George Mason University and works as a Publications Assistant in the D.C. area. Jim is a Lector and just began a term on Parish Council this fall. In the past, he also volunteered at our school as a basketball coach. Wendy is a Hospitality Minister and participates in the Adult Ed program. They usually attend the 11:00 Mass, and Wendy said that St John's has "always had the friendliest feel". Jim had always attended Mass with his family, but did not become a fully-initiated Catholic until about 8 years ago. He said that if he had not been here at St John's and had the support of both Father Mark and Deacon Gene, he's not sure that he would have felt the desire to do it.

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.

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.

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!

Office closed Monday, October 10 - Following the diocesan holiday schedule, the parish office will be closed this Monday, October 10.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will be held on the second Sunday of the month at the 11am Mass for children in pre-school (3&4) through 3rd grade. Volunteers of all ages, from teens to mature adults, are welcome to join a team. The commitment is small, 2 or 3 times a year.

We have a great leader book that leads you through the readings and questions. If you would be interested in helping or have any questions, you can email Mary Haenig at mshanig@gmail.com



FREE SENIOR BREAKFAST ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16



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.

We are sitting on a \$200,000 fundraiser!

Your everyday purchases can profit St. John's Church. According to the USA families typically spend \$150 on groceries and \$50.00 on fuel. That translates to \$10 to \$20 a week profit for the church, per family. The best way to begin using scrip is to start small to build a habit. Start with a \$25.00 Sheetz and \$50.00 for the grocery store you typically use. You can also purchase Giant Eagle cards through scrip, which can then be used to purchase a variety of gift cards. As a bonus, you will earn fuel perks credit. Talk to the volunteers at the scrip table in the gathering space if you need help placing an order or if you have any questions.

11th ANNUAL HOLLIDSBURG 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 this weekend. If you have any questions, call Ginny at 695-7671 or email: ginny.reeder@gmail.com. Thank you.



Thank you for all the kind thoughts and cards on the occasion of our 60th wedding anniversary!

Ed and Eva Cohn

Holy Trinity Catholic School Fall Festival will be held on October 15th from 10-3 at the Altoona Site. We will be selling chances for a Christmas Extravaganza Basket.

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.



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 their prayers and shawls. For more information, call Barb Neff at 946-4203 or Elsie MacCullagh at 941-4941.

Stewardship at St. John's

OFFERTORY for October 2, 2016

Envelopes:	\$ 5,947.50
Loose:	\$ 893.00
Children's:	\$ 5.00
Parish Development	\$ 148.00
Catholic Education	\$ 117.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 35.00
All Saints	\$ 25.00
All Souls	\$ 25.00
Priest's Retirement/Med.	\$ 175.00
Total:	\$ 7,370.50
Online Giving:	\$ 2,110.00
TOTAL:	\$ 9,480.50

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.

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 Hollidaysburg Area YMCA is having a chicken dinner Sunday October 9TH. Dinners will be served from 9:30a.m. to 2:00p.m. The cost of the dinner is \$8. The dinner includes a half of chicken, baked beans, applesauce, roll + butter. Tickets can be purchased at the YMCA prior to the dinner at the "front desk" or the dinners can be purchased while the dinner is served. The proceeds benefit the YMCA.

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.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday October 10th – Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Josie & Curly Bednarski*

Tuesday October 11th - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Ellen Ottaway*

Wednesday October 12th - Weekday

5:00PM-Confessions
6:00PM-Mass for *Eleanore Trimarco* requested by
Paul & Kathy Vincent

Thursday October 13th - Weekday

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

Friday October 14th - Weekday

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

Saturday October 15th – Vigil of the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 -- 5:1; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Eph 1:1-10; Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Eph 1:11-14; Lk 12:1-7

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