

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced.

-Isaiah 50:7

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES:

Sat. Sept. 19- 4:00PM- Axelle Marcelli, Gianna Marcelli
Sun. Sept. 20- 8:00AM- Danielle Miller, Ethan Miller
Sun. Sept. 20- 11:00AM- Patrick Donoughe, Sean Donoughe

LECTORS:

Sat. Sept. 19- 4:00PM- Mark Sloan, Maria Spayd
Sun. Sept. 20- 8:00AM- Joyce Cunningham, Victor Rizzo
Sun. Sept. 20- 11:00AM- Patrick Schurr, Steve Wilson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. Sept. 19- 4:00PM- Connie Baker, Bill Stokan
Sun. Sept. 20- 8:00AM- Dan Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
Sun. Sept. 20- 11:00AM- Cecelia Bloom, Walter Bloom, Lou Ann Clark,
Bill Foose, Norma Foose, Ann Mingyar

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Sat. Sept. 19- 4:00PM- Sub Needed, Sub Needed, Betsy Lloyd, John Lloyd
Sun. Sept. 20- 8:00AM- Mary Grace Horton, Charlie Moore, Mike O'Neill, Ginny Reeder
Sun. Sept. 20- 11:00AM- Dee Capriotti, Lou Ann Clark, Patrick Podoletz, Anna Podoletz

Sacristan:

Sat. Sept. 19- 4:00PM- Kathleen Heller
Sun. Sept. 20- 8:00AM- Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. Sept. 20- 11:00AM- Barb Bundy

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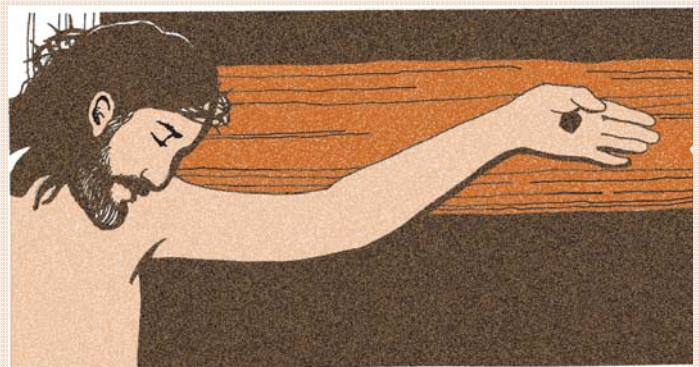
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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Oct. 17th- Hollidaysburg Pumpkin Festival - Soup Sale -
benefits Sts Peter & Paul Church in Haiti

Oct. 24th- Love Feast

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A Few Words from the Pastor:

Mass Schedule: Beginning this Sunday, September 13, our second Mass on Sunday will return to its usual time of 11:00 AM.

Adult Ed - our Adult Education series resumes this Sunday, September 13th. We will begin this year with a new series "Priest, Prophet and King," led by our favorite presenter, Robert Barron, now bishop-elect for 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 - The Catholic Near East Welfare Association 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. Representatives of this organization have been invited to our parish on the weekend of October 10-11.

Love is our Mission: In preparation for the visit of Pope Francis, we will continue our Wednesday evening discussions in the rectory at 7:00, using Love is our Mission as our guide. All are invited.

Three Great Feasts This Week! Monday the universal Church celebrates the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. The origins of this feast are traced to the discovery of the true cross by St. Helen in the early 4th century. We glory in the cross of Christ. Tuesday we honor Mary as the Mother of Sorrows. This feast is the octave (8 days) of the Birth of Mary, reminding us that as her Son was born into a suffering, so His holy mother Mary. Finally, on Wednesday the church celebrates the 3rd century martyrs Saints Cornelius and Cyprian. Cornelius was the 21st pope, and was martyred in Rome. St. Cyprian was bishop of Carthage, in North Africa, where he was beheaded in front of his flock. Such martyrdom continues today, with Christians being killed just because they are Christians.

Bearing our Gifts to the Altar - A very important part of our liturgy is the procession in which our gifts of bread and wine, along with the collection, are brought to the Eucharistic Table. In the next few weeks we will begin contacting families in advance, inviting them to be part of this important procession. If you would like to be asked to be part of the liturgy in this way, please contact our office. We do not want to miss anyone!

Give Us This Day - Those who would like to subscribe or renew a subscription to this monthly missal are to place your payment of \$20 in the envelope provided in the Gathering Space and drop it in the collection. Give Us This Day is a wonderful resource for personal prayer, as well as for your preparation for daily or Sunday Mass.

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September

Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis

Opportunities for the Young
That opportunities for education and employment may increase for all young people.

Catechists

That catechists may give witness by living in a way consistent with the faith they proclaim

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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.

Second Sunday Food

Collection - Just a reminder that this Sunday we will be having our monthly food collection. And as announced at Mass, all money collected will go to the suffering families of Syria.

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 each ministry will be scheduled soon.

Comrades in Christ men's group meetings resume 2nd and 4th Saturday's of the month in the school cafeteria from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM. All men are invited. Spiritual reinforcement for men. Contact Vic Rizzo @ vjrizzo1@aol.com or 940-8506.

Scrip Gift Card Program

Statement of Financial Position As of August 31, 2015

ASSETS:

Cash in Bank: \$1,037.01
Inventory: \$29,401.47
Total Assets: \$30,438.48

Liabilities & Net Assets:

Scrip Certificates Redeemable: \$1,540.00
Unrestricted Fund Balance: \$28,898.48
Total Liabilities & Net Assets: \$30,438.48

Statement of Activities For the Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2015

Receipts:

Inventory Sales: \$53,636.50
Cost of Inventory Sold: (50,583.56)
Gross Profit: \$3,052.94 - 5.69%

Other Income/Expenditures:

PrestoPay Profit: \$42.55
School Subsidy: (\$2,500.00)
Credit Card Fees: (\$39.00)
Other Misc Exp: (\$20.70)
Total Other Income/Expenditures: (2,517.15)

Net Surplus/(Deficit) \$535.79

JOY DRUMMERS: are conducting a fall retreat on September 19, 2015 at the swimming area of Canoe Creek State Park. The retreat hours are 9am to 3pm. There is no cost to attend. Bring a lunch or a covered dish.

The event will feature drumming, meditation, movement, and fellowship. There will be a special guest in the afternoon, Yamoussa Camara. Yamoussa is a skilled drummer with a special talent for teaching. Everyone is welcome.

Stewardship at St. John's

OFFERTORY for September 6, 2015

Loose: \$428.00
Envelope: \$5,322.50
Catholic Register: \$61.00
Children's: \$3.00
Parish Development: \$113.00
Missionary: \$20.00
Total: \$6,928.50
Online Giving: \$3,248.00
TOTAL: \$10,176.50

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)

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Ministry Scheduler Pro

After all the Masses this Sunday there will be forms available in the gathering space for the next three month scheduling (Oct-Dec) for those of you **who do not have access to the internet.**

Please fill one out and return it by
Sunday, Sept 20th.

Family members can fill out one card - front and back.

For those who have access to the internet and are not quite sure about how to login, instructions are included in the Email sent to you recently..

Remember that we need you to tell us **when you are NOT available.**

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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.

St. John's School News:

September 17th– Hoagie Order Forms Due

September 18th– No School– In-service

October 1st– Hoagie Delivery

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION begins on Sunday September 20th. ALL parents and students will meet in the gym for a quick gathering of news and prayer at 9:15am

CONFIRMATION:

Confirmation preparation for 2015-16 begins with a meeting for all candidates and parents on Sunday, September 13th at 10:15 in the school gym.

A **Youth Ministry Activity** is planned for all Confirmation candidates on Sunday, September 27th from 9:15 to 10:45 in the school gym.

Please contact Mary Petrak, mfpetrak@hotmail.com, 201-2982 or 502-6076 (cell) if you have any questions about Confirmation.

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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.**
- **The Cathedral of Blessed Sacrament in Altoona** is conducting tours during the month of September. This is the month in which the Cathedral was formally dedicated in 1931. parishes and groups from throughout the diocese are invited to come for a one-hour guided tour. Please call the office for further information.

Sunday, Sept. 13, 2015

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. Sept. 13th- 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM- Mass for *John M. Stoltz* requested by UPMC Family

11:00AM-Mass for People of the Parish

6:30PM - Lectionary Based Faith Sharing

Mon. Sept. 14th- The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *John J. Criswell* requested by Rich & Joyce Lowe

Tues. Sept. 15th- Our Lady of Sorrows

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Florence George* requested by Ann Bartley

Wed. Sept. 16th- Saints Comelius Pope & Cyprian

5:00PM- Eucharistic Adoration

6:00PM- Mass for *Leo & Cecelia Long* requested by John & Carol Bismark

Thurs. Sept. 17th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:30AM- Mass for *Peggy Harber* requested by Frances Adam & Family

Friday Sept. 18th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Mary Anne Lamont* requested by Her Children

Sat. Sept. 19th- Vigil for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00PM- Confessions

4:00PM- Mass for *Leo & Cecelia Long* requested by Connie & Dave McManuels

Sun. Sept. 20th- 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00AM-Mass for Gary Bevan requested by Joe & Mary Neely

6:30PM - Lectionary Based Faith Sharing

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Weekday Readings

Mon. Sept. 14- Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Wed. Sept. 15- 1 Tm 3:1-13/Jn 19:25-27

Thurs. Sept. 16- 1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35

Fri. Sept. 17- 1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50

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