

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

September 23 - Wine/Cider Tasting after 4:00 Mass
October 8 - Second Sunday Food Collection
October 9 - Parish Office Closed
October 14 - Hollidaysburg Pumpkinfest Soup Sale
October 15 - Pancake Breakfast

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES:

Sat. Sept. 23 - 4:00 PM - Claire Nackley, Keaton Swope
Sun. Sept. 24 - 8:00 AM - Mai Linh Do, Amber Yasolsky
Sun. Sept. 24 - 11:00 AM - Alycia & David Auerbeck

LECTORS:

Sat. Sept. 23 - 4:00 PM - Mark Sloan, Maria Spayd
Sun. Sept. 24 - 8:00 AM - Ronan Adams, David Andrews
Sun. Sept. 24 - 11:00 AM - Richard Karcher, Paul Dennis

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. Sept. 23 - 4:00 PM - Barb Aubrey, Jenna Jenkins
Sun. Sept. 24 - 8:00 AM - Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
Sun. Sept. 24 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Cecelia Bloom,
Walter Bloom, Dolores Capriotti, Debbie Dougherty, Bob Olson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Sat. Sept. 23 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, Dennis Moughemer,
Karen Moughemer, Heather Nackley
Sun. Sept. 24 - 8:00 AM - Carolyn English, Charlie Moore,
Ed Stoltz, Mary Truesdale
Sun. Sept. 24 - 11:00 AM - Lou Ann Clark, Peg Madden,
Anna Podoletz, Patrick Podoletz

SACRISTAN:

Sat. Sept. 23 - 4:00 PM - Mary & Ray King
Sun. Sept. 24 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. Sept. 24 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

SCRIP:

Sat. Sept. 23 - 4:00 PM - Julie Beiswenger, Charlene Lancy
Sun. Sept. 24 - 8:00 AM - Jim Campbell, Wendy Campbell
Sun. Sept. 24 - 11:00 AM - Judy Sneath, Dorothy Yingling

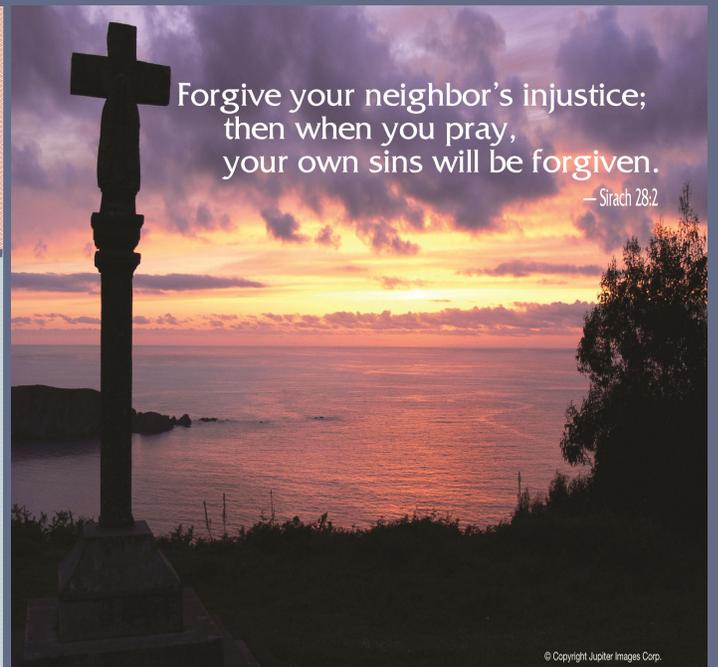
WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY • TUESDAY • THURSDAY • FRIDAY - 8:30AM
WEDNESDAY - 6:00 PM
SATURDAY - 4:00PM • SUNDAY - 8:00AM & 11:00AM

September Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

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That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.



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A Few Words from the Pastor:

What Generosity! Many thanks to all who contributed to our hurricane relief fund. We have collected a total of \$5,650.00 which will be sent to the diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, and then on to the dioceses most affected by hurricane Harvey. We do expect that a second collection will soon be taken up for hurricane relief for the dioceses of Florida. May God reward your generosity.

To Walk in Jesus' Footsteps – Our pilgrimage to the Holy Land is beginning to take shape. The tentative dates are May 16 to May 26, 2018. This is an opportunity for us to grow in our discipleship of Christ Jesus. We will have the blessing to walk where Jesus walked and to celebrate liturgy at the holiest places in Christianity. More information will be forthcoming! Please give serious consideration to joining this pilgrimage. I myself have never been to the Holy Land, and see this as a grace to strengthen my own commitment as a disciple of the Lord Jesus.

Adult Ed - Untold Blessings! - God calls each of us to become a saint, and he's ready to support us along the way by providing abundant blessings. Join us as we seek these blessings by participating in Bishop Robert Barron's DVD-based program: "Untold Blessing: Three Paths to Holiness." The first path is "Finding the Center in Christ," the second is "Knowing You Are a Sinner" and then the third, "Realizing Your Life is Not About You." ***We begin this series on this Sunday, September 17th, at 9:15 AM in the Cafeteria.***

Saints of the Week – Highlighting our week is the celebration on Thursday of the Feast of St. Matthew, the Evangelist. Our parish in Tyrone has Matthew as patron, and is one of the earliest parishes in our diocese. Wednesday we celebrate the courageous witness of the Korean Martyrs, who suffered under severe persecution in the 19th century. As many as 8,000 Catholic Christians were put to death for their faith. It is said that the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church. We should not be surprised, then, that the Catholic Church in South Korea is flourishing at an astonishing rate! Padre Pio takes center stage for us on Saturday, the holy Italian priest who was gifted with miraculous powers to read souls, and is one of the few saints in history to have received the stigmata (the wounds of Christ in his own body)!

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 by the end of September. Give Us This Day is a wonderful resource for personal prayer, as well as for your preparation for daily or Sunday Mass.

Liturgical Ministries – if you would like to serve the parish as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, or Ministers of Hospitality, please see Deacon Gene, Debbie Johnson or myself. We are always in need of those willing to serve their parish in this way!

OUR PARISH FAMILY ... Meet the Yasolsky's – Stephen, Heather, Amber, and Erika. Stephen is a Corrections Officer at SCI Houtzdale, and Heather is a Licensed Professional Counselor. Amber earned an academic scholarship and is in 9th grade at Grier School, and Erika is in 7th grade at Altoona Jr. High. Heather said they began attending services at St John's in May 2012, after deciding on St John's School for Amber and Erika. Although Stephen was raised in a Catholic family, they had previously been attending a Lutheran church. That same year, they began the RCIA program here, and officially became members and also renewed their wedding vows at our 2013 Easter Vigil liturgy. When our school closed in 2016, they struggled and visited some other local churches, before making the conscious decision to continue worshipping at St John's. Heather said Msgr. Becker's homilies and Deacon Gene's spiritual leading played a major role in their decision, and they had become involved here, with both Heather and Amber in choir, and on the Scrip team. Heather has also served on Parish Council. Both Amber and Erika will be attending our Religious Education program this year. Heather feels that there is something for everyone to be involved in here at St John's and says "that leads to a sense of belonging". *The "Our Parish Family" feature is designed to help us learn more about our fellow parishioners. If you're willing to be featured here, contact Cecelia Bloom at 695-2806 or ceceb13@verizon.net.*



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

You can find our yearly calendar at
www.stjohnsaltoona.org

- September 17th Regular class from 9:15-10:45 *Parent meeting at 9:15 and Confirmation parent meeting at 9:30*
- September 24th Regular class from 9:15-10:45
- October 8th Regular class from 9:15-10:45

Why going to Mass every week is so important:

- The Mass is the greatest gift God gives us.
- At Mass we work to become the people God wants us to be, then we are sent out to live what Christ taught and share that with others.
- Mass is where we MEET CHRIST.
- CHRIST is present at Mass in 4 ways:
 1. In the Eucharist
 2. In the Priest
 3. In the Word of God
 4. In the people
- Start your week off by letting God transform you!

LOVE FEAST: You will notice that we have the strips for food items and sign-up lists on the kiosk for **our next Love Feast on Saturday, October 28.** Please consider participating in this ministry to our neighbors in need who are always so thankful.



WINE AND CIDER TASTING: All are invited to join us on Saturday, September 23 after the 4:00PM Mass. Let's toast to the upcoming Fall Season!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Those who practice stewardship see themselves as God's gifts. They are grateful and are eager to share their gifts out of love of God and one another.

Stewardship at St. John's

OFFERTORY for September 10, 2017

Envelopes	\$ 3,457.00
Loose	\$ 988.00
Children's	\$ 25.00
Parish Development	\$ 70.00
Catholic University	\$ 74.00
SubTotal	\$ 4,614.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,698.00
Total Offertory	\$ 7,312.00

Second Sunday food collection \$346.00
Hurricane Harvey collection \$930.00

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:*

- Baby Adam • Bernie Beiswenger • Millie Bilski
 Vicky Buda • Yolanda Bumann • Vincent Cannizzaro
 Robert Cole • Mary Lee DeStefano • Michael DeStefano
 Michelle Fasline • Carol Field • JoAnne Gerardine
 Brian Kopp • Robert Leidy • Bill Loth • Jim McLarren
 Bryson Miller • June Miller • Anne-Marie Norris
 Ron Peschock • Dave Petrak • Bob & Mary Rajnish
 Olga Romerowicz • Justine Wareham Smith
 Patty Teufel • Lois Werfel • Noah Wills**

Our Lady Of Lourdes Parish

HOME WITH THE LORD: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:

- Everest Saad, grandson of Bonnie Saad
 Carolyn Ward**

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP: Our next meeting will be on Monday, September 25, at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center. This time our theme will be ways to become our best version of ourselves. Mary Lee Davis will share ideas from Carl Jung, and Joyce Cunningham will share ideas from Richard Rohr. Anyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

GIVE US THIS DAY: Please note that new or renewed subscriptions to this monthly publication are due by the end of September. There are envelopes in the gathering space that you can use to make your \$20 payment before the end of the month.



SCRIP CONTEST: Don't forget to sign up as a new ScripNow user and place 2 orders between Sept 1 and Oct 31 to be entered into the contest to win \$50 of Scrip. Those already using ScripNow who order \$2500 in Scrip between Nov 10 and December 24 will be given an entry for a contest to win \$100 of Scrip. Winners will be selected during 11:00AM mass. The winner need not be present to win. This Scrip contest is sponsored by the Fit3 team forming in Altoona with Heather Yasolsky as coach.

HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

If you've been coming to Mass for a while, but are not Catholic, we invite you to look deeper into our faith tradition. We will be gathering to share the truths of the Catholic faith and the fellowship of our church family.



We invite you to learn what Catholics believe in an open and welcoming setting. These gatherings also are opportunities for you to ask any questions you may have about the Church and our parish community. We meet in the day chapel at 9:15 Sunday morning. If you have any questions please ask Msgr. Becker or Deacon Gene or call Mark Krepich at 932-2223 or email at mark.krepich@gmail.com.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL will hold its Annual Dinner and Liturgy Sunday, October 15, 2017 at St. Francis University in Loretto. This year the Society celebrates 400 years of Vincentian Charism. For information concerning the event or reservations, contact the Society at 814-943-1981. The Liturgy and Dinner is open to all Vincentians, volunteers and friends of the Society.

ST JOHN'S FAMILY ALBUM: Take a look at the album on the stand in the gathering space. The last five entries were recently done by our new calligrapher, Tyne Palazzi. This album is a wonderful place to commemorate special events (e.g. weddings, anniversaries, baptisms, First Communion, graduations), or to remember someone who has passed on. If you would like to request an entry, please complete one of the envelopes that are with the album. You can place your completed envelope back in the album, or just drop it in the collection basket. We hope that more parishioners will take advantage of this opportunity to create a lasting record of the special events and wonderful people that are a part of St John's Parish.

DRUMMING RETREAT: Joy Drummers are conducting a fall drumming retreat on September 23, 2017 at the Canoe Creek State Park swimming area. The event will be held from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm with the theme of "Drumming as Meditation". Everyone is welcome; drumming experience is not necessary. Bring your own lunch or a covered dish to share. The afternoon will feature guest drummer Yamoussa Camara, a talented drummer and enthusiastic instructor. The event is free; however, donations will be accepted to defray the cost of bringing Yamoussa to the event. If you can't come for the entire time, feel free to stop by for any part of the event. Contact Dave Despot at 944-8655 for more information.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday September 17- 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM-Mass for *Pat Madden* requested by Rick & Diane Kline

11:00AM-Mass for *Connie Perretta* requested by Ray & Mary King

Monday September 18 - Weekday

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Eileen Becker* requested by Clarence Becker

Tuesday September 19 - Weekday

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Judy Weaver* requested by Cora Bacon

Wednesday September 20 - Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng, Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

5:00PM-Eucharistic Adoration/Confessions

6:00PM-Mass for *Mim Pufka* requested by Dr. & Mrs. David Lee

Thursday September 21 - St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Lynne Schreiber* requested by Bernie & Julie Beiswenger

Friday September 22 - Weekday

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Jeanne McDowell* requested by Tom & Nancy Weimer

Saturday September 23 - Vigil of the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00PM-Confessions

4:00PM- Mass for *Ellen M. Ottaway* requested by Rich & Joyce Lowe

Sunday September 24- 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00AM-Mass for *Matt Geishouser* requested by Lois Dullinger

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3

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