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## APPOINTMENTS

### ACOLYTES:

- Sat. Sept. 26- 4:00PM- Claire Nackley, Keaton Swope  
Sun. Sept. 27- 8:00AM- Zoey Landeck, Nick Rasmussen  
Sun. Sept. 27- 11:00AM- David Auerbeck, Alexandria Auerbeck

### LECTORS:

- Sat. Sept. 26- 4:00PM- Davie Petrak, Mary Petrak  
Sun. Sept. 27- 8:00AM- Dan Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky  
Sun. Sept. 27- 11:00AM- Richard Karcher, Joe Klobuka

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

- Sat. Sept. 26- 4:00PM- Joyce Cunningham, Bill Stokan  
Sun. Sept. 27- 8:00AM- Need Sub, Melissa McHugh  
Sun. Sept. 27- 11:00AM- Ginger Cooney, Ken Gorman, Donna Moyer, Jo-Ann Semko, Debbie Smith, Susanna Tomlinson

### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

- Sat. Sept. 26- 4:00PM- Connie Baker, Peg Madden, Christine Stachmus, Denny Stachmus  
Sun. Sept. 27- 8:00AM- Ray Kennedy, Ed Stoltz, Larry VanSickel, Paula VanSickel  
Sun. Sept. 27- 11:00AM- Dee Capriotti, Lou Ann Clark, Patrick Podoletz, Anna Podoletz

### Sacristan:

- Sat. Sept. 26- 4:00PM- Ron Cunningham, Joyce Cunningham  
Sun. Sept. 27- 8:00AM- Michele DeFrancisco  
Sun. Sept. 27- 11:00AM- Dee Capriotti

# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 20, 2015

*The fruit of righteousness is sown in  
peace for those who cultivate peace.*

*-James 3:18*



### Weekday Readings

- Mon. Sept. 21- Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13  
Tues. Sept. 22- Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Lk 8:19-21  
Wed. Sept. 23- Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6  
Thurs. Sept. 24- Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9  
Fri. Sept. 25- Hg 2:1-9/Lk 9:18-22

### MASS SCHEDULE:

- MON., TUES., THURS. FRIDAY: 8:30AM  
WEDNESDAY: 6:00PM  
SATURDAY: 4:00PM  
SUNDAY: 8:00AM; 11:00AM

### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- Oct. 17th- Hollidaysburg Pumpkin Festival - Soup Sale -  
benefits Sts Peter & Paul Church in Haiti  
Oct. 24th- Love Feast

## A Few Words from the Pastor:

**Feasts of the Week!** - If you know someone named Matthew, wish them a happy feast day on Monday, when the church celebrates Saint Matthew, one of the twelve Apostles and author of the first Gospel. He was the son of Alphaeus and was called to be an Apostle while sitting in the tax collectors place at Capernaum. His apostolic activity was at first restricted to the communities of Palestine. While nothing definite is known about his later life, there are traditions that points to Ethiopia and Persia as his field of labor.

On Wednesday of this week the church will observe the sacred memory of the beloved Padre Pio, who was canonized by Saint John Paul II in 2002. Padre Pio was a humble Capuchin (Franciscan) monk who lived his whole priestly life in Italy. He was blessed by God in many wonderful and mysterious ways; the most dramatic was the stigmata and he bore these wounds of Christ for fifty years. Among his other gifts were bilocation, prophecy, conversion, reading of souls, and miraculous cures. People are still being cured through his intercession in ways that cannot be explained by medicine or science.

**Adult Ed** - our Adult Education series continues this Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. 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** - 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](http://www.cnewa.org). Representatives of this organization have been invited to our parish on the weekend of October 10-11. Our recent collection for the Syrian refugees was almost \$2,500.00, which will be sent to CNEWA.

**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.

**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.

**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](mailto:vjrizzo1@aol.com) or 940-8506.

**Wedding Bells** - We congratulate Sara Ergler, daughter of Ed and Debbie Ergler of this parish, who will be married in Christ this coming Saturday to Lee Alexander Marchi of Hollidaysburg. On the same day, we will be celebrating the wedding of Candice Baum and Matthew Miller. Candice is the daughter Karen and Brian Houck. Blessings upon both couples!



**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)**

## Stewardship at St. John's

### OFFERTORY for September 13, 2015

Loose: \$700.00  
Envelope: \$4,483.50  
Catholic Register: \$0  
Children's: \$5.00  
Parish Development: \$70.00  
**Total: \$5,258.50**  
**Online Giving: \$1,858.00**  
**TOTAL: \$7,116.50**

**SYRIA REFUGEE COLLECTION: \$2,488.00**



**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](mailto:mark.krepich@gmail.com). All are welcome. No reservations required.

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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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## **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:**

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

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

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

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## St. John's School News:

**September 17th**– Hoagie Order Forms Due

**September 18th**– No School– In-service

**September 21st**– International Peace Day

**October 1st**– Hoagie Delivery



## 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.
- **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.

## Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015 SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

### 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

### Mon. Sept. 21st- Saint Matthew

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Praying for her health *Sara Stachmus* requested by Grandparents

### Tues. Sept. 22nd- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Florence George* requested by Agnes Phillips

### Wed. Sept. 23rd- Saint Pius of Pietrelcina

5:00PM- Eucharistic Adoration

6:00PM- Mass for *Ward & Marcella Diehl* requested by Carol & John Bismark

### Thurs. Sept. 24th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:30AM- Mass for *Jerry Johnson*

### Friday Sept. 25th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Peggy Harber* requested by Rich & Joyce Lowe

### Sat. Sept. 26th- Vigil for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00PM- Confessions

4:00PM- Mass for *John M. Stoltz* requested by UPMC Family

### Sun. Sept. 27th- 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

**11:00AM**–Mass for *Lena Coyler* requested by Steve Klobuka

6:30PM - Lectionary Based Faith Sharing