

PASTORAL STAFF:

- **Msgr. Michael Becker**- mbecker253@aol.com
- **Deacon Gene Neral**- gene@lifeinfocus.net
- **Ms. Tabatha Griffin**- stjohnprincipal@atlanticbb.net
- **Mr. Mark Krepich**-RCIA & Parish Council President- mark.krepich@gmail.com
- **Mrs. Deb Johnson**-Music Director- dj219@msn.com
- **Mr. Bill & Mrs. Norma Foose**-Stephen Ministry- norma.foose@yahoo.com
- **Mrs. Heather Reimer**- Business Manager- stjohnchurch@atlanticbb.net
- **Mrs. Lindsay Reffner**- Admin. Assistant- stjohnsecretary@atlanticbb.net
- **Mrs. Mary Haenig**- Religious Education Dir- mshaenig@gmail.com
- **Mrs. Mary Petrak**- Confirmation- mfpetrak@hotmail.com
- **Mr. Ken Dunmire**, Maintenance

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES:

Sat. Oct. 3- 4:00PM- Tyler Conigy, Caitlin Conigy
Sun. Oct. 4- 8:00AM- Nick Rasmussen, Amber Yasolsky
Sun. Oct. 4- 11:00AM- Nathan Ringkamp, Kaelab Ruggles

LECTORS:

Sat. Oct. 3- 4:00PM- John Lloyd, Maria Spayd
Sun. Oct. 4- 8:00AM- Francene Boland, Victor Rizzo
Sun. Oct. 4- 11:00AM- Bill Foose, Norma Foose

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. Oct. 3- 4:00PM- Barb Aubrey, Kathleen Heller, Jenna Jenkins, David Loth, Bill Stokan
Sun. Oct. 4- 8:00AM- Joyce Cunningham, Melissa McHugh, Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. Oct. 4- 11:00AM- Dee Capriotti, Lou Ann Clark, Mary Dennis Paul Dennis, Ken Gorman, Debbie Smith, Steve Wilson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Sat. Oct. 3- 4:00PM- Connie Baker, Dennis Moughemer, Karen Moughemer, Wally Wargo
Sun. Oct. 4- 8:00AM- John Becker, Jane Becker, Mike O'Neill, Ginny Reeder
Sun. Oct. 4- 11:00AM- Wendy Campbell, Need Sub, Need Sub, Need Sub

Sacristan:

Sat. Oct. 3- 4:00PM- Kathleen Heller
Sun. Oct. 4- 8:00AM- Ron Cunningham, Joyce Cunningham
Sun. Oct. 4- 11:00AM- Dee Capriotti

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

309 LOTZ AVE
ALTOONA, PA 16602
814-942-5503

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 27, 2015



A sincere **CONGRATULATIONS** to two of our faculty members who received "Years of Service" awards at Friday's in-service meeting. THANK YOU to Mrs. Linda Mueller for 30 years at St. John's School and for Miss Megan Irwin for 5 years at St. John's! We are so proud of you and happy for your honors!

+++++

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:

Training for Eucharistic Ministers - On 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.

Nocturnal Adoration at St. John's - This Friday evening, from 8 until 11, there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Day Chapel. Nocturnal Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is a devotion practiced on the evening before the First Friday of the Month, and parishioners from around the city will be joining us. Please plan on joining us. As Jesus reminded his disciples in Gethsemani, "Could you not watch with me for one hour?"

Holy Relics - During the World Meeting on the Family this week, there was on display the Martin family reliquary, which contains relics of St. Therese of Lisieux and of her parents, Blessed Louis and Zelig Martin, at the Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul in Philadelphia. This holy couple, whose "Little Flower" Therese was canonized a saint and doctor of the Church, will be the first married couple ever canonized in the Catholic Church. We remember them especially this **Thursday, October 1st**, when the church celebrates the memory of their daughter, the "Little Flower." This remarkable couple were parents of nine children, though four of them died at a very early age. Louis and Zelig remained steadfast in their faith, and poured out their love on the remaining five children, Pauline, Leonie, Celine, and their youngest, Marie-Francoise-Therese Martin. All five daughters would enter the Carmelite convent. The beauty and spirituality of this family is expressed so well in the countless letters which have survived, as well as the classic Story of a Soul by the Little Flower.

Not To be Overshadowed are the other feasts celebrated this week: The archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are honored on Tuesday, the life of the great Scripture scholar Saint Jerome is celebrated on Wednesday, and our beloved Guardian Angels are remembered on Friday, October 2. So many reasons to make an effort to get to daily Mass this week!

Adult Ed - our Adult Education series continues this Sunday, September 27th. 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.

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.

+++++

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

+++++

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.

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.



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 week-end of Oct 10 & 11. **Any questions, please call Ginny (695-7671) or Jane (696-0131)**

Stewardship at St. John's

OFFERTORY for September 20, 2015

- Loose: \$539.00
- Envelope: \$6,159.50
- Catholic Register: \$0.00
- Children's: \$3.00
- Parish Development: \$35.00
- Medical Collection For Retired Priest: \$50.00
- Total: \$6,788.50**
- Online Giving: \$1,978.00**
- TOTAL: \$8,766.50**



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. Next scheduled bowl at Holiday is September 25. 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:

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.

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.



Thank you!

Words cannot express the gratitude that Barbara and I feel for all the prayerful support, the cards and words of encouragement that we received from you through this difficult time. Your continued prayers for our family and my continued recovery are greatly appreciated.

Barbara & Gene

St. John's School News:

October 1st- Hoagie Delivery Day

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.

+++++

Weekday Readings

Mon. Sept. 28- 1 Pt 3:14-17/Mt 10:34-39

Tues. Sept. 29- Rv 12:7-12ab/Jn 1:47-51

Wed. Sept. 30- Neb 2:1-8/Lk 9:57-62

Thurs. Oct. 1- Neb 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Lk 10:1-12

Fri. Oct. 2- Bar 1:15-22/Mt 18:1-5, 10

+++++

Sunday, Sept. 27, 2015

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

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

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

11:00AM-Mass for *Lena Coyle* requested by **Steve Klobuka**

6:30PM - Lectionary Based Faith Sharing

Mon. Sept. 28th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Florence George* requested by Bob & Marlene Steibugl

Tues. Sept. 29th- Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Connie Stoltz* requested by Ed Stoltz

Wed. Sept. 30th- Saint Jerome

5:00PM- Eucharistic Adoration

6:00PM- Mass for *Deceased Members of Allegheny Club*

Thurs. Oct. 1st- Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:30AM- Mass for *Ward Huntley* requested by Marian Monios & Michele DeFrancisco

Friday Oct. 2nd- The Holy Guardian Angel

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Joyce Cetta* requested by Mary & Ray Kling

Sat. Oct. 3rd- Vigil for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00PM- Confessions

4:00PM- Mass for *In honor Charlotte "Joan Stoltz"* requested by Jim & Debbie Miller & Family

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