

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 6, 2015

**Did not God choose those who are poor
in the world to be rich in faith and heirs
to the kingdom? -James 2:5**

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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Sept. 8th- Birth of Mary Celebration

Sept. 11th- Bowling League starts

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

Oct. 24th- Love Feast

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PASTORAL STAFF:

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APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES:

Sat. Sept. 12- 4:00PM- Julie Resick, Claire Resick
Sun. Sept. 13- 8:00AM- Zoey Landeck, Amber Yasolsky
Sun. Sept. 13- 11:00AM- Keaton Swope, Matthew Woolridge

LECTORS:

Sat. Sept. 12- 4:00PM- Jenna Jenkins, Heather Nackley
Sun. Sept. 13- 8:00AM- Ron Adams, Tim Rea
Sun. Sept. 13- 11:00AM- Richard Consiglio, Bob Olson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. Sept. 12- 4:00PM- Connie Baker, Bill Stokan
Sun. Sept. 13- 8:00AM- Francene Boland, Joyce Cunningham
Sun. Sept. 13- 11:00AM- Cecelia Bloom, Walter Bloom, Ginger Cooney,
Paul Dennis, Mary Dennis, Steve Wilson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Sat. Sept. 12- 4:00PM- Lori Ginter, Judy Sneath, Mary Frances Stokan,
Hedy Zumsteg
Sun. Sept. 13- 8:00AM- Need Sub, Helen Rentz, Jerry Rentz, Need Sub
Sun. Sept. 13- 11:00AM- Wendy Campbell, Dee Capriotti, Lou Ann
Clark, Patrick Podoletz

Sacristan:

Sat. Sept. 12- 4:00PM- Kathleen Heller
Sun. Sept. 13- 8:00AM- Ron Cunningham, Joyce Cunningham
Sun. Sept. 13- 11:00AM- Barb Bundy

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

34th BIRTH OF MARY CELEBRATION

St. Catherine of Siena Church/Shrine Duncansville, PA
(Old #22) Theme/Displays: "Focus on Mary, Mother of
Mercy" CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY MASS IN CHURCH-
7:45a.m. and 12:00 noon 6:00 P.M.-SHRINE MASS, Proces-
sion, Benediction Celebrant/Homilist-Most Rev. Mark L.
Bartchak, JCD Altoona-Johnstown Diocesan Bishop
CONTINUOUS ROSARY-9:00a.m.to 5:00p.m. Salads,
Soups, Sandwiches, Desserts -available 11:00 to 5:30p.m.

Nativity
of the
Blessed
Virgin
Mary



A Few Words from the Pastor:

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

Labor Day Mass - Understood from the faith perspective, our daily labors are seen as our sharing in the work of the Creator. Labor Day is an invitation to rest from our work and consider how we are co-creators in building a better world. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 on Monday morning, and all are encouraged to attend. Celebrate with us the blessings that come to our world through our daily labors!

Adult Ed - our Adult Education series will resume Next 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.

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.

Housekeeper Needed - The parish is in need of a housekeeper for the rectory. Cleaning and laundry, about 5 hours weekly. If interested, please call the parish office.

Second Sunday Food Collection - Just a reminder that next Sunday we will be having our monthly collection of food and finance for the needy of our community.

September 9, St. Peter Claver, "Black Lives Matter": After his ordination to the priesthood in 1616, St. Peter Claver dedicated himself by special vow to the service of the African slaves - a work that was to last for thirty-three years. He labored unceasingly for the salvation of the African slaves and the abolition of the slave trade. Boarding the slave ships as they entered the harbor, he would hurry to the hold where the slaves were kept, and offer whatever refreshments he could afford; he would care for the sick and dying, and instruct the slaves with black catechists before administering the Sacraments. Through his efforts three hundred thousand souls entered the Church. Long before it became a movement in our times, Father Peter Claver knew that "Black Lives Matter."

Our bowling league will begin September 11 at Holiday Bowl. We bowl every other week and would welcome new members. Signup sheet will be in the Kiosk. Information: Rebecca Moran 814-317-7490.

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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.

Wedding Bells! - Congratulations to Amanda Kenney and Michael Shedlock, both of this parish, who were joined this Saturday in the Sacrament of Matrimony. Blessings as well to Hannah Leiden, daughter of Charlie and Barb Leiden, and to Steven Olson of Williamsburg, VA, who will be joined in the Sacrament of Matrimony this coming Saturday evening.

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.

Love is Our Mission - On the remaining Wednesdays of September, Msgr. Becker will conduct a discussion on the booklet, Love is our Mission, as a preparation for the Pope's visit to Philadelphia for the World Meeting of the Family. These discussions will take place in the rectory at 7:00PM. Booklets are available in the Gathering Space. All are invited to participate! Enrich your understanding of the Church's teaching on the family.

Haiti News:

Haiti Scarf Project: We have the hope of starting a sewing enterprise for women in Marmount. It will begin small with scarves because they are popular, light weight, and do not need to be sized. The materials with American style ideas will be delivered to Sts. Peter and Paul on our trip in January. Then we will teach the women to sew these scarves, have them returned to us, and sell them here.

Our materials are obtained in the cheapest ways possible: clearances, coupons, yard sales, Goodwill, donations, etc. We are recycling and upcycling (taking old and re-fashioning).

DURING AUGUST, we will have a display and preview sale of some scarves we have put together. This is to raise some money but more importantly to test the market for what is popular so we know where to go from here. Later, we will have a list requesting items we will need, especially from your "stash".

For further information, you may contact Mary Lee Madigan-Davis at mlmdcreek@aol.com.

Please also remember the Common Sense Jug, Mass Intentions, and Cards for gift donations.



Are You Interested in the

Catholic Faith? We will soon begin 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 will begin in early September. If you have any questions or want further information please call Mark Krepich at 932-2223 or email at mark.krepich@gmail.com.

Stewardship at St. John's

OFFERTORY for August 30, 2015

Loose: \$390.00

Envelope: \$4,571.50

Catholic Register: \$55.00

Children's: \$3.00

Parish Development: \$0.00

Total: \$5,019.50

Online Giving: \$1,628.00

TOTAL: \$6,647.50



Now is an excellent time to join one of the choirs we have at St. John's:

Adult Choir rehearses every Wednesday evening at 7:00 and sings at the 11:00 Mass on Sunday. High school students are also welcome to sing in the Adult Choir. There is no audition and you do not need to know how to read music. New Adult Choir members are invited to join the choir on Wednesday, September 9 at 7:00.

Children's Choir rehearsals will begin in November to prepare for Advent and Christmas.

Handbell Choir Looking for a way to participate in the music program at St. John's, but can't carry a tune in a bucket? Join our handbell choir. No bell experience is necessary; reading music is a great help, but isn't absolutely required. No auditions, no pressure, just a lot of fun! If you love music, but can't sing, this could be the musical opportunity for you! (If you love music and you can sing, you're also welcome.) New handbell choir members are invited to attend rehearsal on Thursday, September 10 at 7:15.

Instrumentalists: We are also looking to add several more instrumentalists to our growing group of talented musicians. If you play an instrument and would like to play at mass, please call or email Debbie Johnson.

New cantors are always welcome. Training is provided and you may schedule your own times to cantor. Students are also welcome to cantor!

To join one of the choirs, or for more information, call Debbie Johnson at 696-2683. You can also email her at dj219@msn.com.

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.

St. John's School News:

September 4th: No School

September 7th: No School- Labor Day

September 9th- School Picture Day

Sunday, Sept. 6, 2015

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. Sept. 6th- 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:00AM-50th Wedding Anniversary *Norma & Bill Foose*
requested by Family

6:30PM - Lectionary Based Faith Sharing

Mon. Sept. 7th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Eileen Becker* requested by Mr. & Mrs.
Jim Roccio

Tues. Sept. 8th- Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Muriel Stoepker*

Wed. Sept. 9th- Saint Peter Claver

5:00PM- Eucharistic Adoration

6:00PM- Mass for *Albert Houseknecht*

Thurs. Sept. 10th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Lamont* requested by
Steve & Theresa Pellegrine

Friday Sept. 11th- Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM- Morning Prayer

8:30AM- Mass for *Peggy Harber* requested by Mona Henck

Sat. Sept. 12th- Vigil for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00PM- Confessions

4:00PM- Mass for *Marie Therese* requested by the
Crevecoeur family

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

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Weekday Readings

Mon. Sept. 7- Col 1:24-2:3/Lk 6:6-11

Wed. Sept. 8- Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Thurs. Sept.9- Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26

Fri. Sept. 10- Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:



Please keep our catechists in your prayers and they prepare to enrich our children with the Word of God and all His LOVE.

- K/1 grade Jen Helsley and Jane Krepich
- 2 grade Angelina Capriotti-Long
- 3/4 grade Will Dixon and Julie Reighard
- 5/6 grade Barbara Aubrey
- 7/8 grade Bob Olson
- 9/10 grade Patrick Podoletz
- 11 grade Joyce Lowe

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BEGINS

SEPTEMBER 20TH All parents and students are to meet in the gym to start off the year with a quick gathering and prayer!

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.