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and followed
him**

JANUARY 21, 2018

3RD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

ST. JOHN THE
EVANGELIST CHURCH
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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- February 10 - Mardi Gras: 5:30PM - 9:00PM
- February 11 - 2nd Sunday Food Collection
- February 14 - Ash Wednesday: 8:30AM & 6:00PM Mass
- February 14 - Lenten Soup Supper after 6:00PM Mass
- February 19 - Parish Office Closed/Presidents' Day
- July 22 - Parish Picnic

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES:

- Sat. Jan. 27 - 4:00 PM - Jack & Ryan Donoughue
- Sun. Jan. 28 - 8:00 AM - Nicholas Helsley, Amber Yasolsky
- Sun. Jan. 28 - 11:00 AM - Alexandria & Alycia Auerbeck

LECTORS:

- Sat. Jan. 27 - 4:00 PM - Heather Nackley, Matt Michelone
- Sun. Jan. 28 - 8:00 AM - Fran Semelsberger, Ronan Adams
- Sun. Jan. 28 - 11:00 AM - Donna Moyer, Barbara Bundy

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS

- Sat. Jan. 27 - 4:00 PM - Barb Aubrey, NOT FILLED
- Sun. Jan. 28 - 8:00 AM - Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
- Sun. Jan. 28 - 11:00 AM - David Lee, Susanna Tomlinson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

- Sat. Jan. 27 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, Bill Stokan,
Wally Wargo, NOT FILLED
- Sun. Jan. 28 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, Mary Truesdale,
Larry VanSickel, Paula VanSickel
- Sun. Jan. 28 - 11:00 AM - Walter Bloom, Mary Grace Horton,
Peg Madden, NOT FILLED

SACRISTAN:

- Sat. Jan. 27 - 4:00 PM - NOT FILLED
- Sun. Jan. 28 - 8:00 AM - Joyce Cunningham
- Sun. Jan. 28 - 11:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti

SCRIP:

- Sat. Jan. 27 - 4:00 PM - Joan Price, Nancy Weimer
- Sun. Jan. 28 - 8:00 AM - Jim & Wendy Campbell
- Sun. Jan. 28 - 11:00 AM - Judy Sneath, Dorothy Yingling

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A Few Words from the Pastor:

Arise! Together in Christ! – As our diocese is embarking on an exciting adventure in parish renewal, each parish has been asked to form an “Arise” parish team. *Arise Together in Christ* is a three-year, parish-centered process of evangelization and spiritual renewal, designed to help people develop a closer relationship with Christ, grow in community, and reach out in service to others. Should you be interested in serving on this team, or simply want to learn more about “Arise,” please contact Msgr. Becker or Debbie Johnson. An important informational meeting will be held at St. Catherine of Siena parish on Thursday, January 25th, at 1:00 – 2:30, or 6:30 – 8:00. For more information, check the recent issue of the Catholic Register, or go online to: <https://www.diocesaj.org/arise>.

Food Insecurity - In 2016, an estimated 1 in 8 Americans were “food insecure,” equating to 42 million Americans including 13 million children. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) defines food insecurity as a lack of consistent access to enough food for an active, healthy life. In this “Poverty Awareness Month,” We remain committed as a parish family to share our blessings with the many people in our own communities who suffer from Food Insecurity. In addition to our Second Sunday Food Collection, as well our participation in the Love Feast, are there other ways that we can reach out to the poor in our community and in our world?

Praying for Christian Unity – All are invited to participate in an ecumenical service together with our Lutheran and Orthodox brothers and sisters at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday, January 21 at 2:00 PM.

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children – This Monday, January 22nd, the anniversary of the *Rowe v. Wade* Decision, all men and women of good will are urged to pray for the end of legalized abortions in this country and throughout the world. A special Eucharistic liturgy is provided by our Catholic bishops for this day. Please plan on joining us for Mass on Monday morning!

Just what is a Doctor of the Church? – This week we celebrate the life of a saint who has been declared “Doctor” of the Church: St. Francis de Sales. And what is this title? Doctor is a very special title accorded by the Church to certain saints. This title indicates that the writings and preaching of such a person are useful to Christians “in any age of the Church.” Such men and women are also particularly known for the depth of understanding and the orthodoxy of their theological teachings. While the writings of the Doctors are often considered inspired by the Holy Spirit; this does not mean they are infallible, but it does mean that they contributed significantly to the formulation of Christian teaching in at least one area. On Wednesday we celebrate the life of St. Francis de Sales, who is noted for his book *Introduction to the Devout Life*, and for founding the Visitation Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Church has actually declared 35 men and women as doctors of the Church, most recently the medieval nun Hildegard of Bingen and the young Carmelite sister, St. Therese of the Child Jesus.

OUR PARISH FAMILY : The Langenbacher family has belonged to St John’s since 2010. Parents Dan & Amy have ten children: oldest daughter Cherie is 18 and a student at Penn State Altoona; Makayla is 16 and a student at Hollidaysburg Sr High; Trevor, age 14, and Brooke, age 13, attend Hollidaysburg Jr High; Nevaeh 12, Savannah 10, Karter 8, and Keighan 7 all attend Frankstown Elementary; Faith 5 and Hoyt 2 are at home with Mom. Dan & Amy are currently expecting their eleventh child -- a boy they've already named Kyler is due on Easter Monday. Dan is employed by the Blair Companies, as a fleet mechanic and in maintenance. Amy said that they originally joined our parish for the school, which some of their children attended. Currently all of the children, except for the oldest and two youngest, are enrolled in our Religious Ed program. Daughters Brooke, Nevaeh, and Savannah are also members of the Children’s Choir. The family usually attends the 11:00 Mass. Amy said they appreciate that St John’s offers opportunities for children to be involved in the parish, and especially likes the way Msgr. Becker calls the children to the altar and involves them so closely in the liturgy.



If you’re willing to be included in this weekly feature, designed to help us learn more about our St John’s family, contact: Cecelia Bloom, at 695-2806 or ceceb13@verizon.net.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Sunday January 21 - Regular class 9:15-10:45

Sunday January 28 - No Class

Sunday February 4- Regular class 9:15-10:45

Sunday February 11- No Class



CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

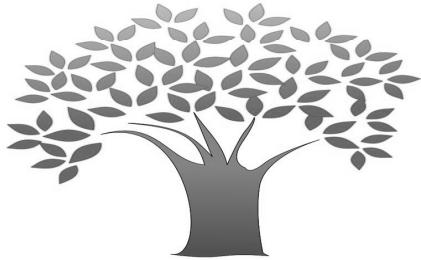
11th grade Confirmation session on Morality:

Sunday Feb 4th 9:15 am in the school gym.

11th Grade Confirmation service project :

February 14th (Ash Wednesday) 5:00PM -8:30PM
in the cafeteria serving soup supper to parish.

We only have 4 short weeks till we begin Lent. In the meantime let's help fill our St John Family Tree with HEARTS of Love and Prayers!!



Whom do you Love and want to Pray for? Living and or deceased. Each week you come to Mass add a heart with a name of someone you Love and watch our tree grow with hearts of love and prayers!



TEEN SHELTER: During the months of January and February the Women's Group is collecting hoodies (all adult sizes) and socks to be given to the Teen Shelter. Many of the teens arrive at the Shelter with just the clothes on their backs and they need our support. Also, please pray for them. Thank you.

WINTER DINNER DANCE: Saturday, February 17. Benefits Ministries of Young People Who Care, Inc. Doors open at 6:00PM. Stuffed Pork Chop Loin Dinner at 6:30PM. Music by 14th Street Jazz Band and door prizes. Will be held at the Knights of Columbus, Clearfield. Donation: \$30 per person. For tickets or ticket location, call Bethany Retreat Center 814-263-4855.

STEWARSHIP CORNER: All three readings today speak of repenting; the act of changing our hearts and minds for the better. If we find ourselves "giving-in" to the dominant secular culture that often contradicts values of the Judeo-Christian tradition, we can "repent" by making a conscious decision to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ, no matter what the cost.

Stewardship at St. John's

OFFERTORY for January 14, 2017

Envelopes	\$ 4,061.00
Loose	\$ 563.00
Children's	\$ 3.00
Parish Development	\$ 70.00
Catholic Education	\$ 15.00
<i>SubTotal</i>	\$ 4,712.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,683.00
Total Offertory	\$ 6,395.00

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP: Beginning this Monday, January 22, 2018, and continuing on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center, we will be using the following 12 part DVD lecture series: *Retrieving Women's Voices in the Christian Theological Tradition: Four Doctors of the Church (Hildegard of Bingen, Catherine of Siena, Teresa of Avila, and Therese of Lisieux)*.

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 ginny.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 • Millie Bilski • Jen Buda • Robert Cole
Millie Grace Capon • Mary Lee DeStefano
Michael DeStefano • Keith DeMastens • Carol Field
JoAnne Gerardine • Dianna Green • Brian Kopp
Bryson Miller • June Miller • Ron Peschock
Dave Petrak • Bob & Mary Rajnish • Allison Recker
Dorothy Roberto • Olga Romerowicz
Maureen Smithe • Dianne Stultz • Patty Teufel
Lois Werfel • Noah Wills • Religious Minorities in Asia**
HOME WITH THE LORD: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:
**Diane M. Hallinan - sister of John Becker
May she rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.**

LOVE FEAST: In preparation for our **March 10** Love Feast, you will find strips to purchase food items for the on the kiosk in the gathering space as well as a sign-up sheet for volunteering to prepare and serve the food. Please consider joining us for this important ministry to the hungry.

PARISH MARDI GRAS PARTY: (Ages 21 & over) Saturday, February 10, 2018, from 5:30PM until 9:00PM in Father Bailey Hall. Please join us for delicious food, music, dancing, entertainment. the King Cakewalk and the crowning of the 2018 Mardi Gras King & Queen. The parish will provide chicken & soft drinks. You are asked to bring a side dish. Please sign up on the kiosk. Guests are welcome. BYOB



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS : Catholic Schools Week is January 28 – February 3. Some events that are scheduled are as follows: **Day of Giving:** Holy Trinity Catholic School is inviting all of our Parishes, Alumni and Friends to be a part of the Day of Giving on January 30, 2018! This is an opportunity to support our mission in Catholic Education. At Holy Trinity we foster an environment of spiritual and intellectual growth integrating Catholic traditions and faith throughout the educational process. The link to our online donation page will be posted on our website January 22nd. The page will be active to accept donations from 9 AM on January 30 through 9 AM (Eastern) on January 31. Be watching our Facebook page for special live posts throughout the event. **Holy Trinity Open House:** Holy Trinity will host an Open House for prospective parents and students on Tuesday, January 30th from 9:00 am until noon at all three campus locations. This is a great opportunity for families to tour our campuses and meet teachers, parents and students. Prospective families can visit classrooms while in session. **All Schools Mass:** An all schools mass will be held February 2nd at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament at 9:30AM.

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: In today's gospel the fishermen abandoned their nets and followed the Lord. Faithful Christians follow Christ by having total love for God and neighbor. In every celebration for the dead, the Church attaches great importance to the reading of the word of God. The readings proclaim the paschal mystery, convey hope of being gathered together again in God's kingdom and encourage the witness to the Christian life on the part of the living. As we continue on our pilgrimage of life, we seek God's mercy and love. May our dead know peace in Christ, and may we be comforted in that same peace.
Order of Christian Funerals, 1998-1989, Number 22.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday January 21 - Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00AM-Mass for *Diane Mary Hallinan* requested by
Lorraine Gustin

11:00AM - Mass for *People of the Parish*

Monday January 22 - Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Joseph Szarwark*

Tuesday January 23 - Weekday

8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Eileen Becker* requested by
Clarence Becker

Wednesday January 24 - St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

5:00PM-Eucharistic Adoration/Confessions
6:00PM-Mass for *Joan Carney* requested by
Allen & Dee Capriotti

Thursday January 25 - Weekday

8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Joe Robeson*

Friday January 26 - Weekday

8:10AM- Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Caroline Oliphant*

Saturday January 27 - Vigil of the Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

3:00PM-Confessions
4:00PM- Mass for *Barbara Byers* requested by
Her Family

Sunday January 28 - Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*
11:00AM - Mass for *Serena Stevens* requested by
Margie & Wayne Eisel

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18

Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 4:26-34

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