

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES

Sat. Oct. 20 - 4:00 PM - Brody Partner-Gore, Keaton Swope
 Sun. Oct. 21 - 8:00 AM - Mai Linh Do, Nicholas Helsley
 Sun. Oct. 21 - 11:00 AM - Bob Olson, Kaelab Ruggles

LECTORS

Sat. Oct. 20 - 4:00 PM - Betsy Slat, David Langguth
 Sun. Oct. 21 - 8:00 AM - Tim Rea, James Krug
 Sun. Oct. 21 - 11:00 AM - Wally Wargo, Susanna Tomlinson

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Oct. 20 - 4:00 PM - Barb Aubrey, Dorothy Yingling
 Sun. Oct. 21 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, Fran Semelsberger
 Sun. Oct. 21 - 11:00 AM - Barbara Bundy, Lou Ann Clark, Bill Foose, Norma Foose, Joseph Klobuka, Pam Klobuka

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. Oct. 20 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, Karen Moughemer, Dennis Moughemer, Judy Sneath
 Sun. Oct. 21 - 8:00 AM - Jane Becker, John Becker, Helen Miller, Mike O'Neill
 Sun. Oct. 21 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Dolores Capriotti, Mary Grace Horton, Patrick Podoletz

SACRISTAN

Sat. Oct. 20 - 4:00 PM - Joyce Cunningham
 Sun. Oct. 21 - 8:00 AM - Michele DeFrancisco
 Sun. Oct. 21 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

SCRIP

Sat. Oct. 20 - 4:00 PM - Julie Beiswenger, Anna Rasmussen
 Sun. Oct. 21 - 8:00 AM - Christopher Palazzi, Marge Rudolph
 Sun. Oct. 21 - 11:00 AM - Jane Bryne, Carolyn English

MASS SCHEDULE

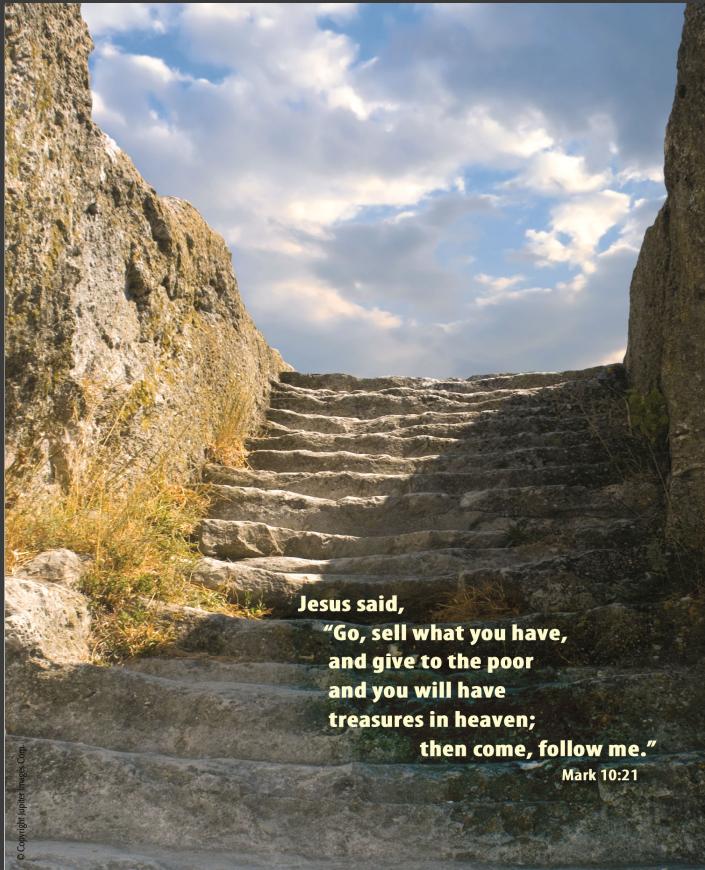
MONDAY • TUESDAY • THURSDAY • FRIDAY 8:30AM
WEDNESDAY 6:00 PM
SATURDAY - 4:00PM • SUNDAY - 8:00AM & 11:00AM

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• Mrs. Mary Haenig	Religious Education Director <i>mshaenig@gmail.com</i>
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• Mr. Ken Dunmire	Maintenance

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

October 14 - Second Sunday Food Collection
 October 20 - Hollidaysburg Pumpkinfest Soup Sale
 October 21 - World Mission Sunday
 October 27 - Love Feast
 October 31 - All Saints Day Vigil Mass - 6:00 PM
 November 1 - All Saints Day Masses - 8:30 AM & 6:30 PM



OCTOBER 14, 2018
28TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
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October Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

The Mission of Religious

That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.



A Few Words from the Pastor:

Earthen Vessels and a Sinful Church – There have been many articles in the Catholic Press recently expressing distress and anger about the crisis facing the Church today. “How can I stay Catholic with all this?” St. Francis, whose feast we recently celebrated, somehow managed to reconcile his love for the church with his understanding of it as an institution corrupted by power. Eight hundred years later, many Catholics still find that to be a challenge. For Francis, it meant undertaking a countercultural life based on powerlessness and voluntary poverty—an implicit critique of the church’s thirst for secular power and wealth. I have often quoted: “Every saint has a past, every sinner has a future.” The Church is holy, as the creed proclaims, but it is made up of people like you and me who are ever so aware of our own sinfulness. Our current crisis calls us to be a more humble church, and the shortest path to humility is humiliation. The present scandal humbles us, but it should not crush us. As Saint John Paul II wrote: *“Christian holiness does not mean being sinless, but rather it means struggling not to give in and always getting up after every fall.”*

Restore and Repair: As we approach the hundredth anniversary of the parish in 2021, both our parish and finance councils have given the thumbs-up on a special appeal to meet the many maintenance issues that we face. Of immediate concern is the replacement of the existing carpet in the church. We thank you for your patience as the work progresses. That we might be financially prepared to meet this and other capital expenditures, we are preparing for a “Restore and Repair” campaign. Addressing these issues will allow us to carry out our evangelizing mission for years to come.

Our New Look – To improve acoustics, when the carpet is replaced in the body of the church we are installing hardwood in the choir area, which will match the sanctuary space. We are in conversation with our installer to set up a schedule for the work to begin. If you have not yet taken a look, in the Gathering Space we have placed samples of the new carpeting. We expect to begin this project soon!

A Woman Doctor – On Monday we celebrate the life and teachings of St. Theresa of Avila, (1515–1582) a Spanish mystic, writer and reformer of the Carmelite Order. She is not to be confused with St. Therese of Lisieux, the Little Flower, who lived 3 centuries later. When this title of Doctor is bestowed upon a canonized saint, it means that their teachings or philosophies are considered valuable to the Church. The writings and teachings of these saints impact people’s faith every day. St. Theresa of Avila is one of four women doctors of the Church: Teresa of Ávila, Catherine of Siena, Thérèse of Lisieux, and Hildegard of Bingen. We celebrate the contribution which these holy women, and so many more, have made to the life of the Church.

Martyrs and Evangelists: In addition to the celebration of Theresa of Avila, we celebrate three other feasts this week which highlight the depth of faith shown by the martyrs and evangelists. Wednesday we honor Ignatius of Antioch, a bishop of the second century who wrote some beautiful letters to the church and who became food for the lions! St. Luke is honored on Thursday. He is the Evangelist whose Gospel and Acts of the Apostles are a splendid witness to the life and ministry of Christ and his Church. Friday we honor the North American Martyrs, European missionaries who came to our land in the 17th century and whose blood was shed for the faith. Most famous of these martyrs is St Isaac Jogues, S.J., who was severely tortured and whose fingers were cut off so that he would not be able to celebrate Mass.

Give Us This Day – It is time to subscribe or renew a subscription to this monthly missal. You 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.

The Month of the Holy Rosary: Relying on the intercession of Mary in our decision to “Arise Together in Christ,” during the month of October we will pray the Rosary in Church beginning 20 minutes before the beginning of Mass. We will need volunteers to lead the Rosary. There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk. We will provide rosaries for those who forget theirs, as well as a guide for each of the mysteries.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: Next weekend, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support the mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world’s most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope’s missions in your prayers, and be generous in next week’s collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Oct 14: Class in session 9:15-10:45

Oct. 21: No Class

Oct 28: Class in Session 9:15-10:45

Oct 28: SHYCON for grades 9-11

Children's Liturgy of Word will be held each week at the 11:00AM Mass.



OCTOBER 27 LOVE FEAST: We continue to need a few more servers, as Simpson Temple now sets up 13 tables for guests. Please sign up on the kiosk in the gathering space if you can help. Our committee will meet Tuesday, Oct. 23, at 6 p.m. to finalize our plans and again on Friday, Oct. 26, at 3 p.m. to fry the meat. If you can't deliver your cupcakes/brownies to Simpson Temple on Saturday, dropping them off in the school cafeteria between 3 and 4:30 on Friday would be greatly appreciated. You will notice on the flier for this Love Feast that we acknowledge the gift of \$2,500 from Teddi Leiden's children--3 of whom--Adam, Charlie, and Leah--belong to our parish. The money will be kept in our charity fund for expenses incurred at our Love Feasts.



Hollidaysburg Pumpkin Festival
in downtown Hollidaysburg will be held SATURDAY,

OCTOBER 20, 2018, from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Sign up on the kiosk to make soup and/or help at our booth.

Sale benefits our Twin Parish in Haiti. Pick up containers in the Gathering Space next weekend, Oct 13 - 14. Questions: call Ginny 695-7671.

7th PATRIOTIC ROSARY: Come and pray on Saturday, October 20, 2018 at 2:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament to seek divine guidance in our choices at the polls on Election Day, November 6, 2018. Please join Most Reverend Bishop Mark L. Bartchak, presider, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas 12 Diocesan Courts and distinguished public officials for the 7th Patriotic Rosary Ceremony with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Refreshments follow - Cathedral's Main Entrance.



THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY group meets every Tuesday at 7:00PM in the Parish Center. New members are welcome to join. Each week, we gather to pray, knit or crochet, and socialize while making prayer shawls. There is always someone in need of prayers and shawls. **If you know of anyone in need of a prayer shawl, please contact Barb Neff at 946-4203.**

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 ginnenreeder@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	Barbara Moore
Baby Aiden	Mike Moran
Cari Ann	Mary Oricko
Judy Baird	Ron Peschock
Jen Buda	Dave Petrak
Robert Cole	Bob & Mary Rajnish
Millie Grace Capon	Allison Recker
Mary Lee DeStefano	Olga Romerowicz
Michael DeStefano	Mike Rudolph
Keith DeMastens	Sylvia Santoni
Jim Duffy	Anne Showalter
Helen Fornwalt	Dianne Stultz
Leann Frazier	Tim & Dina Temofonte
Dianna Green	Patty Teufel
Brian Kopp	Lois Werfel
Sara Litzinger	Noah Wills
Sherri Maffettone	Amber Yasolsky
Bryson Miller	Milan & Family
June Miller	

HAITI NEWS: Those wishing to sponsor a student will find the envelopes to the right of the exit doors in the Gathering Space. Please note that there are separate envelopes for those renewing a sponsorship and first time sponsors. The envelopes can be dropped in the collection basket or returned to the office. The next trip to Haiti will be October 31 to November 2. Contact Mary Lee Davis for more information at 931-2651 or mlmdcreek@aol.com.

STEWARSHIP CORNER: In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the rich young man to give away all that he has in order to have treasure in heaven. But he is unable to free himself from his possessions, and so he goes sadly away. Does what I own keep me from following Jesus?

Stewardship at St. John's *OFFERTORY for October 7, 2018*

Envelopes	\$ 5,714.00
Loose	\$ 620.00
Children's Offerings	\$ 5.00
Parish Development	\$ 100.00
Catholic Education	\$ 121.00
Retired Priests/Medical	\$ 10.00
World Mission	\$ 10.00
<i>SubTotal</i>	\$ 6,580.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,198.00
<i>Total Offertory</i>	\$ 9,778.00

BASKET BINGO to support St. Leonard's Personal Care Home charity care fund will be held on Saturday, October 20 from 1:00 -3:30 pm at St. Catherine Church Hall in Duncansville. Beautiful themed baskets for 20 bingo prizes and silent auction. Lunch available at noon. For more information or tickets (\$25), please call 695-9581 or stop in during business hours. Thank you for your support.

CONCERT: Join the Blair Concert Chorale in a celebratory evening of great choral music here at St. John's on Saturday, October 20, at 7:30 PM as they perform favorite works from the Chorale's past 30 years. Enjoy a mix from Classical to Contemporary ... from Beethoven to Rodgers and Hammerstein. The concert will include special performances by the BCC Children's Choir, under the direction of Jennifer and Scott Pappal, and the Altoona High School Vocal Ensemble, conducted by Kelly Sipes. Admission for adults is \$15.00/students - \$8.00 Tickets can be purchased by contacting Debbie Johnson in the Parish Office (942-5503). Tickets are also available at Thompson's Pharmacies (Hollidaysburg & Altoona: Chestnut Avenue) or online at www.bcc2018oct.eventbrite.com

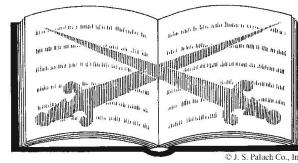
SIGHT & SOUND THEATER TRIP: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish is planning a bus trip to see "Jesus" on Thursday, November 15 at 3:00PM. The Bus leaves the church at 10:00AM. Stops will be made for lunch and dinner. Cost for transportation and the show is \$95. Deadline for reservations is October 21. Payment is due at when reservation is made. Make checks payable to Duane Bordell. Call Marie Bettwy – 814-935-5629 (cell) or 814-946-1231 (home) to make a reservation.

GROUNDS: Now that the growing season is over--except for weeds, of course-- please acknowledge those behind-the-scenes workers who planted, weeded and watered: Michele DeFrancisco, Gary Johnson, Mary & Ray King, Ed & Deb Ergler, Nancy Fogle, Karen Horton, Ginny Reeder, Joyce Cunningham and several anonymous helpers.

HUMANE SOCIETY DONATIONS: Catholic Daughters of the Americas Prince Gallitzin #2625, Altoona Court are in need of your help in securing items of dog food, cat food, etc. to be donated to our local Humane Society. Your donated items can be placed in the furnished box located in the Gathering Space during the month of October.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 -- 5:1; Lk 11:29-32
 Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41
 Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25; Lk 11:42-46
 Thursday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9
 Friday: Eph 1:11-14; Lk 12:1-7



Twenty-eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
October 14, 2018

The word of God is living and effective,
sharper than any two-edged sword.

— Hebrews 4:12a

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday October 14 - 28th Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:40AM - Rosary
 8:00AM- Mass for *Bob Cooney* requested by
 Ginger Cooney & Family
 10:40AM - Rosary
 11:00AM-Mass for *Michael Petrunak* requested by
 Eric Petrunak & Family

Monday October 15 - St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
 8:10AM-Rosary
 8:30AM-Mass for *David Dardzinski*

Tuesday October 16 - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
 8:10AM-Rosary
 8:30AM-Mass for *John L. Lloyd* requested by
 Betsy & Family

Wednesday October 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

5:00PM-Eucharistic Adoration/ Confessions
 6:00PM-Mass for *Joe Robeson*
 6:45PM - Rosary

Thursday October 18 - St. Luke, Evangelist

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
 8:10AM-Rosary
 8:30AM-Mass for *Margie Dzimiera* requested by
 Marian Monios & Michele

Friday October 19 - Saints John De Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests and Companions, Martyrs

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
 8:10AM-Rosary
 8:30AM-Morning Prayer & Communion Service

Saturday October 20 - Vigil of the 29th Sunday In Ordinary Time

3:00PM-Confessions
 3:40PM - Rosary
 4:00PM-Mass for *Donald Watkins* requested by
 Rich & Joyce Lowe

Sunday October 21 - 29th Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:40AM - Rosary
 8:00AM- Mass for *People of the Parish*
 10:40AM - Rosary
 11:00AM-Mass for *Jean Ann Franco* requested by
 Patrick & Andrea Schurr & Famly

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