

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES

Sat. Oct. 13 - 4:00 PM - Ryan Donoughe, Rylee Hershey
 Sun. Oct. 14 - 8:00 AM - Emily & Ethan Miller
 Sun. Oct. 14 - 11:00 AM - Alexandria & Alycia Auerbeck

LECTORS

Sat. Oct. 13 - 4:00 PM - Joyce Cunningham, Heather Nackley
 Sun. Oct. 14 - 8:00 AM - Fran Semelsberger, Darlene Scarpaci
 Sun. Oct. 14 - 11:00 AM - Bill Foose, Norma Foose

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Oct. 13 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, Dorothy Yingling
 Sun. Oct. 14 - 8:00 AM - Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
 Sun. Oct. 14 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Walter Bloom, Cecelia Bloom, Dolores Capriotti, Donna Moyer, Bob Olson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. Oct. 13 - 4:00 PM - David Langguth, Coleen Langguth, Larry VanSickel, Paula VanSickel
 Sun. Oct. 14 - 8:00 AM - Carolyn English, Ray Kennedy, Charlie Moore, Mary Truesdale
 Sun. Oct. 14 - 11:00 AM - Lou Ann Clark, Peg Madden, Patrick Podoletz, Wally Wargo

SACRISTAN

Sat. Oct. 13 - 4:00 PM - Ray & Mary King
 Sun. Oct. 14 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
 Sun. Oct. 14 - 11:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti

SCRIP

Sat. Oct. 13 - 4:00 PM - Mary Haenig, Judy Sneath
 Sun. Oct. 14 - 8:00 AM - Amber & Heather Yasolsky
 Sun. Oct. 14 - 11:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph

MASS SCHEDULE

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

PASTORAL STAFF:

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• Mr. Ken Dunmire	Maintenance

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

October 7-13 - Arise small group meetings begin
 October 8 - Columbus Day - Parish Office Closed
 October 8 - Parish Council Meeting
 October 14 - Second Sunday Food Collection
 October 20 - Hollidaysburg Pumpkinfest Soup Sale
 October 27 - Love Feast

*Jesus said,
 "Let the children come to me;
 do not prevent them,
 for the kingdom of God
 belongs to such as these.
 Mark 10:14*



OCTOBER 7, 2018
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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:

A Synod in Rome – Bishops from around the world gathered in Rome this week for a special Synod, convened by Pope Francis to provide an opportunity for the Church "to examine herself on how she can lead young people to recognize and accept the call to the fullness of life and love, and to ask young people to help her in identifying the most effective way to announce the Good News today." The Synod is not a "synod of youth," but of bishops, gathering to discuss youth and young adults in light of their current realities and the journey of vocational discernment. There will be a few young adults (18-29) present as auditors, but the voting members of the Synod are bishop representatives. Please pray for our bishops, and for young Catholics around the world! This Synod will continue until the end of October.

A Good Discussion – The sexual abuse scandal in the church has prompted concerns and questions in all of us. It is of particular interest to young people. I met with the teens of our parish on Sunday during their religious education class, and had what I thought was a good and frank discussion. I was impressed by their willingness to ask honest questions, and to seek an understanding and a way forward. I will continue to be available to our young people in answering their concerns and in strengthening their faith as young disciples of Christ.

Blessing of Pets: All are familiar with the affection which St. Francis of Assisi had for animals. We will continue our annual tradition of having our blessing of pets on Sunday, October 7th, at 1 PM in the front circle of the church! All manner of pets are welcome!

Our New Carpeting – In the Gathering Space we have placed samples of the suggested carpeting for the church. To date, we have gotten very positive comments! Thanks! We expect to begin this project soon!

ADULT ENRICHMENT OLD TESTAMENT CLASS: Education is a lifelong journey. Classes are offered through the Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry to help nurture YOUR faith. The 8 week course Old Testament will be offered in two locations this fall. Beginning Tuesdays, October 30th, Fr. Brian Saylor will be teaching at St. Rose of Lima, Altoona and on Wednesdays, October 31st, Fr. Peter Crowe will be teaching at St. Patrick School, Johnstown. Class time for both locations is 6:30-8:30 PM. Class information and registration forms are available online at www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry/ or by contacting Marybeth at (814) 361-2000/ mheinze@dioceseaj.org. All are welcome to attend!

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. More information will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead.

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.



Hollidaysburg Pumpkin Festival

13th ANNUAL PUMPKINFEST

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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

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.



LOVE FEAST - OCTOBER 27: Our religious education students will again be decorating treat bags for our guests. There are slips for buying non-perishable items on the kiosk, along with sign-up sheets to bake cupcakes, cook and serve. Please plan on volunteering. We could use your help!



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.*

2018 ALTOONA PLUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY: Join in the praying of the Rosary on the **101ST** Anniversary of the "Miracle of the Sun" at Fatima on Saturday, October 13th, 2018 at NOON at the Heritage Plaza, 11th Ave. and 14th Street, Altoona. This event is celebrated in over 20,000 cities around the world on this same day. Invite a friend. We will be praying for our nation, veterans and troops. Go to www.anf.org

ANNUAL ROSARY DEVOTION WITH MARY will be held on Sunday, October 14 at 3:00PM at St. Nicholas Church in Nicktown. All are invited to attend. Students from local grade schools and high schools will participate in the "Living Rosary."

STEWARSHIP CORNER: In today's gospel Jesus encourages married couples to throw away the marriage rule book. Rules are for those with "hardened hearts." Married couples are called to be a sacramental reflection of God's faithful and selfless love... a place where people live and love beyond rules and formulas.

Stewardship at St. John's

OFFERTORY for September 30, 2018

Envelopes	\$ 5,391.00
Loose	\$ 365.00
Children's Offerings	\$ 10.00
Retired Priests	\$ 120.00
<i>SubTotal</i>	\$ 5,866.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,374.00
Total Offertory	\$ 7,260.00

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

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.



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THOSE WHO SIGNED UP FOR A SMALL GROUP can pick up the Season 1 book, Encountering Christ, in the gathering space after mass. If you are able to pay for \$10 payment is in the book. You can return it to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket next week. Your group leader should be contacting you soon to confirm the day, time and location of your first meeting.

ARISE TOGETHER IN CHRIST GROUP LEADERS: Please pick up your group list in the gathering space and make sure you contact the members of your group to make sure they picked up their books from the gathering space.

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.

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.

A HEALING MASS will be held this Monday, October 8 at 7:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Fr. Bill Kiel, from the Diocese of Greensburg, is the main celebrant. All are welcome, especially those in need of physical, emotional, or spiritual healing, and those who support and care for them as well. Music for the Mass will be led by the Cathedral Prayer Group Music Ministry. For more information, please call 814-941-3832.

A NIGHT AT THE RACES sponsored by St. Demetrius Parish in Gallitzin, will be held on Saturday, October 20, in the church's Social Hall located at the rear of 616 Church Street in Gallitzin. A \$25 donation will get you a horse (while they last) for one race and admission for you and a guest. Donation for a single admission only is \$10. Individual betting on races and various small games of chance will be available throughout the evening. In addition, an eat-in meal and refreshments will be available to patrons. PA SGOC #18-12. To reserve your horse, please call Brenda Smithmyer at 207-5894.

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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.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday October 7 - 27th Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:40AM - Rosary
8:00AM- Mass for *Ida Prosperi* requested by John Prosperi
10:40AM - Rosary
11:00AM-Mass for *Tim & Donna Sheehan* requested by Connie Burkett

Monday October 8 - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Rosary
8:30AM-Mass for *Josie & Curly Bednarski* requested by Rich & Joyce Lowe

Tuesday October 9 - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Rosary
8:30AM-Mass for *Dave English* requested by Carolyn English

Wednesday October 10 - Weekday

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

Thursday October 11 - Weekday

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

Friday October 12 - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Rosary
8:30AM-Mass for *Deceased Members of the Semelsberger and Truhlik Families* requested by Tom & Fran Semelsberger

Saturday October 13 - Vigil of the 28th Sunday In Ordinary Time

3:00PM-Confessions
3:40PM - Rosary
4:00PM-Mass for *People of the Parish*

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26



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