

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES

Sat. Oct. 6 - 4:00 PM - Caitlin & Tyler Conigy
Sun. Oct. 7 - 8:00 AM - Mai Linh Do, Nicholas Helsley
Sun. Oct. 7 - 11:00 AM - Nevaeh & Makayla Langenbacher

LECTORS

Sat. Oct. 6 - 4:00 PM - Jack Donoughe, Maria Spayd
Sun. Oct. 7 - 8:00 AM - David Andrews, Tim Rea
Sun. Oct. 7 - 11:00 AM - Barbara Bundy, Richard Karcher

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Oct. 6 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, Dorothy Yingling
Sun. Oct. 7 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, Fran Semelsberger
Sun. Oct. 7 - 11:00 AM - Lou Ann Clark, Daneile Langenbacher,
Susanna Tomlinson, Kenneth Gorman, Bill Foose, Norma Foose

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. Oct. 6 - 4:00 PM - Karen Moughemer, Dennis Moughemer,
Heather Nackley, Judy Sneath
Sun. Oct. 7 - 8:00 AM - Ed Stoltz, Mary Truesdale, NOT FILLED
Sun. Oct. 7 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Walter Bloom,
Wendy Campbell, Dolores Capriotti

SACRISTAN

Sat. Oct. 6 - 4:00 PM - Joyce Cunningham
Sun. Oct. 7 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. Oct. 7 - 11:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti

SCRIP

Sat. Oct. 6 - 4:00 PM - Julie Beiswenger, Charlene Lancy
Sun. Oct. 7 - 8:00 AM - Erika & Heather Yasolsky
Sun. Oct. 7 - 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

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- Mr. Ken Dunmire** Maintenance



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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

A Few Words from the Pastor:

ARISE Commissioning – Representatives from parishes throughout the diocese gathered last Sunday at Immaculate Conception Chapel on the campus of St. Francis University for a commissioning of Team Leaders for the ARISE initiative in our diocese! Bishop Mark presided, offering his full support for this process of Spiritual Renewal in our diocese. We are most grateful to our own parish committee which is promoting and organizing our participation, as well as to our group leaders who have been preparing for this exciting process. If you have not done so already, we urge you to take advantage of this opportunity to deepen in your love for Christ and your parish family.

Care for our Refugees – Between 1,425 and 1,720 children are still being held in U.S. government custody, having been separated from their parents at our southern border. Our president has signed an executive order replacing the policy of tearing families apart with the policy of detaining them indefinitely. Transitioning from one cruel and inhumane policy to another cannot be the solution here. Children do not belong in prison. Please mark your calendars to participate with the local Jewish community in observing “Refugee Shabbat,” which is promoted by HIAS (The Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society). This observance will be held on Friday, October 19, 7:30pm at Temple Beth Israel. Sandra Dangler will be the speaker. She has worked directly with migrant workers and refugees. The program will focus on the worldwide issues about refugees.

Blessing of Pets: All are familiar with the affection which St. Francis of Assisi had for animals. In honor of his Feast on Thursday, October 4th, we will continue our annual tradition of having our blessing of pets on Sunday, October 7nd, at 1 PM in the front circle of the church!

Thanks, Teens! – We are most grateful to our teens for their hospitality in sponsoring last weekend’s Name Tag Sunday, with the delightful refreshments following all the Masses. And Kudos to the adults who assisted!

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!

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.

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.

Of a Little Flower, Guarding Angels, and a Great Saint! – On Monday we remember the life of the Little Flower, **St. Therese of the Child Jesus**, the 24 year old Carmelite whose autobiography *Story of a Soul* is a must-read in Christian literature. She died in 1897 at the age of 24, and was canonized in 1925. She was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope John Paul II in 1997, only the third woman to have been given that honor! On Tuesday we honor our **Guardian Angels**. A guardian angel is an angel assigned to protect and guide a particular person, group, kingdom, or country. On Thursday we rejoice in the life of **St. Francis of Assisi**, who is arguably the most well-known and beloved of all the saints. He is known for his love of all creation and for the reforms which he brought about in the Church by his simplicity of life. His deep love for Christ in His passion was most manifest in his own body by the gift of the Stigmata (the wounds of Christ).

Catholic Ministries Drive – We are within \$800 of our goal for the Catholic Ministries Drive for 2018. If you have not yet contributed, you are encouraged to do so. This drive assists the various ministries of the diocese, and is especially appreciated by Catholic Charities. Thanks to all who have already given to this important campaign. Remember that any contributions above and beyond the goal are returned to the parish for our own use.

Nocturnal Adoration - Adoration for the First Friday of the Month will be celebrated at here at St. John the Evangelist Church this Friday, October 5, from 8 PM until 11 PM. The hour for St. John’s is from 10:00 until 11:00. Please join in this time of prayer.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Sept 30: Class in session 9:15-10:45
 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.

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.



"WHY I STAY" will be presented by Mary Lee Madigan-Davis in the Day Chapel of the church on Tuesday, October 2 at 6:30PM. Her reflections on choosing to remain Catholic during this time of tremendous scandal and spiritual upheaval may offer you some guidance. Donations will be accepted for the St. John's Haiti Mission trip.

PARISH MISSION & VISION : Your parish council will soon begin to refresh the parish's mission statement and provide consultation of a multi-year vision for the parish to Monsignor. Please take a few moments to complete and return the survey that will be e-mailed this week. We will have paper copies available in the gathering space. If you do not receive an e-mail from the parish, please e-mail the parish office at stjohchurch@atlanticbb.net and we will update your records. Thank you.



Together in Christ

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 your book, an envelope for the \$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 this week and make sure you contact the members of your group to let them know the day, time and location of your first meeting.

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 giny.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

HOME WITH THE LORD

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:

Millie Bilski

May she rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.

DON'T FORGET TO ORDER SCRIP! Fall is in the air, school's back in session, and it's time to kick fundraising into high gear. Help St. John's by ordering scrip for all your everyday shopping.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: In today's Gospel we hear Jesus reminds us that nothing is more important than entering the reign of God. According to the U.S. bishops' stewardship pastoral letter of 1992, "mature disciples make a conscious decision to follow Jesus, no matter what the cost."

Stewardship at St. John's

OFFERTORY for September 23, 2018

Envelopes	\$ 4,415.00
Loose	\$ 402.00
Children's Offerings	\$ 5.00
Parish Development	\$ 28.00
Retired Priests	\$ 416.00
SubTotal	\$ 5,518.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,518.00
Total Offertory	\$ 6,784.00

Catholic Ministries Drive - \$43,694 Goal - \$44,438



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.**

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!



A HEALING MASS will held on Monday, October 8 at 7:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Fr. Bill Kiel, from the Diocese of Greensburg, will be 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.

DINNER & MINI-BAZAAR: St. Demetrius Parish in Gallitzin will hold its annual Chicken BBQ Dinner and Mini-Bazaar Sunday September 30th, in the parish Activity Center (rear 616 Church St.) in Gallitzin. Dinners for Adults: \$10.00; Children 6-12: \$6.00; Children aged 5 and under: free. Takeouts: \$10.00. A flea market will also be featured, as well as baked goods, games, and baskets. Dinner will be served from 11 a.m. until - ?

MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH is the theme for this year's Family Marian Celebration (Mass & Rosary) to be held at St. Benedict's Church, 2310 Bedford Street, Johnstown, on Sunday, September 30 at 3:00 PM. Bishop Mark will be the principal celebrant and will give the homily. This Mass fulfills your Sunday obligation.

FALL CRAFT FAIR: The Catholic Daughters of the Americas is sponsoring a Fall Craft Fair on Saturday, November 3rd from 10 am to 3 pm at Harkin's Hall on the Parish Grounds - 1105 Cameron Avenue in Tyrone, PA. Various crafters and vendors will be present, basket raffle, luncheon that includes soups, haluski, sandwiches, and baked goods. For more information or to request a table (cost \$15) please contact Debbie Zakrzwski at 632-3070.

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 September 30 - 26th Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00AM- Mass for *People of the Parish*
11:00AM-Mass for *Grady Weyandt* requested by his mother

Monday October 1 - St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Rosary
8:30AM-Mass for *Ward Huntley* requested by Marian Monios & Family

Tuesday October 2 - The Holy Guardian Angels

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Rosary
8:30AM-Mass for *Joe Robeson*

Wednesday October 3 - Weekday

5:00PM-Eucharistic Adoration/ Confessions
6:00PM-Mass for *Mark Kopp* requested by Ron & Eileen Rolfaro
6:45PM - Rosary

Thursday October 4 - St. Francis of Assisi

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Rosary
8:30AM-Mass for *John Kostelniczak* requested by Rich & Joyce Lowe

Friday October 5 - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Rosary
8:30AM-Mass for *Clarence & Eileen Becker* requested by the Becker Family

Saturday October 6 - Vigil of the 27th Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

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 Burket

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16





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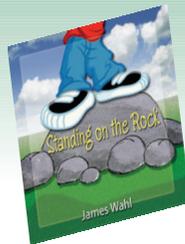
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