

## **APPOINTMENTS**

### **ACOLYTES**

Sat. Nov. 24 - 4:00 PM - Ryan & Jack Donoughe  
 Sun. Nov. 25 - 8:00 AM - Emily & Ethan Miller  
 Sun. Nov. 25 - 11:00 AM - Kaelab Ruggles, Trenton Wandersee

### **LECTORS**

Sat. Nov. 24 - 4:00 PM - NOT FILLED, Joyce Cunningham  
 Sun. Nov. 25 - 8:00 AM - David Andrews, Ronan Adams  
 Sun. Nov. 25 - 11:00 AM - Paul Dennis, Donna Moyer

### **EUCARISTIC MINISTERS**

Sat. Nov. 24 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, Dorothy Yingling  
 Sun. Nov. 25 - 8:00 AM - Fran Semelsberger, Mary Truesdale  
 Sun. Nov. 25 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Walter Bloom,  
     Cecelia Bloom, Dolores Capriotti,  
     Kenneth Gorman, Susanna Tomlinson

### **MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY**

Sat. Nov. 24 - 4:00 PM - Judy Sneath, Larry VanSickel,  
     Paula VanSickel  
 Sun. Nov. 25 - 8:00 AM - Ray Kennedy, Charlie Moore,  
     Ginny Reeder, Darlene Scarpaci  
 Sun. Nov. 25 - 11:00 AM - Lou Ann Clark, Peg Madden,  
     Patrick Podoletz, NOT FILLED

### **SACRISTAN**

Sat. Nov. 24 - 4:00 PM - Ray & Mary King  
 Sun. Nov. 25 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci  
 Sun. Nov. 25 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

### **SCRIP**

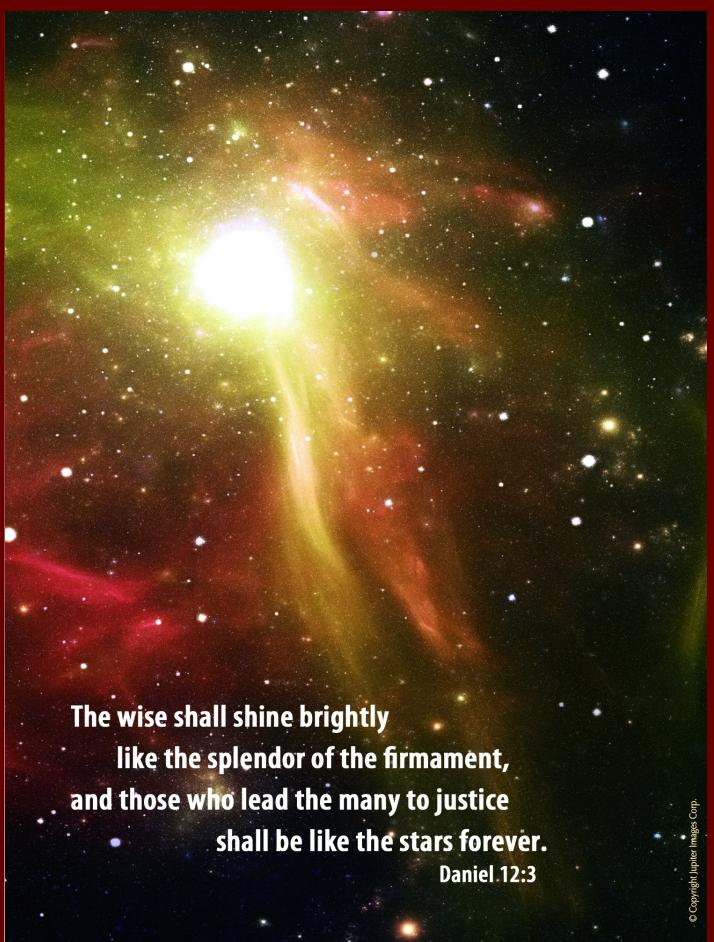
Sat. Nov. 24 - 4:00 PM - Becky Merilli, NOT FILLED  
 Sun. Nov. 25 - 8:00 AM - Christopher Palazzi, NOT FILLED  
 Sun. Nov. 25 - 11:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph

### **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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• <b>Mr. Ken Dunmire</b>	Maintenance



**NOVEMBER 18, 2018**  
**33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN**  
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**Office hours: Monday - Friday 9:00-3:00**

### **UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

November 22 - Thanksgiving Day Mass - 9:00 AM  
 December 2 - Advent Family Event - 9:15 AM in Gym  
 December 2 - Advent Penance Service - 4:00 PM  
 December 7 - Dessert Social for Arise participants in the Parish Center after the 6:30 PM Mass  
 December 7/8 - Immaculate Conception Masses  
     Friday, December 7 at 6:30 PM  
     Saturday, December 8 at 9:00 AM  
 December 8/9 - Second Sunday Food Collection  
 December 9 - Advent of Christmas Concert - 7:00 PM

## A Few Words from the Pastor:

**Thanksgiving Day Mass** – All are encouraged to participate in the Eucharist at 9:00 AM on Thanksgiving Day. This is a secular holiday but with a very deep spiritual meaning. There is no better way to keep this Thanksgiving Day sacred is celebrating Mass with your parish family. All are invited to bring food items for the neediest in our community.

**Centennial Preparations** – Many thanks to those who were able to attend the wine and cheese social last Saturday, with a special thanks to all who prepared our delicious refreshments. More information regarding our ***Restore, Repair and Rejoice Campaign*** will be available in the Gathering Space, with photographs identifying the multiple maintenance needs we would like to address in preparation for our Parish Centennial in 2021. Pray for the success of this initiative!

**Advent Penance Service** – There is no better preparation for Christmas than the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance. **Our Advent Penance Service will be held Sunday, December 2nd at 4:00 PM.** The daylight hour will be much more convenient for those who have difficulty getting out in the dark! Make a good confession! What more beautiful way to begin the Advent season and prepare for the birth of the Savior.

**Special Collection for Hurricane Victims:** We are most grateful for your generous response to this special collection. To date we have received \$3,316.50. Additional gifts will be greatly appreciated, and can simply be placed in the offertory.

**The Feast of the Presentation of Mary, November 21** - Mary's presentation in the temple by her parents Ann and Joachim was first celebrated in Jerusalem in the sixth century. Tradition tells us that her parents, Anna and Joachim, offered Mary to God in the Temple when she was 3 years old, carrying out a promise made to God when Anna was still childless. This feast emphasizes that the holiness conferred on Mary from the beginning of her life on earth continued through her early childhood and beyond.

**World Day of the Poor, November 18<sup>th</sup>** –Last year when Pope Francis announced this special day, he wrote: *This Day is meant, above all, to encourage believers to react against a culture of discard and waste, and to embrace the culture of encounter. At the same time, everyone, independent of religious affiliation, is invited to openness and sharing with the poor through concrete signs of solidarity and fraternity. God created the heavens and the earth for all; yet sadly some have erected barriers, walls and fences, betraying the original gift meant for all humanity, with none excluded.*

**Advent Calendars** –Advent Calendars will be available in the Gathering Space for only \$5.00. A special envelope is provided and can be placed in the collection.

**Did You Know?....** that celebrating a parish centennial is an invitation to remember with gratitude? As we prepare for our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a parish, we will have occasional “Did you know?” moments in the bulletin, as we recount the blessings God has given us. So FIRST: “Did you know...that there have been over 3,800 baptisms celebrated in our parish since its founding? The first baptism recorded in the parish records is that of Robert Frederick Edmonson, baptized on September 4, 1921 by Father Leo Bailey. Does anyone recognize this person? Family or friend? Please let us know!



All who have participated in Arise Small Discussion Groups this fall are invited to attend a celebration of the conclusion Season 1 of Arise. The covered dish Dessert Social will be held in the Parish Center on Friday, December 7 after the 6:30 PM Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass.

The Arise group leaders will hold a meeting on November 27th at 7:00 in the Parish Center.

### November Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

#### *In The Service Of Peace*

That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** All memorial donations for Christmas flowers should be submitted by December 16 in order to be acknowledged in the December 23 bulletin. There is an envelope in the packet that can be used or you can also donate through online giving.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### Religious Education Schedule

Nov 18 - Class in Session 9:15-10:45

Nov. 25 - No Class - Happy Thanksgiving everyone, and enjoy the time with your loved ones!

Dec. 2 - Advent Family Event - 9:15 in gym



We're still looking for a donation of one artificial Christmas Tree to use in the church for our Advent/Christmas display of Chrismons (symbols of Christ). Please contact the church office or Mary Haenig if you can help! mshaenig@gmail.com

### ***PLAN ON DOING YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING WITH SCRIP:***

Use the Holiday Gift Card Order Form enclosed in this bulletin to order your gift cards next weekend. Simply fill out the order form and drop it off at the scrip table when you come to mass. Shop gift cards from over 750 top brands, including Bath & Body Works, Amazon, Macy's, The Home Depot and more. Giving a scrip gift card to someone you love this holiday allows them to pick out a gift they love while you earn money for St. John's! Of course, if you have the perfect gift in mind for someone, or you have a list of presents to check off for your kids, just purchase gifts with scrip and save. Whether you buy the gift cards to give as presents to family and friends, or to use them to buy your gifts—our church earns with every gift card purchased. It's simple, it's thoughtful and it's truly the gift that keeps on giving. Go to ShopWithScrip.com for a list of participating retailers. Have a question? Contact our coordinator, Chris Palazzi at: cpalazzi52@yahoo.com.

### ***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 [ginnen.reeder@gmail.com](mailto:ginnen.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:*

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

**HOME WITH THE LORD:** Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of:

**Anne Lee - mother of Dr. David Lee**

**Susan Litzinger: daughter of Joan, sister-in-law of Carole, & niece of Nancy Fogel**

**Keith DeMasters, brother-in-law of Mary & Ray King**

*May they rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.*

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** May we be vigilant at all times by cherishing God's gifts in a responsible and accountable manner. May we always serve with the fullness of our calling to be good stewards.

### **Stewardship at St. John's**

**OFFERTORY for November 11, 2018**

Envelopes	\$ 3,575.00
Loose	\$ 270.00
Parish Development	\$ 186.00
Catholic Education	\$ 11.00
All Soul's Day	\$ 20.00
<i>SubTotal</i>	\$ 4,062.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,404.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 6,466.00</b>

**Hurricane Relief - \$3,316.50**

**Catholic Ministries Drive: Total \$43,303 Goal \$44,438**



Our Christmas tree full of requests is in the gathering space. Please keep in mind that Catholic Charities imposes the rule that:

**you may not spend more than \$25 for a gift. You can wrap that gift and return the gift with the attached card to the gathering space (or just buy wrapping paper to add with the gift if you not a wrapper) by December 12** and we will take them to Catholic Charities to be delivered to the families.

In addition to gift requests, you will find requests for grocery gift cards that you can purchase with scrip and put in the special Angel Tree box provided. We will give those gift cards to Catholic Charities to be disbursed to the families.

Looking forward to a blessed holiday as we build a loving community! Susanna Tomlinson (814) 317-7531

**ADULT ENRICHMENT CLASS:** The class Sacraments will be offered at two locations this January. Msgr. Robert Mazur will be teaching a 6 week course (2 ½ hour classes) beginning Monday January 7 from 6:30-9:00 PM at Cathedral, Seton Suite, Altoona and Fr. Timothy Grimme will be teaching an 8 week course (2 hour classes) from 6:30-8:30 PM beginning Tuesday January 8 at St. Michael Church Hall, St. Michael. The cost of the course which includes registration and all materials is \$65. For further information and registration forms visit [www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry](http://www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry) or contact the Office of Adult Enrichment at 814-361-2000. All are welcome!

#### **THE ADVENT OF CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

will be presented on Sunday, December 9 at 7:00. This year, the Adult, Handbell and Children's choirs have prepared a wonderful performance that includes some new music as well as some of the traditional songs and carols. There is no admission fee, but a suggested donation of \$5 per person or \$10 per family goes toward supporting our music ministry program. Take a break from your busy preparations for the holidays to attend this annual event. After the concert, refreshments will be served in the gathering space.

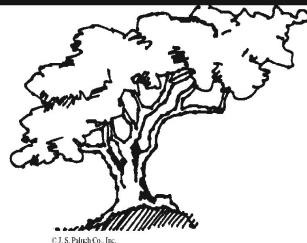


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**ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING...** Volunteers are needed to light candles on the Advent Wreath at each mass in December. We are looking for two or more people or families interested in participating at the beginning of the Liturgy. The dates are Dec. 1/2, December 8/9, December 15/16, and December 22/23. Please sign up on the kiosk in the gathering space.

**LAND OF PEACE**, a nonprofit organization representing Jerusalem Christian Families, is scheduled to visit the church the weekend of December 1-2 to sell religious articles from the Holy Land. Land of Peace is a nonprofit organization with the mission of helping and supporting Christian families in the Holy Land through the Patriarch of Jerusalem. When anyone purchases handmade arts they help our mission and help the Christians in the Holy Land. In 1920 the Christian population in the Holy Land was 80%; today it is less than 2%. With the parish support and the parishioner's generosity we are able to help our brothers and sisters to live in Jesus land of birth. LAND OF PEACE'S GOAL IS TO BUILD A CHARITY HOSPITAL IN THE HOLY LAND. To donate online and for more information please visit our website: [www.landofpeace.org](http://www.landofpeace.org)



Thirty-third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
November 18, 2018

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

—Mark 13:31

#### **SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK**

##### **Sunday November 18 - 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time**

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

11:00AM-Mass for *Matthew Geishauser* requested by Jill Watters

##### **Monday November 19 - Weekday**

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

7:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *James Faber* requested by Rich & Joyce Lowe

##### **Tuesday November 20 - Weekday**

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

7:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Daniel Monahan* requested by Mike & Anita McCoy

##### **Wednesday November 21 - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

5:00PM-Eucharistic Adoration

6:00PM-Mass for *Joe Robeson*

6:45PM-Rosary

##### **Thursday November 22 - St. Cecelia, Virgin & Martyr/ Thanksgiving Day**

9:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*

##### **Friday November 23 - Weekday**

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:30AM-Morning Prayer & Communion Service

##### **Saturday November 24 - Vigil of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

3:00PM-Confessions

4:00PM-Mass for *Joseph Aungst, Sr.* requested by The Aungst Family

##### **Sunday November 25 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

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

11:00AM-Mass for *Sr. Marietta Therese* requested by Betty Dennis

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44

Thanksgiving Day--Suggested: Sir 50:22-24;  
1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48



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