

#### APPOINTMENTS

##### ACOLYTES

Sat. Nov. 10 - 4:00 PM - Ryan Donoughe, Rylee Hershey  
 Sun. Nov. 11 - 8:00 AM - Emily & Ethan Miller  
 Sun. Nov. 11 - 11:00 AM - Nevaeh & Makayla Langenbacher

##### LECTORS

Sat. Nov. 10 - 4:00 PM - Maria Spayd, Mark Sloan  
 Sun. Nov. 11 - 8:00 AM - Ronan Adams, Darlene Scarpaci  
 Sun. Nov. 11 - 11:00 AM - Bill Foose, Norma Foose

##### EUCARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Nov. 10 - 4:00 PM - Barb Aubrey, Dorothy Yingling  
 Sun. Nov. 11 - 8:00 AM - Fran Semeslberger, Mary Truesdale  
 Sun. Nov. 11 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Kenneth Gorman,  
 Joseph Klobuka, Pam Klobuka, Donna Moyer, Susanna Tomlinson

##### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. Nov. 10 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, Heather Nackley,  
 Judy Sneath, Billy Sweet  
 Sun. Nov. 11 - 8:00 AM - Charlie Moore, Ginny Reeder,  
 Larry VanSickel, Paula VanSickel  
 Sun. Nov. 11 - 11:00 AM - Walter Bloom, Dolores Capriotti,  
 Lou Ann Clark, Peg Madden

##### SACRISTAN

Sat. Nov. 10 - 4:00 PM - Joyce Cunningham  
 Sun. Nov. 11 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci  
 Sun. Nov. 11 - 11:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti

##### SCRIP

Sat. Nov. 10 - 4:00 PM - Joan Price, Nancy Weimer  
 Sun. Nov. 11 - 8:00 AM - Christopher Palazzi, NOT FILLED  
 Sun. Nov. 11 - 11:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph

#### 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.

##### **PASTORAL STAFF:**

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#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

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



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**NOVEMBER 4, 2018**  
**31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN**  
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***Office hours: Monday - Friday 9:00-3:00***

##### **UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

November 10/11 - Recognition of Veterans at all Masses  
 November 10/11 - Second Sunday Food Collection  
 November 10 - Wine & Cheese Social after 4:00 Mass  
 November 18 - World Day of the Poor  
 November 22 - Thanksgiving Mass - 9:00 AM

## A Few Words from the Pastor:

**"Restore, Repair & Rejoice" Social** – Next Saturday, November 10, following the 4:00 PM Mass, there will be an Autumn Wine and Cheese Social held in the Parish Center to celebrate the kick-off of our Restore, Repair, and Rejoice Campaign. Along with plentiful refreshments, there will be a presentation on the important priorities we face as we prepare to celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2021. Please sign up on the kiosk to let us know your plans. We hope you can join us!

**Special Collection for Hurricane Victims:** We are most grateful for your generous response to this special collection. To date we have received \$2,916.50. Additional gifts will be greatly appreciated, and can simply be placed in the offertory.

**Don't Forget to Vote!** – It is our responsibility in a democracy to choose those who will lead us on the path of peace and goodness, who will place the common good ahead of personal gain. Remember that we are electing "public servants."

**Eternal Rest for our Beloved!** At the conclusion of our General Intercessions at Mass, in the month of November we will pray that beautiful prayer: *"Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace, amen. May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."*

**Honoring Our Veterans** - We would like to recognize all the veterans of our parish next weekend, November 10th & 11th by offering a special blessing at the end of mass. A list of our veterans will also be included in next week's bulletin. If you did not fill out and return the form in last week's bulletin, please contact Debbie Johnson in the parish office (942-5503) by Monday, November 5th to add a name to our list.

**The Popes' Cathedral** – It is a misconception that this title belongs to St. Peter's Basilica. Actually, the Basilica of St John Lateran is the cathedral of the diocese of Rome, and as such is the cathedral of the pope, the bishop of Rome. Built under pope Melchiade (311-314), it's the most ancient church in the world. It is also called the Church of Holy Savior or the Church of St. John Baptist. In ancient Rome this was the church where everyone was baptized. It is named after the Laterani Family, who donated the land and financed the building of this beautiful church. On Friday we celebrate the dedication of this basilica which is known as the "the mother and mistress of all churches of Rome and the world."

**Gifts Already Received!** 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.

**Our Second World Day of the Poor, November 18** -- Pope Francis has again urged our participation in observing the "World Day of the Poor." He is calling on Christians around the world to serve the poor with concrete actions that address their daily needs, noting that service to the poor is "an imperative that no Christian may disregard." This special observance is set for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year, the Sunday before the Feast of Christ the King. As Pope Francis writes: "For the poor to overcome their oppressive situation, they need to sense the presence of brothers and sisters who are concerned for them and, by opening the doors of their hearts and lives, make them feel like friends and family."



Thank you! Again Barbara and I would like to express our gratitude for all the prayerful support, the cards and words of encouragement that we received from you during my recent time in the hospital and my recuperation.

Your prayers for both of us are greatly appreciated.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### **Religious Education Schedule**

Nov 4 - Class in Session 9:15-10:45

Nov. 11 - No Class

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

### 11<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation Retreat

Saturday Nov 17<sup>th</sup> 9-5 at St Francis



**LOVE FEAST:** We served about 70 hardy guests at last weekend's dinner at Simpson Temple United Parish. We commend the compassion, enthusiasm, and hard work of our parishioners who prepared and served the meal and treat bags: Ray and Mary King, Carolyn English, Barb Nagle, Joyce Cunningham, Ethan, Emily and Danielle Miller, Chris and Iris Tater, Anna Mae Widney, Rose Wargo, Marilyn Bevin, Barb Aubrey, Mary Grace Horton, Dan and Linda McGrath, Pam Jones, and all 6 of the Angioli family. Thanks!

**DONATIONS NEEDED:** If you would like to help some needy children or teens in our area please bring your items to the church gathering space and place them in the box labeled "Women's Group" and we'll see that the boots, coats, hats, gloves, or hoodies get to the right agency for distribution. Thank you!

**Toasty Toddler Program:** The Family Resource Center at United Way of Blair County accepts donations of new coats, hats and gloves for children from birth through age five. Sizes needed are boys and girls newborn, 3, 6, 9, 12, and 24 months as well as 2T to 5T, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and small.

**Teen Shelter:** There is a need for hoodies (jackets) for the teens (male and female) adult sizes in small, medium, large and x-large with zippers.

**The All Soles Project:** This ministry will aim to provide NEW winter boots for children from walking age through age 12. A range of children's sizes for boys and girls is needed at this time. The boots must be new.

**STEWARSHIP CORNER:** Jesus asked us to be good stewards with all of our heart, all of our soul, all of our mind and all of our strength. How are we living as He asked?

### Stewardship at St. John's

*OFFERTORY for October 28, 2018*

Envelopes	\$ 4,578.00
Loose	\$ 391.00
Children's Offerings	\$ 2.00
Parish Development	\$ 50.00
World Mission	\$ 60.00
All Soul's Day	\$ 137.00
All Saints' Day	\$ 85.00
<i>SubTotal</i>	\$ 5,303.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,474.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 6,777.00</b>

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

### **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 [gabby.reeder@gmail.com](mailto:gabby.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>Barbara Moore</b>
<b>Baby Aiden</b>	<b>Mike Moran</b>
<b>Cari Ann</b>	<b>Mary Oricko</b>
<b>Judy Baird</b>	<b>Ron Peschock</b>
<b>Jen Buda</b>	<b>Dave Petrak</b>
<b>Robert Cole</b>	<b>Bob &amp; Mary Rajnish</b>
<b>Millie Grace Capon</b>	<b>Allison Recker</b>
<b>Mary Lee DeStefano</b>	<b>Olga Romerowicz</b>
<b>Michael DeStefano</b>	<b>Mike Rudolph</b>
<b>Keith DeMastens</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>
<b>June Miller</b>	

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

**Edgar E. McCoy, Jr - father of Karen Moughemer**

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

**ACCOMPANIST NEEDED:** We are in need of a part-time musician with strong piano and organ skills and knowledge of music in Catholic liturgy to accompany our choirs and play for the 11:00 AM Mass, beginning in January. Anyone interested in applying for the position can contact Deborah Johnson in the Parish Office - 942-5503 or by emailing [dj219@msn.com](mailto:dj219@msn.com).

**HOLIDAY SHOPPING WITH SCRIP:** Who doesn't love picking out their own gifts? By giving a scrip gift card to someone you love this holiday, they can do just that 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.

Scrip fundraising is a no-selling program that enables you to raise money for St. John's. You purchase gift cards from us at face value that we purchase from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a reduced price. The difference is an instant rebate for St. John's. It's really that simple!

**END-OF-THE-YEAR-CHARITABLE GIVING:** Ease your tax burden while benefitting St. John the Evangelist Church. In a year when the investment markets have helped to grow investment portfolios, please consider the benefits of charitable giving to St. John's. Here are two important ways to help your parish:

1. *Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA:* If you are over age 70½, you may transfer, tax-free, up to \$100,000 from your IRAs to St. John the Evangelist Church. The gift can satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) each year, but does not count as income to you! This can be a great way to make a gift to St. John's, and enjoy the tax benefits. When the transfer is processed directly to St. John's, you do not pay taxes on the distribution. The requirements are relatively simple. The charitable distribution must be: A distribution from a traditional IRA limited to the total of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) that would otherwise be taxed as ordinary income. This excludes non-deductible contributions. Paid directly from the IRA trustee/custodian to St. John's - Contact your IRA Trustee or Custodian for paperwork to process this distribution directly to St. John's. The IRA owner must be age 70½ or older. Must be completed now to qualify for 2018 tax benefits for the donor. If you've already taken your RMD for this year, keep this gifting strategy in mind for next year!

2. *Donation of Appreciated Stock or Mutual Funds:*

If you have shares of stock or mutual funds that have grown in value over the years, or low basis stock, consider gifting the shares to St. John's, rather than giving cash. At the time of the donation you get a tax deduction equal to the fair market value of the stock, and avoid paying the capital gains on the shares donated. To get the process started, please contact Pam Seasoltz, Director of Stewardship and Development, at 814.695.5577 or [pseasoltz@dioceseaj.org](mailto:pseasoltz@dioceseaj.org)

Remember: Plan early to process your donation in order to receive your tax deduction in 2018!

**HASTINGS FALL CRAFT SHOW:** Saturday November 17, 2018 at the Hastings Memorial Building (280 Beaver St) from 9AM to 3PM. Over 80 Craft Tables, Hot Food, Large Basket Raffle, and Santa visits.

**ORGAN DEDICATION CONCERT:** Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 8th Avenue and 11th Street, Altoona will celebrate the Dedication & Blessing of their New Pipe Organ on Sunday, November 18th, at 3 PM. The concert will be presented by Dr. Peter Latona from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC. A free will offering will be taken. Following the concert, there will be a reception in San Damiano Parish Hall. All are welcome!



**Thirty-first Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
November 4, 2018**

You shall love the LORD, your God,  
with all your heart,  
and with all your soul,  
and with all your strength.

— Deuteronomy 6:5

## SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday November 4 - 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time

- 8:00AM-Mass for *George C. Ferris* requested by  
Bob & Ginny Reeder  
11:00AM-Mass for *Carlos Gunon* requested by  
The Gunon Family

### Monday November 5 - Weekday

- 7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration  
7:10AM-Morning Prayer  
8:30AM-Mass for *Joan Conte* requested by  
Betsy Lloyd & Family

### Tuesday November 6 - Weekday

- 7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration  
7:10AM-Morning Prayer  
8:30AM-Mass for *Sam & Hilda Neal* requested by  
Julie & Bernie Beiswenger & Stan Neal

### Wednesday November 7 - Weekday

- 5:00PM-Eucharistic Adoration/ Confessions  
6:00PM-Mass for *Mark Kopp* requested by  
Tudy Healy  
6:45PM-Rosary

### Thursday November 8 - Weekday

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

### Friday November 9 - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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

### Saturday November 10 - Vigil of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

### Sunday November 11 - 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time

- 8:00AM-Mass for *Ida Prosperi*. requested by  
John Prosperi  
11:00AM-Mass for *Annie Johnston* requested by  
Bernadine Farrell & Family

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Phil 2:1-4; Lk 14:12-14  
Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24  
Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33  
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a; Lk 15:1-10  
Friday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

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