

### APPOINTMENTS

#### ACOLYTES

Sat. Feb. 16 - 4:00 PM - Claire Nackley, NOT FILLED  
 Sun. Feb. 17 - 8:00 AM - Sarah Geishauser, Nicholas Helsley  
 Sun. Feb. 17 - 11:00 AM - Camille Krug, Kaelab Ruggles

#### LECTORS

Sat. Feb. 16 - 4:00 PM - Jack Donoughe, David Langguth  
 Sun. Feb. 17 - 8:00 AM - Fran Semelsberger, Tim Rea  
 Sun. Feb. 17 - 11:00 AM - Jim Campbell, Gary Johnson

#### EUCARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Feb. 16 - 4:00 PM - Barb Aubrey, Connie Baker  
 Sun. Feb. 17 - 8:00 AM - Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky  
 Sun. Feb. 17 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Lou Ann Clark, Kenneth Gorman, Daniel Langenbacher, Donna Moyer, Bob Olson

#### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. Feb. 16 - 4:00 PM - Carolyn English, Dennis Moughemer, Karen Moughemer, Heather Nackley  
 Sun. Feb. 17 - 8:00 AM - Ginny Reeder, Darlene Scarpaci, Ed Stoltz, Mary Truesdale  
 Sun. Feb. 17 - 11:00 AM - Walter Bloom, Wendy Campbell, Dolores Capriotti, Peg Madden

#### SACRISTAN

Sat. Feb. 16 - 4:00 PM - Mary & Ray King  
 Sun. Feb. 17 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci  
 Sun. Feb. 17 - 11:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti

#### SCRIP

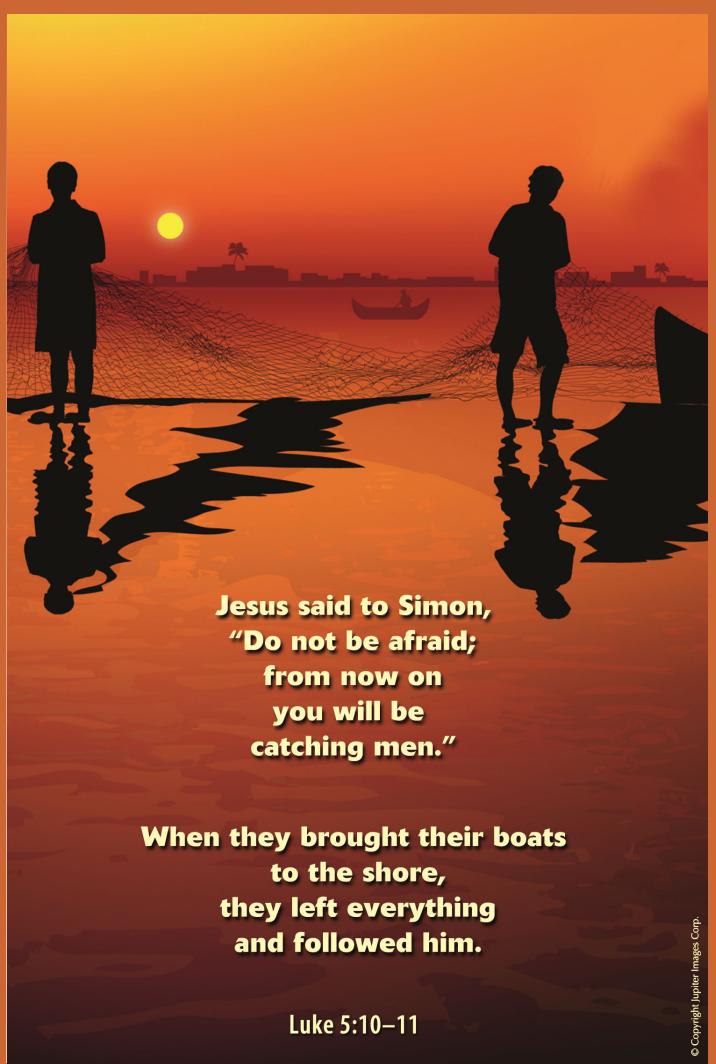
Sat. Feb. 16 - 4:00 PM - Marge Rudolph, Anna Rasmussen  
 Sun. Feb. 17 - 8:00 AM - Christopher Palazzi, Patty Teufel  
 Sun. Feb. 17 - 11:00 AM - Judy Sneath, Dorothy Yingling

#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

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

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## FEBRUARY 10, 2019

### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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#### **UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

February 10 - Second Sunday Food Collection  
 February 9/10 - Arise Sign-up Weekend  
 February 18 - Parish Office closed  
 March 2 - Parish Mardi Gras after 4:00 Mass  
 March 3-9 - Season 2 Arise Group Meetings begin  
 March 6 - Ash Wednesday Mass & Lenten Soup Supper  
 April 13 - Love Feast

## A Few Words from the Pastor:

**Saint Valentine**, officially Saint Valentine of Rome, was a widely recognized 3rd-century Roman martyr who is commemorated on February 14. Since the High Middle Ages he has been associated with a tradition of courtly love. All that is reliably known of the saint is his name and that he was martyred and buried at a cemetery to the north of Rome on that day. It is uncertain whether Saint Valentine was one individual or a pseudonym for several martyrs. Among the many legends, it was believed that because birds paired in mid-February, this was the association with romance on Valentine's Day. On this day in Ireland, many individuals who seek true love make a Christian pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Valentine in the Carmelite Church in Dublin, which is said to house relics of Saint Valentine of Rome; they pray at the shrine in hope of finding romance. (No plans for a Saint John's pilgrimage are currently in the works!!!)

**Restore! Repair! Rejoice!** – On the weekend of February 16-17, there will be presentation after Mass on our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary capital campaign. Brochures will be distributed, and all will be encouraged to participate in this important initiative. Please take a moment to view the pictures posted in the Gathering Space which show the physical needs of our parish. We are grateful to those who have already made a pledge, as we have reached a total of \$80,170 in pledges/gifts with a remaining pledge balance of \$31,092.

**Welcome! Holy Trinity Students!** – Basketball teams (K – 2) from Holy Trinity Catholic School will begin having basketball practice in our gym on Wednesday and Thursday in the late afternoon. We are glad that we can accommodate, and we give them a warm St. John's welcome!

**In Case You Missed It** – In an historic visit to the heart of the Muslim world, Pope Francis visited the Arabian Peninsula this week, which is the birthplace of Islam. In his address at a gathering of 700 religious leaders in the United Arab Emirates, our Holy Father called for true religious freedom while condemning the use of the name of God to justify violence. "No violence can be justified in the name of religion," he said. "We need to be vigilant, lest religion be instrumentalized and deny itself by allowing violence and terrorism." "I would like to emphasize religious freedom," he said. "Without freedom, we are no longer children [of God] but slaves." One cannot proclaim fraternity, Francis said, and then act in the opposite way. The pope also denounced the militarization of the human heart. He went on to say, "We cannot honor the Creator without cherishing the sacredness of every person and of every human life: Each person is equally precious in the eyes of God." How proud we are of our pope, who so proudly proclaims the heart of the Gospel!

### February Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

#### *Human Trafficking*

For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.



Season II of ARISE Together in Christ will take place this Lent. We encourage all parishioners to sign up for this season and be part of the small faith sharing communities that are forming here at St. John the Evangelist Parish.



***Even if you did not participate during the first season of ARISE last October, we invite you to participate during this Lenten season.***

Come and join us as we together "Change Our Hearts" and hence ARISE Together in Christ.

You may sign up for a group in the Gathering Space.

*Faith sharing groups will begin the week of March 3.*

For more information, contact Jane Becker at 814-414-9836 or jmbecker1207@gmail.com.

### **PARISH MARDI GRAS PARTY:**

(Ages 21 & over) Saturday, March 2, from 5:30PM until 9:00PM in Father Bailey Hall. Please join us for delicious food, music, dancing, entertainment, the King Cakewalk and the crowning of the 2019 Mardi Gras King & Queen. The parish will provide chicken & soft drinks. Please bring a side dish. Sign up on the kiosk. Family and friends from outside the parish are welcome, too. BYOB



## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

### **Religious Education Schedule**

February 10 - Class in session

February 17 – NO CLASS

February 24 – Mardi Gras Carnival for all classes  
9:15AM-10:45AM

March 3 – NO CLASS

March 6 – ASH WEDNESDAY: 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Service Project 5:00PM-8:30PM

*Any questions regarding Religious Education classes or schedule, please contact Megan Swope at [mswope726@gmail.com](mailto:mswope726@gmail.com) or (814)631-8273*



The next Love Feast at Simpson Temple will be SATURDAY, APRIL 13. In preparation, our committee will meet in the church gathering space on Tuesday, February 12, at 6 p.m.

You will also find a sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the gathering space. We thank you in advance for your ongoing support of this important event.

**ATTENTION - ALL YOUTH GRADES 6-8:** You won't want to miss Junior High Youth Day 2019! Sunday, March 17, 2019 at Bishop Carroll High School, featuring keynotes by Chris Rodgers. Through music, humor and faith sharing, Chris is able to help young people have a great day and a real faith connection! The day will consist of uplifting keynotes, challenging games, and Liturgy with Bishop Mark. There will be lots of faith, fun and friendship for all! To register, contact your pastor, parish Director of Religious Education/ Youth Ministry or Catholic Elementary School Principal. Deadline to register is March 6th!

**BUY SCRIP :** Scrip fundraising is a no-selling program that enables families to raise money for St. John's. Scrip is just another way to pay for everyday purchases using gift cards in place of cash, checks, and credit cards. You purchase gift cards from us at face value, and we order those cards from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a reduced price. The difference is an instant rebate for St. John's Church. Stop by the scrip table and pick up an order form this weekend. Drop your order and payment off at the scrip table in the gathering space before mass and pick up your completed order after mass. It's really that simple! You can also order scrip gift cards and track your scrip rebates online, all in one convenient location:  
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### **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 [ginny.reeder@gmail.com](mailto:ginny.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 • Baby Aiden • Cari Ann • Judy Baird  
Jen Buda • Robert Cole • Millie Grace Capon  
Mary Lee DeStefano • Michael DeStefano • Jim Duffy  
Helen Fornwalt • Leann Frazier • Dianna Green •  
Ken Hartman • Boni Javier • Brian Kopp  
Sara Litzinger • Sherri Maffettone • Bryson Miller •  
June Miller • Barbara Moore • Mary Oricko  
Ron Peschock • Bob & Mary Rajnish • Allison Recker  
Olga Romerowicz • Mike Rudolph • Anne Showalter  
Dianne Stultz • Tim & Dina Temofonte •  
Patty Teufel • Lois Werfel • Noah Wills  
Amber Yasolsky • Milan & Family

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

*Dan C. Riley - Brother of Kay Laratonda  
May he rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.*

**ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPER MEETING:** Planning is underway for our Ash Wednesday Soup Supper. Delicious soup and bread will be served in the cafeteria following 6:00 Mass. Donations will be accepted for our parish in Haiti. Our parish has enjoyed this annual event for many years and we are open to new ideas or suggestions. You can call Mary Petrak at 502-6076 or come to a brief planning meeting on Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center.

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** How much you have has nothing to do with you. There are no pockets on your birthday suit. We come into this world with nothing and we will leave it with nothing. We are called to recognize that all we possess is a gift from God.

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

#### **Offertory for February 3**

Envelopes	\$ 7,432.00
Loose	\$ 438.00
Children	\$ 3.00
Parish Development	\$ 100.00
Catholic Education	\$ 96.00
<i>SubTotal</i>	\$ 8,069.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,349.00
<i>Total Offertory</i>	<b>\$ 10,418.00</b>

*2018 giving statements are available by calling the Parish Office at 814-942-5503. You can also download your statement by logging in to My Own Church.*

## **DIOCESAN SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES 2019**

Registrations for our diocesan summer camps, Camp Timothy (Grades 10-12 and newly graduated seniors) and Camp Zacchaeus (Grades 4-9) and are currently being accepted! For those registering prior to MARCH 1, 2019, there is a discount of \$10.00. We do not want any child to miss camp because of financial concerns. Due to the generosity of many of the faithful in our diocese there are Angel Fund scholarships available to help offset the cost of camp for any family who is interested. Every year we have had a pool of donors that continue to support the Angel Fund. We have been very blessed that we have never had to turn any down any family that wanted to send their child to Camp Zacchaeus or Camp Timothy. Any family that would like to apply for a scholarship is encouraged to do so. Application deadline is June 1, 2019. Must have already registered and paid the registration fee to receive an Angel Fund application.

**For more information or brochure, contact Francine Swope in the Youth Ministry Office (814)317-2646.**

**ANGEL FUND 2019:** Consider giving a gift now that will enrich the life of a young camper in the Summer of 2019! We are looking for people, groups, parishes or organizations to sponsor a child to attend Camp Zacchaeus 2019 (Grades 4-9) or Camp Timothy 2019 (Grades 10-12 and newly graduated seniors) through the *Angel Fund*. We will accept full or partial sponsorships of any amount to help cover the cost of camp. If you are interested in sponsoring a child, or for more information, please contact Francine Swope at the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office (814)317-2646, or mail your contribution directly to Camp Zacchaeus or Camp Timothy Angel Fund, 933 S. Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648. Become an *Angel Fund* sponsor and help send a needy child to camp to experience a wonderful week of *Faith, Fun and Friendship* in the great outdoors!

### **Liturgical Reflection...**

The celebration of the Eucharist is the center of the entire Christian life, both for the Church universal and in each faith community. The Eucharist contains the church's entire spiritual wealth, that is, Christ himself. He is our Passover and living bread. The celebration of the Eucharist in the sacrifice of the Mass is truly the origin and purpose of the worship that is shown to the Eucharist outside Mass. Reserved in the tabernacle, Christ is truly Emmanuel, God with us. Day and night he is in our midst; full of grace and truth, he dwells among us.

**Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside Mass, 1975, Numbers 1 and 2.**

2019, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648



Fifth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
February 10, 2019

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,  
"Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?"  
"Here I am," I said, "send me!"

—Isaiah 6:8

## **SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK**

### **Sunday February 10 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*  
11:00AM-Mass for *Joan Brua* requested by  
The Brua Children

### **Monday February 11 - Weekday**

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration  
8:10AM-Morning Prayer  
8:30AM-Mass for *People of the Parish* requested by  
Altoona Catholic Daughters #2625

### **Tuesday February 12 - Weekday**

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration  
8:10AM-Morning Prayer  
8:30AM-Mass for *Alice Dubaniewicz* requested by  
Rich & Joyce Lowe

### **Wednesday February 13 - Weekday**

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

### **Thursday February 14 - Sts. Cyril, Monk, & Methodius, Bishop**

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration  
8:10AM-Morning Prayer  
8:30AM-Mass for *Ida Prosperi* requested by John Prosperi

### **Friday February 15 - Weekday**

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration  
8:10AM-Morning Prayer  
8:30AM-Mass for *Frances Brown* requested by  
Anna Musselman

### **Saturday February 16 - Vigil of Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

3:00 PM - Confessions  
4:00PM-Mass for *Keith DeMasters* requested by  
Bob & Ginny Reeder

### **Sunday February 17 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00AM-Mass for *Mr. & Mrs. Louis Adams* requested by  
Bernadine Farrell & Family  
11:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*

## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56  
Tuesday: Gn 1:20 -- 2:4a; Mk 7:1-13  
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23  
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30  
Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37



# Family Movie Night at St Johns!!

**Friday February 22nd at 6pm in the gym!!**

Dress comfy,  
bring a chair ,  
drink and get  
ready to en-  
joy the movie



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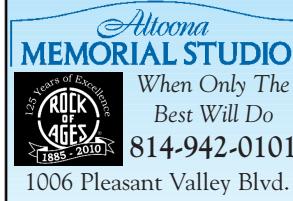
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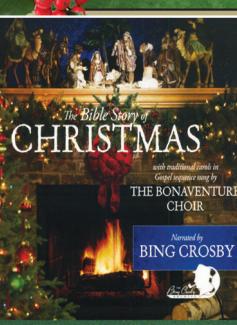
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