APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES

Sat. Sept. 28 - 4:00 PM - Brody Partner-Gore, Keaton Swope
Sun. Sept. 29 - 8:00 AM - Mai Linh Do, Jack Donoughe
Sun. Sept. 29 - 11:00 AM - Kaelab Ruggles, NOT FILLED

LECTORS

Sat. Sept. 28 - 4:00 PM - Betsy Slat, Maria Spayd
Sun. Sept. 29 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, Fran Semelsberger
Sun. Sept. 29 - 11:00 AM - Susanna Tomlinson, Richard Karcher

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Sept. 28 - 4:00 PM - Barb Aubrey, Connie Baker
Sun. Sept. 29 - 8:00 AM - Diane Turcovsky, Daniel Turcovsky
Sun. Sept. 29 - 11:00 AM - Joseph Klobuka, Pam Klobuka, Walter Bloom, Cecelia Bloom, Dolores Capriotti, Lou Ann Clark

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. Sept. 28 - 4:00 PM - Carolyn English, Coleen Langguth, David Langguth, NOT FILLED
Sun. Sept. 29 - 8:00 AM - Charlie Moore, Mike O'Neill, Ed Stoltz, Mary Truesdale
Sun. Sept. 29 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Mary Grace Horton, Peg Madden, Patrick Podoletz

SACRISTAN

Sat. Sept. 28 - 4:00 PM - Dorothy Yingling
Sun. Sept. 29 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. Sept. 29 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

SCRIP

Sat. Sept. 28 - 4:00 PM - Becky Merilli, Charlene Lancy
Sun. Sept. 29 - 8:00 AM - Bill Teufel, Chris Palazzi
Sun. Sept. 29 - 11:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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God bless Tatum Elaine Roche,
(Parents: Michael & Carley) who was baptized by Monsignor Becker last weekend at the 11:00 Mass.

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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Sept. 28: Wine/Cider Social after 4:00 Mass
October 6: Blessing of the Pets - 1:00 PM
Oct. 12: Hollidaysburg Pumpkinfest Soup Sale
Oct. 13: Second Sunday Food Collection
Oct. 13: Emergency Action Plan Meeting -12:15 PM
Oct. 27: Trunk or Treat - 12:30 PM
Nov. 1: All Saints Day/Mass of Remembrance - 6:30 PM

A Few Words from the Pastor:

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOR OUR RETIRED PRIESTS – We are blessed to have the priests' retirement home so close by to our parish, as they are able to assist us here in the parish. A special collection will be taken up next weekend for their support. An envelope is in your packet. Please be generous!

CELEBRATING PADRE PIO – On Monday we observe the memorial of Saint Padre Pio, a Capuchin Friar of the 20th century who is renowned for his holiness of life. There are many miracles attributed to Padre Pio: miracles of healing, of conversion, of bilocation, and the stigmata (bearing the wounds of Christ in his body). His miracles brought many people to Christ and illuminated God's goodness and love for us. We are most grateful in this diocese that the Capuchin Friars are now staffing our parish and retreat center in New Baltimore, bringing the spirit of Padre Pio with them!

HURRICANE DORIAN – Our hearts break when we see the devastation done to the Bahamas by hurricane Dorian. A Special collection has been announced in parishes around the country to assist with their recovery. Special envelopes will be distributed this weekend and next. Please be generous!

NEW SIDEWALK – You will notice a new sidewalk coming from the gravel parking lot to the front of the church. We are most grateful to Dave Auerbeck and his crew for the fine workmanship!

OUR RECENTLY CONFIRMED! – Over the next few weeks I will be meeting with the young people of our parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this past April. We will be discussing ways that they can respond to the grace of this sacrament by fuller participation in the life of our parish family!

BEING GOOD STEWARDS OF THE EARTH! Pope Francis wrote recently, "Our Earth needs constant concern and attention. Each of us has a personal responsibility to care for creation, this precious gift which God has entrusted to us. This means, on the one hand, that nature is at our disposal, to enjoy and use properly. Yet it also means that we are not its masters. Stewards, but not masters. We need to love and respect nature, but instead we are often guided by the pride of dominating, possessing, manipulating, exploiting; we do not 'preserve' the Earth, we do not respect it, we do not consider it as a freely given gift to look after. Respect for the environment, however, means more than not destroying it; it also means using it for good purposes."

BE A GREEN BELIEVER! - We can each do our part in eliminating one-use plastic bags by using our own grocery bags. We are providing bags to assist with your grocery shopping, with the reminder that we are doing what we can to care for our environment.

A LETTER TO THE SUFFERING CHURCH - Bishop Robert Baron has written a wonderful booklet on the sexual abuse crisis. We are making these books available to our parishioners at no cost. I will be leading a study of this book each Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock, until October 2. All are most welcome to attend one or all of the sessions.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE – To date we have received more than half (30K) of our parish goal of 43K for the Catholic Ministry Drive. An interesting statistic is that less than 50 households have responded to this appeal out of 501. That amounts to approximately 10% of our parish households. Among the many ministries sustained by this drive is Catholic Charities, campus ministry, and our Fulton County mission. Your sacrifices are greatly appreciated.

FROM GENESIS TO JESUS – This program of study of the bible has begun and will continue until Thanksgiving. Enrich your faith life! Join us on Sunday mornings between the Masses in the cafeteria.

TWO SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE! The John and Helen Despot Scholarship Fund is making available two $450 Scholarship for any child of St. John's who is attending a Catholic elementary or middle school in this coming school year. Applications are available in the Gathering Space or can be obtained from the parish office. The deadline for application is September 30, and the scholarship will be awarded next month. We are grateful for generosity of the Despot family, who has so generously established this fund in memory of their parents John and Helen.

WINE/CIDER TASTING: All are invited to gather in front of the church on Saturday, September 28, following the 4:00 PM Mass for a wine/cider tasting. Let's toast the upcoming fall season!

September Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

Politicians, Scientists and Economists

That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Sept 29 - No Class

We are still in need of someone or a team to teach faith formation to our 7th/8th graders or our 5th/6th graders, whichever group you would be most comfortable teaching. Class meets every other week and we provide all of the teaching materials you need.
If you are willing to help us out, please don't hesitate to contact Megan Swope at mswope726@gmail.com or (814)631-8273

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINIG UPDATE: Parish Council met on Monday, September 9th, 2019. Council covered old business topics of the parish picnic, the results of the parishioner survey, the community outreach program, and the emergency action plan. The new business topics included appointing new committee liaisons, selecting a new council vice president (Kristina Hoyne), and the parish calendar of activities. The next parish council meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 14, 2019.

GIVE US THIS DAY: It is time to subscribe or renew a subscription to this monthly missal. Please note that the cost has gone up to $27. You can place your payment 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.

CALLING ALL YOUNG SINGERS! Our Youth Choir (grades 1 – 12) begins rehearsing this Tuesday from 6:00 to 7:00. Singing in the choir is a great way for our students to become more engaged in the Liturgy. Music plays a vital role in our liturgical prayer. By participating in choir, children grow in their faith, develop an appreciation for the rich musical tradition of the Roman Catholic Church, and learn to provide an important ministry to their parish. For more information, contact Deborah Johnson – 931-2867.

Stewardship at St. John's

Offertory for September 15

Envelopes	$ 4,291.00
Loose	$ 612.00
SubTotal	*$ 4,903.00*
Online Giving	$ 1,453.00
Total Offertory	***$ 6,356.00***

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Pledge Payment Committed $47,588
Total Pledges/Donations $155,046

2019 Catholic Ministries Drive: Goal - $43,116
As of August 31, 2019:
Payments/Donations $30,980
Pledge Payment Committed $1,600
Total Pledges/Donations $32,580

ST JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

Please call Ginny Reeder (695-7671) or email her at ginny.reeder@gmail.com to add or remove someone from 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 • James Aubrey
Judy Baird • Robert Cole • Millie Grace Capon
Michael DeStefano • Jim Duffy • Kathy Felty
Bernadine Farrell • Helen Fornwalt • Leann Frazier
Molly Grenfell • Ken Hartman • Elain Houseknecht
Boni Javier • Brian Kopp • Lisa • Sherri Maffettone
Bryson Miller • June Miller • Susie Miller
Barbara Moore • Ailani Myers • Nancy • Patricia Olson
Mary Oricko • Jeff Price • Karen Price • Ron Peschock
Dave Petrak • Mary Rajnish • Allison Recker • Vicki Riley
Olga Romerowicz • Mike Rudolph • Peggy Seiler
Anne Showalter • Tim & Dina Temofonte
Patty Teufel • Lois Werfel • William Wieland
Noah Wills • Amber Yasolsky • Milan & Family

HOME WITH THE LORD: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:
Catherine Bernadette Lantz: sister of Mary Grace Horton
May she rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.

ARISE TOGETHER IN CHRIST: You can pick up your book for Season 3 of *ARISE Together in Christ* in the Gathering Space. The six weekly faith sharing sessions that invite us to journey "In the Footsteps of Christ" begin the week of October 6. You are welcome to join Arise this fall, even if you haven't participated in the first 2 seasons. We have groups meeting in the evening and during the day. To sign up to participate, please call Jane Becker at 414-9836.

LOVE FEAST: Our fall Love Feast will be on Saturday, November 9, so it is time to sign up to volunteer and/or pick an item from the kiosk strips to buy and put under the designated coat-rack.

CREATION CORNER: "We have traditionally regarded sin as being merely what people do to other people. Yet, for human beings to destroy the biological diversity in God's creation; for human beings to degrade the integrity of the earth by contributing to climate change, by stripping the earth of its natural forests or destroying its wetlands; for human beings to contaminate the earth's waters, land and air – all of these are sins." "We are treating our planet in an inhuman, godless manner precisely because we fail to see it as a gift inherited from above. Our original sin with regard to the natural environment lies in our refusal to accept the world as a sacrament of communion, as a way of sharing with God and neighbor on a global scale. It is our humble conviction that divine and human meet in the slightest detail contained in the seamless garment of God's creation, in the last speck of dust." *Patriarch Bartholomew*

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Children first learn about their religion from their parents, family members, or guardians. Religious education is provided to continue and enhance the teaching of Jesus Christ to our youth that do not attend a Catholic School. Educating youth helps fund parishes with program materials, presentations, and teacher education to be able to provide the youth a great experience when learning about their faith.

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Give Help- Religious education teaches youth the importance of helping others and how to follow Jesus and spread his word out into the world.

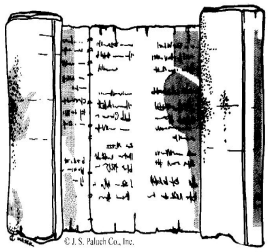
Build Hope- Gage Carpenter, a 5th grade CCD student at Saint Joseph's Parish in Bellwood, said that religious education helps him believe in God and that brings him hope.

Change Lives- Religious education helps young people learn important values and morals that will impact their choices in their lifetime.

"Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with your whole heart, and with your whole being, and with your whole strength. Take to heart these words which I command you today. Keep repeating them to your children. Recite them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you get up."- Deuteronomy 6:5-7

Your gift can be mailed to the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, 2713 West Chestnut Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601-1720 ; placed in your parish offertory; or made online at www.dioceseaj.org .

EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN MEETING: During the last year, it was determined by parish council that we needed to develop an emergency action plan. To respond appropriately to a crisis situation that poses an immediate risk to health, life, property, or environment, an emergency action plan has been developed. The purpose of this plan is to provide for the safety of the parishioners, staff, visitors, or anyone else present on the grounds of Saint John the Evangelist Church. On October 13, immediately after the 11 a.m. Mass in the church, we will have a meeting for all who are interested to review this emergency action plan. This meeting will be open to all parishioners, but we especially encourage those who are hospitality ministers and those involved with any aspects of volunteering with events at the church to attend.



Twenty-fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 22, 2019

God . . . wills everyone to be saved
and to come to knowledge of the truth.

— 1 Timothy 2:4

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Sept. 22 – 25th Sunday In Ordinary Time
8:00AM- Mass for *People of the Parish*
11:00AM- Mass for *Clarence & Eileen Becker* requested by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Miller

Monday Sept. 23 – St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM- Morning Prayer
8:30AM- Mass for *Ellen M. Ottaway* requested by Rich & Joyce Lowe

Tuesday Sept. 24 – Weekday
7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM- Morning Prayer
8:30AM- Mass for *Joe Robeson*

Wednesday Sept. 25 – Weekday
5:00PM- Eucharistic Adoration/Confessions
6:00PM- Mass for *Frances C. Brown* requested by James & Rita Stabley
6:45PM- Rosary

Thursday Sept. 26 – Weekday
7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM- Morning Prayer
8:30AM- Mass for *Irene Hlatky* requested by Marion Monios

Friday Sept. 27 – St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:30AM - Morning Prayer & Communion Service

Saturday Sept. 28 – Vigil of the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
3:00 PM- Confessions
4:00PM- Mass for *Patrick Farrell* requested by Bernadine Farrell & Family

Sunday Sept. 29 – 26th Sunday In Ordinary Time
8:00AM- Mass for *People of the Parish*
11:00AM- Mass for *Grady Weyandt* requested by his mother, Linda Weyandt

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22

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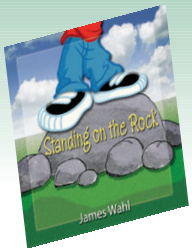

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