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OCTOBER 6, 2019
27TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

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Office hours: Monday - Friday 9:00-3:00

October Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

Holy Spirit

That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender
a new missionary "spring" in the church.



UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- 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

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES

- Sat. Oct. 12 - 4:00 PM - Brody Partner-Gore, Keaton Swope
- Sun. Oct. 13 - 8:00 AM - Ethan & Emily Miller
- Sun. Oct. 13 - 11:00 AM - Kaelab Ruggles, NOT FILLED

LECTORS

- Sat. Oct. 12 - 4:00 PM - David Langguth, Betsy Slat
- Sun. Oct. 13 - 8:00 AM - Fran Semelsberger, Joyce Cunningham
- Sun. Oct. 13 - 11:00 AM - Gary Johnson, Patrick Schurr

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS

- Sat. Oct. 12 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, Dorothy Yingling
- Sun. Oct. 13 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, Mary Truesdale
- Sun. Oct. 13 - 11:00 AM - Walter Bloom, Lou Ann, Clark, Kenneth Gorman, Mary Haenig, Dolores Capriotti, Cecelia Bloom

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

- Sat. Oct. 12 - 4:00 PM - Larry VanSickel, Paula VanSickel, Billy Sweet, Judy Sneath
- Sun. Oct. 13 - 8:00 AM - Helen Miller, Charlie Moore, Mike O'Neill, Ginny Reeder
- Sun. Oct. 13 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Wendy Campbell, Patrick Podoletz, Peg Madden

SACRISTAN

- Sat. Oct. 12 - 4:00 PM - Jane Byrne
- Sun. Oct. 13 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
- Sun. Oct. 13 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

SCRIP

- Sat. Oct. 12 - 4:00 PM - Carolyn English, Anna Rasmussen
- Sun. Oct. 13 - 8:00 AM - Amber & Heather Yasolsky
- Sun. Oct. 13 - 11:00 AM - Mary Haenig, Christopher Palazzi

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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A Few Words from the Pastor:

BLESSING OF PETS: All are familiar with the affection which St. Francis of Assisi had for animals, and indeed for all of creation. We will continue our annual tradition of having our blessing of pets this Sunday, October 6th, at 1 PM in the front circle of the church!

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY – Monday is the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, formerly known as Our Lady of Victory. It is celebrated on October 7, the anniversary of the decisive victory of the combined fleet of the Holy League of 1571 over the Ottoman navy at the Battle of Lepanto. Thanks to the recitation of the Rosary, the forces of Islam, which threatened to invade Europe, were broken.

SOUP FOR THE PUMPKIN FESTIVAL – We are most grateful for all who have offered to make soup for our St. John's booth at the Hollidaysburg Pumpkin Festival next Saturday. Proceeds go to support our mission in Haiti, a country which is ravaged by poverty and, currently, by violent rioting, which is the culmination of months of anti-corruption protests over the fate of almost \$4 billion in missing funds that had been earmarked for social development. In a recent email, Fr. Banive writes: *In Marmont, despite the difficult situation of the country we are trying to hold on. This year, family life is becoming more difficult because of political troubles and unrest. The life is very expensive and the people don't have money. So the poverty and the misery are increasing everywhere. Sending children to school this year will be very, very difficult for families. Things are very difficult in Haiti. Please continue to keep us in your prayers so that the Lord can give us the necessary means to make the school work and all the other pastoral activities of the parish. Thank you very much for all your efforts and sacrifices to support us. We pray for you and for everyone in St. John parish.*

CREATION CORNER: The Earth is indeed a precious gift of the Creator who, in designing its intrinsic order, has given us bearings that guide us as stewards of his creation. Precisely from within this framework, the Church considers matters concerning the environment and its protection intimately linked to the theme of integral human development.

Pope Benedict

OUR WINE AND CHEESE SOCIAL – Our gratitude to our Social Committee for hosting the wonderful wine and cheese social on last Saturday evening. Such gatherings are essential in maintaining a strong and caring parish family!

ARISE – The meetings of our Arise Groups begin this week. We are grateful to our parish team for their work in promoting and preparing for “Season Three” of Arise. If you are not a member of a group, and would like to be, don’t hesitate to mention it to Deacon Gene or myself and we will direct you.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR OUR RETIRED PRIESTS – We are grateful to all who have contributed to our special collection for our retired priests. Gifts can be made up until the end of October. An envelope is in your packet. Please be generous!

HELP FOR HURRICANE VICTIMS – 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. Hurricane relief envelopes were handed out at mass last weekend. Please return the envelope with your contribution by dropping it in the collection basket.

THE REMOVAL OF PRIESTS FROM ACTIVE MINISTRY – Over the past months there have been priests of this diocese placed on administrative leave after credible allegations of child sexual abuse were made against them. Such claims are being investigated. We pray for healing for all victims of sexual abuse, and for their families. We are also to pray for the alleged perpetrators of sexual abuse, who remain in “limbo” until their situation is resolved.

A NOTE FROM PARISH COUNCIL: Parish Council, in partnership with Mary Lee Madigan-Davis, is looking for the future leader of our Haiti mission. The position is not immediate but would be taken on in time after a mentoring period. Mary Lee would work with the new candidate for as long as necessary. A trip to Haiti would be required at some point. This is a unique ministry that offers unique rewards. If you might be interested, please speak with any of these people who have visited our mission: Monsignor Becker, Debbie Johnson, James Krug, and Mary Lee.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Oct. 6 - Class in session.

Oct. 13 - No class.

Oct. 20 - Class in session.

Oct. 27 - Class in session.

TRUNK OR TREAT



All families are invited to dress up in their best costume, decorate the trunk of their car, and join us in the church parking lot. Each family is asked to bring candy to share as children trick or treat from car to car.

**St John the Evangelist Church
309 Lotz Ave Altoona
Sunday October 27
12:30pm church parking lot**

ARISE TOGETHER IN CHRIST: The diocese has recommended the following: CST 101 is a collaborative 7-part video and discussion guide series presented by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Catholic Relief Services. The videos bring the themes of Catholic social teaching to life and inspire us to put our faith into action. Each topic page includes a video, discussion guide (with additional web links), downloadable posters and hand-outs for adults and youth. Some of the material may need to be adapted to for use with younger children. To access the webpage, type this address into your web browser: <https://www.crs.org/resource-center/CST-101>. Additional resources may be found on the Catholic Social Teaching webpage of the USCCB: <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/>.



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
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Molly Grenfell • Ken Hartman • Elain Houseknecht
Boni Javier • Brian Kopp • Lisa • Sherri Maffettone
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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.

LOVE FEAST: Our fall Love Feast is on Saturday, November 9. Please sign up on the kiosk in the Gathering Space to volunteer to help!

EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN MEETING: Next Sunday, October 13, immediately after the 11 AM Mass in the church, we will have a meeting to review our 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.

Stewardship at St. John's Offertory for September 29

Envelopes	\$ 3,765.00
Loose	\$ 257.00
Children's	\$ 3.00
Retired Priests	\$ 200.00
All Souls	\$ 15.00
All Saints	\$ 10.00
<i>SubTotal</i>	\$ 4,250.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,248.00
Total Offertory	\$ 5,498.00

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Payments/Donations \$111,323
Pledge Payment Committed \$47,233
Total Pledges/Donations \$158,556

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

TOASTY TODDLER COLLECTION: We need your help! We are accepting donations of NEW-Hats, Scarves & Gloves, Coats & Snowsuits for Boys and Girls. Sizes needed- Newborn through Toddler Size 5T and 4, 5, 6, 6x, 7, 8 or Small. There is a box in the Gathering Place for your donations. Toasty Toddler is a project that provides warm winter outerwear to children birth through age five. The program originated with the Blair County Department of Social Services when they noticed a gap in winter programs for young children.

HUMANE SOCIETY DONATIONS: Catholic Daughters of the Americas Prince Gallitzin # 2625, Altoona Court, is 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 box located in the Gathering Space from October 1 through November. We thank you for your kindness and generosity.

ROSARY RALLY: Sarah Zakrzewski, a freshman at Saint Francis University, is organizing a Rosary Rally to be held on Saturday, October 12th at 12 noon at the Tyrone Hotel Park on the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and 10th Street in Tyrone, PA . This rosary rally, which is held through the organization *America Needs Fatima*, is in commemoration of the 102nd anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun. The purpose of the rally is to pray for our nation in public so that everyone can see what we believe and in reparation for the sins that have been committed in our modern world. Immediately after the rosary there will be a social that will include a light lunch. Please contact rosary rally captain, Sarah Zakrzewski at 632-3070 for more information or directions to the event. You may also visit www.anf.org for more information.

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 for a year's subscription. If you would like to continue your subscription, please enclose payment in the envelope provided with your October booklet. For those interested in seeing what **Give Us This Day** is, we've provide a basket of samples in the Gathering Space. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 942-5503.

 **CALLING ALL SINGERS!** Our Youth Choir (grades 2 – 10) can use some more members. Singing in the choir is a great way for our students to become more engaged in the Liturgy. 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. The choir rehearses on Tuesdays from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. For more information, contact Deborah Johnson – 931-2867.



Twenty-seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time
October 6, 2019

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.

—Psalm 95:6

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Oct. 6 – 27th Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00AM- Mass for *Bill & Josephine Seiler* requested by Ron & Joyce Cunningham
11:00AM- Mass for *Ida Prosperi* requested by John Prosperi

Monday Oct. 7 – Our Lady of the Rosary

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM- Morning Prayer
8:30AM- Mass for *Tim & Stella Sheehan* requested by Mark & Connie Burkett

Tuesday Oct. 8 – Weekday

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

Wednesday Oct. 9 – Weekday

5:00PM- Eucharistic Adoration/Confessions
6:00PM- Mass for *Leonard Majestic* requested by Barb Bundy
6:45PM- Rosary

Thursday Oct. 10 – Weekday

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

Friday Oct. 11 – Weekday

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

Saturday Oct. 12 – Vigil of the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00 PM- Confessions
4:00PM- Mass for *Ann von Uffel Coffee* requested by Lance & Michele DeFrancisco

Sunday Oct. 13 – 28th Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00AM- Mass for *Bob Cooney* requested by Ginger Cooney & Family
11:00AM- Mass for *People of the Parish*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jon 1:1 -- 2:2, 11; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26



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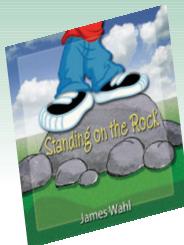
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