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NOVEMBER 3, 2019
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Office hours: Monday - Friday 9:00-3:00

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- Nov. 9: Love Feast
- Nov. 10 - Second Sunday Food Collection
- Nov. 9/10 - Recognition of Veterans at Mass
- Nov. 11 - Parish Office Closed
- Nov. 28 - Thanksgiving Day Mass - 9:00 AM
- Nov. 28-29 - Parish Office Closed
- Dec. 1 - Advent Penance Service - 4:00 PM
- Dec. 8 - Advent of Christmas Concert - 7:00 PM
- Dec. 8 - Second Sunday Food Collection

MASS SCHEDULE

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

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES

- Sat. Nov. 9 - 4:00 PM - Ryan & Jack Donoughe
- Sun. Nov. 10 - 8:00 AM - Nicholas Helsley, Mai Linh Do
- Sun. Nov. 10 - 11:00 AM - Camille Krug, Kaelab Ruggles

LECTORS

- Sat. Nov. 9 - 4:00 PM - David Langguth, Maria Spayd
- Sun. Nov. 10 - 8:00 AM - Joyce Cunningham, Russell O'Reilly
- Sun. Nov. 10 - 11:00 AM - James Krug, Gary Johnson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- Sat. Nov. 9 - 4:00 PM - Barb Aubrey, Connie Baker
- Sun. Nov. 10 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, Fran Semelsberger
- Sun. Nov. 10 - 11:00 AM - Lou Ann Clark, Dolores Capriotti, Walter Bloom, Cecelia Bloom, Paul Dennis, Donna Moyer

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

- Sat. Nov. 9 - 4:00 PM - Betsy Lloyd, Billy Sweet, Carolyn English, NOT FILLED
- Sun. Nov. 10 - 8:00 AM - Larry VanSickel, Paula VanSickel, Jane Strasser, Ray Kennedy
- Sun. Nov. 10 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Wendy Campbell, Peg Madden, Patrick Podoletz

SACRISTAN

- Sat. Nov. 9 - 4:00 PM - NOT FILLED
- Sun. Nov. 10 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
- Sun. Nov. 10 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

SCRIP

- Sat. Nov. 9 - 4:00 PM - Joan Price, Nancy Weimer
- Sun. Nov. 10 - 8:00 AM - Erika & Amber Yasolsky
- Sun. Nov. 10 - 11:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph

November Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

Communication and Reconciliation

That a spirit of dialogue, encounter and reconciliation emerges in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.



A Few Words from the Pastor:

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK -- The Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate National Vocation Awareness Week, November 3-9, 2019. During this week, dioceses across the U.S. lead the effort in parishes and schools to uphold and encourage the fostering of vocations among the faithful and to pray for those currently discerning a call to marriage, ordained ministry, or consecrated life. Invite someone in your family to consider a religious vocation. Vocations are "home-grown!" We will begin providing more information for families on how vocations can be promoted, for EVERYONE in the parish can be part of our vocations initiative.

PRAYERS FOR OUR AILING PRIESTS -- Father Lynch, former principal of Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School and currently pastor of St. Thomas More parish in Roaring Spring, has suffered a stroke, and is in need of your prayers. Remember as well Father Anthony Legarski, pastor of St. Mary's in Hollidaysburg, who has been sidelined with a foot injury. Another of our priests, Father Robert Rustin, pastor of two parishes in Johnstown, has been diagnosed with dementia. Thank you for your prayers for these men. As we continue to cope with a shortage of priests, please pray for vocations, especially during this national week of prayer for vocations!

SUPPORTING CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND -- Palestinian Christians are a persecuted minority in Israel. We assist them by sponsoring Land of Peace, which will be here this weekend to sell items from the Holy Land. These items make wonderful Christmas gifts, and your purchases support a very good cause.

HONORING OUR VETERANS - We would like to recognize all the veterans of our parish next weekend, November 9th & 10th 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 a form, please contact the parish office (942-5503) by Monday, November 4th to add a name to our list.

CREATION CORNER: "Poverty is not caused by the lack of material resources. It is the immediate result of our exploitation and waste. There is a close link between the economy of the poor and the warming of our planet. Conservation and compassion are intimately connected. The web of life is a sacred gift of God -- ever so precious, yet ever so delicate. Each of us dwells within the wider ecosystem; each of us is a part of a larger, global environment. We must serve our neighbor and preserve our world with both humility and generosity, in a perspective of frugality and solidarity." *Patriarch Bartholomew*

THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS! Throughout the month of November, we will have our bulletin board in the Gathering Space for anyone who wishes to place an obituary or prayer card of a loved one. During this month of All Souls our prayer at the end of the General Intercessions will be the traditional prayer for our faithful departed: *"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 A TRUE SHEPHERD -- In addition to the feast of All Saints and the Remembrance of All Souls, the church this week celebrates **Saint Charles Borromeo**, who was responsible for the implementation of the decrees of the Council of Trent, following the Reformation. He was a true shepherd of souls, promoting the establishment of seminaries for the training of priests.

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR -- Pope Francis has added a new observance to the church calendar: 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 33rd Sunday of the Year, the Sunday before the Feast of Christ the King (November 17). In his message announcing this day, the pope makes a short but poetic and powerful scriptural argument that "If we truly wish to encounter Christ, we have to touch his body in the suffering bodies of the poor, as a response to the sacramental communion bestowed in the Eucharist." This "Day of the Poor" coincides appropriately with our national collection for the Campaign for Human Development.

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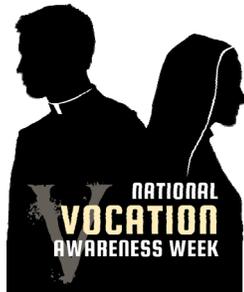
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FAITH FORMATION NEWS

- Nov. 3 - No Class.
- Nov. 10 - Class in session.
- Nov. 17 - No Class.

HANDMADE ITEMS FROM THE HOLY LAND: This weekend, Nov. 2/3, our brothers and sisters representing the Land of Peace mission, a nonprofit organization, will be with us speaking about the Christian situation in the Holy Land and selling Crucifixes, religious art work, and rosaries. All are made of olive wood, which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Their website: www.landofpeace.org.

HAITI SOUP SALE UPDATE: Our profit was \$3217, including all soup sales & donations. Thanks to all those participating - making soup, setting up, tearing down, working the booth, & buying our soup. The Haiti Committee is grateful for the prayers & monetary donations we make to our brothers & sisters at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Marmont, Haiti.



As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life. Some remain as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations—and teaching young people how to discern God’s call—is a serious duty, but also a joyful one. Today begins National Vocation Awareness Week. During this week, please pray about how God is calling you to live your vocation more deeply. Encourage the young people in your life—children, grandchildren, students, and friends—to be open if God calls them to priesthood or consecrated life.

How parents can nurture vocations:

Set an example. Model discipleship and a loving marriage to your children.

Seek role models. Befriend priests, sister, and brothers and invite them to your home.

Look to scripture. Read and discuss the Bible stories of Mary’s response to god (Luke 1:26-39), and Jesus calling the apostles (Mt. 4:18-22).

Pray for the future. Pray aloud that your children will follow Jesus and remain open to holy marriage, priesthood, and religious life.

If your child does express interest in the priesthood or religious life, be supportive. The best thing you can say is, “Whatever God wants for you, I want for you, too. Just keep praying to discover His will for your life.”

ST JOHN’S PRAYER LIST

Please call Ginny Reeder (695-7671) or email her at gabby.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 • Julie Beiswenger • Debbie Billeck
Robert Cole • Millie Grace Capon • Michael DeStefano
Jim Duffy • Kathy Felty • Bernadine Farrell
Helen Fornwalt • Leann Frazier • Molly Grenfell
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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:

Dave Petrak

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

CARD SHOWER: Let's celebrate the birthdays of our older parishioners with a card shower!



Our oldest parishioner is Helen Fornwalt. She celebrated her 99th birthday in September 2019! Her address is 1600 8th Avenue, Apt 513, Altoona PA 16602. She would be delighted to hear from you! With God's blessings, we hope Helen celebrates 100 in 2020!!

Stewardship at St. John's Offertory for October 27

Envelopes	\$ 3,633.00
Loose	\$ 654.00
Children's	\$ 5.00
Catholic Education	\$ 5.00
All Souls	\$ 85.00
All Saints	\$ 105.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 1,950.00
<i>SubTotal</i>	<i>\$ 6,437.00</i>
Online Giving	\$ 1,278.00
Total Offertory	\$ 7,715.00

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Payments/Donations	\$112,283
Pledge Payment Committed	\$46,768
Total Pledges/Donations	\$159,051
2019 Catholic Ministries Drive: Goal - \$43,116	
<i>As of September 30, 2019:</i>	
Payments/Donations	\$33,430
Pledge Payment Committed	\$1,345
Total Pledges/Donations	\$34,775

PAUL, A NEW COVENANT JEW: Dr. James Merrick will be offering a 6 week course beginning **Tuesday, January 7th from 6:00-8:30 PM** at the Seton Suite, Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona on St. Paul, a New Covenant Jew. Rooted in Scripture, the course explores Paul the man, Paul the Apostle and Paul the Saint. Dr. Merrick is a lecturer at Franciscan University of Steubenville, theology and Latin teacher at St. Joseph's Catholic Academy in Boalsburg and on the faculty for Lay Ecclesial Ministry and Diaconal Formation. The cost of this course, which includes registration and textbook is \$62.00. For more information or to registration please call Marybeth at (814) 361-2000 or email at mheinze@dioceseaj.org.

ADVENT SERIES: Why not spend at least a little bit of Advent...Waiting? Hoping? Rejoicing? Celebrating? Join the Friars at St. Bernardine Monastery, 768 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg, for a time of reflection, prayer, and fellowship exploring these Advent themes. Tuesdays – 11/26, 12/3, 12/10, and 12/17 from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM. Lunch is included. A free-will offering will be taken up. Registration is necessary by calling the Monastery office by Nov. 22 at 814-695-3802.

SACRAMENTS: This 8 week course will be offered in January in two locations. Fr. Timothy Grimme will be teaching at *St. Michael Church Hall, St. Michael on Tuesdays* from 6:30-8:30 PM beginning January 7th. Dr. James Merrick will be teaching at the *Seton Suite, Cathedral, Altoona on Thursdays* from 6:30-8:30 PM beginning January 9th. For registration, please contact Marybeth at (814) 361-2000 or by email at mheinze@dioceseaj.org. All are welcome.

ESTATE PLANNING WORKSHOP: The Independent Catholic Foundation is sponsoring a free estate planning workshop at 10:30 AM on Friday, November 8, at the Sacred Heart Formation Center, 2009 6th Avenue, Altoona. Space is limited to 30 participants. Please call the Foundation at (814) 201-2080 with your name and daytime phone number to reserve your place.

SCRIP TIP: Find gifts for everyone on your list while raising funds for our church with the holiday gift guide. Shop online for gift cards from over 750 top brands, including Best Buy, Amazon, Nordstrom, The Home Depot and more. Whether you buy the gift cards to give as presents to family and friends, or to use them to buy your gifts—St. John's earns with every gift card purchased. It's simple, it's thoughtful and it's truly the gift that keeps on giving. Shop the gift guide at ShopWithScrip.com/GiftGuide. To sign up for your free ShopWithScrip® account today, simply visit ShopWithScrip.com and follow the simple steps to set up your new account in just minutes. Use the enrollment code E73D25C3842.



Thirty-first Sunday
in Ordinary Time
November 3, 2019

The LORD lifts up all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.

— Psalm 145:14

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Nov. 3 – 31st Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00AM- Mass for *People of the Parish*
11:00AM- Mass for *David Petrak* requested by
Maria & Doug Spayd

Monday Nov. 4 – St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM- Morning Prayer
8:30AM- Mass for *Ralph Lowe* requested by
Richard & Joyce Lowe

Tuesday Nov. 5 – Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM- Morning Prayer
8:30AM- Mass for *Joe Miller* requested by
Joseph & Jean Bettwy

Wednesday Nov. 6 – Weekday

5:00PM- Eucharistic Adoration/Confessions
6:00PM- Mass for *Sam & Hilda Neal* requested by
Bernie & Julie Beiswenger
6:45PM- Rosary

Thursday Nov. 7 – Weekday

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

Friday Nov. 8 – Weekday

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

Saturday Nov. 9 – Vigil of the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00 PM- Confessions
4:00PM- Mass for *Keith DeMasters* requested by
Mary & Ray King

Sunday Nov. 10 – 32nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00AM- Mass for *Ida Prosperi* requested by
John Prosperi
11:00AM- Mass for *People of the Parish*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 11:29-36; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Rom 14:7-12; Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8



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