



**30th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
October 29, 2023**

St. John the Evangelist Church

309 Lotz Avenue, Altoona, PA 814-942-5503



MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30TH - 8:30 AM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31ST - 8:30 AM VIGIL OF ALL SAINTS - 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST - FEAST OF ALL SAINTS - 8:30 AM & 6:00 PM

THURSDAY ALL SOULS DAY- 8:30 AM MASS OF REMEMBRANCE - 6:00 PM

FRIDAY - 8:30 AM

SATURDAY - 4:00 PM

SUNDAY - 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM



NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS

LECTORS

Tues. October 31-6:00 PM - Bob Olson, Barbara Bundy
Wed. November 1-6:00 PM - Donna Moyer, Richard Consiglio
Thurs. November 2-6:00 PM - Dave Auerbeck
Sat. November 4- 4:00 PM - David Langguth, John Majcher
Sun. November 5- 8:00 AM - Norma Foose, Bill Foose
Sun. November 5- 11:00 AM - Susan Podoletz, Jim Campbell

ALTAR SERVERS

Tues. October 31-6:00 PM - Camille Krug, NOT FILLED
Wed. November 1-6:00 PM - Liam Schurr, NOT FILLED
Thurs. November 2-6:00 PM - Camille Krug, Bob Olson
Sat. November 4- 4:00 PM - Abigail Hovance, Sadie Swope
Sun. November 5 - 8:00 AM - Emily Miller, Nicholas Helsley
Sun. November 5- 11:00 AM - Aidan Schurr, Colin Schurr

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues. October 31-6:00 PM - Lou Ann Clark, Susanna Tomlinson
Wed. November 1-6:00 PM - Dolores Capriotti, Kenneth Gorman
Thurs. November 2-6:00 PM - Walter Bloom, Cecelia Bloom
Sat. November 4- 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, NOT FILLED
Sun. November 5 - 8:00 AM - Lou Ann Clark, Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. November 5- 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Barbara Bundy,
Bob Olson, Susanna Tomlinson, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Tues. October 31-6:00 PM - Connie Baker, Darlene Scarpaci,
Diane Turcovsky, Daniel Turcovsky
Wed. November 1-6:00 PM - Walter Bloom, Ginny Reeder,
Darlene Scarpaci, Jane Strasser
Thurs. November 2-6:00 PM - Connie Baker, Lou Ann Clark,
Diane Turcovsky, Daniel Turcovsky
Sat. November 4- 4:00 PM - Carolyn English, Betsy Lloyd,
Larry VanSickel, Paula VanSickel
Sun. November 5- 8:00 AM - Ray Kennedy, Ginny Reeder, Ed Stoltz,
Mary Truesdale
Sun. November 5- 11:00 AM - Wendy Campbell, Dolores Capriotti,
Mary Grace Horton, Patrick Podoletz

SACRISTAN

Tues. October 31-6:00 PM - Marilyn Bevan
Wed. November 1-6:00 PM - Dolores Capriotti
Thurs. November 2-6:00 PM - Dolores Capriotti
Sat. November 4- 4:00 PM - Jane Byrne
Sun. November 5- 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. November 5- 11:00 AM - Barbara Bundy

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Sat. November 4- 4:00 PM - Lori Baker, Christopher Palazzi
Sat. November 5 - 8:00 AM - Erika Yasolsky, Heather Yasolsky
Sun. November 5- 11:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph

A Few Words from the Pastor:

ALL SAINTS DAY! – Our celebration of the Feast of All Saints is Wednesday, November 1st. Mass for this Holy Day of Obligation will be offered on Tuesday Evening at 6:00, and again on Wednesday morning at 8:30 AM and 6:00 PM. Please come and join us for our celebration of the Saints.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE: November 2nd is the Memorial of All Souls. Our annual Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated at 6:00 PM on Thursday, and all are encouraged to participate. Remember our loved ones in prayer is a wonderful way to honor our beloved!

OUR SACRED STORY RETREAT: JUST WHAT DO WE MEAN BY THE EXPRESSION “SACRED STORY”? In short, it is the lifelong story of our relationship with God. Our sacred story begins at birth and continues until that moment we are taken home to our Father in heaven. However, for many of us, we are unaware of our life as a sacred story which begins from God and ends in God. This retreat is a personal invitation to each of us to become more aware of our sacred story which is unfolding in Christ. God's intention in this retreat is to gradually heal and transform our thoughts words and deeds, so that we might become one in Christ Jesus, so that His sacred story might become ours! This retreat is an opportunity to awaken to the sacred story of God's relationship with us, to embrace our relationship with Christ, which will forever change our life and our relationships on this earth, leading us to unimaginable peace!

WEEK FOUR: As we commit ourselves to a daily fifteen-minute time of contemplative rest, reflection, and spiritual reading, we are hearing God's call to surrender our lives into his hands and to awaken to our own Sacred Story. Week Four concludes with these aspirations:

I am starting a relationship that will carry me for the rest of my life.

All relationships require time and patience.

I will strive for patience and ask God's help when I don't understand the lesson.

I will learn the fundamentals and open my heart to God.

I trust that God will lead me.

I believe that my sacred story will unfold

in truth and powerlessness, and with my patience.

I believe that Jesus awaits me with His grace, mercy, and forgiving love.

MEETING FOR SACRED STORY RETREAT – This Wednesday, November 1st, following evening Mass for All Saints, there will be a meeting in the Parish Center for all those who have begun to make our 40 weeks retreat and who have questions regarding the retreat. It is also for those who have an interest in being part of a small group. This meeting will last but an hour, and all are welcome.

HOLY DAYS MASSES - To provide consistency regarding the time for the celebration of Mass for holy days, going forward all evening Masses at St. John's will be at 6 PM. This should help avoid any confusion (is it at 6:00 or 6:30?)

SAVE THE DATES!

St. John's Annual Trunk or Treat: Sunday, October 29th at 12:30pm in the St. John's parking lot

All Saints Day Mass: Vigil on Tuesday, October 31st at 6pm

Feast of All Saints on Wednesday, November 1st at 8:30am and 6pm

Mass of Remembrance: Thursday, November 2nd at 6pm

Dave's Dream Turkey Dinner: Thursday, November 16th at 5pm

LAND OF PEACE: Next week, 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 made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the holy land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. The goal of this mission is to help the poor and needy families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Sale of these goods will help them very much and also give you the opportunity to have “something” authentic from the holy land. Please browse and buy some articles. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion.

Schedule for the Week of October 29th

Sunday, October 29 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Mass for *Allen & Marian Conrad* requested by Ed & Debbie Ergler

11:00 AM - Mass for *People of the Parish*

Monday, October 30 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Bob Bundy* requested by Barb Bundy

Tuesday, October 31 - Weekday/Vigil of All Saints

8:30 AM - Mass for *Margareta H. Goch*

6:00 PM - Mass for *People of the Parish*

Wednesday, November 1 - All Saints

8:30 AM - Mass for *People of the Parish*

6:00 PM - Mass for *People of the Parish*

Thursday, November 2 - All Souls' Day

8:30 AM - Mass for *All the Faithful Departed*

6:00 PM - Mass of Remembrance for *All the Faithful Departed*

Friday, November 3 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Barbara Neral* requested by Deacon Gene Neral

Saturday, November 4- Vigil of 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, November 5 - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Mass for *Ida Prosperi* requested by John Prosperi

11:00 AM - Mass for *Brad Johnson* requested by Walt & Cecelia Bloom

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Today's readings are all about love – the radical love of God for His people and the radical love we are called to live out in response. The stewardship way of life is nothing more and nothing less than the practical application of loving God and neighbor in our daily lives. Jesus sums up the message of all the prophets as well as the purpose of all God's laws in today's gospel passage, from Matthew. It is Christ's response to a question about which commandment is greatest. He says, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. ... The second is like it; you shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love God first and love neighbor as self. This is the heart of the stewardship way of life – simple enough for a child to understand, yet challenging enough to be the life's work of every 'grown-up'. The stewardship way of life is the unique way that each of us applies the two greatest commandments to our daily lives. To sum it up, it's all about love.

October 14/15

Envelopes	\$ 3,440.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 198.00
Catholic Education	\$ 25.00
Parish Development	\$ 125.00
Retired Medical	\$ 30.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 5.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,443.75
Total Offertory	\$ 5,266.75

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please email any upcoming bulletin announcements to Diane Ryan at stjohnsecretary@atlanticbb.net or call the Parish Center at 814-942-5503. Bulletin announcements need to be submitted by Wednesday to be included in the following weekend bulletin.

ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT: Our annual St. John's Trunk or Treat will be held on Sunday, October 29th at 12:30pm in the lower church parking lot. 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/treats to share as children will trick or treat from car to car. We will be pairing up with the Lakemont Fire Hall and the Lakemont Lions Club again this year for the Halloween Parade. Help us make this a great annual event for our parish and community! Everyone is welcome!

BLAZIN' ANGELS: Blazin' Angels formerly known as Young Catholic Professionals will be participating with St. John the Evangelists' (Lakemont) Trunk or Treat event on October 29th at 12:30pm. Young Catholic Professionals is a multi-parish young adult group for people ages 18-39 years old. Please feel free to reach out to Amber Yasolsky or Cherié Langenbacher via email at blazinangels.yagroup@gmail.com.

October Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.



ANGEL TREE 2023: Prior to the Advent Season, (beginning December 3rd) we will be visited once again by our Christmas Angel cherub. Catholic Charities is currently reviewing all perspective families who will be recipients for this year's gifts collected from our community at St. John's. We are planning to have the tree up and decorated in the Gathering Space by the weekend of November 18th/19th. We are hopeful that this year's response to this drive will be successful as the ones in the past and are always greatly for the generosity of our parishioners!

FREEZER WANTED: We are looking for an upright freezer - size 13.8 - 16 cu in. We would accept a used one in good condition. Buying new the cost would range from \$600 to \$900. If you or anyone you know is interested in donating or selling, please contact Ginny (695-7671) or the office (944-2503).

ST JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

Please call Ginny Reeder (695-7671) or email her at giny.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:*

**All Garvey Manor Residents • Britta Albright
Charles Bassett • Dee Burchfield • Idy Caporuscio
Michelle Cooney • Mary Lee DeStefano • Nancy Fogel
Marlene Hartman • Kay Laratonda
Connor McLaughlin • Kathy Mittermeier
Patricia Olson • Ryan Raybuck • Anne Showalter
Reed Stellabotte • Tim Temofonte • Mary Truesdale
Dorothy Yingling**

HOME WITH THE LORD: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of:
Marion Tessitore, sister of Leonard & Robert Stokes and aunt of Jenna Stokes-Jenkins
Anna Gertrude McGrath, sister of Dan & Linda McGrath
May they rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: We are working with St. Michael and St. Mary's parishes to offer support to anyone dealing with a loss. Our programs are designed to acknowledge the pain and the loss, while offering positive ideas for coping. Consider joining us for any or all of the following:

Bereavement Gatherings are held monthly in the St. Michael Convent Building (the house between the church and the school). Upcoming dates are:

Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 9:30 AM

Tuesday, Nov. 21 at 6:30 PM

Journey Through Loss is a seven-week program for those who have lost a loved one through death. The next session begins on Wednesday, January 10. We will meet weekly from 6:30-8:00 PM at the St. Michael Convent Building in Hollidaysburg.

Both programs are Christian based. All denominations are welcome! For more information call/text: Debbi Chapman at 912-713-5412 or Mary Petrak at 814-502-6076.

MOTHER TERESA MINISTRY: If you are interested in participating in our new ministry of reaching out to our local homebound through visits, cards and/or prayers please check out the information on display in the Gathering Space. Forms are available to complete if you are interested in helping or would like to offer the name/information for someone who would like to be visited. Forms can be completed and returned to the folder on the display. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Susick at 814-207-0185.

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE: Our Lady of Lourdes will be having their annual Holiday Boutique on November 4, 2023 from 8am to 3pm. There will be a variety of booths including homemade cinnamon rolls, soups, lollipops, and gifts and collectibles. Breakfast will be served 8-10am, lunch from 11am-2pm and Santa pictures available from 11am to 1pm.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

October 29th-Class 9:15am-10:45am

October 29th- 9:15am-10:45am Required Fall Sessions for ALL 11th Grade Students in the gym

October 29th-12:30pm-Trunk or Treat in St. John's Parking Lot

November 5th-Class 9:15am -10:45am Safety Lessons

November 12th-No Class

November 19th-Class 9:15am-10:45am

If you would like more information or have questions, please contact Diane Ryan at 814-942-5503 or email stjohnsecretary@atlanticbb.net.

TOASTY TODDLER COLLECTION: It's Toasty Toddler time and we are looking for your assistance. Last year, 598 children, birth through age five received a new coat, hat and gloves through the generosity of businesses, agencies, clubs and individuals in Blair County. Last year, staff and 42 volunteers worked 62 hours sorting, packing, organizing, and distributing this warm winter outerwear for Toasty Toddler. Help us keep our youngest in Blair County warm again this winter. The bin for collecting the coats, etc. will be in the gathering space starting Oct. 7-8. The first distribution date is November 9, so if you could drop off your donations before that it would be appreciated. There is a second distribution day in early December. Thank you for your help with this project.

BASKET RAFFLE: Our Lady of the Alleghenies Roman Catholic Parish in Lilly will be holding a Basket Raffle on Saturday, November 4th beginning at 10am and concluding at 5:30pm. Baskets, 50/50, and food will be offered. All are welcome!

CASH BASH: St. Patrick's School will be holding a Cash Bash on November 18th. Doors open at 5:30pm. A chance to win up to \$2000! \$100 ticket includes admission for two adults with dinner and drinks, plus chances to win CASH! For more information or to purchase tickets please call the school office at 814-695-3819. Must be at least 21 to attend.

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