



**Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 29, 2024**

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MASS SCHEDULE

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

September Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

The Cry of the Earth

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the earth and of victims of natural disasters and climatic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world we live in.



NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS

LECTORS

Sat. Oct. 5- 4:00 PM - James Krug, Joyce Cunningham
 Sun. Oct. 6-8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, Mike Greslick
 Sun. Oct. 6-11:00 AM - Patrick Schurr, Dave Auerbeck

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. Oct. 5- 4:00 PM - Abigail Hovance, Sadie Swope
 Sun. Oct. 6- 8:00 AM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
 Sun. Oct. 6-11:00 AM - Lexi Tatar, Iris Tatar

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Oct. 5- 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, NOT FILLED
 Sun. Oct. 6-8:00 AM - Nicholas Helsley, Ginny Reeder
 Sun. Oct. 6-11:00 AM - Barbara Bundy, Dolores Capriotti,
 Francel Dandrea, Kenneth Gorman, Susanna Tomlinson,
 NOT FILLED

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. Oct. 5- 4:00 PM - Dennis Moughemer, Karen Moughemer,
 Paula VanSickel, Larry VanSickel
 Sun. Oct. 6-8:00 AM - Mike O'Neill, Ed Stoltz, Daniel Turcovsky,
 Diane Turcovsky
 Sun. Oct. 6-11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Lou Ann Clark,
 Mary Grace Horton, Peg Madden

SACRISTAN

Sat. Oct. 5- 4:00 PM - Ray King, Mary King
 Sun. Oct. 6- 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
 Sun. Oct. 6- 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

SCRIP

Sat. Oct. 5 - 4:00 PM - Lori Baker, Becky Merilli
 Sun. Oct. 6- 8:00 AM - Chris Palazzi, Heather Yasolsky
 Sun. Oct. 6- 11:00 AM - Carolyn English, Patrick Podoletz

A Few Words from the Pastor:

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES: Since 1914, this commemoration today has offered Catholics an opportunity to remember and pray for those displaced by conflict, persecution, and economic difficulties. Observed every year on the last Sunday of September, the theme of this year's observance is "God walks with his people." As Pope Francis notes, *"the path of migrants mirrors the effort of all believers, as we seek to overcome all threats and obstacles, in order to reach our true homeland together. During this journey, wherever people find themselves, it is essential to recognize the presence of God who walks with His people, assuring them of His guidance and protection at every step. Yet it is equally essential to recognize the presence of the Lord, Emmanuel, God-with-us, in every migrant who knocks at the door of our hearts and offers an opportunity for encounter."*

ADULT ED!!! Our Sunday morning adult ed gatherings are focusing on the book of Genesis, the cherished and inspiring first book of the bible. Please join us!

OUR PARISH BIBLE STUDY: Father Ashok is leading our weekly bible study, which is held each Wednesday evening at 6:45 in the parish center. Please plan to participate! This is an excellent way to prepare for the coming Sunday, as we reflect on the readings for that day!

BLESSING OUR PETS! - Remember that next Sunday at 1 o'clock in the front circle we will have our annual blessing of pets, as we seek the intercession of St. Francis of Assisi, who was such a great friend of God's creatures!

MASS OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK - Please mark your calendars for this special Mass of Healing which will be celebrated on Sunday afternoon, October 20, at 2:00 PM. This will be an ideal time to reach out to those who have been homebound and arrange for their transportation to this important celebration. This liturgy is for all those who desire to receive the healing touch of Christ, whether one's challenges are physical, emotional, or spiritual. Christ the Healer extends his loving embrace to all! Please plan on joining us!

GOD'S CARESS: Friday, October 4th is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi and marks the end of our observance of the Season of Creation. Of course, *EVERY* season is a time to be attentive to the needs of Mother Earth, and to the children who dwell with her! These words of Pope Francis can carry us onward: *Our insistence that each human being is an image of God should not make us overlook the fact that each creature has its own purpose. None is superfluous. The entire material universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God.*

DESPOT SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS: Congratulations to our John and Helen Despot Scholarship winners! This year's recipients are Itzabella Cosme Negron, an 8th grader at Bishop Guilfoyle Academy and Linh Gia Huynh, a 5th grader also at Bishop Guilfoyle Academy. We have no doubt that you will continue to excel and make valuable contributions to your academic community and our parish. Best wishes for a successful school year!

SAVE THE DATES!

Blessing of the Pets: Sunday, October 6th at 1pm in front of the church

Hollidaysburg Pumpkin Fest: Saturday, October 12th from 10am-4pm in uptown Hollidaysburg

Hymn Sing: Sunday, October 13th at 3pm at St. John's

Mass of Anointing: Sunday, October 20th at 2pm at St. John's

St. John's Annual Trunk or Treat: Sunday, October 27th at 12:30pm in our Parking Lot

Mass of Remembrance: Sunday, November 3rd at the 11am Mass

FRANCISCAN CREATION FESTIVAL: Join us for the Franciscan Creation Festival Saturday, Oct. 5th, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM! St. Bernardine Monastery and the Friar's Nook Gift Shop are located at 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg. Parking and entry are free for the festival! The event will have 30 craft vendors, 10 food trucks, children's activities, and a community yard sale. The Friar's Nook Gift Shop will be having a Fall Fling Sale as well as our very popular garage sale! The Rosary will take place at 3:00, Pet Blessing at 3:30, and Catholic Mass at 4:00. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket if you are staying for Mass. This event is for all ages, and pets too! (Please ensure your pets do well in crowds and with other animals).

Schedule for the Week of September 29

Sunday, September 29 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Mass for *People of the Parish*

11:00 AM - Mass for *Ward Huntley* requested by
Marian Monios

Monday, September 30- St. Jerome

8:30 AM - Mass for *Grady Weyandt* requested by
Linda Weyandt

Tuesday, October 1- St. Therese of the Child Jesus

8:30 AM - Mass for *Helen Farabaugh* requested by
Essie Auker

Wednesday, October 2- The Holy Guardian Angels

6:00 PM - Mass for *Jim Reilly* requested by
Jane Jancula

Thursday, October 3 - Weekday

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

Friday, October 4 - St. Francis of Assisi

8:30 AM - Mass for *Ida Prosperi* requested by
John Prosperi

Saturday, October 5- Vigil of 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, October 6 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Mass for *Bob Cooney* requested by
Ginger Cooney & family

11:00 AM - Mass for *Darla Frye & Frank Frye* requested by
Anthony Frye & Joan Frye

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

PUMPKIN FEST: The 18th Annual Pumpkin Fest will be on Saturday, October 12th from 10am-4pm on Allegheny Street between Front & Union Streets. St. John's will be selling homemade soups again at their booth. If you are able to make 5-10 quarts of soup, please sign up on the kiosk. We are also looking for volunteers for various time slots on the day of the Pumpkin Fest to help sell soup. If you are interested in helping at the booth, please sign up on the kiosk. All profits will benefit the Social Committee and upcoming Parish Events. Contact Ginny Reeder at 814-695-7671 for questions or more information. Thank you for supporting our Parish!

ANNUAL PET BLESSING: In celebration of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4, we will be holding our annual Pet Blessing on Sunday, October 6th at 1pm in front of the church. This is a wonderful opportunity to do something special for those creatures of God that bring us such joy; St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Our readings this week encourage us to not only be good stewards of all that God has given us but also to rejoice in the good stewardship of others.

We oftentimes look at another's strengths as our weaknesses whether it be in parish life, in the workforce, or even in our own families. We are left with a bitter heart and a negative attitude when we become jealous of another. Jesus is calling us to cut out those sinful thoughts and attitudes from our lives. The next time we witness someone being a good steward of God's gifts – rejoice! And continue to examine how you are using your gifts and talents to ensure you are being a good steward of what God has entrusted to you.

This week when we witness other people in our lives using the gifts God has given to them, instead of becoming jealous or critical, say a prayer of thanksgiving and take time to reflect on what God has gifted you and how you can offer it to Him for His glory.

September 14/15

Envelopes	\$ 3,226.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 403.00
Children's Offering	\$ 5.00
Parish Development	\$ 41.00
Catholic Education	\$ 20.00
Catholic University	\$ 20.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,227.92
Total Offertory	\$ 4,942.92

2024 Catholic Ministries Drive Goal: \$42,400

January 1, 2024 - August 31, 2024

Gifts/Pledges - \$46,745.00

Total Gifts Received - \$46,455.00

Pledge Balance - \$290.00

GIVE US THIS DAY: It's time to renew our Give Us This Day order for December 2024-November 2025. Samples are available in the Gathering Space. If you are a current subscriber, renewal envelopes are included with your September copy. New subscribers may use the envelopes provided with the samples. We can order either the standard print for \$33 or the large print for \$44 for an annual subscription. Orders are due by October 1st. Please contact the Parish Office with questions. Thank you!

HEALING MASS: Holy Spirit Ministry will hold a special Healing Mass on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 7pm at St. Michael Church, Hollidaysburg. This powerful night of hope and healing is for all who are suffering physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Fr. Brad Baldwin, TOR, Fr. David Dodd, TOR, Fr. Jeremy Mohler and others concelebrating. Praise and worship will precede the Mass at 6:30pm and prayer ministry will follow the Mass. Come and experience the healing power of Jesus and be set free! All are welcome!

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 • Idy Caporuscio
Betsie Claar • Betty Dennis • Mark Hastings
Sally Langham • Dan Roberts • Anne Showalter
Mary Frances Stokan • Tim Temofonte
Wally Wargo • Lois Werfel

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

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

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: Dealing with a loss, whether in the past or recent, is difficult and lonely. St. John, St. Michael, and St. Mary Parishes offer support groups that will allow you to acknowledge the pain and to learn positive strategies for coping.

Journey Through Loss is a seven-week program at St. Johns for those who have lost a loved one through death. Sessions are held several times a year. Call Mary Petrak, 814-502-6076, for more information.

St. Michael and St. Mary Parishes offer monthly meetings for those who have experienced a loss. Call Debbi Chapman, 912-713-5412, for dates and information.

BIRTHDAY CORNER FOR OCTOBER:

October 1st-Anne Zelnosky
October 3rd-Anna Musselman
October 8th-Bill Foose
October 10th-Anne Showalter
October 26th-Janice Grzesinski
October 30th-John Hurm

Something new-sending individual cards to our "senior" (80 and older) parishioners. If you wish to send a birthday card, use the address in your Parish Directory, place card in the Collection Basket or take to the Parish Office and the cards will be forwarded.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ONLINE AUCTION: The Hollidaysburg Knights of Columbus will hold an online auction October 17th through October 21st. Over 100 items to bid on including gift certificates, memorabilia, scholarships, electronics, vacations, home items, tools, experiences and much more. To register to bid go to www.yourcharityauction.com/kofc4245 No credit card information required unless you win the item you bid on. If you don't see anything you like to bid on, monetary donations are accepted.

LOOKING FOR A BABYSITTER? My name is Savannah Langenbacher and I'm 17 years old from Hollidaysburg, PA. I am looking for babysitting opportunities. I have been babysitting my younger siblings and cousins since I was 12. I also attended a class on CPR through AMED in Altoona. You can contact me at (814) 656-8099.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Faith Formation is back in session! Registrations for the 2024-2025 school year for Kindergarten-11th Grade are still being accepted. Catholic School students in Sacramental Preparation in Grades 2, 9, 10 & 11 should also register to begin preparing for the upcoming Sacraments but are also always welcome to join us in any grade for additional Faith Formation.

September 29th-No Class

October 6th- Class 9:15am-10:45am

October 13th- No Class

October 20th-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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: We will be offering Children's Liturgy with child centered readings and activities during the 11am Mass as often as possible depending on volunteers. Contact the office if you are interested in helping!

BLAZIN' ANGELS: September 29th will be: Music, Movies, and Games Galore. We will be hosting a night of games and praise music followed by a movie. Join us for a fun time with board games, card games, and more. We will end the night with a movie! Feel free to bring your own games and drinks.

MOTHER THERESA MINISTRY: If you know of a parishioner not currently on our list that is in a nursing facility, hospital or homebound that would like a visit or cards please text or call Mary Susick at 814-207-0185.

BINGO: The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona will sponsor a Longaberger Basket and Vera Bradley Bingo on Sunday, September 29, at 1:00 p.m. at Father Kelley Hall, 429 Twenty-fifth Avenue in Altoona. Doors open at Noon. The event supports the ministries offered by the Cathedral to children and teenagers. For more information, please contact the Cathedral Parish Office at (814) 944-4603 or pclemens@dioceseaj.org.

Prayer for Vocation

O God
Hear our prayer
And let our cry come to You.
Bless the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown
With many vocations to the
Priesthood, diaconate, and religious life.
Give Your sons and daughters
The confidence to accept Your call,
And the love to follow always
In the footsteps of Your beloved Son
With courage and dedication to Your will.
Amen