



**Twenty-eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
October 13, 2024**

St. John the Evangelist Church

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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**

October Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

A Shared Mission

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious & lay people.



NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS

LECTORS

Sat. Oct. 19- 4:00 PM - Maria Spayd, Jeremy Truscello
Sun. Oct. 20-8:00 AM - Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
Sun. Oct. 20-11:00 AM - Jim Campbell, Richard Consiglio

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. Oct. 19- 4:00 PM - Abigail Hovance, Sadie Swope
Sun. Oct. 20- 8:00 AM - Nicholas Helsley, NOT FILLED
Sun. Oct. 20-11:00 AM - Evie Koch, Estella Koch

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Oct. 19- 4:00 PM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
Sun. Oct. 20-8:00 AM - Mike Greslick, Ashley Greslick
Sun. Oct. 20-11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Barbara Bundy,
Lou Ann Clark, Kenneth Gorman, Susanna Tomlinson,
NOT FILLED

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. Oct. 19- 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, Carolyn English,
Dennis Moughemer, Karen Moughemer
Sun. Oct. 20-8:00 AM - Ray Kennedy, Ginny Reeder,
Paula VanSickel, Larry VanSickel
Sun. Oct. 20-11:00 AM - Walter Bloom, Wendy Campbell,
Dolores Capriotti, Mary Grace Horton

SACRISTAN

Sat. Oct. 19- 4:00 PM - Ray King, Mary King
Sun. Oct. 20- 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. Oct. 20- 11:00 AM - Barbara Bundy

SCRIP

Sat. Oct. 19- 4:00 PM - Lori Baker, Marge Rudolph
Sun. Oct. 20- 8:00 AM - Chris Palazzi, Heather Yasolsky
Sun. Oct. 20- 11:00 AM - Gary Johnson, Patrick Podoletz

A Few Words from the Pastor:

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20: This observance is organized by the Propagation of the Faith, and is a day set aside for Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice. Annually, World Mission Sunday is celebrated on the next-to-last Sunday in October. As described by Pope John Paul II, World Mission Sunday is "an important day in the life of the Church because it teaches how to give: as an offering made to God, in the Eucharistic celebration and for all the missions of the world." This collection will be taken up next Sunday!

HURRICANE RELIEF! Your generosity is deeply appreciated by the communities so greatly affected by the two horrendous hurricanes this month.

MASS OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK - Please mark your calendars for this special Mass of Healing which will be celebrated next 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!

OUR FIRST WOMAN DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH: St. Teresa of Jesus (1515-1582) was born in Avila Spain. When only a child of seven, she ran away from home in the hope of being martyred by the Moors; in this way, she said she could come to see God. At the age of eighteen she joined the Carmelite Order and chose Christ as her heavenly Spouse. With the help of St. John of the Cross she reformed most of the Carmelite convents and founded new ones. She reached the highest degree of prayer and through prayer obtained such knowledge of divine things that in 1970 Pope St. Paul VI named her the first woman Doctor of the Church. She is most famous for this prayer: *Let nothing affright thee, Nothing dismay thee. All is passing, God ever remains. Patience obtains all. Whoever possesses God cannot lack anything. God alone suffices.* She is also known for her whimsical prayer, "If this is how You treat Your friends, Lord, no wonder You have so few of them!" Her feast we celebrate on Tuesday.

THANKS TO SOUP MAKERS AND VOLUNTEERS! Wednesday is the day our bulletin goes to print, but the weather looks good for the weekend! Thanks to all who have shared in this important fundraiser for our parish!

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR DONATION? Many thanks to all those who have contributed to our "Chairitable" Fund. Donations thus far enable us to purchase over seventy new chairs for our cafeteria. Can we set a goal of 100? As always, St. John's comes through!

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!

HYMN SING: Join us this Sunday, October 13th at 3pm here in the church for our Annual Community Hymn Sing. We will be singing favorite hymns and also shout out hymn requests. Join us for an afternoon of praise and fellowship!

SAVE THE DATES!

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

All Saints Day: Vigil Mass on Thursday, October 31st at 6pm, Feast of All Saints Mass on Friday, November 1st at 8:30am and 6pm

Vaccine Clinic: Sunday, November 3rd from 9am-11am in the Parish Center

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

Parish Thanksgiving Dinner: Thursday, November 7th at 5pm at The Dream in Hollidaysburg

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

Veteran's Day Children's Liturgy & Luncheon: Sunday, November 10th Children's Liturgy during the 11am Mass with luncheon to honor our veterans and their families following Mass in the gym

Schedule for the Week of October 13

Sunday, October 13 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00 AM - Mass for *Daniel E. Malone* requested by Richard & Mary Rutherford

Monday, October 14- Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Fred Mazzarella* requested by Karen Mazzarella

Tuesday, October 15- St. Teresa of Jesus

8:30 AM - Mass for *Grace Moore* requested by Bob & Ginny Reeder

Wednesday, October 16- Weekday

6:00 PM - Mass for *John Lloyd* requested by Betsy Lloyd & family

Thursday, October 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch

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

Friday, October 18 - St. Luke

8:30 AM - Mass for *Barbara Neral* requested by the John Hescoc family

Saturday, October 19- Vigil of 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - Mass for *Kathy Wagner* requested by Marian Monios

Sunday, October 20 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Mass for *Bradley Johnson* requested by Rebecca & Steve McNulty

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

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.

ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT: Our annual St. John's Trunk or Treat will be held on Sunday, October 27th at 12:30pm in the 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!

HAITI: Haiti Student Sponsorship for 2024-2025 has begun. \$160 per student to support tuition, school supplies, lunch, teacher and staff payroll and teacher training. You may renew or be a new sponsor. Please remember, we do what we can to match you with the same student but they may have completed sixth grade or moved. Also, in the gathering space there is a lovely photo of the school staff and children in front of Sts. Peter and Paul Church. Sponsorships due by Sunday, November 3rd. Thank you for your support and dedication.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: In our Gospel today we hear the story of a man who ran up to Jesus and asked Him what he must do to reach eternal life. Jesus said, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." It says the man went away sad because he had much. We might cringe when we hear this story because it is sad – this man was so close to becoming an active disciple of Jesus, but instead turned away. We also might cringe because it could be deeply applicable to our lives. If we look at our own lives, we can most likely think of something that we tightly carry with us. Maybe it is possessions – material goods or money – like Jesus references in our Gospel. Or maybe it is something less material – like status, pride or control. As we go through life, it can be hard not to cling tightly to things of the world. May we consider what it is that is holding us back from radically loving Jesus. Pray for the grace to overcome, don't pass by the opportunities to surrender, and create moments to detach. It might seem difficult, but the outcome will be more than we could have ever imagined – peace on earth and treasure in heaven.

September 28/29

Envelopes	\$ 3,769.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 378.00
Children's Offerings	\$ 6.00
Retired Priests	\$ 390.00
Online Giving	\$ 998.90
Total Offertory	\$ 5,541.90

2024 Catholic Ministries Drive Goal: \$42,400

January 1, 2024 - September 30, 2024

Gifts/Pledges - \$47,085.00

Total Gifts Received - \$46,835.00

Pledge Balance - \$250.00

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: On October 20th, we celebrate World Mission Sunday. The theme this year is "Go and Invite Everyone to the Banquet" Matthew 22:9. World Mission Sunday celebrates missionaries and their work. May our collective prayers and contributions on World Mission Sunday bear fruit in abundance, as we answer the call to invite everyone to the Lord's banquet. Envelopes are provided in our mailed envelope packets. Thank you for your commitment to this vital aspect of our faith.

TOASTY TODDLERS: We are collecting for Toasty Toddlers again this year. Help keep our youngest community members warm by donating winter outer wear such as coats, hats and gloves. Donations can be placed in the bin in the Gathering Space. The first distribution of outer wear will be November 11th with another distribution on December 2nd. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause!

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 • Carol Field • Mark Hastings
Sally Langham • Loane Maier • 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.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS: Court Prince Gallitzin # 2625 serves all 11 parishes and beyond. New members are always welcome! On Monday, October 14, 2024, please come and join us for our monthly meeting in the St. Rose of Lima community room at 5:30 pm with the business meeting beginning at 6pm. If you have any questions, please contact Regent Donna Hoover at dannah31049@gmail.com or 814-632-3509.

FATIMA DEVOTIONS: The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on Sunday October 13th, 2024, at 6:30pm at the Immaculate Conception Chapel on the campus of St. Francis University. The presider will be Fr. Malachi Van Tassell, T.O.R. We are really looking forward to seeing you.

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.

October 13th- No Class

October 20th-Class 9:15am-10:45am

October 27th-No Class-Trunk or Treat in parking lot

November 3rd-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!

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ONLINE AUCTION: The Holidaysburg 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.

PARISH MISSION: Parish Mission Presents Fr. Greg Bramlage from Missionaries of the New Evangelization. St. Benedict Parish, 2310 Bedford Street, Johnstown will be hosting Fr. Greg Bramlage for their Community-Wide Parish Mission, "Built Upon the Rock". This three-night event will be held at 7:00 pm on October 21, 22, 23, 2024. Each evening you will worship God in "Spirit and Truth" as you pray for God's healing in your lives. Please come with an open heart ready to be awed by the extravagant love of God. Open to adults and children in the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese tickets are not required. A love offering will be taken. For more information contact Deacon Michael Russo at 814-288-3036 or by email at michael.russo@atlanticbb.net.

VACCINE CLINIC: We will be sponsoring a Vaccine Clinic on Sunday, November 3rd from 9am to 11am in the Parish Center. Betty Abraham, from Martin's Pharmacy will be administering the vaccines. More details to come!