

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time October 6, 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. 12- 4:00 PM - John Majcher, David Langguth
Sun. Oct. 13-8:00 AM - Mary Truesdale, Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. Oct. 13-11:00 AM - Iris Tatar, John Sukala

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. Oct. 12- 4:00 PM - Chloe Truscello, Jeremy Truscello
Sun. Oct. 13- 8:00 AM - Nicholas Helsley, NOT FILLED
Sun. Oct. 13-11:00 AM - Liam Schurr, Aidan Schurr

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Oct. 12- 4:00 PM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
Sun. Oct. 13-8:00 AM - Jennifer Helsley, Ginny Reeder
Sun. Oct. 13-11:00 AM - Barbara Bundy, Francel Dandrea,
Kenneth Gorman, Susanna Tomlinson, NOT FILLED
NOT FILLED

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. Oct. 12- 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, Coleen Langguth, Betsy Lloyd,
NOT FILLED
Sun. Oct. 13-8:00 AM - John Becker, Jane Becker,
Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
Sun. Oct. 13-11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Walter Bloom,
Dolores Capriotti, Lou Ann Clark

SACRISTAN

Sat. Oct. 12- 4:00 PM - Ray King, Mary King
Sun. Oct. 13- 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. Oct. 13- 11:00 AM - Barbara Bundy

SCRIP

Sat. Oct. 12 - 4:00 PM - Julie Beiswenger, Becky Merrill
Sun. Oct. 13- 8:00 AM - Erika Yasolsky, Heather Yasolsky
Sun. Oct. 13- 11:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph

A Few Words from the Pastor:

TODAY IS RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY: The Catholic Church recognizes the month of October as Respect Life Month and the first Sunday in October is designated as Respect Life Sunday. The theme for the 2024 Respect Life Sunday is "I came so that they might have life" (John 10:10). Jesus gave His very flesh to give us the gift of eternal life and invites us to the most profound experience of this gift in our celebration of the Eucharist. When we meet Jesus in the Eucharist, this encounter has the power to change us. The Eucharist has the power to transform the depths of our hearts and heart of our culture. United to the power of His Eucharistic Presence, Catholics are called to work to ensure that each person has life – and has it in abundance. Catholics are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life, from conception to natural death.

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."

MAKING A "CHAIRITABLE" DONATION! So many of our cafeteria chairs have seen better days and need replaced. Please note the new white chairs in the Gathering Space! Have a seat! So much more comfortable than our current ones. Your assistance in providing this better seating is appreciated. The cost per chair is only \$30 dollars! Our goal is to replace 100 of the old chairs with these new ones. Can you help? Thanks!

BLESSING OUR PETS! - Remember that this 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!

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!

CONGRATULATIONS TO NATHAN RINGKAMP! Nathan placed 2nd in the 2024 Biennial Young Professional Competition of The Albert Schweitzer Organ Festival Hartford. Nathan started his musical journey right here at St. John's and celebrates this great accomplishment with his parents Melissa and Chris Ringkamp, both parishioners of St. John's.

VOCATION COMMITTEE FORMING: At the urging of our bishop, and due to the declining number of priests in our diocese, every parish is asked to form a committee whose purpose is to promote vocations. If our record and memory are correct, there has not been a priest ordained from this parish. We are well over-due in our century of parish life to be blessed with a vocation to the priesthood. We are looking for faithful members of the parish who would like to participate in this important ministry.

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

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

Schedule for the Week of October 6

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

Monday, October 7- Our Lady of the Rosary

8:30 AM - Mass for *Tim & Donna Sheehan* requested by
Connie Burket

Tuesday, October 8- Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Frank Mento* requested by
Bob & Ginny Reeder

Wednesday, October 9- Weekday

6:00 PM - Mass for *Leonard Majestic* requested by
Barbara Bundy

Thursday, October 10 - Weekday

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

Friday, October 11 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Jean Lester* requested by
Charles Lester


Saturday, October 12- Vigil of 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - Mass for *Mercia Crevecoeur* requested by
Mimi Crevecoeur & family


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

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. Our St. John's booth is located in front of Keller Engineering across from the courthouse on Allegheny Street. If you are able to make 5-10 quarts of soup, please sign up on the kiosk. Soup containers and labels are available for pick up in the Gathering Space. 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!



STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Our readings this week speak to each of our domestic churches – the little churches that we call our families. They bring us back to the very beginning of time and call us to restore what God had intended for each of us. As Genesis reminds us, God created woman as a partner for man and He desires that they become unified. It is in this union of marriage that man and woman work together to bring their family to Heaven. This is the mission that our families must be united in. We must ask ourselves, how are we living out that mission? It should be the very heart and soul of our families. As we think about our families this week – whether it be a single household or a family of 10 – let us find small ways in which we can live out our mission to bring our families to heaven.

September 21/22

Envelopes	\$ 3,902.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 377.00
Parish Development	\$ 145.00
Missionary Cooperative	\$ 25.00
Retired Priests	\$ 120.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,505.90
Total Offertory	\$ 6,074.90

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

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. In his 2024 World Mission Sunday message, which celebrates missionaries and their work, Pope Francis reflects on the Gospel parable of the Wedding Banquet, where the king tells his servants "Go therefore to the thoroughfares and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find". The invitation to the banquet is linked to the Eucharistic table, where believers share the Body and Blood of Christ, anticipating the final banquet. 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.

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.

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.

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

October 13th- No Class

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

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

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.

CHICKEN BBQ: The Knights of Columbus will be having a Chicken BBQ on October 13, 2024, from 11am-1pm at our council hall. Cost is \$12. Drive through take out service only! Proceeds benefit St Vincent De Paul Needs Department. Contact Dan Turcovsky for tickets.

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