



**Thirty-second Sunday
in Ordinary Time
November 10, 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**

November Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

Anyone Who Has Lost a Child
 We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.



NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS

LECTORS

Sat. Nov. 16- 4:00 PM - John Majcher, Maria Spayd
 Sun. Nov. 17-8:00 AM - Ginny Reeder, Mary Truesdale
 Sun. Nov. 17-11:00 AM - Iris Tatar, John Sukala

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. Nov. 16- 4:00 PM - Abigail Hovance, Sadie Swope
 Sun. Nov. 17- 8:00 AM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
 Sun. Nov. 17-11:00 AM - Evie Koch, Estella Koch

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Nov. 16- 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, NOT FILLED
 Sun. Nov. 17-8:00 AM - Nicholas Helsley, Darlene Scarpaci
 Sun. Nov. 17-11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Barbara Bundy,
 Dolores Capriotti, Lou Ann Clark, Francel Dandrea, ,
 Susanna Tomlinson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. Nov. 16- 4:00 PM - Carolyn English, Betsy Lloyd,
 Dennis Moughemer, Karen Moughemer
 Sun. Nov. 17-8:00 AM - Ray Kennedy, Jane Strasser,
 Paula VanSickel, Larry VanSickel
 Sun. Nov. 17-11:00 AM - Walter Bloom, Wendy Campbell,
 Mary Grace Horton, Peg Madden

SACRISTAN

Sat. Nov. 16- 4:00 PM - Ray King, Mary King
 Sun. Nov. 17- 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
 Sun. Nov. 17- 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

SCRIP

Sat. Nov. 16- 4:00 PM - Lori Baker, Becky Merilli
 Sun. Nov. 17- 8:00 AM - Chris Palazzi, Heather Yasolsky
 Sun. Nov. 17- 11:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph

A Few Words from the Pastor:

OUR VETERANS DAY LUNCHEON: Please join us this Sunday, November 10th after the 11am Mass in Fr. Bailey Hall as we honor our veterans. Veterans will be recognized and all parishioners are invited to show your appreciation. Please join us for an afternoon of appreciation and fellowship!

MINISTRIES BY FAITH FORMATION STUDENTS: Our celebration of Veterans Day will be highlighted by the children of our parish, leading us in worship at the 11:00 Mass on this Sunday. Participating in all the liturgical ministries, our young people will be an important part of showing our gratitude to our veterans and leading our parish!

ADULT ED!!! Because of our Veterans Day luncheon this week, there will be no Adult Ed. We will resume next Sunday, November 17th, when we will take a close look at the second book of the Old Testament, the book of Exodus! 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.

NEXT SUNDAY, THE WORLD DAY OF THE POOR! *"The prayer of the poor rises up to God"* is the theme for this year's World Day of the Poor, celebrated annually on the third Sunday of November. Pope Francis' message for the eighth World Day of the Poor reminds the faithful that God sees and cares for each one of them, whereas those who seek wealth to the detriment of the neediest are poor in His eyes. He explains that "Christian hope embraces the certainty that our prayer reaches God's presence; not just any prayer but rather the prayer of the poor!" So, the Holy Father urges the faithful to reflect on this word and "read" it on the faces and in the stories of the poor whom we encounter daily, "so that prayer can become a path of communion with them and a sharing in their suffering".

A SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE POOR OF ALTOONA – Next Sunday, as we observe the World Day of the Poor, we are taking up a special "Second Sunday" Food collection for the needy in our own community. We are grateful to the St. Vincent DePaul Society for all they do in witnessing to Christ's humble presence among us in the lives of the poor.

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE – All are encouraged to attend this year's annual Interfaith Thanksgiving service on Thursday, November 21, at 7:00 PM at Temple Beth Israel. Our preacher this year will be Rabbi Sue Levi Elwell, who serves in Philadelphia. She is a brilliant speaker and has most recently been leading worship in London and Warsaw for High Holy Days and Fall Festivals. Please join us in this beautiful witness to our common Abrahamic Faith.

THE YEAR OF ST. LUKE – Our Sunday gospels come to us in a three-year cycle. The three synoptic gospels, Matthew, Mark and Luke lay out for us the life and ministry of Jesus. With the first Sunday of Advent, we begin a new Liturgical year, and this will be the Year of Luke. The icon in the Gathering Space shows St. Luke, with a picture of the blessed Virgin in his hands. Luke is held by the Eastern Church as the **original "iconographer,"** responsible for writing the first icon of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Many painters throughout the centuries have depicted this scene by placing St. Luke in front of an easel, painting a portrait of the Blessed Mother holding the Child Jesus.

AN IMPORTANT COLLECTION COMING UP! The annual collection that supports nearly 25,000 elderly religious sisters, brothers and religious order priests in the United States will take place in participating dioceses on the weekend of December 10-11. The collection, coordinated by the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO), distributes financial assistance for retirement needs to eligible religious institutes. Be generous when the time comes!

SAVE THE DATES!

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

Angel Tree: Saturday, November 23rd Angel Tree will be set up with tags in the Gathering Space

Thanksgiving Day Mass: Thursday, November 28th at 9am

Advent Penance Service: Sunday, December 1st at 4pm

Breakfast with Santa: Sunday, December 8th from 9am-11am in the gym

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Monday, December 9th Mass at 8:30am

Monsignor's 75th Birthday Breakfast: Monday, December 9th breakfast at Cracker Barrel following Mass

THANK YOU! We would like to thank the Independent Catholic Foundation for the generous grant of \$1,100 awarded to St. John's as part of the 2024-2025 Impact Grant Program. This grant provides funds to help pay for a portion of our annual subscription to FORMED, which is available to all parishioners to access diverse Catholic movies, audio books, podcasts, shows, and more. To learn more about FORMED, please see the flyer on how to sign up. For more information about this grant please contact the Independent Catholic Foundation at 814-201-2080 or online at www.icfdaj.org.

Schedule for the Week of November 10th

Sunday, November 10 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00 AM - Mass for *Fred Mazzarella* requested by
Karen Mazzarella

Monday, November 11- St. Martin of Tours

8:30 AM - Mass for *David Garhart* requested by
Bob & Ginny Reeder

Tuesday, November 12- St. Josaphat

8:30 AM - Mass for *Patricia Olson* requested by
Paul & Sherry Hoffman

Wednesday, November 13- St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

6:00 PM - Mass for *Jim Reilly* requested by
Bob & Ginny Reeder

Thursday, November 14 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *John Wolfe* requested by
Patty Wolfe & daughters

Friday, November 15 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *John Lloyd* requested by
Betsy Lloyd & family

Saturday, November 16- Vigil of 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, November 17 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00 AM - Mass for *Bradley Johnson* requested by
Rebecca & Stephen McNulty

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.

VETERANS' DAY LUNCHEON: On Sunday, November 10th at the 11am Mass we will be honoring all of our veterans. Our Faith Formation students will be participating in the ministries throughout the mass that morning and a luncheon will be offered following the 11am Mass in the gym. We will also have a wall of honor featuring our parish veterans and their family members. Everyone is welcome to attend the luncheon, veterans, family members and all parishioners as we show our appreciation to our veterans and thank them for their service our country! Please join us!

CHICKEN BBQ: Sunday, November 10th at the Heidelberg. Meal includes 1/2 BBQ chicken, macaroni salad, baked beans & roll. Cost is \$12. Meals served from 11am until sold out. Eat in or take out. Members and guests welcome! Stay for the Steelers game and other NFL games on our HD TV's. Proceeds benefit the Heidelberg Repairs and Improvement Fund.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Today's First Reading from the First Book of Kings, as well as the Gospel passage from Mark, both center on the actions of two poor widows. The Gospel passage is often called the story of the "Widow's Mite." But taken together, perhaps a more fitting title of the stories of these two ladies would be, "The Mighty Widows."

In the First Reading, the prophet Elijah encounters a widow and her son during a terrible famine. In the Gospel, Jesus observes a poor widow contributing all she had as an offering. Both women found themselves in desperate situations, yet each demonstrated strength and generosity that distinguished them from those around them.

These women saw themselves as stewards, not owners, of the resources God gave them, regardless of how much or how little they had. And acting as stewards made them gracious, generous and mighty indeed.

October 26/27

Envelopes	\$ 5,348.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 266.00
Parish Development	\$ 135.00
Catholic Education	\$ 25.00
All Souls	\$ 15.00
All Saints	\$ 20.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 200.00
Catholic University	\$ 25.00
Retired Priest	\$ 35.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,658.90
Total Offertory	\$ 7,727.90

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

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!

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS: Court Prince Gallitzin # 2625 serves all 11 parishes and beyond. New members are always welcome! On Monday, November 11, 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 donnah31049@gmail.com or 814-632-3509.

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 • Elsie MacCullagh
Samantha McQuade • Marian Monios • Dan Roberts
Jason Ryan • Anne Showalter • Rachel Sibold
Mary Frances Stokan • Tim Temofonte • Wally Wargo
Lois Werfel • Dorothy Yingling**

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 NOVEMBER:

November 21st-Daniel Roberts
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.

RECEIVE UP TO DATE INFORMATION FROM ST. JOHN'S WITH FLOCKNOTE:

We want to communicate more effectively with you. But we also want to make it easy for you to control what types of announcements you get from us and how you are notified when we make them. And in order to do this we are using a simple service called FLOCKNOTE. Like sending "notes" to your "flock". This is all totally free for you to use and it's going to also make it easy for you to stay plugged in to the ministries or groups that you care about, all by text message or email updates. Your information will be completely safe and secure. And you can unsubscribe from any updates at any time! To join, text SJC1 to 84576. Then after it responds, make sure you click that link and complete the process. If you can't complete this on your mobile phone, please go online to stjohnsaltoona.flocknote.com to register.

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.

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.

November 10th-No Class-Children's Liturgy at 11am Mass and Veteran's Day Luncheon to follow 11am Mass in the Gym

November 17th-Class 9:15am-10:45am (Safety Lessons)

November 23rd-9th, 10th, 11th Grade Discipleship Retreat at St. Mary's in Altoona 9am-5pm

November 24th-No Class

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

LOOKING FOR ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES?

Join the parish of St. Therese of the Child Jesus at Father Kelly Hall for an all-you-can-eat pancake lunch and raffle on November 17 from 11:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. \$5 for children 10 and younger. \$8 for 11 and older. All proceeds benefit Saint Vincent DePaul conference, which helps the poor and needy in our area. Gift card raffle and lottery tree raffle during the lunch. Lunch tickets sold at the door and before and after weekly Masses. Ticket price also includes sausage (not all you can eat) and beverage.

THANK YOU! The Men's Club of St. Mary's/St. Michael's would like to thank everyone who attended our Pancake and Sausage Breakfast. We sold a record number of breakfasts and proceeds of approximately \$800 will be donated to area Pro-Life Groups. Our next Pancake and Sausage Breakfast will be held December 8, and will be dedicated to assisting those with medical expenses.

#IGIVECATHOLIC: St. John's is excited to participate in the 2024 #iGiveCatholic Campaign. Our 24-hour giving day is coming up December 3rd and we asking for your support to help us raise money for our Music Ministry. Your gift of \$10 or more can help us reach our goal! Advanced giving online starts November 18th. If you prefer to give offline, please use the #iGiveCatholic envelopes provided in the Gathering Space. More details to come in the next few weeks! Give thanks, Give back, Give Catholic!

SCRIP: Did you know you can raise money for our parish when you buy food for your holiday gatherings? Use scrip when you go grocery shopping for holiday get-togethers and earn rebates for St. John's. We have Walmart, Giant Eagle, Hometown Market, Martin's and Weis gift cards in stock. Drop off your order form at the scrip table as you come in to mass and pick it up on your way out after mass.