



Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time November 3, 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. 9- 4:00 PM - David Langguth, Joyce Cunningham
Sun. Nov. 10-8:00 AM - Mike Greslick, Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. Nov. 10-11:00 AM - Camille Krug, Aralin Guinard

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. Nov. 9- 4:00 PM - Chloe Truscello, Jeremy Truscello
Sun. Nov. 10- 8:00 AM - Nicholas Helsley, NOT FILLED
Sun. Nov. 10-11:00 AM - Lexi Tatar, Iris Tatar

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Nov. 9- 4:00 PM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
Sun. Nov. 10-8:00 AM - Jennifer Helsley, Ginny Reeder
Sun. Nov. 10-11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Barbara Bundy,
Lou Ann Clark, Francel Dandrea, Kenneth Gorman,
Susanna Tomlinson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. Nov. 9- 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, Coleen Langguth, Betsy Lloyd,
NOT FILLED
Sun. Nov. 10-8:00 AM - Mike O'Neill, Mary Truesdale,
Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
Sun. Nov. 10-11:00 AM - Faith Formation Students

SACRISTAN

Sat. Nov. 9- 4:00 PM - Ray King, Mary King
Sun. Nov. 10- 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. Nov. 10- 11:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti

SCRIP

Sat. Nov. 9- 4:00 PM - Julie Beiswenger, Becky Merilli
Sun. Nov. 10- 8:00 AM - Amber Yasolsky, Heather Yasolsky
Sun. Nov. 10- 11:00 AM - Carolyn English, Gary Johnson

PLEASE JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH AT THE 11AM MASS FOR OUR VETERANS' DAY CHILDREN'S LITURGY FOLLOWED BY A LUNCHEON IN HONOR OF OUR VETERANS. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

A Few Words from the Pastor:

ALL SAINTS DAY! – Our celebration of the company of the Saints is Friday, November 1st. This is a Holy Day of Obligation, and our Masses for All Saints will be celebrated on Thursday evening at 6:00, Friday morning at 8:30, and Friday evening at 6:00. Please come and join us for our celebration of the Saints.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE: Our annual Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated this Sunday at 11:00. Because All Souls Day is on Saturday, it seems appropriate to observe it on Sunday when we have a larger congregation present. Remembering our loved ones in prayer is a wonderful way to honor our beloved!

ELECTION DAY – One of the cherished rights we have as members of a democracy is electing those who will lead our government. Your vote counts! Be a responsible citizen and VOTE!

MONDAY. THE FEAST OF CHARLES BORROMEO: **Saint Charles** was the Archbishop of Milan from 1564 to 1584 and a cardinal of the Catholic Church. He was a leading figure of the Counter-Reformation, combatting the Protestant Reformation together with Ignatius of Loyola and Philip Neri. In that role he was responsible for significant reforms in the Catholic Church, including the founding of seminaries for the education of priests. An interesting story about St. Charles comes from a time when there was a great famine in Northern Italy, followed by an outbreak of the plague. The Governor and many members of the nobility fled the city, but Bishop Charles remained, organizing the care of those affected and to minister to the dying. He called together the superiors of all the religious communities in the diocese and won their cooperation. Borromeo endeavored to feed 60,000 to 70,000 people daily. He used up his own funds and went into debt to provide food for the hungry. Finally, he wrote to the Governor and successfully persuaded him to return. Charles was clearly a man who took the teaching of Jesus most seriously!

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!

LOOKING AHEAD! *“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 most needy 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”.

THANKING OUR VETERANS: Next Sunday, November 10th we will be celebrating our service members during the 11am Mass followed by a luncheon in the gym. Please join us as we honor our veterans!

SAVE THE DATES!

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

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

JOHN’S WAY MEDICAL MINISTRY: John’s Way demonstrates the love of Christ by offering durable medical equipment to the elderly, disabled, and those who are in need who do not have the funds or medical insurance to obtain necessary equipment. This ministry accepts donations of medical equipment and also gives equipment to those in need. For more information, contact Clover Creek Church of the Brethren at 814-793-0999.

Schedule for the Week of November 3rd

Sunday, November 3 - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00 AM - Mass for *Barbara Neral* requested by Deacon Gene Neral

Monday, November 4- St. Charles Borromeo

8:30 AM - Mass for *Carlos Gungon* requested by his wife and children

Tuesday, November 5- Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Dave Thomas* requested by Bob & Ginny Reeder

Wednesday, November 6- Weekday

6:00 PM - Mass for *Sam & Hilda Neal* requested by Julie & Bernie Beiswenger

Thursday, November 7 - Weekday

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

Friday, November 8 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Mike Rudolph* requested by Robert & Mary Jo Geishausser

Saturday, November 9- Vigil of 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - Mass for *Terry McManuels* requested by Dave & Connie McManuels

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

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!

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. Covid and flu vaccines will both be available. Forms are available on the kiosk, which can be filled out beforehand or filled out at the clinic. Most insurances will be accepted. Please call the Parish Office with any questions.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Today's Gospel reading brings us to the very essence of a stewardship way of life, as Jesus responds to a question posed to Him by one of the scribes: "Which is the first of all the commandments?" His answer is a beautiful and concise description of a Christian steward's life: "The first commandment is this... You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Let's consider these 'greatest commandments' as they relate to the three aspects of a Christian stewards daily life – the use of our time, our talents, and our treasure. The use of time refers primarily to our relationship with the Lord – or in other words, our prayer life. The use of talents refers to the way I offer the abilities, skills and interests the Lord has given me for the good of those around me. And the use of material gifts demonstrates both a love of God and neighbor. When I trustingly offer a sacrificial gift to God through the offertory collection, I am showing Him in a very tangible way that He comes before all else in my life. At the same time, my gift is showing my love for my neighbor as others are helped through my financial offering.

October 19/20

Envelopes	\$ 3,392.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 348.00
Parish Development	\$ 90.00
All Souls	\$ 90.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 277.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,582.92
Total Offertory	\$ 5,779.92

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

ENDOWMENTS: We recently received a \$1,268.71 annual distribution from the John and Kathleen Hazenstab Endowment Fund for general operating expenses of the Parish. We are grateful to the children of John and Kathleen Hazenstab for creating this fund for our benefit. We also received a \$374.56 annual distribution from the St. John the Evangelist Parish Endowment Fund which was established in 2013 to provide for administrative and other expenses as determined by the Pastor in consultation with the Parish Finance Council. Both are administered by our endowment partner, the Independent Catholic Foundation, Altoona, in an investment portfolio aligned to the ethical, moral, and social teachings of the Catholic Church. To learn more about the ICF, visit its website at www.icfoundation.us.

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 • Samantha McQuade
Marian Monios • Dan Roberts • Jason Ryan
Anne Showalter • Mary Frances Stokan
Tim Temofonte • Wally Wargo • Lois Werfel**

Dorothy Yingling

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

May she 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 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.

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.

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!

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 3rd-Class 9:15am-10:45am

**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)

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.

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 dannah31049@gmail.com or 814-632-3509.

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.

Our Lady of Lourdes Holiday Boutique
2700 Broad Ave. Elevator Access!
November 9, 2024
8AM-3PM
Breakfast 8-10AM, Lunch 11AM-2PM
Photos with Santa 11AM-1PM
Crafts, Baskets, raffle, Kids Carnival, Jewelry, Home-made Lollipops, Bake Shoppe