

# 2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope



**Second Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
January 19, 2025**

## 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**

### **January Prayer Intention of Pope Francis**

For The Right to an Education

We pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, may always be respected.



### **NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS**

#### **LECTORS**

Sat. Jan. 25- 4:00 PM - Jeremy Truscello, NOT FILLED  
Sun. Jan. 26-8:00 AM - Bill Foose, Norma Foose  
Sun. Jan. 26-11:00 AM - Jim Campbell, John Sukala

#### **ALTAR SERVERS**

Sat. Jan. 25- 4:00 PM - Abigail Hovance, Sadie Swope  
Sun. Jan. 26- 8:00 AM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED  
Sun. Jan. 26-11:00 AM - Camille Krug, Aidan Schurr

#### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Sat. Jan. 25- 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, David Loth  
Sun. Jan. 26-8:00 AM - Jennifer Helsley, Ginny Reeder  
Sun. Jan. 26-11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Dolores Capriotti,  
Francel Dandrea, Ken Gorman, Bob Olson,  
Susanna Tomlinson

#### **MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY**

Sat. Jan. 25- 4:00 PM - Coleen Langguth, Betsy Lloyd,  
Larry VanSickel, Paula VanSickel  
Sun. Jan. 26-8:00 AM - Ashley Greslick, Mike Greslick,  
Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky  
Sun. Jan. 26-11:00 AM - Walter Bloom, Wendy Campbell,  
Lou Ann Clark, Peg Madden

#### **SACRISTAN**

Sat. Jan. 25- 4:00 PM - Ray King, Mary King  
Sun. Jan. 26- 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci  
Sun. Jan. 26- 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

#### **SCRIP**

Sat. Jan. 25- 4:00 PM - Lori Baker, Becky Merilli  
Sun. Jan. 26- 8:00 AM - Erika Yasolsky, Heather Yasolsky  
Sun. Jan. 26- 11:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph

**2025 JUBILEE YEAR:** The 2025 Jubilee will be centered on the theme "Pilgrims of Hope." As His Holiness Pope Francis so beautifully expressed it: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision." Throughout this Jubilee year, we are called to reflect on God's boundless mercy and embrace our mission to live out the Gospel in everyday life.

## A Few Words from the Pastor:

**THE SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD, JANUARY 26** – This special Sunday is a yearly invitation to embrace and make part of our daily life the person of Jesus Christ, the living Word of God. The motto chosen by the Holy Father is in keeping with the Jubilee Year, and is a verse from Psalm 119, "I hope in your Word". It is a cry of hope: man, in a moment of anguish, tribulation, and confusion, cries out to God and puts all his hope in him. As the Jubilee year reminds us, we are "Pilgrims of Hope".

**MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY:** Martin Luther King Jr. remains a towering figure in the struggle for civil rights, renowned for his eloquent speeches and unwavering commitment to justice and equality. Central to King's philosophy were numerous biblical passages that profoundly influenced his vision and rhetoric. King's reliance on scripture was not merely rhetorical; it provided moral clarity and strength. His use of specific verses helped articulate a compelling argument for social change grounded in faith-based principles. On this Sunday of the Word of God, we can affirm the scriptures which so shaped his heart: **From the prophet Micah:** *"He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"*

And in his own words:

*"The time is always right to do what is right."*

*"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."*

*"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."*

*"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."*

*"Forgiveness is not an occasional act; it is a constant attitude."*

*"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"*

### SAVE THE DATES!

**Martin Luther King Day:** Monday, January 20th-Parish Office Closed

**Nutrition Classes:** Saturdays, February 1st, 8th & 22nd in the Parish Center-Registration required

**Vaccine Clinic:** Sunday, February 9th from 9am-11am in the Parish Center-Sign up on the kiosk

**President's Day:** Monday, February 17th-Parish Office Closed

**Ash Wednesday:** Wednesday, March 5th Masses at 8:30am & 6pm with Soup Supper following in the gym

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Sunday, April 6th after the 11am Mass in the gym

**Deacon Gene's Birthday Breakfast:** Tuesday, April 15th after Morning Mass in the Parish Center

**Monsignor Becker's 50th Ordination Anniversary Mass & Luncheon:** Sunday, May 4th at the 11am Mass followed by a luncheon at the Casino-More info to come!

**MONSIGNOR'S 50TH ORDINATION CELEBRATION SAVE THE DATE:** Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 4th as we will be celebrating Monsignor's 50th Ordination Anniversary! We will begin our celebration at the 11am Mass followed by a luncheon at the Casino. Please plan on joining us as we honor Monsignor for his 50 years of faithful and dedicated service. Formal invitations and more information will be coming soon. We pray for God's continued blessings for Monsignor and our parish. Congratulations Monsignor!

**ST VINCENT DEPAUL CARE PACKAGES:** Your SVDP Conference continues in its efforts to serve the poor and needy by collecting care packages to help show those in need that they are not forgotten. Once again, we are asking you to put together a care package for someone who fits into one of the following categories: Senior, Homeless, New Mom, Expectant Mom, Single Parent – Male, or Single Parent – Female. Boxes will be available the weekend of January 18th/19th and should be returned by March 2nd. If you would like to put together a care package, please pick up a box and detailed flyer from the table at the entry of the Church and fill it with items suitable for the person it is intended for and then seal up the box. Please list who the box is for on the line under St Rose of Lima (i.e. Senior, Homeless, New Mom, Expectant Mom, Single Parent-Male, Single Parent - Female) and return to the donation box at the front of the Church when done. Once again, our SVDP Conference would like to thank all those who help make our programs possible and the lives of the needy a bit easier. **God Bless You All!**

## **Schedule for the Week of January 19th**

### **Sunday, January 19- 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

11:00 AM - Mass for *Dan & Dolores Kubitsky* requested by Donna Messner

### **Monday, January 20- Weekday**

8:30 AM - Mass for *Fr. Terrance Adams, TOR* requested by Joe & Paula Adams

### **Tuesday, January 21- St. Agnes**

8:30 AM - Mass *In honor of Fr. Ashok's birthday* requested by Pat & Sue Podoletz

### **Wednesday, January 22-Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

6:00 PM - Mass for *Kathy Wagner* requested by Bruno & Polly DeGol

### **Thursday, January 23- Weekday**

8:30 AM - Mass for *Intentions of Ron & Dee Artim*

### **Friday, January 24 - St. Francis de Sales**

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

### **Saturday, January 25-Vigil of 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM - Mass for *Bill & Josephine Seiler* requested by Ron & Joyce Cunningham

### **Sunday, January 26- 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

11:00 AM - Mass for *John Wolfe* requested by Patty Wolfe & daughters

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Please email any upcoming bulletin announcements to Diane Ryan at [stjohnsecretary@atlanticbb.net](mailto: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.

**FEBRUARY-JUBILEE OF ARTISTS:** Calling all artists, authors, musicians and actors! Throughout the month of February as part of our 2025 Jubilee Year celebration, we are honoring our many St. John's artists. If you are interested in displaying your art (drawings, sculptures, carvings, crafts, needlepoint, crochet, performances, literary works, etc.) in the Gathering Space, please complete the form in the Gathering Space by January 19th. We will also accept photographs mounted on poster boards of the artwork types listed above. If you are submitting artwork, items can be dropped off Saturday, January 25th from 1-2pm in the Gathering Space or you can bring items to any weekend Mass January 25th & 26th. Items can be placed on the tables or below the tables on the left hand side of the Gathering Space. If you have any questions or would like to arrange a different day/time to drop items off, please contact Mary Susick at 814-207-0185.

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** Today's readings remind us of the amazing privilege we have, and the serious responsibility it is, to be good stewards of the gifts God has given us. Everything we have is intended to benefit those around us. Because God has made each one of us with unique and differing gifts, the parish family truly does need each of us. It's a wonderful – and at the same time sobering – reality. Our parish family will be vibrant only when all members, young and old, share their gifts with the community. It will suffer if even one member holds back.

Let us take care to listen to our Blessed Mother, as the servants did in our Gospel reading today. The Blessed Mother said, "Do whatever He tells you." Let us examine our lives this week to see if we really are doing whatever He tells us and cooperating with God to make the best use of the gifts He has given us for the benefit of those around us. If we all take this call seriously, He will perform miracles in our families and our parish.

### **January 4/5**

Envelopes	\$ 6,599.50
Loose Offerings	\$ 644.00
Parish Development	\$ 75.00
Catholic Education	\$ 120.00
Christmas Offerings	\$ 325.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 50.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 1,458.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,198.90
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 12,470.40</b>

### **2024 Catholic Ministries Drive Goal: \$42,400**

**January 1, 2024 - November 30, 2024**

**Gifts/Pledges - \$48,065.00**

**Total Gifts Received -\$48,065.00**

**2024 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** will be available upon request beginning January 31st. Please call the Parish Office at 814-942-5503 to request your contribution statement to be mailed or picked up in the Parish Office. A contribution statement will not be mailed to you unless you call the office to request it.

**NUTRITION CLASSES:** Jody Petrunak will be offering again this year a series of 3 Nutrition Classes in the Parish Center on February 1st, 8th and 22nd to help spread the word on the benefits of eating healthy and to help decrease the risk of chronic diseases. Cost is \$60 and registration forms are available in the Gathering Space. If you have any questions or would like more information, please email Jody at [jodyp168@gmail.com](mailto:jodyp168@gmail.com). Make one of your New Year's resolutions to eat healthy this year!

### ST JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

Please call Ginny Reeder (695-7671) or email her at [giny.reeder@gmail.com](mailto: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  
Rosanne Krawick • Sally Langham  
Elsie MacCullagh • Samantha McQuade  
Marian Monios • John Patz • Dan Roberts  
Anne Showalter • Rachel Sibold • Mary Frances Stokan  
Donna Taddy • Tim Temofonte • Wally Wargo  
Lois Werfel • Dorothy Yingling

HOME WITH THE LORD: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:  
Florence T. Rizzo, mother of Vic Rizzo  
May she rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT:** Journey Through Loss is a nine-week program for those who have lost a loved one through death recently or in the past. The program provides the opportunity to share or to listen and offers positive ideas for coping. The next session begins on Tuesday, January 21. We will meet weekly from 1:30 to 3:00 PM in the convent building next to St. Michael's Church in Hollidaysburg. All faiths are welcome. For more information or to register contact Mary Petrak at 814-502-6076.

### **BIRTHDAY CORNER FOR JANUARY:**

January 13th- Joan Frye  
January 16th-Patricia Shaw  
January 21st-Judy Roberts  
January 26th-Frank Wagner  
January 31st-Marian Monios

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.

**HCC:** The Heidelberg Country Club will have a BBQ Chicken Dinner on Sunday, January 26th beginning at 11am until sold out at the Heidelberg. Dinners are \$12 and include 1/2 BBQ chicken, macaroni salad, baked beans and roll. Eat in or take out. Members and guests are welcome. Proceeds benefit the Heidelberg Repairs and Improvement Fund.

The Oldies Band 7:30-10:30 Jan. 18. \$5 cover charge. The Rocket Blasters 7:30-10:30 Feb. 8 \$5 cover charge. Freedom Rocks 7:30-10:30. Feb. 22. \$5 cover charge.

**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

January 19th- No Class  
January 26th-Class 9:15am-10:45am  
February 2nd-No Class  
February 9th-Class 9:15am-10:45am  
February 16th-No Class  
February 23rd-Class 9:15am-10:45am

March 2nd-9:15am-10:45am Family Lent Event-Gym-Student and a parent/guardian should attend with Children's Liturgy to follow at 11am Mass

*If you would like more information or have questions, please contact Diane Ryan at 814-942-5503 or email [stjohnsecretary@atlanticbb.net](mailto:stjohnsecretary@atlanticbb.net).*

### **PRAYER PAL 2025 COMMUNITY UNITED IN PRAYER:**

Zion Lutheran Church all of Hollidaysburg, St. John the Evangelist Lakemont, and St. Joseph Parish in Williamsburg are happy to announce that Prayer Pal will be offered to all parishioners this Lenten season. A mailer will be sent to all registered parishioners with all the details explaining this popular (private) prayer activity. Please take a few moments to read the mailer and join the over 285 participants from last year, in this rewarding and prayerful experience. If anyone has questions after reviewing your mailer, please feel free to call one of the committee members listed below:

Jane Becker 814-414-9836  
Ryan Custead 814-502-7630  
Mary Jo Lanzel 814-934-6793  
Mary Leap 814-937-9789  
Dave & Diane Madden 814-215-7677  
Donna Messner 814-934-9023  
Lisa Myers 814-934-0619  
Dec. Kevin Nester 717-574-4856



**THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE MARCH:** Sunday January 19, 2025 at 12:00 noon sponsored by the Knights of Columbus - St. Gregory Council. The March will begin with a Prayer Service at St. Matthew Catholic Church in Tyrone, followed by the 1.25 mile walk to St. Matthew Oak Grove Cemetery to the grave of Baby Agnes Doe, for another short prayer service. For those that cannot make the walk but want to participate, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. Rita will recite the rosary and the Divine Mercy chaplet at Saint Matthew Church. The faithful are then invited for a hot luncheon to be served in the parish hall after the march.

**HEALING MASS:** Holy Spirit Ministry will hold a special Healing Mass on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 7pm at St. Michael Church. This powerful night of hope and healing is for all who are suffering physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Fr. David Dobb, TOR will be the main celebrant. 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!