

2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope



**Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
February 9, 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

February Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

For Vocations to the Priesthood and
Religious Life

We pray that the ecclesial community
might welcome the desires and doubts of
those young people called to serve Christ's
mission in the priesthood and religious life.



NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS

LECTORS

Sat. Feb. 15- 4:00 PM - Jeremy Truscello, Joyce Cunningham
Sun. Feb. 16-8:00 AM - Ginny Reeder, Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. Feb. 16-11:00 AM - James Krug, Camille Krug

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. Feb. 15- 4:00 PM - Abigail Hovance, Sadie Swope
Sun. Feb. 16- 8:00 AM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
Sun. Feb. 16-11:00 AM - Estella Koch, Evie Koch

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Feb. 15- 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, David Loth
Sun. Feb. 16-8:00 AM - Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
Sun. Feb. 16-11:00 AM - Francel Dandrea, Ken Gorman, Bob Olson,
Susanna Tomlinson, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. Feb.15- 4:00 PM - Dennis Moughemer, Karen Moughemer,
Larry VanSickel, Paula VanSickel
Sun. Feb. 16-8:00 AM - Ashley Greslick, Mike Greslick, Ed Stoltz,
Mary Truesdale
Sun. Feb.16-11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Walter Bloom,
Dolores Capriotti, Peg Madden

SACRISTAN

Sat. Feb.15- 4:00 PM - Ray King, Mary King
Sun. Feb.16- 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. Feb.16- 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

SCRIP

Sat. Feb. 15- 4:00 PM - Julie Beiswenger, Becky Merilli
Sun. Feb. 16- 8:00 AM - Amber Yasolsky, Heather Yasolsky
Sun. Feb.16- 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:

CELEBRATING THE ARTS! In the month of February, of this Jubilee Year 2025, the church invites us to celebrate the artistic talents of God's people, meant to reveal the beauty and goodness of God. We rejoice in the great number of folks who have offered for display their art and the contribution that they are making to building up the kingdom of God. Please take the time to enjoy and savor the art that is so evident in our talented parish community.

SAINT OF THE WEEK – On Monday, February 10th, the church celebrates the life of Saint Scholastica, who was the twin sister of St. Benedict and lived as a hermit near the Benedictine monastery which her brother had found it. These sainted siblings lived in the fourth century. Scholastica is known for founding the Benedictine sisters, one convent of which is in Latrobe.

POPE FRANCIS AND OUR CHILDREN! Speaking at the Vatican's first International Summit on Children's Rights, Pope Francis urges world leaders to listen to children suffering from war, poverty, and migration, and reiterates his condemnation of the "murderous" practice of abortion resulting from our "throwaway culture." In his opening statement at the Summit, he wrote, "Many children die as migrants at sea, in the desert or along the many routes of journeys undertaken out of desperate hope. Countless others succumb to a lack of medical care or various types of exploitation. All these situations are different, but they raise the same question: *How is it possible that a child's life should end like this?* Surely this is unacceptable, and we must guard against becoming inured to this reality. A childhood denied is a silent scream condemning the wrongness of the economic system, the criminal nature of wars, the lack of adequate medical care and schooling. The burden of these injustices weighs most heavily on the least and the most defenseless of our brothers and sisters."

SAVE THE DATES!

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

St. Vincent DePaul Care Packages: Wednesday, March 5th please return all boxes to the Gathering Space

Lent Communal Penance Service: Sunday, March 23rd at 4pm

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!

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.

Schedule for the Week of February 9

Sunday, February 9- 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00 AM - Mass for *Mike Rudolph* requested by
Marge Rudolph & children

Monday, February 10- St. Scholastica

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

Tuesday, February 11- Weekday

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

Wednesday, February 12- Weekday

6:00 PM - Mass for *John Caporuscio* requested by
Bob & Ginny Reeder

Thursday, February 13- Weekday

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

Friday, February 14 - Sts. Cyril & Methodius

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

Saturday, February 15- Vigil of 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - Mass for *Barbara Spayd* requested by
Michelle Costa

Sunday, February 16- 6th 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.

FEBRUARY-JUBILEE OF ARTISTS: Throughout the month of February as part of our 2025 Jubilee Year celebration, we are honoring our many St. John's artists. Please take a few minutes before or after mass to look at the displays of all kinds of artwork from our many talented and gifted parishioners! We are certainly blessed at St. John's to have so many amazing artists! Thank you to Mary Susick for helping to organize this event!

THE FRIEZE OF THE GOSPEL OF ST. JOHN: Allen Capriotti's colored books in the Gathering Space are for church use only, however the black and white copies in the Gathering Space may be taken home. Thank you!

OUR PARISH BIBLE STUDY: Our weekly bible study gathers each Wednesday at 6:45pm in the parish center. Fr. Ashok is leading this class. Please plan on joining us! This is an excellent way to prepare for the coming Sunday, as we reflect on the readings for that day!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Our readings today remind us of the great privilege we have in calling ourselves children and disciples of the Most High God. While we can approach Him with the confidence of a child before his father, we must also remember the deep reverence and awe that we owe to Him.

When we truly embrace a stewardship way of life, putting our talents, time and treasure at the service of the Most High God, we will be astonished at what God will do. Our lives may take a direction beyond our wildest imaginings.

But just as Jesus reassured Simon in our Gospel today, "Be not afraid," He reassures us too. We need not fear a stewardship way of life. Rather, we should embrace the adventure it presents us and prepare to be astonished by what our awesome God will do. "Here I am Lord, send me!"

January 25/26

Envelopes	\$ 3,391.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 433.00
Children's Offerings	\$ 20.00
Catholic Education	\$ 50.00
Online Giving	\$ 928.90
Total Offertory	\$ 4,822.90

2024 Catholic Ministries Drive Goal: \$42,400

January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024

Gifts/Pledges - \$48,455.00

Total Gifts Received - \$48,455.00

2024 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS will be available upon request. 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.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS: Court Prince Gallitzin # 2625 serves all 11 parishes and beyond. New members are always welcome! On Monday, February 10, 2025, 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.

LENT BOOK DISCUSSION: You are invited to join a book discussion this Lent. We will meet in the Parish Center on Sunday evenings during Lent from 6:00-7:00 beginning on Sunday, March 9. Each week we will discuss a chapter in **Prayer, Our Deepest Longing** by Ronald Rolheiser.

"Whether you struggle to even believe in prayer, are a beginner in prayer, or are more advanced in prayer, my hope is that these reflections will encourage you in your practice of prayer." (from the preface). To order a book please sign up at the kiosk or contact Mary Petrak by Friday, February 28. 814-502-6076, mfpetrak@hotmail.com

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
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

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. All faiths are welcome. For information about the next session contact Mary Petrak at 814-502-6076 or mfpetrak@hotmail.com.

BIRTHDAY CORNER FOR FEBRUARY:

February 9th- Ronald Cunningham
February 13th-Mary Louise Rajnish
February 16th-Joyce Cunningham & Lois Werfel
February 19th-Carl Mauch
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.

NOAH BUS TRIP: Please join St. Mark/Holy Rosary Parish's bus trip to see Noah-30th Anniversary Limited Showing at the Sight & Sound Theatre on April 9, 2025. The cost of the bus trip includes the 11:00 AM Show and 2:15 Pm Lunch Smorgasbord at Hershey Farm Restaurant. \$195.00/Adult, \$140.00 /Child (3-12) Please Contact Robyn Murphy (814) 931-5683 or Diane O'Leary (814) 935-2114 to reserve your seat.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Sunday February 9, the Men's Club of St. Mary and St. Michael in Hollidaysburg will hold it's famous all you can eat Pancake and Sausage Breakfast from 8AM-Noon. Donation of \$6 for adults and \$3 for Children 12 and under. Come try the best pancake breakfast in town, which includes drinks and our popular pancake topping bar!

HELP NEEDED: The St. Vincent DePaul Assumption Chapel Food Pantry is looking for someone to drive their truck occasionally to pickup donations. If you have questions or are interested in helping, please contact Bob McManus at 814-943-7962.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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

March 9th-No Class

March 16th-Class 9:15am-10:45am

March 23rd-No Class

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

PRAYER PAL 2025 COMMUNITY UNITED IN PRAYER:

The members of the Church of the Brethren, St. Mary, St. Michael, 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 was 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 or wishes to sign-up, after reviewing your mailer, please feel free to call one of the committee members listed below, visit St. Michael's parish website at www.stmichael-hldg-pa.org or scan the QR code.

Jane Becker 814-414-9836

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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



STRENGTH IN CHRIST Men's Conference: Sunday, March 30th, 2025 from 11:30 AM-5:30 PM at Mount Aloysius College, Cresson. Join us for a day that includes lunch, Sunday Mass, talks from local priests, personal testimonies, and a panel discussion with local Catholic men. There is no cost to attend. Visit www.dioceseaj.org to register online. For those unable to register online, paper registration forms can be found at each parish to complete and return via mail. *Registration closes March 21st.* Online registration is encouraged due to limited seating.

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.