

2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope



**Twenty-eighth
Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

October 12, 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

October Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

Collaboration between different
Religious Traditions

We pray that believers in different
religious traditions might work together to
defend and promote peace, justice and
human fraternity.



NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS

LECTORS

Sat. Oct. 18-4:00 PM - John Sukala, Joyce Cunningham
Sun. Oct. 19-8:00 AM - Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
Sun. Oct. 19-11:00 AM - James Krug, Camille Krug

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. Oct. 18- 4:00 PM - Abigail Hovance, Sadie Swope
Sun. Oct. 19- 8:00 AM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
Sun. Oct. 19-11:00 AM - Estella Koch, Evie Koch

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Oct. 18- 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, NOT FILLED
Sun. Oct. 19-8:00 AM - Jennifer Helsley, Ginny Reeder
Sun. Oct. 19-11:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti, Lou Ann Clark,
Ken Gorman, Bob Olson, Susanna Tomlinson, NOT FILLED

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. Oct. 18- 4:00 PM - Betsy Lloyd, Dennis Moughemer,
Karen Moughemer, NOT FILLED
Sun. Oct. 19- 8:00 AM - Ray Kennedy, Ed Stoltz, Jane Strasser,
Mary Truesdale
Sun. Oct. 19- 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Mary Grace Horton,
Peg Madden, NOT FILLED

SACRISTAN

Sat. Oct. 18- 4:00 PM - Ray King, Mary King
Sun. Oct. 19- 8:00 AM - Ashley Greslick
Sun. Oct. 19- 11:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti

SCRIP

Sat. Oct. 18- 4:00 PM - Julie Beiswenger, Becky Merilli
Sun. Oct. 19- 8:00 AM - Erika Yasolsky, Heather Yasolsky
Sun. Oct. 19- 11:00 AM - Carolyn English, NOT FILLED

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:

HAVE YOU NOTICED THE PRICE OF FOOD LATELY? Food prices continue to rise, and this is a burden especially on the needy among us. Just a reminder that the **second Sunday of each month** is an occasion when we can support our local food banks with non-perishable items and/or cash or gift cards. *"When I was hungry you gave me to eat..."*

EXTENDING A HAND, OPENING OUR HEARTS! We are beginning a new twinning mission, one that is very close to home, in our own diocese! In partnership with Catholic Charities, St. John's is taking direction from St. Stephen's Parish, McConnellsburg, with the goal of continuing the FULTON COUNTY CATHOLIC MISSION previously staffed by the Carmelite Community of the Word. ***Our First Project:*** St. Stephen's and the Fulton County Family Partnership have informed us that they need winter outerwear for children and teens. We will designate a place in the gathering space for donations of new or gently used items. Our timeline will end Sunday, November 16th. Volunteers are needed for a team that will assist in this project and future ones. If you have a missionary calling but prefer to stay stateside, this Mission is a great opportunity to follow Jesus in caring for people enduring hardship. Contact Mary Lee Madigan: mlmdcreek@aol.com or 814-931-2651

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – On Friday of this week, there will be number of busses making their way to the National Shrine in Washington as part of our Jubilee Celebration! A word about the National Shrine: the Groundbreaking took place in 1920, but it took decades to complete, with the main structure being completed in 1959. Interior mosaics and chapels have been added over decades, with the final dome mosaic completed in 2017. Renowned for its mosaics, marble work, and side chapels representing Mary under different cultural titles (e.g., Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of Africa, Our Lady of La Vang). The basilica is not a parish church, but a national pilgrimage site. It often hosts major liturgical celebrations, including those attended by popes — such as Pope John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI, and Pope Francis. It's the largest Roman Catholic church in North America and one of the top 10 largest churches in the world.

ADULT ED! Our Sunday morning adult ed gatherings continue. Our sessions are a close examination of the Creed, which is the summation of our Christian Faith. Making use of content provided by the Augustine Institute and available on “Formed”, each session will provide enlightening insight and engaging Q&A interaction. What better way to complete our Jubilee Year than by a journey into the basics of our Catholic Faith!

JUBILEE OF SPORTS: “The pursuit of holiness and virtue are at the heart of a Catholic athlete’s approach to athletics. Catholic moral teaching grounded in the Ten Commandments is the moral compass for every Catholic athlete leading them to happiness rather than the self-destructive paths of performance enhancing drug use, cheating and self-glorification. The Holy Fathers of the Catholic Church always remind us that the world of global sports is “a global Catholic mission field.” We believe that our Catholic coaches and our Catholic athletes are a powerful light of Jesus Christ and the mission of mercy of the Catholic Church in the local and global sports world.”

SAVE THE DATES!

Diocesan Pilgrimage Bus Trip to Washington, DC: Friday, October 17th

Jubilee of Sports: Saturday, October 18th & Sunday, October 19th at all Masses-See bulletin note for details!

Annual Trunk or Treat: Sunday, October 26th beginning at 12:30 pm in the parking lot

All Saints Day: Vigil Mass on Friday, October 31st at 6pm, Feast of All Saints Mass on Saturday, November 1st at 9am and 4pm

Mass of Remembrance: Sunday, November 2nd at the 11am Mass

Veteran's Day Mass and Luncheon: Sunday, November 9th at 11am Mass followed by luncheon in Fr. Bailey Hall

JUBILEE OF SPORTS: As the church continues to celebrate the Jubilee year, we will be honoring all players, coaches, referees and of course, fans! Wear your uniform or sports apparel depicting your favorite team on the weekend of October 18th and 19th. Monsignor will be offering a special blessing at each mass for our parish athletes.

BG CLASS OF 1978 ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP: If your child transferred into the BG school system this year (Pre-K through 12), he or she may be eligible to receive one \$850 scholarship from the BG Class of 1978 Endowment. Please visit the Independent Catholic Foundation's "Grants & Scholarships" webpage via www.icfoundation.us to download an application. Please give your pastor or parish administrator ample time to sign it. Parents may submit applications to the Foundation until 4:00 PM, Thursday, November 6.

Schedule for the Week of October 12th

Sunday, Oct. 12- 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Mass for *Florence Dancha* requested by
Nancy Mincin

11:00 AM - Mass for *People of the Parish*

Monday, Oct. 13 - Weekday

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

Tuesday, Oct. 14 - Weekday

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

Wednesday, Oct. 15 - St. Teresa of Jesus

5:30 PM - Confessions

6:00 PM - Mass for *Grace Moore* requested by
Bob & Ginny Reeder

Thursday, Oct. 16 - Weekday

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

Friday, Oct. 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch

8:30 AM - Communion Service

Saturday, Oct. 18 - Vigil of 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:15 PM - Confessions

4:00 PM - Mass for *Betty J. Caldwell* requested by
Theresa & Kevin Adams & family

Sunday, Oct. 19- 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00 AM - Mass for *Gary Johnson* requested by
Dr. Joseph & Pam Klobuka

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.

MADRIGAL FEAST JUBILEE: Amid roving minstrels and the cries, "Wassail, Wassail," the public is invited to begin planning their attendance and attire for the January 2nd festivity in Father Bailey Hall. Plans are in full swing to create the pomp and charm of Renaissance England as we celebrate the Jubilee of the Epiphany of our Lord, Jesus Christ. This is a dinner and a show of great purport. Ticket sales begin November 2. Keep your eye on this bulletin for more details. Huzzah!

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 14th with another distribution on December 2nd. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Gratitude is the key to a stewardship way of life. Today's readings demonstrate the power and vital importance of gratitude in the life of the Christian disciple, for gratitude leads us to worship God who offers us salvation.

The truth is that our very lives and every breath we take are His gifts to us. But we can get so caught up in the stresses and distractions of daily life that we lose touch with this truth. Gratitude begins within our minds and hearts when we take the time to recognize how blessed we truly are and when we have the humility to recognize where these blessings come from – our merciful and loving God.

The Samaritan from our Gospel today reacts to his gift of healing in much the same way as Namaan from our First Reading, and demonstrates the proper response to our loving God. Recognizing what he had just received from the Lord, he "returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked Him." He was grateful for what God had done for him and this gratitude led to worship.

September 27th & 28th

Envelopes	\$	2,849.00
Loose Offerings	\$	161.00
Heating & Cooling	\$	211.00
Catholic Education	\$	50.00
Assumption	\$	25.00
Retired Priest	\$	212.00
Online Giving	\$	1,053.90
Total Offortory	\$	4,561.90

2025 Catholic Ministries Drive Goal: \$42,700

January 1, 2025 - August 31, 2025

Gifts/Pledges - \$51,225.00

Total Gifts Received - \$50,625.00

Pledge Balance - \$600.00

 **ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT:** Our annual St. John's Trunk or Treat will be held on Sunday, October 26th at 12:30pm in the church parking lot. Families are invited to dress up in their best costume, decorate the trunk of their car and join us in the church parking lot. Each family is asked to bring candy/treats to share as children will trick or treat from car to car. Please sign up on the kiosk if you will be decorating a trunk and distributing candy. We will be pairing up with the Lakemont Fire Hall and the Lakemont Lions Club again this year for the Halloween Parade. Help us make this a great annual event for our parish and community! Everyone is welcome!


ST JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

Please call Ginny Reeder (695-7671) or email her at ginny.reeder@gmail.com to add or remove someone from the prayer list. **Prayer list will be cleared in June.** **Contact Ginny or the office to have names added or kept on the 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 • Stephanie Baker
Barbara • Idy Caporuscio • Betty Dennis • Cheryl Dennis
Duane • Carol Field • Mark Hastings • Melissa Horne
Tim Jimenez • Ray King • Rosanne Krawick
Sally Langham • Elsie MacCullagh • Dave Madden
Marian Monios • Mary Ann • John Patz • Dan Roberts
Darlene Scarpaci • Anne Showalter • Donna Taddy
Tammy • Tim Temofonte • Lois Werfel

THE GABRIEL PROJECT: The Altoona Gabriel Project is currently in need of newborn diapers, clothing & pajamas for boys and girls, newborn, size 2T, 3T and 4T. You can help by placing these items in the bassinet in the Gathering Space. Since April, we have helped 34 moms and babies. If you know of moms who need help, call 814-440-1021. Thank you for all of your donations.

ALTAR SERVERS WANTED: What better way to be involved in our liturgy and our parish life than as an altar server! If your children are in grade 4 or higher, they can be an altar server. We are all called to use our gifts and talents to serve God and others, and answering that call as an altar server is an act that reaps many blessings. As an added bonus, St. John's has a special sector to altar serving where parents can serve with their children. Perhaps you have seen these families serving together; that is no accident! Our parents choose to serve with their children and share in the joy of deepening their Catholic faith together. Please consider joining this special ministry and receive detailed training as a server. You may contact Iris at iristat38@gmail.com or contact the Parish Office to sign up.

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 to receive Communion at home, a visit or cards please text or call Mary Susick at 814-207-0185.

BUS TRIP: A few bus seats are still available for the Altoona area for the October 17 Pilgrimage to Washington D.C. Please call Jeanne Thompson at 814-317-2672 to reserve your seats. Payments of \$60.00 per person are made payable to the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. Buses will be leaving the PNG Ballfield at 7:00am.

FATIMA DEVOTIONS: The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on Monday October 13th, 2025, at 6:30pm at the Immaculate Conception Chapel on the campus of St. Francis University. The presider will be Fr. Brian Norris. **Bring a Friend!**

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

October 12th- No Class

October 19th- Class & SHYCON

October 26th-Class & Trunk or Treat

November 2nd-No Class

November 9th-Class & Veteran's Day Youth Liturgy at 11am Mass followed by luncheon

Registration forms for the 2025-2026 Faith Formation year are available in the Gathering Space.

All public school students entering kindergarten through 11th grade should be registered with the Faith Formation Program.

All catholic school students entering 2nd grade and 9th-11th grade should be registered with the Faith Formation Program to prepare for Sacraments.

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

OCIA: The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is a process providing for those adults, unbaptized or baptized, who are seeking to know more about the Catholic faith and become a part of that faith. Here at St. John's the process is also open to those adult Catholics who have been away from the church and are seeking to become closer to Christ. If you are interested in growing in your faith, please contact Pat at 717-575-4224 or Sue at 717-575-1142.

SEEKING LECTORS: Have you ever considered serving the parish as a Lector? If you are interested, please contact Bob Olson for more information at rolson0581@aol.com or call 814-696-0581.

ROSARY DEVOTION: All parishioners are invited to a Rosary Devotion honoring Our Lady of Fatima with a candle-light procession Sunday, October 12th at 5pm at St. Michael Church in Hollidaysburg. Sponsored by The Legion of Mary, Our Lady of the Angels. Included Rosary Procession featuring the Glorious Mysteries and Benediction.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS: Court Prince Gallitzin # 2625 serves all 11 parishes and beyond. New members are always welcome! On Monday, October 13th, 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 donna31049@gmail.com or 814-632-3509.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT SCRIP! Don't forget to buy scrip for your home improvement purchases! Whether you're picking out new furniture, remodeling the kitchen, or repainting your favorite room, big projects don't come cheap. On the plus side, big spending means big rebates for St. John's, so don't forget to order scrip for purchases at Lowes, Home Depot, etc.