

2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope



**Twenty-ninth
Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

October 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

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. 25-4:00 PM - Jeremy Truscello, Joyce Cunningham
Sun. Oct. 26-8:00 AM - Bill Foose, Norma Foose
Sun. Oct. 26-11:00 AM - James Krug, Camille Krug

ALTAR SERVERS

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Oct. 25- 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, NOT FILLED
Sun. Oct. 26-8:00 AM - Ashley Greslick, Mike Greslick
Sun. Oct. 26-11:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti, Lou Ann Clark,
Ken Gorman, Bob Olson, Susanna Tomlinson, NOT FILLED

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. Oct. 25- 4:00 PM - Dennis Moughemer, Karen Moughemer,
Larry VanSickel, Paula VanSickel
Sun. Oct. 26- 8:00 AM - Jane Becker, John Becker, Ed Stoltz
Mary Truesdale
Sun. Oct. 26- 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Walter Bloom,
Peg Madden, NOT FILLED

SACRISTAN

Sat. Oct. 25- 4:00 PM - Ray King, Mary King
Sun. Oct. 26- 8:00 AM - Ashley Greslick
Sun. Oct. 26- 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

SCRIP

Sat. Oct. 25- 4:00 PM - Julie Beiswenger, Becky Merilli
Sun. Oct. 26- 8:00 AM - Erika Yasolsky, Heather Yasolsky
Sun. Oct. 26- 11:00 AM - Lori Baker, 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:

OUR JUBILEE OF SPORT! In this Jubilee Year, among the multiple themes promoted, the Vatican has encouraged the “Jubilee of Sport,” which is intended to bring together athletes, coaches, sports associations, managers, and sports-loving faithful in a celebration of faith, hope, and athleticism. The celebration in Rome occurred in June, but we are observing it this Sunday here at St. John’s. One theme of this *Jubilee of Sport* is how sport can be a vehicle for **resilience, fraternity, humility**, and spiritual growth — not just performance. Pope Leo XIV highlighted that although sport and the doctrine of the Trinity may seem like an unlikely pair, every noble human activity can reflect divine beauty. Pope Leo’s homily emphasized that *“champions are not machines, but real people who fall and rise again.”* Sport is seen as a way to cultivate virtues such as cooperation (working with others instead of isolation), humility (dealing with losses), and personal presence (in a digital age). The Jubilee of Sport is not simply about athletic excellence, but also about the spiritual “training” and moral dimension of sport. Participants are encouraged to see their sporting life as part of a “mission” — to live and embody Christian values in their fields, clubs, communities. We hail the Jubilee of Sport in our parish, and honor and affirm our athletes and their fans! Healthy sportsmanship develops good and virtuous Christians!

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! 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.

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. What better way to complete our Jubilee Year than by a journey into the basics of our Catholic Faith!

POPE LEO XIV’S FIRST APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION, *Dilexi te (I have loved you)*, sees the love of Christ incarnated in love for the poor, in caring for the sick, opposing slavery, defending women who experience exclusion and violence, making education available to all, accompanying migrants, charitable giving, and working for equality. He has especially given voice to the millions of immigrants in our world today! *“The Church, like a mother, accompanies those who are walking. Where the world sees threats, she sees children; where walls are built, she builds bridges. She knows that her proclamation of the Gospel is credible only when it is translated into gestures of closeness and welcome. And she knows that in every rejected migrant, it is Christ himself who knocks at the door of the community.... We have to state, without mincing words, that there is an inseparable bond between our faith and the poor.”*

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE: Our annual Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated on Sunday, November 2nd at 11:00am. Because All Souls Day is also celebrated that Sunday, it seems appropriate to observe it when we have a larger congregation present. Candles will be lit in honor of all parishioners who have passed since last November. Flyers with more information are available in the Gathering Space. Remembering our loved ones in prayer is a wonderful way to honor our beloved!

SAVE THE DATES!

Jubilee of Sports: Saturday, October 18th & Sunday, October 19th at all Masses

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

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

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 19th

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*

Monday, Oct. 20 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Stephan Fix* requested by
Brenda & Alex Fix

Tuesday, Oct. 21 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Florence Dancha* requested by
Nancy Mincin

Wednesday, Oct. 22 - Weekday

5:30 PM - Confessions

6:00 PM - Mass for *Betty J. Caldwell* requested by
Danis Simmons

Thursday, Oct. 23 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Leonard Majestic* requested by
Barbara Bundy

Friday, Oct. 24 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Communion Service

Saturday, Oct. 25 - Vigil of 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:15 PM - Confessions

4:00 PM - Mass for *Dave English* requested by
Carolyn English

Sunday, Oct. 26- 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: The four pillars of parish stewardship are hospitality, prayer, formation, and service. They are intentionally presented in this order, with the idea that we cannot expect people to respond to calls to increase their prayer life, their formation, and their service within and outside the parish, if they do not first feel welcomed and valued through the warmth of hospitality. It just makes good sense. However, those who are already well-versed in the spirituality and practicalities of stewardship, know well that stewardship cannot succeed unless it is steeped in prayer. Today's readings show us the immense value of prayer and the privileged place it must have in our individual lives and in our parish community. Our job, as Christian stewards, is simply to remain faithful to our relationship with God through prayer. We should prioritize the Scriptures as a source of prayer, and we must lean on each other in our communities – family and parish – as we support each other in prayer. A strong pillar of prayer will make all our other stewardship efforts fruitful.

October 4th & 5th

Envelopes	\$	7,043.00
Loose Offerings	\$	258.00
Heating & Cooling	\$	150.00
Catholic Education	\$	95.00
Retired Priest	\$	50.00
Online Giving	\$	3,083.90
Total Offertory	\$	10,679.90

2025 Catholic Ministries Drive Goal: \$42,700

January 1, 2025 - September 30, 2025

Gifts/Pledges - \$51,815.00

Total Gifts Received - \$51,315.00

Pledge Balance - \$500.00

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please email any upcoming bulletin announcements to Diane Ryan at stjohsecretary@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: Many people are referring to the "madrigal" as a "magical" feast. A madrigal is a song sung in parts with little or no instrumental accompaniment. At our January 2nd feast you will hear the majestic songs of a brass quartet, the lulling sounds of flutes and violin, and of course our harmonious singers. Poetry and imagery abound! Huzzah!

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 decorating a trunk 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 also have games and crafts in the upper school hallway. We will be pairing up with the Lakemont Fire Hall and the Lakemont Lions Club again this year for the Halloween Parade and Costume Contest at 1:30pm. Help us make this a great annual event for our parish and community! Everyone is welcome! Tell your friends and neighbors!

PUMPKINFEST THANK YOU! PROFIT: \$3498! Thanks to all who prepared soup, sold soup at our booth, set up & tore down the booth, bought our soup, & made donations. Thanks to Mike & Ashley Greslick who sold chili onsite - Delicious! This is our best turnout for several years & The Social Committee is grateful for ALL your help.

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.

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!

FLOCKNOTE: Sign up to receive all our upcoming events and parish news directly to your email inbox or via text through Flocknote! Stay up-to-date and never miss out on important news and events.

How 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. Sign up with your email address or phone number. Join Flocknote today and stay informed about everything happening in our parish. We look forward to connecting with you!

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: On October 19th, we celebrate World Mission Sunday. World Mission Sunday celebrates missionaries and their work. May our collective prayers and contributions on World Mission Sunday bear fruit in abundance, as we answer the call to invite everyone to the Lord's banquet. Envelopes are provided in our mailed envelope packets. Thank you for your commitment to this vital aspect of our faith.

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME: Please join the Lakemont Lions in service to our community as a volunteer. More information or to join, contact Mike O'Neill at 814-615-3538.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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

November 16th- No Class

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.

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.