

2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope



**Thirtieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
October 26, 2025**

St. John the Evangelist Church

309 Lotz Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602 814-942-5503

PASTORAL STAFF

Monsignor Michael Becker - mbecker253@aol.com
Deacon Gene Neral - gene@lifeinfocus.net
Patricia Jimenez - Director of Music
pjimenez@dioceseaj.org
Mimi Crevecoeur - Business Manager
stjohnchurch@atlanticbb.net
Diane Ryan - Faith Formation Coordinator/Secretary
stjohnsecretary@atlanticbb.net
Iris Tatar - Director of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
iristat38@gmail.com
Pat & Sue Podoletz - OCIA
paddypodo@gmail.com mrspodo@hotmail.com
Ken Dunmire - Maintenance

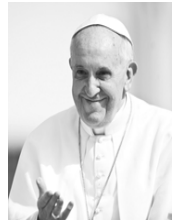
MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - 8:30 AM TUESDAY - 8:30 AM
WEDNESDAY - 6:00 PM THURSDAY - 8:30 AM
FRIDAY - 8:30 AM ALL SAINTS VIGIL- FRIDAY - 6:00 PM
ALL SAINTS FEAST - SATURDAY 9:00 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

Fri. Oct. 31-6:00 PM - Barbara Bundy, David Auerbeck
Sat. Nov. 1-9:00 AM - Richard Consiglio, Mireille Crevecoeur
Sat. Nov. 1-4:00 PM - Joyce Cunningham, Maria Spayd
Sun. Nov. 2-8:00 AM - Ginny Reeder, Mike Greslick
Sun. Nov. 2-11:00 AM - Bob Olson, Jim Campbell

ALTAR SERVERS

Fri. Oct. 31-6:00 PM - Camille Krug, Aidan Schurr
Sat. Nov. 1-9:00 AM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
Sat. Nov. 1- 4:00 PM - Abigail Hovance, Sadie Swope
Sun. Nov. 2- 8:00 AM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
Sun. Nov. 2-11:00 AM - Camille Krug, Aidan Schurr

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Fri. Oct. 31-6:00 PM - Lou Ann Clark, Bob Olson
Sat. Nov. 1-9:00 AM - Susanna Tomlinson, NOT FILLED
Sat. Nov. 1- 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, NOT FILLED
Sun. Nov. 2-8:00 AM - Ashley Greslick, Jennifer Helsley
Sun. Nov. 2-11:00 AM - Barbara Bundy, Lou Ann Clark,
Ken Gorman, Susanna Tomlinson, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Fri. Oct. 31-6:00 PM - Marilyn Bevan, Dolores Capriotti,
Patrick Podoletz, Ginny Reeder
Sat. Nov. 1-9:00 AM - Carolyn English, Jane Strasser,
Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
Sat. Nov. 1- 4:00 PM - Betsy Lloyd, Jeremy Truscello,
Larry VanSickel, Paula VanSickel
Sun. Nov. 2- 8:00 AM - Carolyn English, Mike O'Neill, Ed Stoltz
Mary Truesdale
Sun. Nov. 2- 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Wendy Campbell,
Dolores Capriotti, Mary Grace Horton

SACRISTAN

Fri. Oct. 31-6:00 PM - Barbara Bundy
Sat. Nov. 1-9:00 AM - NOT FILLED
Sat. Nov. 1- 4:00 PM - Ray King, Mary King
Sun. Nov. 2- 8:00 AM - Ashley Greslick
Sun. Nov. 2- 11:00 AM - Barb Bundy

SCRIP

Sat. Nov. 1- 4:00 PM - Lori Baker, NOT FILLED
Sun. Nov. 2- 8:00 AM - Erika Yasolsky, Heather Yasolsky
Sun. Nov. 2- 11:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph

A Few Words from the Pastor:

POPE LEO AND THE CARE OF CREATION! With King Charles standing with him in front of the congregation in the Sistine Chapel, Pope Leo XIV prayed, "God our Father, you have created the heavens and the earth, and made us in your own image. Teach us to see your hand in all your works, and your likeness in all your children. The visit of the King of England was organized as part of the current Jubilee Year of Hope.

OUR DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE – In a caravan of more than a dozen busses, over 600 members of our diocese made pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception last Friday. Bishop Mark presided at a Mass which noted our diocesan observance of the Jubilee of Hope. As many times as I have visited the shrine, I never tire of the amazing beauty of the countless smaller shrines dedicated to Mary that surround the visitors who come to pray and celebrate our Catholic faith and our special devotion to Mary the Mother of God.

ALL SAINTS DAY – Our celebration of the company of the Saints is Saturday, November 1st. Our Masses for All Saints will be celebrated on Friday evening at 6:00 and Saturday morning at 9:00. Because this Feast falls on a Saturday, the obligation to attend Mass for the feast is lifted.

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.

THANKING OUR VETERANS: On Sunday, November 9th 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!

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!

CALLED BY NAME CAMPAIGN: In the coming weeks we will be sharing information on a diocesan-wide campaign to identify faithful young men ages 15-30's who may be open to the priesthood. Parishioners will be invited to submit names of young men they would like to honor on Called by Name Sunday which will take place on the weekend of November 8th and 9th. Stay tuned for additional details!

SAVE THE DATES!

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/All Souls Day: Sunday, November 2nd at the 11am Mass

Veteran's Day Children's Liturgy & Luncheon: Sunday, November 9th Children's Liturgy during the 11am Mass with luncheon to honor our veterans and their families following Mass in Fr. Bailey Hall

Angel Tree: Saturday, November 22-Sunday, December 7 -Tree will be set up and ornaments available with requests

Thanksgiving Day Mass: Thursday, November 27th at 9am

Breakfast with Santa: Sunday, December 14th from 9am-11am in Fr. Bailey Hall

Advent Penance Service: Sunday, December 14th at 4pm

Schedule for the Week of October 26th

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

Monday, Oct. 27 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Deceased members of Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth* requested by Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth

Tuesday, Oct. 28 - Sts. Simon & Jude

8:30 AM - Communion Service

Wednesday, Oct. 29 - Weekday

5:30 PM - Confessions

6:00 PM - Mass for *Barbara Hastings & Betty Prave* requested by Fran Semelsberger

Thursday, Oct. 30 - Weekday

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

Friday, Oct. 31 - Weekday/All Saints Vigil

8:30 AM - Communion Service

6:00 PM - Mass for *Florence Dancha* requested by
David & Donna Steigerwalt

Saturday, Nov. 1 - All Saints

9:00 AM - Mass for *People of the Parish*

3:15 PM - Confessions

4:00 PM - Mass for *Marshall Spayd* requested by
Doug & Maria Spayd

Sunday, Nov. 2 - The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

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

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

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 9th 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!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: One of the wonderful aspects of stewardship spirituality is its balanced approach to all areas of life. We see this balance in play as we continue to explore the Pillar of Prayer. As stewards, aware of our total dependence on God for everything, we come to Him in awe and gratitude. At the same time, we approach God with an awareness of the great dignity He has given us, creating us in His own image and likeness and calling us to join Him in the work of advancing His kingdom. In last week's readings, we were encouraged to remain persistent and constant in our prayer life. Today, we focus on the proper attitude of a steward at prayer. We learn that a particular attitude in our approach to prayer will make our prayer lives more effective: "the prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest till it reaches its goal." When we pray with a humble attitude, God will respond. The good steward knows he needs God, and that God has chosen to need him in advancing the Kingdom. His prayers pierce the clouds and God is glorified!

October 11th & 12th

Envelopes	\$	3,847.00
Loose Offerings	\$	457.00
Heating & Cooling	\$	356.00
World Mission	\$	85.00
Retired Priest	\$	50.00
All Souls Day	\$	20.00
Online Giving	\$	1,756.10
Total Offertory	\$	6,571.10

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

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. 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!

MADRIGAL FEAST JUBILEE: At Jane's Curious Nook, every cup of tea is made with care and intention. Each blend is handcrafted in small batches, using fruits and herbs that are foraged and dried by hand to let nature's flavors shine and turn an ordinary cup into something a little more special. You will be able to try a good cup of tea at the madrigal feast on January 2nd, and buy some, too. Stay curious and check out Jane's Curious Nook on Facebook or at <https://janes-curious-nook.square.site>.

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

HOME WITH THE LORD: Your prayers are requested
for the repose of the souls of:

Fred Fornwalt

Anne Zelnosky

May they rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.

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!

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.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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

November 22nd-Confirmation Discipleship Event at St. Rose

November 23rd-Class (Safety Lessons)

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.

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

SCRIP NEWS: Budgeting? We have a great way to budget and help the church. Figure out your weekly spending on groceries and gasoline. Purchase Scrip cards from our many vendors. The church makes a profit, and when you are out of scrip for the week, that is the end of shopping. (WELL, you might need more gas to get to church!) For more information, stop at the Scrip table before or after any weekend mass and our volunteers would be happy to answer any questions you might have!