

2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope



**Thirty-third Sunday
In Ordinary Time
November 16, 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

November Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

For the Prevention of Suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.



NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS

LECTORS

Sat. Nov. 22-4:00 PM - Joyce Cunningham, Maria Spayd
Sun. Nov. 23-8:00 AM - Ginny Reeder, Mary Truesdale
Sun. Nov. 23-11:00 AM - Richard Consiglio, Patrick Schurr

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. Nov. 22- 4:00 PM - Abigail Hovance, Sadie Swope
Sun. Nov. 23- 8:00 AM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
Sun. Nov. 23-11:00 AM - Camille Krug, Aidan Schurr

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Nov. 22- 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, NOT FILLED
Sun. Nov. 23-8:00 AM - Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
Sun. Nov. 23-11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Barbara Bundy,
Lou Ann Clark, Ken Gorman, Bob Olson, Susanna Tomlinson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. Nov. 22- 4:00 PM - Betsy Lloyd, Dennis Moughemer,
Karen Moughemer, Jeremy Truscillo
Sun. Nov. 23- 8:00 AM - Carolyn English, Ashley Greslick,
Mike Greslick, Ray Kennedy
Sun. Nov. 23- 11:00 AM - Walter Bloom, Dolores Capriotti,
Mary Grace Horton, Peg Madden

SACRISTAN

Sat. Nov. 22- 4:00 PM - Ray King, Mary King
Sun. Nov. 23- 8:00 AM - Ashley Greslick
Sun. Nov. 23- 11:00 AM - Barbara Bundy

SCRIP

Sat. Nov. 22- 4:00 PM - Julie Beiswenger, Becky Merrill
Sun. Nov. 23- 8:00 AM - Lori Baker, NOT FILLED
Sun. Nov. 23- 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:

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE: all are encouraged to attend a special ecumenical interfaith service on Thursday, November 20 at Christ Community Church, 5715 Roselawn Ave., Altoona. The guest speaker will be Dr. Lillian Smith, who is superintendent of the Freedom Trail district of the Susquehanna conference of the United Methodist Church. Please join in this worship service which unites us with brothers and sisters of various faith traditions.

CALLED BY NAME: Our diocese has introduced a program this month to encourage vocations to the priesthood. The purpose of this campaign is to ask parishioners to submit the names of faithful young men who show promise in their faith, leadership abilities, and dedication to serving the Church, so we can support them as they discern their vocations. In making a recommendation, ***you need only mention the name of the young man you are recommending, and his parents or family.*** Our parish office will complete your form with the necessary address and contact information.

A DAY FOR THE POOR: Since 2016, the Catholic Church has observed the World Day of the Poor on the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time as way for Catholics to reflect more deeply on our call to love the poor as our brothers and sisters. The theme this year is "You are my hope", take from the Psalmist's cry "You, O Lord, are my hope" (Ps 71:5). In his message for this World Day of the Poor, the Holy Father urges us to recognize those experiencing poverty as "witnesses to a strong and steadfast hope, precisely because they embody it in the midst of uncertainty, poverty, instability and marginalization." The poor are not a distraction for the Church, but our beloved brothers and sisters, for by their lives, their words and their wisdom, they put us in contact with the truth of the Gospel. In his message Pope Leo writes that the structural causes of poverty must be addressed and eliminated. "Helping the poor is a matter of justice before a question of charity."

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 collection will end this Sunday. 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.

SAVE THE DATES!

Angel Tree: Saturday, November 15-Sunday, December 7 -Tree will be set up and ornaments available with requests

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

Immaculate Conception: Monday, December 8th Masses at 8:30am & 6pm

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

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

Christmas Eve Masses: Wednesday, December 24th at 4pm & 10pm

Christmas Day Mass: Thursday, December 25th at 10am

CALLED BY NAME SUNDAY! Bishop Bartchak is asking us to identify faithful young men (ages 15-30's) who exhibit qualities of leadership and service, and who may be open to learning more about the priesthood. To submit names, please visit ajvocations.org/calledbyname. Men you submit will receive a letter of encouragement from Bishop Bartchak, invitations to discernment events, and support from our Vocation Team. Thank you for your participation in this important campaign!

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!

Schedule for the Week of November 16th

Sunday, Nov. 16 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00 AM - Mass for *Frank Ringkamp* requested by
Chris & Melissa Ringkamp

Monday, Nov. 17 - St. Elizabeth of Hungary

8:30 AM - Mass for *George Goch* requested by
family

Tuesday, Nov. 18 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Johanna & George Semko* requested
by Karen Mazzarella

Wednesday, Nov. 19 - Weekday

5:30 PM - Confessions

6:00 PM - Mass for *Betty J. Caldwell* requested by
Mike & Sue Jones

Thursday, Nov. 20 - 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

Friday, Nov. 21 - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 AM - Communion Service

Saturday, Nov. 22 - Vigil of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

3:15 PM - Confessions

4:00 PM - Mass for *Birthday Remembrance of Joseph
Aungst, Sr.* requested by his family

Sunday, Nov. 23 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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

11:00 AM - Mass for *Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Novak* requested
by Chuck & Judy Stephens

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: The first medieval knights
were professional calvary warriors. As young as 7, a
youth would serve as a page and receive an education.
At 12, he would receive more advanced military instruc-
tion. Once deemed proficient and able to earn money for
military equipment, he would be knighted. A Christian
ideal of knightly behaviors came to include respect for
the church, protection of the poor and the weak, loyalty
to one's superiors, and preservation of personal honor.
The male knight uses the prefix Sir before his personal
name; the female knight the prefix Dame. Prithee, what
belongs to you but is used by others?

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: As we approach the end of the
liturgical year, our readings offer a sober reminder that
this life is not our aim and that God's justice will triumph
in the end. Now is the time to get our priorities in order,
putting God above all else as His faithful stewards. Before
the eternal bliss of heaven, we should expect to be tried
and tested. "Before all this happens, however, they will
seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the
synagogues and to prisons and they will have you led be-
fore kings and governors because of my name." Sounds
scary, but if you are living a stewardship way of life, there
is nothing to fear. You have a plan in place – all you need
to do is stick with it. Put our Lord first in your time, with
your talents, and through use of your treasures. This way
of life is not meant to be easy, but Jesus promises it will
lead to eternal salvation and the joy of union with Him.
"You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a
hair on your head will be destroyed. By your persever-
ance, you will secure your lives." Onward Christian stew-
ards, the struggle is worth the joy that awaits!

November 1st/2nd

Envelopes	\$	6,242.00
Loose Offerings	\$	371.00
Heating & Cooling	\$	325.00
Catholic Education	\$	102.00
World Mission	\$	25.00
Retired Priest	\$	25.00
All Souls Day	\$	605.00
All Saints Day	\$	580.00
Catholic Charities	\$	100.00
Catholic University	\$	25.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	30.00
Thanksgiving	\$	20.00
Online Giving	\$	2,478.90
Total Offertory	\$	10,928.00

2025 Catholic Ministries Drive Goal: \$42,700

January 1, 2025 - October 31, 2025

Gifts/Pledges - \$52,205.00

Total Gifts Received -\$51,805.00

Pledge Balance - \$400.00

#IGIVECATHOLIC: Beginning this Monday, November
17th, please visit [IGiveCatholic.org](https://www.givecatholic.org) and support St. John
the Evangelist Church. All transactions are secure and tax
-deductible. You can also donate offline by using the
#IGiveCatholic envelopes available in the Gathering
Space. Funds will support our Heating and Cooling
Campaign to replace our aging system. Join Catholic
communities around the globe to give thanks to the
organizations that help shape our souls!

GIVE US THIS DAY: New subscriptions will begin in
December! Books will be available in the Gathering Space
the last week of November.

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
Heather Yasolsky

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!

ANGEL TREE: We will have the Angel Tree set up in the Gathering Space for the weekend of November 15th/16th. Tags can be picked up after mass or during the week. Church doors are open daily from 8:30am to 3:00pm. You may not spend more than \$40 per gift. Return wrapped gifts with the tags attached to the Gathering Space by December 7th. Food tags (Martin's, Weis or Walmart) are also available on the tree to purchase from our Scrip program. Simply purchase the gift card and attach the tag to it. A designated box for these cards will be distributed to families in need by Catholic Charities. Please contact the Parish Office at 814-942-5503 with any questions.

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.

SCRIP: Did you know you can raise money for our parish when you buy food for your holiday gatherings? Use scrip when you go grocery shopping for holiday get-togethers and earn rebates for St. John's. We have Walmart, Giant Eagle, Hometown Market, Martin's and Weis gift cards in stock. Drop off your order form at the scrip table as you come in to mass and pick it up on your way out after mass. Not sure how to order? Stop by the scrip table and ask any volunteer for help!

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

November 16th- No Class

November 22nd-Confirmation Discipleship Event at St. Rose

November 23rd-Class (Safety Lessons)

November 30th-No Class-Happy Thanksgiving!

December 7th-Family Advent Event in gym and Children's Liturgy at 11am Mass

December 14th-No Class-Breakfast with Santa 9am-11am
Penance Service at 4pm

December 21st-Class

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.

HOSPITALITY HELP: In this season of thanksgiving, a wonderful thing we can be thankful for is the warm sense of welcome here at St. John's. It starts at the door as we are greeted with a smile by Hospitality Ministers and continues throughout the Mass, aided by Altar servers, Lectors, Choir members and Extra-ordinary ministers of Communion. **It takes all of us to create this sense of community.** Hospitality Ministers greet people, distribute any needed supplies and information, take up the collection during Mass, and provide bulletins at the end. It's a role that really gets a person involved. If you have that welcoming spirit, we are asking you to share it with us by becoming part of our Hospitality Ministry. Please sign up on the kiosk in the gathering space, and you will be contacted with directions on how to get started. Thank you in advance!

JOB OPENING: St. Rose of Lima, Altoona is seeking dedicated candidates for a part-time Administrative Assistant. To view the full job description and apply, please visit the Careers page at <https://humanresources.dioceseaj.org>. Resumes can be emailed directly to the HR Office at mporada@dioceseaj.org.