

2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope



The Commemoration of All
the Faithful Departed
November 2, 2025

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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. 8-4:00 PM - John Sukala, Jeremy Truscello
Sun. Nov. 9-8:00 AM - Susan Podoletz, Mary Truesdale
Sun. Nov. 9-11:00 AM - Estella Koch, Evie Koch

ALTAR SERVERS

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Nov. 8- 4:00 PM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
Sun. Nov. 9-8:00 AM - Mike Greslick, Ginny Reeder
Sun. Nov. 9-11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Barbara Bundy,
Dolores Capriotti, Ken Gorman, Bob Olson, NOT FILLED

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. Nov. 8- 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, Betsy Lloyd,
Dennis Moughemer, Karen Moughemer
Sun. Nov. 9- 8:00 AM - Jane Becker, John Becker, Ray Kennedy,
Jane Strasser
Sun. Nov. 9- 11:00 AM - Faith Formation Students

SACRISTAN

Sat. Nov. 8- 4:00 PM - Ray King, Mary King
Sun. Nov. 9- 8:00 AM - Ashley Greslick
Sun. Nov. 9- 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

SCRIP

Sat. Nov. 8- 4:00 PM - Lori Baker, NOT FILLED
Sun. Nov. 9- 8:00 AM - Erika Yasolsky, Heather Yasolsky
Sun. Nov. 9- 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:

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS TAKE ACTION: Our gratitude to parish council member Gary Buda for his many hours of work pruning and clearing the bank along the front circle. Further thanks to another council member, Paul Weimer, who provided for the removal of the “clippings”, which included several stray trees that were growing there.

ALL SOULS DAY: When this celebration falls on a Sunday, as it does today, it takes precedence! This is a Catholic day of remembrance dedicated to praying for all the faithful departed — especially those believed to be in **Purgatory**, undergoing purification before entering Heaven. In Mexico, this day is known as *Día de los Muertos*, *the Day of the Dead*, and is a joyful time of remembrance, blending faith and cultural celebration.

OUR SAINT OF THE WEEK: On Tuesday we observe the memorial of St. Charles Borromeo. **St. Charles** was a major figure in the Catholic Reformation and is one of the most important saints of the 16th century. St. Charles Borromeo is remembered for his deep humility and pastoral care, his dedication to clerical reform and moral integrity, and for his role in shaping modern Catholic seminaries.

CALLED BY NAME: Our diocese is introducing 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. I will be preaching on my own vocation next week, and forms will be available so that members of the parish can assist the diocese in providing the names of those who show promise in the practice of the faith.

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, which would be next weekend, November 8th & 9th**, is an occasion when we can support our local food banks with non-perishable items and/or cash or gift cards. As we approach the upcoming holidays, the need in this area is great. Your support and generosity is greatly appreciated! *“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.

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. All are welcome to the luncheon. Please join us as we honor our veterans!

SAVE THE DATES!

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 following Mass in Fr. Bailey Hall-All are welcome to attend, you do not need to be a veteran to attend but veterans in attendance will be recognized

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

CALLED BY NAME: Next weekend is Called By Name Sunday, an initiative to honor faithful young men who may be open to the priesthood. Bishop Barchak has written a letter to us about this important campaign, which we encourage you to read in the bulletin. Next Sunday, the bishop is inviting all parishioners to submit names of young men who exhibit leadership and a heart for service. These men will receive a letter from the bishop, invitations to discernment events, and ongoing support from our Vocation Team.

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.

MADRIGAL FEAST JUBILEE: So what exactly is “wassail?” Wassail is a warm holiday drink that combines fruit juices and mulled spices served in the cold of winter. Wassail is a souped-up version of hot apple cider but have no fear as our version is non-alcoholic. The drink originated in Britain with pagan roots but was quickly adapted into Christian holidays. As we join in the wassailing at our feast on Friday, January 2 we will raise a toast to celebrate the King of Kings, Jesus Christ. Until then, take some time to give thanks to the Creator, God, by whom all blessings flow. John 6:35

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
David Swanger, Jr.
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!

HEALING MASS: Holy Spirit Ministry will hold a special Healing Mass on Tuesday, November 4th at 7pm at St. Michael Church, Hollidaysburg. This powerful night of hope and healing is for all who are suffering physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Fr. Jeremy Mohler will be the main celebrant. Praise and worship will precede the Mass at 6:30pm and prayer ministry will follow the Mass. All are welcome!

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

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)

November 30th-No Class-Happy Thanksgiving!

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.

ANGEL TREE: The holiday season and the Church Liturgical calendar begin the First Sunday of Advent on November 30th. We are coming to the end of the Jubilee Year of 2025 which directs us to be followers of Christ's Pilgrims of Hope. St. John's Parish has always been generous stewards of hope, and financial assistance to those brothers and sisters in our surrounding communities. Acts 21:35 reads: You should always remember the words of Lord Jesus: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." In the coming weeks we will receive our Angel Tree material package to assist the Catholic Charities of this Diocese. Please assist us in contributing to this ministry to be a tangible sign of hope.

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 donnah31049@gmail.com or 814-632-3509.