

2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope



**The Dedication of the
Lateran Basilica
November 9, 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. 15-4:00 PM - Jeremy Truscello, Maria Spayd
Sun. Nov. 16-8:00 AM - Bill Foose, Norma Foose
Sun. Nov. 16-11:00 AM - Barbara Bundy, Susanna Tomlinson

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. Nov. 15- 4:00 PM - Abigail Hovance, Sadie Swope
Sun. Nov. 16- 8:00 AM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
Sun. Nov. 16-11:00 AM - Estella Koch, Evie Koch

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Nov. 15- 4:00 PM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
Sun. Nov. 16-8:00 AM - Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
Sun. Nov. 16-11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Ken Gorman, Bob Olson,
NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. Nov. 15- 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, Betsy Lloyd,
Larry VanSickel, Paula VanSickel
Sun. Nov. 16- 8:00 AM - Ashley Greslick, Mike Greslick, Ed Stoltz,
Mary Truesdale
Sun. Nov. 16- 11:00 AM - Wendy Campbell, Dolores Capriotti,
Lou Ann Clark, Mary Grace Horton

SACRISTAN

Sat. Nov. 15- 4:00 PM - Ray King, Mary King
Sun. Nov. 16- 8:00 AM - Ashley Greslick
Sun. Nov. 16- 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

SCRIP

Sat. Nov. 15- 4:00 PM - Lori Baker, NOT FILLED
Sun. Nov. 16- 8:00 AM - Erika Yasolsky, Heather Yasolsky
Sun. Nov. 16- 11:00 AM - Patrick Podoletz, 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:

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 this 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.

FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA – NOVEMBER 9 This week the Church celebrates the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, the cathedral church of Rome and the mother church of all Christians. Although many think of St. Peter's as the Pope's church, the Lateran Basilica is actually the Pope's official cathedral and the oldest basilica in the West. This feast reminds us that the Church is not just a building but the living Body of Christ. As we honor this historic church, we also remember that God dwells in us, and we are called to be a holy people united in faith, charity, and mission. May this celebration deepen our unity with the Church throughout the world and strengthen our commitment to live as God's holy temple.

FEAST OF ST. LEO THE GREAT – NOVEMBER 10 On Monday we celebrate the first of many Popes named Leo. **St. Leo the Great**, serving as pope from 440–461 AD, he is remembered for his strong leadership during times of crisis and for defending the true teaching of Christ as both fully God and fully human. St. Leo courageously protected the city of Rome and strengthened the role of the papacy in guiding the Church. We pray especially this week for our own American born pope, Leo XIV, that God will protect and guide him in these challenging times!

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.

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. Our Faith Formation students will be leading many ministries during the 11am Mass. All are welcome to the luncheon. Please join us as we honor our veterans!

SAVE THE DATES!

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 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

TODAY IS 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!

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!

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

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!

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE: Our Lady of Lourdes -2700 Broad Ave., Altoona on November 15 from 8am - 3pm. Pancake & Sausage Breakfast 8-10am along with Paul Binus home-made cinnamon rolls. Lunch 11am-2pm with soups, meatballs, haluski, all homemade. Photos with Santa with a beautiful new backdrop 11am-1pm. Get your family Christmas card photo taken! Come & enjoy Sr. Basil's lollipops, Crafts, Bake Shoppe, Jewelry, Kids Carnival Baskets Galore, Food for Thought, Sweet Find.

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 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!

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

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: 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.

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.