# 2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope



## The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica November 9, 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. 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-  $4:00\,\mathrm{PM}$  - Abigail Hovance, Sadie Swope Sun. Nov. 16-  $8:00\,\mathrm{AM}$  - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED

Sun. Nov. 16-11:00 AM - Estella Koch, Evie Koch

#### **EUCHARISTIC 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,

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#### 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 16<sup>th</sup>. <u>Volunteers are needed</u> 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!

<u>Veteran's Day Children's Liturgy & Luncheon:</u> 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

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

<u>Thanksgiving Day Mass:</u> Thursday, November 27th at 9am

<u>Immaculate Conception:</u> Monday, December 8th Masses at 8:30am & 6pm

<u>Breakfast with Santa:</u> 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!

## Schedule for the Week of November 9th

## Sunday, Nov. 9 - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:00 AM - Mass for *Florence Dancha* requested by Robin Lestochi & Ken McCracken

11:00 AM - Mass for People of the Parish

## Monday, Nov. 10 - St. Leo the Great

8:30 AM - Mass for *Patricia Johnson* requested by Linda Weyandt

#### Tuesday, Nov. 11 - St. Martin of Tours

8:30 AM - Mass for Our Parish Veterans

## Wednesday, Nov. 12 - St. Josaphat

5:30 PM - Confessions

6:00 PM - Mass for *Brendan Spayd* requested by Doug & Maria Spayd

### Thursday, Nov. 13 - St. Francis Xavier Cabrini

8:30 AM - Mass for *Health intentions for Barb* requested by Marian Monios

## Friday, Nov. 14 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Communion Service

## Saturday, Nov. 15 - Vigil of 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:15 PM - Confessions

4:00 PM - Mass for *John Lloyd* requested by Betsy Lloyd & family

### 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

**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.

#IGIVECATHOLIC: Beginning next Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, please visit iGiveCatholic.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!

MADRIGAL FEAST JUBILEE: Some people think that the people in the Middle Ages and Renaissance bathed infrequently. People often bathed weekly and were hygiene conscious. Liquid soap was in use since before the time of Christ. Hard cake soap was invented in the twelfth century. Come to our Madrigal Feast Jubilee on Friday, January 2 and experience the calming scents of homemade affordable lavender, rosemary, and other herbed soaps.

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** Today's readings challenge us to focus on the "why" of stewardship. Why embrace this challenging way of life when it seems hard enough just to pay the bills, take care of our loved ones, meet the demands of our jobs, and fall into bed at the end of each full day? Because this life is not all there is. We were made for more – for eternal happiness in union with God. While we cannot earn our way into Heaven, what we do now with the life God has given us has eternal consequences. Stewardship living helps us to keep focused on our hoped -for destination in the choices we make each day. In our Gospel passage from Luke, Christ reminds us very clearly that we were made for more than just this life and that our choices in this life have eternal consequences. In this passage, our Lord corrects some Sadducees for their mistaken notion that there is no resurrection. He instructs that "those who are deemed worth to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead... can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise." We should embrace the stewardship way of life to thank God for all His gifts to us and so that we may attain the gift of eternal life and the everlasting happiness of Heaven with Him.

#### October 25th & 26th

Envelopes	\$ 3,059.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 205.00
Heating & Cooling	\$ 90.00
World Mission	\$ 35.00
Retired Priest	\$ 10.00
All Souls Day	\$ 230.00
All Saints Day	\$ 60.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 50.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,005.40
Total Offertory	\$ 4,744.40

## 2025 Catholic Ministries Drive Goal: \$42,700

January 1, 2025 - September 30, 2025 Gifts/Pledges - \$51,815.00 Total Gifts Received -\$51,315.00

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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!

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## **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 homemade 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.

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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.

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