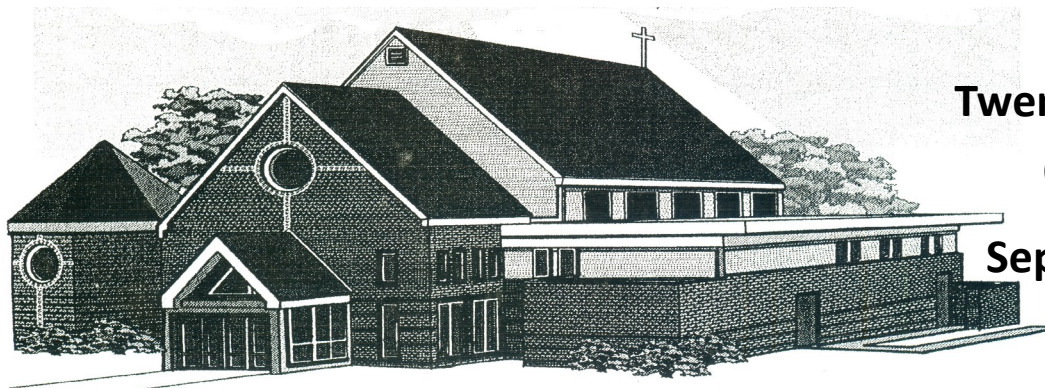




**Twenty-sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

September 27, 2026

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

September Prayer Intention of Pope Leo

For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital source, so that everyone may have equal access to it.



NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS

LECTORS

Sat. Oct. 3- 4:00 PM - James Krug, Joyce Cunningham
Sun. Oct. 4-8:00 AM - Ginny Reeder, Mary Truesdale
Sun. Oct. 4-11:00 AM - Susanna Tomlinson, Mireille Crevecoeur

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. Oct. 3- 4:00 PM - Sadie Swope, NOT FILLED
Sun. Oct. 4- 8:00 AM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
Sun. Oct. 4- 11:00 AM - Estella Koch, Evie Koch

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Oct. 3- 4:00 PM - David Loth, NOT FILLED
Sun. Oct. 4- 8:00 AM - Mike Greslick, Jennifer Helsley
Sun. Oct. 4- 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Barbara Bundy,
Ken Gorman, Bob Olson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. Oct. 3- 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, Dennis Moughemer,
Karen Moughemer, Jeremy Truscello
Sun. Oct. 4- 8:00 AM - Jane Becker, John Becker, Ray Kennedy,
Mike O'Neill
Sun. Oct. 4- 11:00 AM - Wendy Campbell, Mitchell Evans,
Jared Miller, Marge Rudolph

SACRISTAN

Sat. Oct. 3- 4:00 PM - Linda McAleer
Sun. Oct. 4- 8:00 AM - Ashley Greslick
Sun. Oct. 4- 11:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti

SCRIP

Sat. Oct. 3- 4:00 PM - Lori Baker, NOT FILLED
Sun. Oct. 4- 8:00 AM - Amber Yasolsky, Heather Yasolsky
Sun. Oct. 4- 11:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph

A Few Words from the Pastor:

PET BLESSING ON OCTOBER 4! Our annual blessing of pets will be celebrated on Sunday, October 4th, at 1:00 PM. This year, however, we will be celebrating this event in **Tuckahoe Park** on Union Avenue, and faith communities from around the city are invited to participate! This event is sponsored by the Interfaith Alliance and is an opportunity for we of the Catholic persuasion can share our love for St. Francis of Assisi, the loving protector of animals. There will be a representative of the Animal Shelter present, with prayers and song to celebrate the beauty of God's many creatures. Our love for pets is universal!

LOOKING AHEAD TO ADULT ED! – We will again be having our adult ed session on Sunday morning this fall, with a very timely topic. Using his book *Insane for the Light: A Spirituality for our Wisdom Years*, Ronald Rohlheiser will provide an insightful look at how we are to grow spiritually as we deal with the delights and challenges of growing older. For those wishing to get a head start, this book is available online from Amazon. I will also have copies available. Our first session will be held on September 27. Plan on joining us!

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES! This Sunday, the last Sunday of September, the Catholic Church throughout the world observes a special day of prayer for our migrant brothers and sisters who have been forced by poverty or violence to leave their homes in search of safe shelter. The Pope's message this year focuses particularly on **children and minors who experience migration and forced displacement**, emphasizing their dignity, protection, family unity, education, and welcome. For this 112th World Day, the theme, "even just one of these children," draws our attention to the minors directly involved in the experience of migration and flight, to the care owed to them, and to the Lord's promise that "whoever receives one such child in my name receives me."

POPE LEO SPEAKS ON THE SEASON OF CREATION! Pope Leo has chosen the theme **“They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.”** These words of the prophet Isaiah are at the heart of the pope’s message that makes a striking connection between war, poverty, peace, and the destruction of creation. War damages ecosystems, contaminates water and land, destroys food supplies, drives people from their homes, and leaves wounds that can last for generations.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH: *Every human life is a precious gift from God. From the moment of conception until natural death, every person possesses an inviolable dignity. During October, let us pray, learn, and act so that our parish and community may become places where every human person is welcomed, protected, and cherished.*

SAVE THE DATES!

Blessing of the Pets: Sunday, October 4th at 1pm at Tuckahoe Park in Altoona

20th Annual Pumpkin Fest: Saturday, October 10th from 10am-4pm in Hollidayburg

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RECEIVE UP TO DATE INFORMATION FROM ST. JOHN'S WITH FLOCKNOTE: We want to communicate more effectively with you. But we also want to make it easy for you to control what types of announcements you get from us and how you are notified when we make them. And in order to do this we are using a simple service called FLOCKNOTE. Like sending "notes" to your "flock". This is all totally free for you to use and it's going to also make it easy for you to stay plugged in to the ministries or groups that you care about, all by text message or email updates. Your information will be completely safe and secure. And you can unsubscribe from any updates at any time! 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.

PUMPKIN FEST: The 20th Annual Pumpkin Fest will be on Saturday, October 10th from 10am-4pm on Allegheny Street between Front & Union Streets. St. John's will be selling homemade soups again at their booth. If you are able to make 5-10 quarts of soup, please sign up on the kiosk. We are also looking for volunteers for various time slots on the day of the Pumpkin Fest to help sell soup. If you are interested in helping at the booth, please sign up on the kiosk. All profits will benefit the Social Committee and upcoming Parish Events. Contact Ginny Reeder at 814-695-7671 for questions or more information. Thank you for supporting our Parish!

Schedule for the Week of September 27th

Sunday, September 27 - Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00 AM - Mass for *Tony Vocco* requested by
Dee & Allen Capriotti

Monday, September 28 - Weekday

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

Tuesday, September 29 - Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

8:30 AM - Mass for *Special Intention* requested by
Anna Musselman

Wednesday, September 30 - St. Jerome

5:30 PM - Confessions

6:00 PM - Mass for *Anniversary Remembrance of Andrew Jr. & Florence Dancha* requested by Vicki Faretta

Thursday, October 1 - St. Therese of the Child Jesus

8:30 AM - Mass for *Betty Caldwell* requested by
Kathy & Terry Tomassetti

Friday, October 2 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Communion Service

Saturday, October 3 - Vigil of Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:15 PM - Confessions

4:00 PM - Mass for *People of the Parish*

Sunday, October 4 - Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Mass for *Frank Mento* requested by
Bob & Ginny Reeder

11:00 AM - Mass for *Frank Frye & Darla Frye* requested by
Gene & Joan Frye

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The Parish Office is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9am to 3pm unless otherwise noted on door to accommodate appointments and vacations. Thank you!

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.

HYMN SING: Praise, fellowship, and this year's favorite hymn? Come to the **HYMN SING** at 3:00 pm on Sunday, October 18 here in St. John's sanctuary to experience one joyful hour of hymn singing and praiseful entertainment. Yes, you will have the opportunity to share your favorite hymn. Yes, you will certainly hear at least one new hymn. Yes, you can invite your friends and neighbors to come along; we're kid friendly, too! Contact Patti Jimenez for more information at 814-414-7529.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Today's readings challenge the modern-day disciple to imitate more fully both the actions and attitudes of Christ. This is, after all, the point of our stewardship way of life.

St Paul encapsulates the actions and attitudes we must strive for in the Second Reading, from the Letter to the Philippians. "Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vain-glory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others." In other words, Paul continues, "Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus." Whether we are at work or school or within our own homes, our actions should be focused on others first in imitation of Christ, Who is always perfectly focused on others.

We are called to a high and holy standard – living as Christ's disciples every day and with every person the Lord places in our path. But we can move towards this goal in 'baby steps.' We can even take a step backward from time to time because our Father is merciful and kind. What matters is that we keep baby-stepping along, assured of the grace we need to more closely imitate the actions and attitudes of Christ. This is the beauty of the stewardship way of life.

September 12th & 13th

Envelopes	\$	3,618.00
Loose Offerings	\$	644.00
Heating & Cooling	\$	200.00
Catholic University	\$	120.00
Online Giving	\$	1,262.95
Total Offertory	\$	5,844.95

2026 Catholic Ministries Drive Goal: \$37,300

January 1, 2026 - August 31, 2026

Gifts/Pledges - \$75,690.00

Total Gifts Received - \$75,440.00

Pledge Balance - \$250.00

2026-2027 HAITI STUDENT SPONSORSHIP: \$160 per student for the school year. This support is dedicated to the student and the operating costs, which include books, supplies, uniforms, lunch and salaries.

Thank you for your generosity in the past years. Sts. Peter & Paul is now supporting many, many families who have fled their homes to escape the gangs and violence. St. John's dedication to this mission has been and is crucial to the survival of our sister parish and community. Have no doubt your prayers and donations make the difference personally for each fellow Haitian Catholic. Thank you, again, for being a blessing to Haiti.

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:*

Paula Adams • Barbara • Idy Caporuscio
Dr. Kip Dolphin • Ed Drexler • Lois Dullinger
Charles Elder • Patty Flanagan • Donna Fornwalt
Marianne Jones • Ray & Mary King • Sally Langham
Elsie MacCullagh • Dave Madden
Suzana Mladenovska • Mike Nagle • Olga Romerowicz
Bette Richards • Anne Showalter • Cathy Stapelfeld
Chuck Stephens • Walter Sweedo • Tammy
Tim Temofonte • Susanna Tomlinson • Wally Wargo
Lois Werfel • Holly Whitmire
All Garvey Manor Residents

HOME WITH THE LORD: Your prayers are requested
for the repose of the souls of:
Rod Baronner, brother of Marilyn Bevan
Russ Price, husband of Joan Price
May they rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.

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.

GABRIEL PROJECT: Thank you for the many generous donations collected so far for our moms in need. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and making a difference in many lives. We are collecting winter clothing and diapers in sizes 4-8. Any mom needing assistance should call 814-440-1021. Thank you for your support!

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.

GIVE US THIS DAY: It's time to renew our Give Us This Day order for December 2026-November 2027. Samples are available in the Gathering Space. If you are a current subscriber, renewal envelopes are included with your September copy. New subscribers may use the envelopes provided with the samples. We can order either the standard print for \$44 or the large print for \$58 for an annual subscription. Orders are due by October 5th. Please contact the Parish Office with questions. Thank you!

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

September 27th- No Class

October 4th- Class - 9:15-10:45am

October 11th- No Class-Mentor Meeting for 9th Grade students and a parent from 9:30am-10:45am

October 18th- Class - 9:15am-10:45am

October 25th- No Class- Trunk or Treat at 1pm

Registration Forms for the 2026-2027 Faith Formation Year are now available in the Gathering Space.

All public school students entering Kindergarten through 9th grade should be registered with the Faith Formation Program.

All catholic school students entering 2nd grade and 9th grade should be registered with the Faith Formation Program of their home parish to prepare for Sacraments. Catholic school students do not receive the sacraments through the school.

If you would like more information or have questions, please contact Diane Ryan at 814-942-5503 or email stjohnsecretary@atlanticbb.net.

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 an \$880 award from the BG Class of 1978 Scholarship Endowment. Please download an application from the Independent Catholic Foundation's "Grants & Scholarships" webpage at www.icfoundation.us. Please give your pastor or parish administrator ample time to sign it. The Foundation will accept completed applications until 4:00 PM, Thursday, October 1.

HEALING MASS: Holy Spirit Ministry will hold a special Healing Mass on Tuesday, October 6th 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. Alan Thomas will be the main celebrant. Praise and worship will precede the Mass at 6:30pm and prayer ministry, Sacramental Anointing of the Sick and confessions will follow the Mass.

ROSARY RALLY: October 10th at 12pm at Our Lady of Fati ma Shrine on the campus of St. Catherine of Siena, Duncansville. Rain or shine. Contact Dennis at 814-215-7776 with questions.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT SCRIP! Don't forget to buy scrip for your home improvement purchases! Whether you're picking out new furniture, remodeling the kitchen, or repainting your favorite room, big projects don't come cheap. On the plus side, big spending means big rebates for St. John's, so don't forget to order scrip for purchases at Lowe's, Home Depot, etc. Have questions still? Stop by the Scrip table at any weekend mass and our volunteers will be happy to help answer any questions.