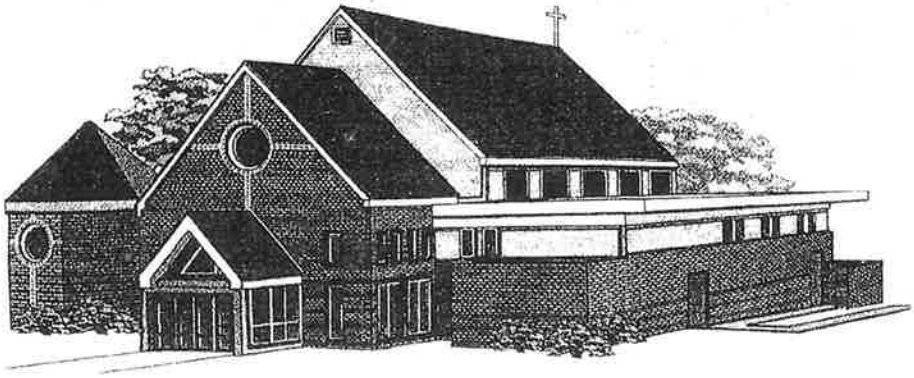


Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 25, 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

October Prayer Intention of Pope Leo

For mental health ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illness.



NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS

LECTORS

Sat. Oct. 31-4:00 PM-Jeremy Truscello, James Krug
Sun. Nov. 1-8:00 AM-Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
Sun. Nov. 1-11:00 AM-Estella Koch, Evie Koch
Mon. Nov. 2-6:00 PM-Richard Consiglio, NOT FILLED

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. Oct. 31-4:00 PM-Sadie Swope, NOT FILLED
Sun. Nov. 1-8:00 AM-NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
Sun. Nov. 1-11:00 AM-Madison Kantoski, Lexington Tatar
Mon. Nov. 2-6:00 PM-Madison Kantoski, Aidan Schurr

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Oct. 31-4:00 PM-Connie Baker, David Loth
Sun. Nov. 1-8:00 AM-Mike Greslick, Jennifer Helsley
Sun. Nov. 1-11:00 AM-Barbara Bundy, Dolores Capriotti, Lou Ann Clark, Ken Gorman, Bob Olson, Susanna Tomlinson
Mon. Nov. 2-6:00 PM-Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. Oct. 31-4:00 PM-Jack Hoyne, Dennis Moughemer, Karen Moughemer, Marge Rudolph
Sun. Nov. 1-8:00 AM-Jane Becker, John Becker, Carolyn English, Ginny Reeder
Sun. Nov. 1-11:00 AM-Marilyn Bevan, Mitchell Evans, Peg Madden, Jared Miller
Mon. Nov. 2-6:00 PM-Lou Ann Clark, Ray Kennedy, Ginny Reeder, Jeremy Truscello

SACRISTAN

Sat. Oct. 31-4:00 PM-Linda McAleer
Sun. Nov. 1-8:00 AM-Ashley Greslick
Sun. Nov. 1-11:00 AM-Barbara Bundy
Mon. Nov. 2-6:00 PM-Mary King

SCRIP

Sat. Oct. 31-4:00 PM-Lori Baker, Marge Rudolph
Sun. Nov. 1-8:00 AM-Erika Yasolsky, Heather Yasolsky
Sun. Nov. 1-11:00 AM-Marge Rudolph, NOT FILLED

A Few Words from the Pastor:

FIREWOOD, ANYONE? No doubt you will notice that the dead tree on the corner of the parking lot has been removed. There is a pile of wood for your taking. It is seasoned oak! We are grateful to have found an alumnus of St. John's school who did the work. His name is Barry Schumacher and his phone number is 814-937-7006. We give him two thumbs up for the fine work he did! Because of its nearness to electric lines this was the tree that needed to go first! Others on the property will be removed in the next month or so!

SAINTS OF THE WEEK! The Church celebrates the Memorial of Saints Simon and Jude on October 28. Both were among the Twelve Apostles chosen by Jesus, and both are honored for their faithful witness to the Gospel. Their feast reminds us that Christ calls people of different temperaments and backgrounds to share in one mission: proclaiming the Good News. Both were among the Twelve Apostles chosen by Jesus, and both are honored for their faithful witness to the Gospel. Their feast reminds us that Christ calls people of different temperaments and backgrounds to share in one mission: proclaiming the Good News.

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE TO BE HELD HERE: On Thursday, November 19th at 7:00 our parish will be hosting the annual Interfaith Prayer Service sponsored by the Altoona Interfaith Alliance. This will be the 95th consecutive year that this event will be observed. We are honored to have Bishop Mark Barchak as the guest speaker for this important gathering. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us!

TRUNK OR TREAT: This Sunday we will be holding our Annual Trunk or Treat beginning at 1pm in our parking lot. It's easy to participate, just open your trunk, add a few decorations and hand out treats to our local children. Costumes are optional! Following the Trunk or Treat will be the Lakemont Fire Hall Parade at Costume Contest at 2pm. The weather is looking perfect for this community event so please join us!

RESPECT LIFE MONTH: This coming Wednesday will be our final weekly pro-life holy hour for this year! It will begin at 5:00 PM. Following adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, we will conclude with Evening Mass at 6:00. Please plan on joining with your fellow parishioners in prayer for the respect of all human life, from conception to natural death!

JOIN US FOR ADULT ED! – We continue our adult ed sessions on Sunday morning, with a very timely topic, *A Spirituality for our Wisdom Years*. Reflect with your fellow parishioners on how we are to grow spiritually as we deal with the delights and challenges of growing older. Plan on joining us!

SAVE THE DATES!

Annual Trunk or Treat: Sunday, October 25th at 1pm in the parking lot

Healing Mass: Sunday, November 1st at 2pm

Mass of Remembrance: Monday, November 2nd at 6pm

Parish Thanksgiving Dinner: Monday, November 9th at 5pm at The Dream in Hollidaysburg

Veteran's Day Mass & Luncheon: Sunday, November 15th at 11am Mass, Luncheon to follow in gym

ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT: Our annual St. John's Trunk or Treat will be held on Sunday, October 25th at 1pm in the church parking lot. Families are invited to dress up in their best costume, decorate the trunk of their car and join us in the church parking lot. Each family decorating a trunk is asked to bring candy/treats to share as children will trick or treat from car to car. Please sign up on the kiosk if you will be decorating a trunk and distributing candy. We will also have games and crafts in the upper school hallway. We will be pairing up with the Lakemont Fire Hall and the Lakemont Lions Club again this year for the Halloween Parade and Costume Contest at 2pm. Help us make this a great annual event for our parish and community! Everyone is welcome! Tell your friends and neighbors!

Schedule for the Week of October 25th

Sunday, October 25 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM - Mass for *People of the Parish*
11:00 AM - Mass for *Jeffrey Neral* requested by
Deacon Gene Neral

Monday, October 26 - Weekday
8:30 AM - Mass for *Angie Auerbeck* requested by
Nancy Fogel

Tuesday, October 27 - Weekday
8:30 AM - Mass for *Carolyn Carr* requested by
Donna & Stuart Sibold

Wednesday, October 28 - Sts. Simon & Jude
5:00 PM - Pro-Life Holy Hour
5:30 PM - Confessions
6:00 PM - Mass for *Joyce Bagshaw* requested by
Donna & Stuart Sibold

Thursday, October 29 - Weekday
8:30 AM - Mass for *Bob Bundy* requested by
Barbara Bundy

Friday, October 30 - Weekday
8:30 AM - Communion Service

Saturday, October 31 - Vigil of All Saints
3:15 PM - Confessions
4:00 PM - Mass for *Bradley Stokan & family* requested by
Mr. & Mrs. William Stokan

Sunday, November 1 - All Saints
8:00 AM - Mass for *Ida Prosperi* requested by
John Prosperi
11:00 AM - Mass for *People of the Parish*

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please email any upcoming bulletin announcements to Diane Ryan at stjohnsecretary@atlanticbb.net, dryan@dioceseaj.org 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.

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

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 13th with another distribution on December 2nd. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Today's readings are all about love – the radical love of God for His people and the radical love we are called to live out in response. The stewardship way of life is nothing more and nothing less than the practical application of loving God and neighbor in our daily lives. From the very beginning, God reveals Himself as a loving and compassionate father Who has a particular concern for the most vulnerable of His people. He requires this same compassion from His people in our treatment of one another.

Jesus sums up the message of all the prophets as well as the purpose of all God's laws in today's Gospel passage, from Matthew. It is a message we have likely grown up hearing – but it is so beautiful and so challenging, it bears repeating again and again. It is Christ's response to a question about which commandment is greatest. His answer reveals both the greatest and the second greatest commandments. He says, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind... The second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

The stewardship way of life is the unique way that each of us applies these two greatest commandments to our daily lives. To sum it up, it's all about love.

October 10th & 11th

Envelopes	$ 4,566.00
Loose Offerings	$ 958. 00
Heating & Cooling	$ 80.00
Catholic Education	$ 45.00
Retired Priests	$ 35.00
Online Giving	$ 1, 622.95
Total Offertory	**$ 7,306.95**

2026 Catholic Ministries Drive Goal: $37,300

January 1, 2026 - September 30, 2026
Gifts/Pledges - $76,135.00
Total Gifts Received - $75,885.00
Pledge Balance - $250.00

HEATING & COOLING UPDATE: Our new HVAC system has been installed and is up and running! Thank you to everyone who has so generously donated to the CMD and the Heating & Cooling Fund envelopes. We will continue accepting donations until our remaining balance is paid or December 31st of this year, whichever comes first. Once again, thank you for your continuing support to St. John's!

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 • Mike
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

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. For Respect Life Month we are holding a baby shower for the Gabriel Project all month long. Please place donations in the bassinet in the Gathering Space. Flyers with needed items are in the bassinet. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and is 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!

VETERANS DAY LUNCHEON: On Sunday, November 15th 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 Fr. Bailey Hall (school gym). We will also have a Wall of Honor featuring our parish veterans and their family members. Everyone is welcome to attend the luncheon, including veterans, family members and all parishioners as we show our appreciation to our veterans and thank them for their service to our country! Please join us!

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

October 25th- No Class- Trunk or Treat at 1pm
November 1st- Class - 9:15-10:45am Safety Lessons
November 8th- No Class - Mentor Meeting for Confirmation students and a parent from 9:30am-10:30am
November 15th-Class - 9:15-10:45am Veteran's Day/ Children's Liturgy Mass at 11am and Luncheon
November 21st-Discipleship Retreat for Confirmation Candidates at St. Rose 9am-4pm
November 22nd-No Class

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.

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.

HOAGIE SALE! To benefit the Lakemont Volunteer Fire Company. Hoagies are $8-10 in., Virginia Ham, Cooked Salami, Provolone Cheese, bagged lettuce, tomatoes, onion, Italian Packet and optional crushed hot pepper seeds. Orders are due November 4th, pick up at the Fire Hall November 11th. Sign up sheet on the kiosk.

SCRIP NEWS: Going to the pump can be a big expense, but with scrip fundraising you can help earn funds for St. John's when you fill up your tank! Make those gallons of gas work for more than just your car by purchasing scrip gift cards to pay for all your fuel expenses. Not sure how Scrip works? Stop by the table before or after any weekend mass and our volunteers will be happy to help!



VETERANS ...

We Want You!

We would like to recognize all the veterans of our parish the weekend following Veterans Day, November 14th & 15th.

If you are a present or past member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Reserves, or National Guard, please complete the form at the bottom of this page and drop it in the collection basket by November 9th. You may also use this form to identify a deceased member of our parish, or a deceased family member, who was a veteran.

Names submitted in past years do not need to be resubmitted.

We will include a list of these individuals in that weekend's bulletin.

Veterans, their families and all parishioners are invited to a Veterans Day Mass led by our Faith Formation Students and Luncheon as we show appreciation for the sacrifice and service of our Veterans at the 11am Mass on Sunday, November 15th. Luncheon to follow in the Gym.

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St. John's

Dinner of Thanksgiving

at

The Dream

Hollidaysburg

Monday, November 9th
at 5:00 PM

Meal Options:

Turkey Dinner	Grilled Chicken Salad
$24.50	$23.00

Meals will be self-paid at the restaurant.
Price includes drink, meal, tax and gratuity.
Dessert can be purchased separately.

Sign up on the kiosk by
Sunday, November 8th
to join us!