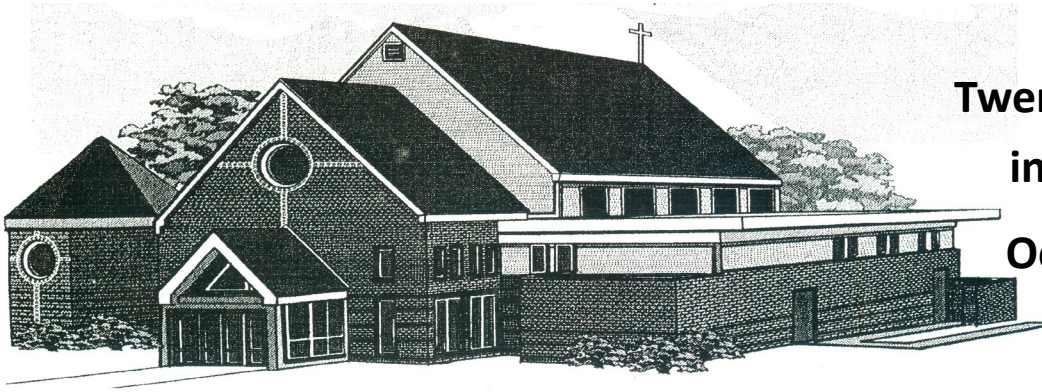




**Twenty-eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
October 11, 2026**

**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 dis-
crimination of persons with mental illness.



NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS

LECTORS

Sat. Oct. 17- 4:00 PM - Jeremy Truscello, James Krug
Sun. Oct. 18-8:00 AM - Mary Truesdale, NOT FILLED
Sun. Oct. 18-11:00 AM - Iris Tatar, Jim Campbell

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. Oct. 17- 4:00 PM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
Sun. Oct. 18- 8:00 AM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
Sun. Oct. 18- 11:00 AM - Madison Kantoski, Lexington Tatar

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Oct. 17- 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, David Loth
Sun. Oct. 18- 8:00 AM - Jennifer Helsley, Ginny Reeder
Sun. Oct. 18- 11:00 AM - Barbara Bundy, Lou Ann Clark,
Ken Gorman, Estella Koch, Bob Olson, Susanna Tomlinson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. Oct. 17- 4:00 PM - Carolyn English, Betsy Lloyd,
Dennis Moughemer, Karen Moughemer
Sun. Oct. 18- 8:00 AM - Jane Becker, John Becker, Ashley Greslick,
Mike Greslick
Sun. Oct. 18- 11:00 AM - Wendy Campbell, Dolores Capriotti,
Mitchell Evans, Jared Miller

SACRISTAN

Sat. Oct. 17- 4:00 PM - Linda McAleer
Sun. Oct. 18- 8:00 AM - Ashley Greslick
Sun. Oct. 18- 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

SCRIP

Sat. Oct. 17- 4:00 PM - Lori Baker, NOT FILLED
Sun. Oct. 18- 8:00 AM - Amber Yasolsky, Heather Yasolsky
Sun. Oct. 18- 11:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph

A Few Words from the Pastor:

A WARM ST. JOHN'S WELCOME TO JEREMY BARKET, a St. Vincent seminarian studying for the diocese of Scranton, who will be assisting us on weekends until Christmas. He is the youngest of three brothers and grew up in a strong Catholic household. Following graduation from public high school, he continued his studies at Marywood University in Scranton, where he pursued a bachelor's degree in advertising/public relations. After a few years as a graphic designer, Jeremy sensed a call to the priesthood. He would eventually apply to the program of priestly formation for the Diocese of Scranton and has been prayerfully following God's call ever since. He is excited to spend time in our parish!

OUR SAINT OF THE WEEK: Saint Teresa of Jesus, more commonly known as **Saint Teresa of Ávila** (1515–1582), was a Spanish Carmelite nun, mystic, reformer, and Doctor of the Church. She entered the Carmelite convent at the age of 20 and eventually devoted her life to helping others grow closer to Christ through prayer. Teresa worked tirelessly to reform the Carmelite Order, founding monasteries dedicated to a simple life of prayer, community, and love of God. With Saint John of the Cross, she helped establish the Discalced Carmelite reform. Her spiritual wisdom can be summed up in the words: "God alone is enough." We celebrate her feast this Thursday, October 15. Her most famous prayer:

*Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you.
All things are passing;
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things.
Whoever has God lacks nothing;
God alone suffices.*

RESPECT LIFE MONTH: Each October since 1973, the Catholic Church in the United States observes Respect Life Month and focuses on reflecting more deeply on the dignity and gift of human life. This year, the theme chosen is *Mary, Mother of Life*. Our Blessed Mother is our model for upholding the sanctity of all human life in every stage and circumstance.

WEEKLY PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR! Each Wednesday of October, we will celebrate an "Pro-Life Holy Hour", which 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! Special prayers will be provided!

JOIN US FOR ADULT ED! – We have begun our adult ed sessions on Sunday morning, 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. This book is available online from Amazon. We will also have copies available. Plan on joining us!

OUR NEW HVAC UNIT has arrived and is in place. Within the next week we expect it to be connected to our existing ductwork. We are grateful that the weather has cooperated. We are especially thankful for the generosity of so many parishioners who have financially supported this important project.

SAVE THE DATES!

Annual Hymn Sing: Sunday, October 18th-3pm in the church

Annual Trunk or Treat: Sunday, October 25th at 1pm in the parking lot-Sign up on the kiosk!

Mass of Remembrance: Monday, November 1st at 6pm

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 11th

Sunday, October 11 - Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Mass for *Bob Cooney* requested by
Ginger Cooney & family

11:00 AM - Mass for *People of the Parish*

Monday, October 12 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Fred Mazarella* requested by
Karen Mazarella

Tuesday, October 13 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *John L. Lloyd* requested by
Betsy Lloyd & family

Wednesday, October 14 - Weekday

5:30 PM - Confessions

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

Thursday, October 15 - St. Teresa of Jesus

8:30 AM - Mass for *Grace Moore* requested by
Bob & Ginny Reeder

Friday, October 16 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Communion Service

Saturday, October 17 - Vigil of Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:15 PM - Confessions

4:00 PM - Mass for *Mary F. & William Stokan* requested
by Mr. & Mrs. William Stokan

Sunday, October 18 - Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Mass for *Andrew Jr. & Florence Dancha*
requested by Vicki Faretta

11:00 AM - Mass for *People of the Parish*

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.

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!

NEWCOMERS: Welcome to our parish family! If you wish to participate fully in our parish life, please register in the office Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday, 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. or complete a Parish Registration Form provided in the Gathering Space and return it in the offertory collection. To volunteer for parish ministries or discuss how St. John's may be present to your faith journey, kindly call 814-942-5503 to schedule a meeting with Monsignor Becker.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: How easy it is, especially in these times, to be consumed by the cares and distractions of the "here and now", forgetting about what matters most – living for the Kingdom of Heaven. The stewardship way of life, with its emphasis on the virtuous use of our Time, Talent and Treasure, allows us to embrace daily life and all its demands – with eternity in mind.

In our First Reading, the prophet Isaiah paints a beautiful and compelling picture of what we can hope for in Heaven. "The Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines - juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines." And not only that, our loving Father will personally heal us of each and every suffering we endured during our lives. "The Lord God will wipe away the tears from every face."

So let us embrace the stewardship way of life today! Let us put God first with our Time, our Talents and our Treasure, knowing that we can do all of this through Christ Who gives us strength. God is calling to us today to live with eternity in mind. If we do this, we will be feasting now and forever.

September 26th & 27th

Envelopes	\$	3,011.00
Loose Offerings	\$	298.00
Heating & Cooling	\$	92.00
Retired Priests	\$	256.00
Online Giving	\$	1,182.95
Total Offertory	\$	4,839.95

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

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.

THANK YOU! Thanks to all who prepared soup, sold soup at our booth, set up & tore down the booth, bought our soup, & made donations. The Social Committee is grateful for ALL your help!

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

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!

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.

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. Last year we contributed 62 coats! 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 De-

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

October 11th- No Class-Mentor Meeting Cancelled

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

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

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.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS: Court Prince Gallitzin # 2625 serves all 11 parishes and beyond. New members are always welcome! On Monday, October 12, 2026, 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 Carol Galioto at 814-327-4841 or Carol54ann@Outlook.com

SCRIP NEWS: Fundraising doesn't have to mean extra spending or extra work. With RaiseRight, your everyday purchases can earn money for St. John's, making every dollar go further. How it works:

1. Shop, dine, or book travel through RaiseRight
 2. Brands share a portion of your purchase back to St. John's as earnings
 3. Earnings go towards helping to pay parish needs
- Questions still? Stop by the Scrip table on weekends and our volunteers can help! Already have our enrollment code? Visit RaiseRight.com/Enroll to get started.