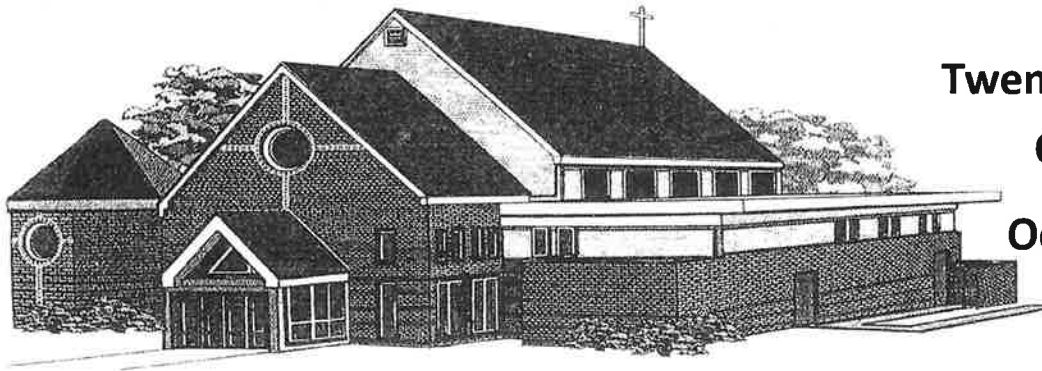




**Twenty-ninth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

October 18, 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. 24- 4:00 PM - Laverne Kovacs, Joyce Cunningham
Sun. Oct. 25-8:00 AM - Mary Truesdale, Ginny Reeder
Sun. Oct. 25-11:00 AM - John Sukala, Patrick Schurr

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. Oct. 24- 4:00 PM - Sadie Swope, NOT FILLED
Sun. Oct. 25- 8:00 AM - NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
Sun. Oct. 25- 11:00 AM - Aidan Schurr, NOT FILLED

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Oct. 24- 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, David Loth
Sun. Oct. 25- 8:00 AM - Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
Sun. Oct. 25- 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Lou Ann Clark,
Ken Gorman, Bob Olson, Susanna Tomlinson, NOT FILLED

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. Oct. 24- 4:00 PM - Kay Laratonda, Betsy Lloyd,
Larry VanSickel, Paula VanSickel
Sun. Oct. 25- 8:00 AM - Jack Hoyne, Ray Kennedy, Mike O'Neill,
Ed Stoltz
Sun. Oct. 25- 11:00 AM - Walter Bloom, Wendy Campbell,
Dolores Capriotti, Mary Horton

SACRISTAN

Sat. Oct. 24- 4:00 PM - Mary King
Sun. Oct. 25- 8:00 AM - NOT FILLED
Sun. Oct. 25- 11:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti

SCRIP

Sat. Oct. 24- 4:00 PM - Julie Beiswenger, Becky Merilli
Sun. Oct. 25- 8:00 AM - Erika Yasolsky, Heather Yasolsky
Sun. Oct. 25- 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 excited to spend time in our parish!

THIS MONDAY WE CELEBRATE THE STORY OF THE NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS: the most well-known among them is Saint Isaac Jocques. Their story is one of missionary courage, cultural encounter, suffering, and faith. Between 1642 and 1649, eight French Catholic missionaries and their lay companions were killed while serving Indigenous communities in New France, principally among the Wendat people, traditionally known as the Huron. They were canonized by Pope Pius XI on June 29, 1930.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH: We are observing this important month, by offering a weekly pro-life holy hour! Each Wednesday of October, we pray a "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!

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. Plan on joining us!

OUR NEW HVAC UNIT has arrived and is working well. We are especially thankful for the generosity of so many parishioners who have financially supported this important project. There is still time to make your gift!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! On Thursday, November 19th our parish is hosting a community Thanksgiving service sponsored by the Interfaith Alliance of Altoona. We are honored to welcome members of a variety of faith traditions to our parish for this celebration!

JOIN US FOR UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS! This Sunday at 3pm we invite you to come to our Hymn Sing in the church as we sing your favorite hymns and a few new ones! Then next Sunday we will have our Annual Trunk or Treat in the parking lot at 1pm. The Lakemont Fire Hall will sponsor a costume contest and parade at the fire hall at 2pm. Please consider joining us for these parish and community supported events!

SAVE THE DATES!

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

Annual Trunk or Treat: Sunday, October 25th-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-Sign up on the kiosk!

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 18th

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

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

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

Monday, October 19 - Sts. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues

8:30 AM - Mass for *Special Intentions of Barbara Bundy*
requested by Ray & Mary King

Tuesday, October 20 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Communion Service

Wednesday, October 21 - Weekday

5:00 PM - Pro-Life Holy Hour

5:30 PM - Confessions

6:00 PM - Mass for *Stephan Fix* requested by
Brenda & Alex Fix

Thursday, October 22 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Fred Fornwalt* requested by
Church Musicians

Friday, October 23 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Communion Service

Saturday, October 24 - Vigil of Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:15 PM - Confessions

4:00 PM - Mass for *Carol Bismark & Donna Long*
requested by Dave & Connie McManuels

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

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Today's readings encourage us Christian stewards to always be mindful of who we are and Whose we are in every aspect of our lives.

Our First Reading, from Isaiah, takes us back to the very foundation of our faith. The prophet, serving as the "voice" of God, proclaims, "I am the Lord and there is no other, there is no God besides me." This is a powerful reminder of a fundamental truth. But it is easy to lose sight of this truth in our fast-paced, stressed-out, digital world. As disciples of Christ, we must make intentional choices each day as to how we spend our Time, Talents and Treasure so that each of these aspects of our lives proclaim that we indeed serve God and God alone.

Let us joyfully give thanks to this wonderful God by the way we live our daily lives. We belong to Him and there is no other.

October 3rd & 4th

Envelopes	\$	5,158.00
Loose Offerings	\$	753.00
Heating & Cooling	\$	170.00
Catholic Education	\$	40.00
Retired Priests	\$	50.00
Online Giving	\$	2,821.95
Total Offertory	\$	8,992.95

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

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!

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 December 2nd. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause!

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!

PUMPKIN FEST THANK YOU! Profit: \$3,266! 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 • Larry & Carol Field • 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.

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS: Celebrating Mass for a definite intention is a long tradition in the Catholic Church. The intention may be for the repose of a deceased person's soul, the spiritual wellbeing of a person living, a wedding anniversary, a birthday, or for a personal/private intention. The usual offering for a mass intention is \$10. We are accepting intentions for the 2027 year. Please call the Parish Office to submit an intention.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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

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

November 1st- Class - 9:15-10:45am Safety Lesson

November 8th- No Class-Mentor Meeting for Confirmation students 9th-11th and a parent/sponsor 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.

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.

SCRIP NEWS: Budgeting? We have a great way to budget and help the church. Figure out your weekly spending on groceries and gasoline. Purchase Scrip cards. The church makes a profit, and when you are out of scrip for the week, that is the end of shopping. (WELL, you might need more gas to get to church!)

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

TRUNK OR TREAT



Games
and
Crafts!

**St John the Evangelist
Church**

309 Lotz Ave Altoona

Sunday October 25th

**1:00pm lower church
parking lot**

Safe and fun
place to trick
or treat!
All ages
welcome!
Bring your
grandchildren
and friends!



All 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 to share as children trick or treat from car to car. We will be pairing up with the Lakemont Fire Hall again this year for the Halloween parade. Help us make this a great annual event for our parish and community!





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Mass of Remembrance

Monday, November 2, 2026

6:00 PM

St. John the Evangelist Parish Family will gather on this evening to pray, remember, and to find hope. Everyone is welcome. We will remember all our deceased loved ones.

During the Mass of Remembrance, there will be a special commemoration for those who have died since last November and a candle will be lit in their honor.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO THIS VERY INSPIRATIONAL MASS.

If you wish to have someone who has died in the past year be remembered, please complete the following and place it in the collection basket or return it to the parish office by Monday, October 26th.

Name of Deceased _____

Date of Death _____

Parish Member requesting memorial _____

_____ I will be present.

_____ I will not be present.