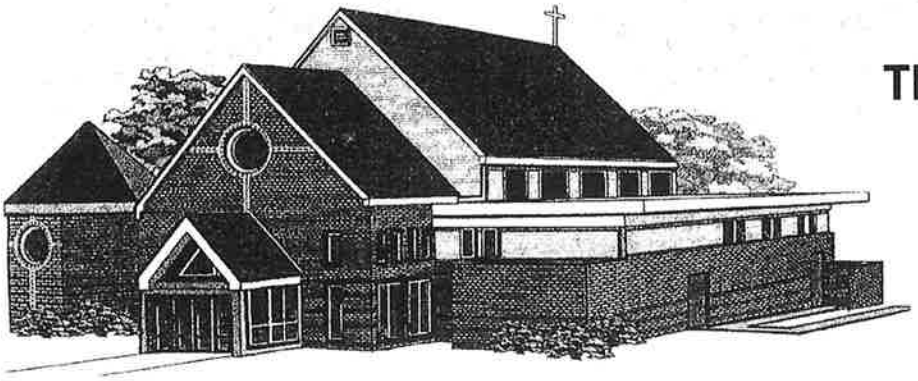


Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 8, 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

November Prayer Intention of Pope Leo

For the proper use of wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.



NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS

LECTORS

Sat. Nov. 14-4:00 PM-Laverne Kovacs, James Krug
Sun. Nov. 15-8:00 AM-Ginny Reeder, Susan Podoletz
Sun. Nov. 15-11:00 AM-Lily Davis, Aralin Guinard

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. Nov. 14-4:00 PM-Sadie Swope, NOT FILLED
Sun. Nov. 15-8:00 AM-NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
Sun. Nov. 15-11:00 AM-Aidan Schurr, Colin Schurr

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Nov. 14-4:00 PM-David Loth, NOT FILLED
Sun. Nov. 15-8:00 AM-Mike Greslick, Jennifer Helsley
Sun. Nov. 15-11:00 AM-Marilyn Bevan, Dolores Capriotti, Lou Ann Clark, Ken Gorman, Bob Olson, Susanna Tomlinson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. Nov. 14-4:00 PM- Connie Baker, Jack Hoyne, Marge Rudoph, Jeremy Truscello
Sun. Nov. 15-8:00 AM-Carolyn English, Ray Kennedy, Mike O'Neill, Mary Truesdale
Sun. Nov. 15-11:00 AM-Faith Formation Students

SACRISTAN

Sat. Nov. 14-4:00 PM-Linda McAleer
Sun. Nov. 15-8:00 AM-Ashley Greslick
Sun. Nov. 15-11:00 AM-Dolores Capriotti

SCRIP

Sat. Nov. 14-4:00 PM-Lori Baker, Marge Rudolph
Sun. Nov. 15-8:00 AM-Amber Yasolsky, Heather Yasolsky
Sun. Nov. 15-11:00 AM-NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED

A Few Words from the Pastor:

THANSGIVING DINNER WITH YOUR PARISH FAMILY! You are invited to join your parish family for a pre-Thanksgiving dinner at the Dream Monday, November 9 at 5 o'clock. You can sign up on the kiosk in the Gathering Space. We do hope you can join us! The bonds of a parish family are a blessing!!!

THE WORLD DAY OF THE POOR – Next Sunday, the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, we observe a special day for the Catholic Church to reflect on poverty, to encounter people who are poor, and recognize Christ in them. Designated as such by Pope Francis in 2017, it occurs just a week before the last Sunday of the year, the Solemnity of Christ the King. He wrote: "The poor are not a problem: they are a resource from which to draw as we strive to accept and practice in our lives the essence of the Gospel." *A SPECIAL COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN UP FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TO ASSIST IN OUR CARE FOR THE NEEDY OF OUR COMMUNITY.*

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE TO BE HELD AT ST. JOHN'S: 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!

OUR SAINT OF THE WEEK! St. Leo the Great (c. 400–461) was one of the most influential popes in the history of the Catholic Church. He served as Bishop of Rome from 440 to 461 and is remembered for his leadership, theological teaching, defense of the Church, and contribution to the understanding of Jesus Christ. One of Leo's greatest contributions was his teaching about the identity of Jesus Christ. At the time there was considerable controversy over how Jesus could be both divine and human. His teaching was His teaching affirmed at the Council of Chalcedon, that Jesus Christ is fully God and fully human, that his divine and human natures exist in one person! He was the first pope in history to take the name Leo, and today we celebrate the fourteenth pope to take that name.

SAVE THE DATES!

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

Angel Tree: Saturday, November 14th Angel Tree will be set up with tags in the Gathering Space

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

Thanksgiving Day Mass: Thursday, November 26th at 9am

Breakfast with Santa: Sunday, December 13th from 9am-10:30am in Fr. Bailey Hall (gym)

Advent Penance Service: Sunday, December 13th at 4pm

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! All are welcome!

GIVING TUESDAY-DECEMBER 1ST: We will be running a Giving Tuesday campaign this year, however it will not be through #IGiveCatholic as in previous years. This change was a diocesan wide decision. This year online donations for Giving Tuesday 2026 will be made through the same site the Diocese uses for the CMD. Donors will use a drop down menu to choose the parish they wish to support. We will also have envelopes available to provide donations if you choose to not give online. Donations will be accepted online starting November 16th and envelopes will be available in the Gathering Space through December 4th. Stay tuned for more details!

Schedule for the Week of November 8th

Sunday, November 8 - Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00 AM - Mass for *Grady & Vivian Eichenlaub* requested by Linda Weyandt

Monday, November 9 - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:30 AM - Mass for *Fr. Paul Turnbull* requested by Barbara Bundy

Tuesday, November 10 - St. Leo the Great

8:30 AM - Mass for *Sam & Hilda Neal* requested by Julie & Bernie Beiswenger

Wednesday, November 11 - St. Martin of Tours

5:30 PM - Confessions

6:00 PM - Mass for *Kenneth Young* requested by Iris & Chris Tatar

Thursday, November 12 - St. Josaphat

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

Friday, November 13 - St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

8:30 AM - Communion Service

Saturday, November 14 - Vigil of Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:15 PM - Confessions

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

Sunday, November 15 - Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Mass for *John L. Lloyd* requested by Betsy Lloyd & family

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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Wisdom is a central theme in our readings today. It is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, and it is key to living a stewardship way of life in our complex world. As Christian stewards, we should rely on this gift and ask the Holy Spirit to increase it within us. In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus tells the parable of 10 virgins awaiting the arrival of the bridegroom who will welcome them into the wedding feast. Five of the virgins were foolish and five were wise. The foolish virgins failed to bring oil along with their lamps when they went to meet the bridegroom. The wise ones, however, had prepared and brought sufficient oil to keep their lamps lit when the bridegroom came. The foolish virgins, caught off guard, ran off to buy more oil, but they were too late. The door to the wedding feast was locked to them. Jesus cautions, "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." The stewardship way of life – with its daily and weekly commitments to giving God the best of our time, talent and treasure – is the "oil" that we always keep with us. When we have this plan in place and we rely deeply on the Holy Spirit to guide us through the twists and turns of each day, we are free, we are ready to answer the Bridegroom when He calls us. We live in wisdom.

October 24th & 25th

Envelopes	$	3,967.00
Loose Offerings	$	246. 00
Heating & Cooling	$	482.00
Catholic Education	$	15.00
World Mission Sunday	$	150.00
All Souls Day	$	25.00
Christmas Flowers	$	25.00
Online Giving	$	1,612.95
Total Offertory	**$**	**6,522.90**

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

ANGEL TREE: We will have the Angel Tree set up in the Gathering Space for the weekend of November 14th/15th. Tags can be picked up after masses or during the week. Church doors are open weekdays from 8:00am to 2pm. Gifts are limited to $40 per gift. Return wrapped gifts with the tags attached to the Gathering Space by December 6th. Gift card tags (Martin's, 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 to return these cards will be on the Scrip table. This year Angel Tree proceeds will be supporting families through Catholic Charities and St. Vincent De Paul Society.

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 • Mike
Suzana Mladenovska • Mike Nagle • Olga Romerowicz
Bette Richards • Anne Showalter • Cathy Stapelfeld
Chuck Stephens • Walter Sweedo • Tammy
Tim Temofonte • Patty Teufel • 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 soul of:
Patrick Horton, grandson of Mike & Mary Grace Horton
May he rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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
November 29th- No Class-Thanksgiving Break
December 6th-Family Advent Event 9:15-10:45am in gym- All students and a parent/guardian should attend. Children's liturgy to follow at 11am Mass.

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.

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

ANNUAL HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE: Our Lady of Lourdes in Altoona. Saturday, November 14th from 8am-3pm. Pancake and sausage breakfast 8am-10am, Lunch 11am-2pm. Takeout available. Crafts, jewelry, kids carnival, baskets, Prize-Rama, sweet find, collectibles, baked goods with homemade lollipops. Come for Santa photos 11am-1pm. Come for the fun and enjoy!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Sunday, November 15, the Men's Club of St. Mary and St. Michael in Hollidaysburg will hold a special Seminarian Pancake and Sausage Breakfast from 8AM-Noon at the St. Michael's Church hall, 301 Spruce Street in Hollidaysburg. All proceeds will benefit local seminarians. Donation of $6 for adults and $3 for Children 12 and under. Come try the best pancake breakfast in town, which includes drinks and our popular pancake topping bar!

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 November 9, 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

YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING: The Diocese is offering 3 training dates to complete Mandated Reporter Training /Protecting God's Children on November 14th, 19th and 21st. Training lasts about 3-3 ½ hours. Register through VIRTUS, by emailing dhanna@dioceseaj.org or by calling 814-317-2612. See flyer on kiosk for more information!