



# St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church

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## August 22, 2010

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## Office Hours

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday 8:30 am 11:30 am  
12:30 pm 4:00 pm  
Wednesday-Friday 8:30 am 1:00 pm

## Liturgy

Saturday Evening: 5:30 pm (Sunday Obligation)  
Sunday: 8:30 am & 10:30 am  
Weekdays: 7:15 am

## Holy Days

Vigil: 7:00 pm  
Holy Day: 7:15 am & 12:10 pm

## Reconciliation

Saturday 11:00 am - Anytime upon request

## Baptism of Children

Through Baptism we joyfully welcome new members into the Community of Faith. Parents are required to participate in pre-Baptism seminar. For more information contact Molli Vassar.

## R.C.I.A.

Through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults those who wish to become Catholic or wish to learn more about the Catholic Faith are invited to participate in a group of inquiries. For more information contact Molli Vassar.

## Marriage

Couples who are interested in celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage must consult the priest at least six months prior to the anticipated date. Pre-Marriage preparation is required of all couples. For more information or to reserve a date, please call the office.

## Sacrament of the Sick

The Sacrament of anointing is a powerful Sacrament available to anyone who is ill. If you are interested in being anointed, please call the office.

## Religious Formation

For information on Religious formation classes please contact Molli Vassar.

### Schedule of the Week

**Sunday, August 22**

Children's Liturgy (PC) .....during 10:30 a.m. Mass  
**Parish Picnic @ Hutchinson Park..... 1:00 p.m.**

**Monday, August 23**

Bible Study (PC) .....7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, August 24**

**Pictorial Directory Session (PC) 2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**  
 Taize Prayer (C) .....6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, August 25**

**Pictorial Directory Session (PC) 2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, August 26**

Eucharistic Adoration (C) ..... 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Saturday, August 28**

Confessions (C) .....11:00 a.m.

**Sunday, August 29**

Children's Liturgy (PC) .....during 10:30 a.m. Mass

### Mass Schedule

**Saturday August 21**  
 5:30 p.m. +Dec. of Kane/Moore/Murphy Families (L. A. Murphy)

**Sunday August 22**  
 8:30 a.m. +Wayne Lindsay & Jane Tracy-Clemmer (J. Tracy-Lindsay)  
 10:30 a.m. +Ruth & Maureen Hickey (R. Newell /Family)

**Monday August 23**  
 7:15 a.m. +Marian Sullivan (W. B. Sullivan)

**Tuesday August 24**  
 7:15 a.m. +John & Antonette Williams (G. Micarelli)

**Thursday August 26**  
 7:15 a.m. +Omar Hickle (Family)

**Friday August 27**  
 7:15 a.m. +Michael & Caroline Dorobish (M./R. Dorobish)

**Saturday August 28**  
 5:30 p.m. +Helen Zaycosky (N. Ford)

**Sunday August 29**  
 8:30 a.m. +Patty Connelly (J./P. Smith)  
 10:30 a.m. +Living & Deceased Members of St. John Christian Mothers



This afternoon we will have our picnic for the year. I hope that many of you will be able to come out and enjoy the afternoon with your parish family. There will be good food, entertainment for all ages and of course the beautiful park! I hope to see you there this afternoon.

### Christian Mothers Covered Dish

**Wednesday, August 25, 2019**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**St. John School Gymnasium**

This year's covered dish will feature picnic foods. The main course will be grilled chicken breast, hamburgers, and hot dogs. Members are asked to bring the following:

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| Last Names ending in A - D | Snacks    |
| Last Names ending in E - M | Beverages |
| Last Names ending in N - R | Side Dish |
| Last Names ending in S - U | Desserts  |
| Last Names ending in V - Z | Salads    |

### Ministers Schedule

**Saturday, August 28 and Sunday, August 29**

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
R. Kuzy	J. Baker	A. Detweiler
T. Richardson	C. Bondarenka	K. Koffler
J. Riffle	V. Roskovensky	B. Nesser
E. Rosso	P. Seighman	R. Newhouse
N. Sullivan	J. Shull	R. Newhouse
A. Sweeney	S. Tracy	A. Raho
M. Sweeney	M. Vogelsang	P. Ulerich

**Greeters:**

M. J. Albright	Knapp Family	D./S. Byers
Richardson Family	M. Patchan	Kuklar Family
	M. Perry	L. Zaycosky

**Lector:**

V. Bilonick	J. Valentovich	G. Gamon
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**Servers:**

J. Burns	R. Radvansky	A. Kuklar
J. Burns	L. Shull	B. Kuklar
B. Crackovich	M. Shull	T. Newhouse

**Children's Liturgy - Sunday, August 29**

**(P)** B. Wilson      **(A)** D. Cummings      **(L)** E. Simon

### RCIA

By now we should all be well versed on what the process for the RCIA is all about. I would just like to let you know that we will be starting our sessions for this year in a couple of weeks. We have an exciting program lined up for the year so if you are aware of anyone who might be interested in learning more about our faith, please send them our way and we will take care of them.

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**Bereavement Support Group** of St. Therese Parish, Uniontown is sponsoring a ten session for the newly bereaved. The sessions will meet on **Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.** at the Parish Center, 124 Morgantown Street beginning **September 7**. For information please call Program Coordinator, Lydia Gentile @ 724-438-9373.

**Stewardship of Treasure  
August 15, 2010**

Adult	\$ 5,962.00
Children	\$ 9.00
Loose	\$ 381.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 75.00
Catholic Education Support	\$ 326.00
Assumption	\$ 915.00
Total	\$ 7,668.00
Envelopes used	449

**Next weekend August 28/29** at all Masses the second collection will be for Catholic University & Diocesan Catholic Schools. Please be generous as possible.

**Collection Counters - August 29**

R. Boyer      K. Boyer

**Ministry Sign Up**

In a few weeks we will be offering to you our parish family the opportunity to share your time and your talent in some of the many ministries we offer at the church. Please know that the gift of your time is the greatest way you can share your love of God through our ministries. Just to give you all a heads up we are asking people to share their talents as: Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers, Ushers, Greeters, Children's Liturgy of the Word, helping with Formation with our youth and adults, singing with our choirs (children as well as adult), Cantors and any other talent you may wish to share.

We are also in need of members of our parish to help in opening the parish envelopes and counting the money. If you are interested, know that you will be on a team and you will only be responsible for counting every 6 or 7 weeks. Think about how you might want to share your gifts with St. John's and I will have sign up sheets in church during the month of September.

**New Windows for Parish Center**

As many of you are aware by now, we have started to replace the windows in the Parish Center. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause the people who use the center. This will only take a few weeks and then we will be back to normal.

Along with the new windows we have also made a few other improvements to our church. We have replaced the top stairs at the front of the church which needed done badly. We have also replaced the roadway beside the Kindergarten building as well as the walkway in the front of the parish center. I know that this has disrupted some of the activity, but the improvements were certainly needed. I thank you all for your patience and understanding.

**Larry Colinet Memorial Blood Drive** will be held on **Tuesday August 24, 1:00 to 7:00 p.m.** at the **Republic Volunteer Fire Company**. To schedule an appointment please call Karen @ 724-246-6009.

**St. John the Evangelist Regional  
Catholic School News**

<u>Mon. Aug. 23</u>	First Day of School
	9:00 a.m. Welcome Assembly
	After School Care begins
<u>Wed. Aug. 25</u>	9:00 a.m. Joe Corbi Assembly
	Preschool Tea 6:00-7:00 p.m. Pre 3 parents
	Preschool Tea 7:00-8:00 p.m. Pre 4 parents

**Catechetical Certification**

Are you confused about what you need to do to be certified for the parish, school or diocese? The entire process will be explained for you on **Sunday September 12** immediately following the **10:30 a.m. Mass in Church**. You may bring your questions at that time regarding certification. Copies of the guidelines, courses and schedules will be available.

**RCIA Team Meeting**

Sponsors are still needed to train for this years' team. There will be a Team meeting on **Thursday September 16** at **6:30 p.m.** in the **Parish Center**. Call the Faith Formation office @ 724-439-8723 for further information.

**Questions about the Catholic Faith?**

Do you or someone you know have questions about the Catholic Faith or have you thought about becoming a Catholic? RCIA is beginning! For information regarding the upcoming program please call the Faith Formation office @ 724-439-8723.

**Sacrament Preparation**

Classes for Children in **First, Second, and Third Grades** will begin **Saturday September 18** from **10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** Letters will be arriving in the mail to the parents shortly with all the details. Please mark your calendars with this important date.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Sunday, August 29 - Otpust Festival** @ Holy Trinity Parish, New Salem

**Saturday, September 11 - Walk For the Poor** sponsored by the Fayette County Council St. Vincent de Paul. The walk begins @ the Uniontown store, 70 N. Mt. Vernon Avenue at 9:00 a.m. For additional information regarding the Walk please contact Megan Behary @ 724-518-1325. Funds assist the poor and needy of Fayette County.

**Sunday, September 19 - Rosary Walk** begins at 2:00 p.m. in the Garden of Prayer St. George Maronite Parish, Uniontown. More information in an upcoming bulletin.

## Will all be saved?

Our readings speak to us today about how God invites the “whole world” to feast in the kingdom. Isaiah tells us that the voice of God beckons people from all nations to come and share in His Kingdom. As the people in the days of Isaiah heard these words, they were hard for them to comprehend, but if we are honest with ourselves, it is just as hard for us today.

As people we too easily forget how amazing and undeserved the grace that brought us to our present privilege and citizenship was. So much so that we begin to feel entitled. This notion of entitlement begins to show in all areas of life. For example, in bumper-to-bumper city traffic when lanes on the freeway are forced to merge, have you ever watched in disbelief as a car is granted access to the open lane by a gracious driver who slows to allow space in front, only to watch that same vehicle so recently grafted into the traffic lane refuse access to another car seeking the same mercy from him. How quickly we forget mercy extended to us when it comes our time to pass it along to another.

Or a toddler, who receives all of her toys freely given from the sacrifice and love of parents, nevertheless learns quickly to angrily hurl the words “MINE” and “NO” when another child wanders into her play area to pick up one of her toys. How quickly today’s gifts become tomorrow’s entitled possessions!

To bring this point even closer to home we can look at the current issues surrounding immigration. Granted, there are a number of complexities with the whole immigration question, but it is still puzzling and ironic to hear so many Americans who are themselves descendants of immigrants to this country, resenting and resisting the next generation of immigrants who seek to come to America. How easy it is to forget that most of us are not too many generations removed from those hearty and hopeful forebears who came to this country by way of Ellis Island, or who were shipped here on slave ships against their will, but who nonetheless helped build and shape the character and strength of this great nation. What if the borders of America had been closed to our ancestors, as some want to do to present day immigrants today? Again, yesterday’s gift can easily become today’s entitlement.

Isaiah speaks of a God who wants divine mercy and favor extended to all nations. God does not want any second class citizens, all are welcome. Jesus carries this same idea in the gospel for today. Basically what he is saying is that we have no right to stop God’s grace and favor from being shared with anyone; no matter where they may be from or how they live. God’s grace is open to all who want to accept it, the invitation is given freely to all people.

Granted, there are many things we take for granted in life and there are many ways that we feel entitled, however we must tread lightly when we speak of our faith and belief in God. That is something that we must never take for granted or feel entitled over.

We are reminded today that all of God’s children are in the same position in life and Jesus meant it when he said that the last may very well come first. In answer to the question “will many be saved,” Jesus assures us that we are all given the same opportunity to embrace the salvation offered to us through the grace of God!

## SAINT MONICA

She had smiles for the neighbors, though her husband found her religion and the charity it inspired annoying. She made tearful prayers in private for a son, outwardly self-assured but, as his mother knew, inwardly restless, and whose girlfriend of a dozen years had borne his child out of wedlock. Though not the first or last such mother and son, Monica and Augustine are the Church's most famous, so we keep their feast days back to back, with Monica's, fittingly, first. To Rome she followed Augustine, then to Milan, where years of prayer—and nagging—finally bore fruit in his conversion by Saint Ambrose. For six months, mother and son enjoyed the blessing of rediscovering each other. Just in time! On the way home to North Africa, Monica took sick and died near Rome. No child who has mourned a parent can read, unmoved, Augustine's tender account, in his *Confessions*, of Monica's last days. At this time of the year, when parents watch apprehensively as children leave for school, may Monica's perseverance and Augustine's long-prayed-for conversion ease anxiety and kindle hope.

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### Saints of the Roman/Byzantine Catholic Church

- August 23 St. Rose of Lima  
Religious (1586-1617)
- August 24 St. Bartholomew, Apostle (1<sup>st</sup> c.)
- August 25 St. Louis, King (1214-1270)  
St. Joseph Calasanz  
Religious Founder (1556-1648)
- August 27 St. Monica (332-387)
- August 28 St. Augustine  
Doctor of the Church (354-430)  
St. Jacob, Patriarch (18<sup>th</sup> c.)
- August 29 Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist

### BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 11-12; Matthew 23:13-22
Tuesday:	Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51
Wednesday:	2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18 Matthew 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Matthew 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Corinthians 1:17-25; Matthew 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 25:14-30
Sunday:	Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Psalm 68; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

### TEMPTATION

*The average number of times  
that people say "no" to temptation  
is about once, weakly.*