



St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church

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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 29

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

Monday, August 30

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

Wednesday, September 1

Jefferson Catholic Club7:00 p.m.
@ Uniontown Public Library

Thursday, September 2

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

Saturday, September 4

Confessions (C)11:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 5

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

Mass Schedule

Saturday

5:30 p.m.

August 28

+Helen Zaycosky (N. Ford)

Sunday

8:30 a.m.

August 29

+Patty Connelly (J./P. Smith)
+Living & Deceased Members of
St. John Christian Mothers

10:30 a.m.

Monday

7:15 a.m.

August 30

+Bertha Hudock (T./M. L. Martin)

Tuesday

7:15 a.m.

August 31

+Eileen Joyce (Family)

Thursday

7:15 a.m.

September 2

+John & Antonette Williams (R. Micarelli)

Friday

9:00 a.m.

September 3

+Therese Stralets (S./V. Bilonick)

Saturday

5:30 p.m.

September 4

50th Wedding Anniversary of
Ed & Nancy Micher

Sunday

8:30 a.m.

September 5

+Theodore Chesler (C. Stotelmyer)
+James & Louise O'Brien (Family)

10:30 a.m.



Stewardship, a way of life...

September seems to be the month when we talk about sharing our Time our Talents and our Treasure. Throughout September I will be speaking at the liturgies about how we all can work at becoming good stewards. Stewardship is not just something that we do; rather it must become a way of living. It is the attitude with which we approach life and all that we do in life. Stewardship is becoming aware of just how much we have been given in life. We don't often enough stop to think about how blessed we are. We may be grateful for the "things" that we have but we don't often think about the many other treasures that God has bestowed on us. If we are not aware of our gifts, how can we begin to share them. This month I am asking all of you just to try and look at your life and become aware of how blessed you are. By recognizing our talents and how we can utilize our time, we can all work together in building a stronger Kingdom of God.



Saturday, September 4 & Sunday, September 5

5:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers		
B. Crutchman	J. Baker	A. Detweiler
N. Ford	M. Brown	J. Henry
R. Kuzy	T. Casteel	R. Newhouse
S. Nypaver	D. Newell	R. Newhouse
J. Riffle	M. Shaffer	D. Price
A. Sweeney	P. Springer	R. Price
M. Sweeney	R. Superiick	P. Ulerich
Greeters:		
B. Dekowski	J. Lindsay	Knapp Family
E. McCay	M. Patchan	Kuklar Family
K. Rocca	L. Springer	Price Family
Lector:		
J. Goleblewski	S. Quinn	J. Kolonsky
Altar Servers:		
J. Eadie	B. Quinn	R. D'Auria
K. Preamble	P. Quinn	A. Kuklar
M. Riffle	S. Quinn	B. Kuklar

FAITH FORMATION



Next week you should receive in the mail a letter explaining the process for Faith Formation. Since Confirmation has been separated from First Eucharist there are different requirements that need to be met in order to share in the Sacrament. I ask that you take the time to read the information and do all that you can to become a part of our formation process.




Our parish joyfully welcomes our newest member who was baptized last week, **Chase Thomas King** son of Robert T. and Samantha King. Congratulations and blessings to all members of the family.

CALM WATERS

In calm waters, every ship has a good captain.

Stewardship of Treasure	
August 22, 2010	
Adult	\$ 5,584.00
Children	\$ 10.50
Loose	\$ 418.37
Accent	\$ 12.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 210.00
Assumption	\$ 105.00
Total	\$ 6,609.87
Envelopes used	327



St. John the Evangelist Regional Catholic School News
Week of August 30 - September 3

Mon. Aug. 30 Preschool 4 year old program starts

Tues. Aug. 31 Preschool 3 year old program starts

Wed. Sept. 1 10:10 a.m. Wellness (Grade 7)
 Joe Corbi Sale begins

Thurs. Sept. 2 12:30 p.m. Dismissal - Teachers' Meeting

Fril Sept. 3 9:00 a.m. School Mass
 (Grade 8 in charge of Liturgy)

Collection Counters - September 5

E. Franczyk T. Broadwater D. Cummings C. Digga

Parish Picnic

Last Sunday we celebrated our annual Parish Picnic at Hutchinson Park and it could not have been a more beautiful day. The weather certainly did cooperate and many people came out and shared the afternoon. Every year the picnic gets larger, which is a good sign. I am grateful to Tom and Karen Coburn for chairing the event once again this year. They had many people who came out to help them and for that we thank you. The Gamon family provided the music which added a rich dimension, Eileen and Rebekah Radvansky generously provided entertainment for the children with games throughout the afternoon. The 50/50 was won by Jennifer Baker who graciously gave it to the church, so that we put the whole \$305.00 towards the expenses. I often talk about how much we take one another as well as God's blessings for granted. Well trust me when I say, I am well aware of just how blessed we are as a parish. Thank you so very much to everyone who came and those who helped make it the success that it was. Fr. Michael

Social Outreach

Just a friendly reminder, that next **weekend September 4/5** we will have a **collection** of food for **St. Vincent de Paul**. We ask that you bring in some non perishable food and deposit it at the entrances of the church. Since we have been doing this we have collected over 500 pounds of food! That is a lot of people who have been helped through your generosity. Now, we have to keep the momentum up!

Jefferson Catholic Club will hold their **Welcome Back Meeting** and kick-off "Hospitality Year" on **Wednesday, September 1st** at **7:00 p.m.** in the **Uniontown Public Library**. As the group is designed to foster and promote friendship among Catholic women and share in Catholic actions, all members are encouraged to bring a guest to experience club membership and hospitality. President Kathi DeHaas with her officers and the Program committee will host this first meeting of the new year. Members whose last name begins with A-L are asked to bring a dessert and members with last names beginning with M-Z should bring an appetizer. Each attendee should also bring their own place setting.

Pathways

Due to the Evangelization and Faith Formation Conference scheduled for September 11, **registration deadline** for the course of study has been **extended** to Friday September 17. This will allow persons attending the conference who might be interested in participating in PATHWAYS to register. The U. S. Catholic bishops have called the Church to a renewed commitment to adult faith formation stating: "*adult Catholics must be mature in faith and well equipped to share the Gospel.*" If you are an adult seeking a way to deepen your understanding of our Catholic faith, join with others who share your interest. If you are a catechist, know that PATHWAYS is an approved option for fulfilling the requirements for basic catechist certification.

Mt. Macrina Annual Pilgrimage

Next weekend **Friday September 3 to Monday September 6**, the Sisters of St. Basil Uniontown will celebrate their 76th Annual Pilgrimage. The theme is dedicated in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The pilgrimage is to be held on the grounds of Mt. Macrina, 520 West Main Street, Uniontown. Among the many activities there will be daily Divine Liturgy, children's procession, a candlelight procession followed by a Teen & Young Adult Social, and several opportunities for the sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions). The weekend will conclude with Divine Liturgy followed by a procession with the Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Please note: The Sisters at Mt. Macrina are in need of volunteers to help with parking during the Pilgrimage. Help is needed on Saturday September 4 and Sunday September 5. If anyone could offer at least two hours either day this would be greatly appreciated. Those interested can contact Vince, Parking Coordinator at 724-439-9790 after 3:30 p.m.

NO SURPRISES

*We are told by all spiritual writers
 that one important point to bear in mind,
 as we seek to attain humility,
 is not to be surprised by our own faults and failures.*

“Humble yourself the more, the greater you are...”

It is amazing how often in life the simple things matter the most. It is the small things in life that seem to make the biggest impression on us. It is no surprise then that once again we find Jesus eating a meal and presenting us with yet another parable or lesson on life. A simple thing like sharing food becomes a springboard for far more important matters. All of us at one time or another has had the good fortune of being invited to someone's home for dinner. When the host and hostess are good friends, the evening is one we look forward to and is an enjoyable and energizing time. When the host and hostess are, perhaps, little-known business acquaintances, we might be more apprehensive and be on our best behavior, and we might find the evening more energy-draining than enjoyable. This seems to be the case with the gospel this week. Jesus was invited to the home of a leading Pharisee and we can probably surmise that Jesus arrived there in a frame of mind different from one he might have had when invited to Martha and Mary's home.

Social dictates have certainly changed since the time of Jesus. Jesus was well aware of the fact that the Pharisees were an exclusive club who were known to dine only with each other so as to observe strict purity. Places of “honor” were common at any feast, and it was certainly a practice to allow people of status and position to get those seats of “honor.” This was done so that the host would be remembered and the favor returned at a future date. Jesus takes this opportunity to admonish the Pharisees to reach out to others, those not in their circle of acquaintances. He challenges them to be as generous and kind to those people who could never repay them as they were with each other. He calls them to a life of humility.

Those sitting around that table with Jesus were given a lesson showing that acts of earthly humility and generosity are met with heavenly exaltation and God's generosity. Humility is, in part knowing one's strengths and weaknesses and one's place. Humility is the virtue by which we acknowledge our status before God: we are “the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind” who come to God's table because of God's invitation and generosity. As deeply humble people, we come to God empty and open ourselves to God's filling us with what is lasting. This reward, everlasting life at God's messianic banquet, is ours if we but treat others as God treats us. We ourselves must bestow dignity and generosity on others.

Jesus is calling the disciples as well as he is calling each of us back to the authentic Jewish tradition of caring for the “widow, orphan, and sojourner.” These three groups of people in Israelite society were symbolic of those who were in a position of needing others to look after their well being. The lowly are those who need food, clothing, and shelter; our cities are full of these kinds of dispossessed people. The lowly are also the children in our midst; the physically, emotionally, mentally, or spiritually challenged; the elderly. We do not need to look very far to put Jesus' teaching this week into practice.

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

Imagine, fourteen hundred years after death, boasting a best-selling CD! Yet outside the Church and within, "Gregorian" chant is enjoying a renaissance. Still, the timeless sacred music that bears his name is but part of Gregory's legacy. Renouncing civic service for monastic life, Gregory's administrative and diplomatic skills prompted continual summons from the cloister. Papal ambassador and advisor, he was eventually elected pope himself, renowned as a wise steward of the Church's material possessions, generous benefactor of the poor, sponsor of missionaries, and promotor of monasticism. His liturgical enrichment of the Church endures not only in Gregorian chant, but in eloquent homilies still gracing the Liturgy of the Hours, the "Gregorian Canon" (Eucharistic Prayer I), and his spiritual classic, *Pastoral Care*, once presented to new bishops at ordination. Of countless impressive papal titles—Supreme Pontiff, Vicar of Christ, Successor of Saint Peter, Prince of the Apostles—the title still so cherished that it heads official documents is the one Gregory coined to describe his papal ideal: Servant of the Servants of God. Together with being designated "the Great," a fitting epitaph.

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Saints of the Roman/Byzantine Catholic Church

September 1	St. Joshua (13 th century) St. Ruth (11 th century)
September 3	St. Gregory the Great, Pope Doctor of the Church (c. 540-604)
September 4	St. Moses, Prophet (13 th century)

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Luke 4:16-30
Tuesday:	1 Corinthians 2:10b-16; Luke 4:31-37
Wednesday:	1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Luke 4:38-44
Thursday:	1 Corinthians 3:18-23; Luke 5:1-11
Friday:	1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Luke 5:33-39
Saturday:	1 Corinthians 4:6b-15; Luke 6:1-5
Sunday:	Wisdom 9:13-18b; Psalm 90; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33



Please remember in your prayers the souls of Katherine Pechatsko mother of Joann Verney who passed away recently, Elmer Saletrik and Roberta Frankhouser who were buried from our parish last week. May God grant them eternal rest and comfort to their families.

JUST PUNISHMENT

*The punishment of the wise
who refuse to take part in government
is to live under the rule of foolish.*