

All Saints and St. John the Baptist Parish Families

Pastor: Rev. Gerald J. Gurka, M.Div., M.Th., M.A.

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Rev. James McGahagan

Permanent Deacon: Deacon Frank H. Hine

All Saints Parish Mission Statement

We, All Saints Parish, are drawn together by the power of the Holy Spirit to be a living and convincing sign of God's unconditional love. We are gifted to build bonds among ourselves and others in order to live the Gospel in word, worship, community and service for the salvation of all and the building of God's kingdom.

St. John the Baptist Parish Mission Statement

Our faith community of St. John the Baptist, founded on the word of God; welcomes all with charity and love....both the strong of Spirit and those who search. As part of the Universal Church, we acknowledge that God has uniquely blessed everyone with abundant gifts. We celebrate the differences that make all of us equal in the eyes of the Lord....using our blessings to provide all who join us in Eucharist with a heart-felt sense of family and communion. For the Lord has brought you to our door....you are a stranger here but once.

All Saints

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St. John the Baptist

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Office Hours: **No Office Hours on Mondays**

Tuesday thru Friday: 9:00AM-11:30AM/12:30PM-2:30PM

All Other Times by Appointment/Emergencies: call 911

~New Parishioners: WELCOME to our parish family!

Please call the rectory office at your earliest convenience.

~Established Parishioners:

Please let us know of any change of address or telephone number so that we may keep our records current. Families moving from the parish are asked to notify the rectory office.

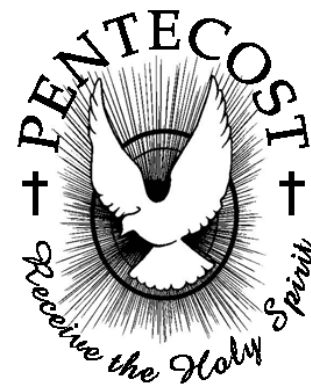
May 28, 2023

Pentecost Sunday

**A Prayerful Welcome to All
Worshipping With Us.**

**On Pentecost we celebrate the
beginnings of our Church - celebrating
God's love and calling forth our Gifts
for the good of all - living life, with
God's Spirit, with selfless caring
and generosity.**

Thanks for being here.



GOSPEL GLIMPSES

May 28, 2023

Jn 20:19-23

Go now and do

A dove is often the first symbol we learn of the Holy Spirit. The gentle beating wings of God's love and power tapping at our heart. Then we learn fire, a burning power to share His message of love. We may call up Joel's words "I will pour out my spirit" and see the cool refreshing living water welling up in our hearts. Why do we need all these different pictures for one simple truth? Because the Spirit is as diverse as we are. God's Spirit must reach each heart individually and touch the sleeping potential to action. Can such divine inspiration come in just a one-size-fits-all? Some of us need a lulling voice, others respond only to a trumpet blare. The gentle touch to shepherd one, the stricter rod to guide others. Because God loves each of His children equally He has given us a Spirit that can be what we need, when we need it. Just as on the first Pentecost, the Spirit brought diverse tongues to carry God's message of love and salvation to every heart, today He speaks to us in our own private language whispering the same words: "God loves you. He has a purpose for you. Go now and do."

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Come Worship the Lord

Monday, May 29th

9:00 AM (AS) Kathleen L. Kutish by Michael, Carol & William Jezewski

Tuesday, May 30th

9:00 AM (AS) Randy Connolly by Aunt, Jean Connolly

Wednesday, May 31st

No Mass

Thursday, June 1st

9:00 AM (SJB) Joe Gimble by Brothers & Sisters

Friday, June 2nd

9:00 AM (SJB) Sophia Rychlewski by Daughter, Sylvia

Saturday, June 3rd

4:00 PM (SJB) Bernard Morris by Larry & Janice Doughton (Live Streamed)

Sunday, June 4th

8:00 AM (SJB) Stuart Elick by John & Christine Gilgallon

10:00 AM (AS) Josephine & Chester Latoszewski by Amelia Perlis



Today's Readings: Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23

Sanctuary Candle burns this week at St. John's in memory of **Peter, Justina, George, John & Joseph Mayerski**, offered by Family.

Caleb John Smith

was welcomed into our faith through the Sacrament of Baptism last weekend. Prayerful Baptismal Congrats to his parents, godparents, family and friends.

American Legion Poppy Sale

We welcome the Larksville American Legion to St. John's this weekend for their Poppy Sale. Show your support... Buy a Poppy!

In Honor of the Feast of Corpus Christi on June 11th - Eucharistic Adoration begins after 8AM Mass until 12Noon at St. John's. Please join us!

Please Note: Both Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day. In case of anyone needing a priest, please leave your name & phone # with our Answering Service.

Home and Hospital Visitations: Are currently following all COVID Guidelines. If someone is homebound or hospitalized, please call the rectory office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3PM Saturday at St. John's/By Appointment during the week. Masks Required.

Sacrament of Baptism: Parents must be registered in the Parish. Please call the office at least 4 months before your child is due. Instruction is required and normally held on the 1st Monday of each month. It is best to attend this class before the child's birth. Current COVID Guidelines require private celebration of Baptism. Please call to schedule.

Sacrament of Holy Orders: Is God calling you? Please see Fr. Jerry or Deacon Frank.

Sacrament of Marriage: Diocesan regulations require those couples planning marriage to contact the pastor at least twelve months prior to the desired date of the marriage and other wedding arrangements.

R.C.I.A. (O.C.I.A.) (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults): For those in need of Baptism or completion of sacramental preparation. Please contact rectory.

A Missionary Priest from the **Diocese of Bomadi** in Nigeria shall visit our parishes next weekend and speak at all our masses. The mission Diocese of Bomadi is only one-third of the entire diocese located on land, and the rest on water, in one of the most difficult parts of the Niger-Delta of Nigeria. For this reason, they need assistance in supporting poor vocations to the priesthood which is a priority because every year they receive applications from hundreds of young men who want to serve God as priests, but they can only accept about 5 candidates because of lack of funds. Also, they are desperately in need of cars and boats for effective missionary work. **Next Weekend**, our 2nd Collection will be for the Diocese of Bomadi. Deepest Prayerful Gratitude for your prayerful and financial help in **next week's 2nd collection**.

Picnic or No Picnic? August 11th, 12th & 13th It's Up to You for necessary sign up by May 29th. Sign Up Sheet in Bulletin Insert, Vestibule copies or Internet Sites.

Picnic Meeting - Tuesday, May 30th at 6PM in St. John's Church Hall.

Deepest Prayerful Gratitude to May Queen Emma Delayo, her First Communion Classmates and Catechists, Mary & Marty Gabel for the beautiful tradition of May Crowning at St. John's.

Miraculous Medal Novena prayed on Tuesdays after Mass at All Saints.

Litany to the Sacred Heart will be prayed after Mass on Friday, June 2nd.

Rosary is prayed by the Knights of Columbus, Council #11901 before the 10AM Mass on Sundays at All Saints beginning at 9:40AM. Intentions are for an increase of Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life/an end to the Pandemic. Please feel free to add your own private intentions as well.

All Saints Parish: Donation of Altar Breads or Sanctuary Candles in memory/in honor of a loved one can be made by contacting Jackie Karnes at 570-332-1176 (Monday thru Friday only).

All Saints Finance Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 6th at 6PM at All Saints Rectory.

Ministry Schedules for June are available for pick-up in the Sacristy at St. John's.

Father's Day Mass Intention Cards & Spiritual Bouquet envelopes are available in our church vestibule and will be prayed for on Father's Day and designated Masses in June. Thank you for continuing this prayerful tradition of placing the names of our living & deceased fathers, and those who were/are like a father to us, upon the altar.

Our Parish Council Members: **All Saints:** Jackie Karnes, Doreen Kolojechick, Debbie Madrack & 1 member TBA. **St. John's:** Ron Grevera, Judy Lucchino, Mary Ellen Novick & Michael Novrocki. For any questions or concerns, please see one of our Parish Council Members.

All Saints Usher Club will meet on Sunday, June 4th at 2PM at Holy Child Faith Formation Center. All ushers are asked to attend.

Senior Citizens Friendship Club of St. Mary's will meet Monday, June 12th from 1 to 4PM at Holy Child Faith Formation Center, Willow Street, Plymouth. NEW MEMBERS WELCOME. Come join us for Bingo, Cards and Refreshments.

Our Masses can now be viewed on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW2sYIA9P9UfsvYJ90IRsEg>.

Pierogies

Pierogie Making takes a holiday this week and will resume next Monday, June 5th thru July 31st (except July 3rd). Vaccine Cards are required to be shown upon entry to the Church Hall & CDC Guidelines must be followed. Please mark your calendars and plan to join the fun from 8AM onward. No experience necessary! Any amount of time you can volunteer is greatly appreciated. Pierogie Prep starts at 7AM each Sunday before a Pierogie Monday.

St. Joseph Mareello Feast Day Celebration: Wednesday, May 31st at 7PM at Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel, 1880 Route 315, Pittston. Guest Celebrant & Homilist: Rev. Joseph G. Elston, Pastor, St. Joseph Mareello Parish, Pittston. Social will follow the Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursday, June 1st at 7PM at St. Maria Goretti Church, 42 Redwood Drive, Laflin. The evening, hosted by the Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations, will include live music, a reflection given by a speaker, the opportunity for Reconciliation and a Social.

Up and Over Middle School Retreat will be held **June 2nd-3rd at Camp Orchard Hill in Dallas**. This 24-hour retreat is centered around how students can use their God given talents in order to work together with others and overcome obstacles in their lives. The weekend involves fun group activities, Mass, free time, a movie, and an outdoor obstacle course! It is a great opportunity for students currently in grades 6, 7, & 8, to meet new friends and grow in their faith! Registration is now open on the Diocese of Scranton's website: <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/word/youth-ministry/up-over-2023/>. The registration fee is \$120, and includes all meals, lodging, a t-shirt, and other retreat materials.

Refresh your Faith With the Holy Spirit Catholic Women's Conference: Join us on Saturday, June 10th at Marywood University for an outstanding day to include guest speakers Kathleen McCarthy (published author and radio broadcaster) as well as Johnette Benkovic Williams (Founder and President of Women of Grace). Tickets: \$55 per person. To register, visit www.cwcnepa.com or call 570-430-2735.

Catholic Communication Campaign

Thank you for your generosity toward last week's collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). All Saints raised \$135.00 and St. John's raised \$150.00. Your support helps the CCC engage and build community for millions, here in the United States and around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

Thank you for silencing your cell phones and refraining from texting while in church.



Prayer Shawl Gathering will be held on Wednesday, June 7th from 6PM to 8PM in St. John's Church Hall. Please consider making small handmade items for our Cash & Carry Stand at the Bazaar. New members are always welcome and greatly appreciated. If someone you know needs a prayer shawl please contact the rectory. If you aren't able to attend a meeting, but want to donate a lap robe, shawl or afghan, please contact the rectory office. Thanks! If you aren't able to make an afghan, monetary donations are most welcome and appreciated. They can be made via collection basket (place in an envelope marked "Yarn/Afghans") or sent to the rectory office. Thank You for helping us to help others.

Parish Lottery Winners

Week of May 15th: \$50: #570 N/A, #248 Viola Marko, #988 Ruthann Kennedy, #290 Edward Zochowski, #846 Ed Pendock, \$100: #480 Robert Wojtowicz

The Plymouth Historical Society has completed the history of **St. Mary's Church** on Willow Street in Plymouth. This parish, the biggest in Plymouth, has a long and distinguished history which encompasses the early ethnic arrival of the Eastern Europeans into our area. The book contains about 50 pages of history of the parish and about 9000—interment information. It will also include a flash drive with all the headstone photos, about 4300.

If you are interested in purchasing a copy of the printed version, (cost will be about \$40.00 each with flash drive) please call the Plymouth Historical Society at 570-779-5840, leave your name, phone number and number of books you would like to reserve. You can also send your order through the mail. We expect the book to be available sometime this summer and will contact you when it is ready.

Please Note: June's Collection for the Care and Education of Priests will be taken on the weekend of June 10/11.

All Bulletin Announcements should be submitted to our offices on Monday for approval by Father Jerry. Thanks!

A Gift of New-ness

The gift of the Holy Spirit which you have received will be a spiritual sign and seal that makes you more like Christ and a more perfect member of His Church.

The Spirit gives Himself to you as a light and power to spread the Good News of salvation. You have a new spirit and heart, new prayers and gifts, new work to do.

Let your Pentecost prayer be that you will be filled with this new-ness of life, work and spirit. That you may join the apostles in the work of God here on earth.

Rectory, Set, Cook Update: More than \$197,000 was raised to fight hunger. All Saints and St. John's each received \$541.25. Double "spatulas up" for supporting a wonderful culinary cause!

The Firemen of Plymouth thank everyone who **saved receipts from Plymouth Hometown Market** and **look forward to your continued saving of receipts** by placing them in designated boxes in our Church vestibules.



Prayer on Memorial Day

Lord Jesus Christ, today we honor the memory of those men and women who have given their lives for their compatriots in the cause of freedom.

They have worked, fought and died for the heritage of freedom, brotherhood and honor that they have passed on to us.

Help us to recall that you yourself gave up your life for all human beings in the cause of true freedom, to save us from self-love and sin.

Teach us the true meaning of peace and freedom, that the real battle must always take place in ourselves before it will be won in families and nations.

Teach us to pray daily for peace and freedom for the whole world.

*Have a Safe Enjoyable
Memorial Day Weekend!*

Commitment of Treasure: May 21, 2023

All Saints
Weekly \$3,563.00
Fiscal Year-to-Date \$211,143.66

Amount budgeted each week:
\$6,808.00

Diocesan Annual Appeal Update
Parish Goal: \$37,000
Pledges to Date: \$19,463 (53% of goal)

St. John the Baptist
Weekly \$4,069.00
Fiscal Year-to-Date \$216,050.00

Amount budgeted each week:
\$5,650.00

Diocesan Annual Appeal Update
Parish Goal: \$21,000
Pledges to Date: \$16,623 (79% of goal)