

Date	Time	Intention	Requested By
Monday 10/16	7:30 AM	Rosemary Maisano	Husband, Clarence
Tuesday 10/17	7:30 AM	Harry Curley	Roger and Elizabeth Connors
Wednesday 10/18	7:30 AM	Stanley Malinowski	Parish Community
Thursday 10/19	7:30 AM	William A. Newcomb	Family
Friday 10/20	7:30 AM	Francis Loftus	Butch and Kathy Ostrowski
Saturday 10/21	4:30 PM	Mary Ruth McGarry	Family
Sunday 10/22	8:00 AM	Allen J. Starrie	John and Jean Blazis
	10:00 AM	Paul C. and Mary R. Tighe	Catherine C. Tighe
	12:15 PM	Daniel Rebovich	Thomas Family

Memorial Honor Candles

MONTH OF OCTOBER

Main Altar- In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Dominick Stuccio and Gerald J. Connors.
by Family

Chapel -----Special Intentions.
by Family

Eternal Rest Grant
Unto Them, O Lord



Please remember in your prayers our parishioners and friends of the parish who have recently died:

Stewardship
Your Gift of
Time, Talent & Treasure

THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Sunday Collection for the weekend of
October 8, 2017
\$ 8,684.04

Weekly amount needed to
meet operational expenses:
\$ 10,000.00

Difference:
\$ - 1,315.96

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity as we strive to meet our parish expenses!

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTION



All parents anticipating the Baptism of their first child are required to attend baptismal instruction before scheduling the baptism of their child.

The next session will be held **Tuesday, December 5, 2017** in the Parish Center at **7:00 p.m.**

WEDDING BANNES

The Parish Community of St. John the Evangelist announces the upcoming wedding: **Ann Kaluzavich and Francis Conserette.**



OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October is the month of the Rosary. Consider taking an opportunity this month to pray the rosary, asking God through the intercession of

Mary, to help all people come to a greater respect for all human life – for the unborn, the elderly, and those ill and suffering.

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

God bless all of you who make a weekly sacrifice, enabling us to proclaim the good news of Jesus' love for us. Our parish is known for its outreach to the poor and needy. We welcome everyone as if we are welcoming our Lord. We see the face of Christ in all we serve, and what a joy and blessing that is for us. And what a blessing we are to them as they see the look of love in our eyes. Thank you for making it possible for us to love and serve the Lord and one another.

God bless us all.

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-- OCTOBER 22, 2017

First Reading (Isaiah 45:1, 4-6)

Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b)

Gospel (Matthew 22:12-21)

PRAY FOR YOUR PASTORAL MINISTERS

We ask you to pray for Msgr. John J. Bendik who is celebrating his 76th birthday today may the Lord continue to bless him. We ask you to pray for your priests, deacons, and religious, We pray also for our Seminarians, William Asinari, Deacon Edward Casey, Mark DeCelles, Bernard Gardzalla, Deacon Ryan Glenn, Christopher Kircher, Jonathan Kuhar, Andrew McCarroll, Kevin Miller, Jan Carlo Perez, Mark Phillips, David Sebolka, Shawn Simchock, Mark Watrucki. May the Spirit continue to guide them to the Priesthood.



DONATION OF BREAD & WINE

From the very beginning of the Church, it was customary for the faithful to donate the bread and wine used at the celebration of Mass. If you would like to participate in this ancient tradition, you can make a donation of \$50 to purchase the bread and wine used at the weekend and weekday Masses. **The bread and wine this week has been donated in honor of Msgr. John J. Bendik.** By Mary Clare Leonard.

WORLD MISSION NEXT SUNDAY

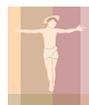
Next Sunday October 21st and 22nd we will celebrate World Mission Sunday 2017 **CHAT WITH POPE FRANCIS.** Chat with Pope Francis using your Facebook Messenger App to learn more about his Missions. Pray and Give generously on World Mission Sunday.

PHOTOS OF LOVED ONES

Parishioners are invited to provide a photo of deceased family members or friends who died this past year and whose funeral Mass was celebrated at the parish. These pictures will be arranged by the Liturgy Commission and placed near the baptismal font during the month of November. Parishioners who would like to provide a picture of their loved one are asked to place their photo in the basket found at the main doors of the church. **All photos provided should be a copy and not the original photo as they will not be returned.** Photos should be no larger than 5x7.

BOOK OF LIFE – COMMEMORATIVE BOOK

The Book of Life, a special book that commemorates the deceased members of our parish and families, will be placed near the baptismal font during the month of November as a reminder that those who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been given the pledge of eternal life through the waters of Baptism. All parishioners are invited to write the names of family members and/or friends in this book. Throughout the month of November, let us remember in our prayers those names which are included in our Book of Life.



REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US IN FAITH

Once again, the Parish Community of St. John the Evangelist will hold a special Mass remembering those parishioners who died and were buried from our parish (from November 2016 thru October 2017). This special liturgy will be held on Saturday, November 4th at 4:30 p.m. All parishioners are invited to attend the Mass and support those who have lost a loved one this year. A light reception for all parishioners will be held in the Church Hall immediately after Mass.

**NEW LECTORS, ALTAR SERVERS,
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY
COMMUNION**

We are asking you to consider joining one or more of these ministries. Altar Servers, boys or girls in 3rd grade and up. Lectors, high school age and up—Extraordinary Ministries of Holy Communion, anyone age 18 and older. I know that often people hold back from volunteering, especially from becoming Extraordinary Ministers because they do not feel worthy. None of us are worthy, but we are called to these ministries by the strength of our baptism. Please prayerfully consider these areas of ministry in your parish. **You are needed.** We are forming classes in all of these areas now. Please call the rectory to register for a class. I assure you, you will find it a real blessing.

60th ANNUAL NOVENA IN HONOR OF ST. JUDE

The 60th Annual Novena in honor of Saint Jude will be held at Our Lady of the Eucharist Parish (St. Mary, Help of Christians Church), 535 North Main Street, Pittston, from Thursday, October 19th through Saturday, October 28th. There will be two services daily. Mass, followed by novena prayers and veneration of the relic of *St. Jude, Patron Saint of Hopeless Cases and Things Despaired Of* will be celebrated Mondays through Fridays at noon and at 7:00 p.m., Saturdays at noon and at 4:00 p.m., and Sundays at 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The Rosary will be recited before all services and Confessions will be heard prior to all services, except on Sunday. The following guest homilists are scheduled for the novena: Thursday, October 19th at 12 Noon and 7:00 p.m., Rev. Joseph Elston; Friday, October 20th at 12 Noon and 7:00 p.m., Msgr. John Bendik; Saturday, October 21st at 12 Noon and 4:00 p.m., Rev. Jeffrey Walsh, V.E.; Sunday, October 22nd at 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Rev. Jeffrey Walsh, V.E.; Monday, October 23rd at 12 Noon and 7:00 p.m., Rev. Seth Wasnock; Tuesday, October 24th at 12 Noon, Rev. James Alco; Tuesday, October 24th at 7:00 p.m., Rev. Andrew Kurovsky; Wednesday, October 25th at 12 Noon and 7:00 p.m., Rev. Don Williams; Thursday, October 26th at 12 Noon, Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, D.D.; Thursday, October 26th at 7:00 p.m., Rev. Jackson Pinhero, OSJ; Friday, October 27th at 12 Noon and 7:00 p.m., Rev. Thomas Maloney. Rev. Jeffrey Walsh, V.E., Episcopal Vicar for Clergy and Sacramental Minister of Our Lady of the Eucharist, Pittston will celebrate the 12 Noon Closing Liturgy on Saturday, October 28th. Msgr. John Bendik will celebrate the Closing Liturgy at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 28th. For additional information, please call the parish office at 570-654-0263.

**THIS WEEKEND IS IN-PEW COMMITMENT
WEEKEND**

Thank you to those who have already joined us as we ***“Walk Together in the Light of Christ”*** by making a pledge to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. On behalf of all who benefit from your gifts, Bishop Joseph Bambera extends his sincere gratitude to everyone who has already made a pledge to the 2017 Diocesan Annual Appeal. Each gift truly matters. If you have not yet made your gift, please consider making a pledge this weekend—Annual Appeal pledge envelopes will be distributed at all of our Masses. Everyone at Mass will be asked to complete the pledge form, whether or not they have made a pledge or intend to pledge. You are also invited to list your personal prayer intentions on the inside pledge form and to attend a special Mass of Thanksgiving to be held at St. Peter’s Cathedral, Scranton, on Sunday, November 26th, at 10:00 a.m. Your intention will be remembered at this Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera. Prayer intentions are welcome whether or not you make a gift to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Thank You.

FAITH FORMATION

FEASTS AND CELEBRATIONS

October 18th—St. Luke the Evangelist (1st Century). St. Luke was a Christian physician from Antioch. His Gospel and Acts of the Apostles were probably written between 70 and 85 A.D. **October 21st—St. Hilarion (371).** An abbot from Palestine, St. Hilarion was born near Gaza. He converted to Christianity while studying at Alexandria. He tried to live as a hermit, but his reputation for working miracles drew crowds wherever he went. At last he retired to Cyprus, where he died at the age of eighty.

FAMILY FUN NIGHTS

November 17th, 6:30 p.m. *Celebrating our Veterans* in the Msgr. Bendik Pastoral Center: January 26th, 6:30 p.m. *Warm up Winter* in the Msgr. Bendik Pastoral Center: February 16th, 6:30 p.m. *Valentines Dance* in the Msgr. Bendik Pastoral Center: March 16th 6:30 p.m. *Sports Tournament* in the Msgr. Bendik Pastoral Center.

HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Holy Redeemer High School, 159 S. Pennsylvania Blvd. Wilkes-Barre. Open House, all are Welcome! Sunday, October 22nd from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Tour Holy Redeemer Science, Computer, Math, Languages, Arts and Athletics. For more information call 57-829-2424 or www.holyredeemerhs.org



IRISH HISTORY WRITING CONTEST

Students of Luzerne County are invited once again to submit entries to the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians 2017-2018 Irish History Writing Contest. The LAOH is a charitable organization of Catholic Irish-American women founded in 1894, and aims to promote Irish history and culture. The contest is open to any student (public, private, parochial, or home-schooled) of grades 6 through 12. This year's theme for both Level 1 (grades 6-8) and Level 2 (grades 9-12) is Expressing Irish History through Music. For complete contest rules and list of cash awards, please visit www.ladiesaoh.com or call Mary Ellen Dooley at 570-735-1711. Deadline is November 15th.

TRUNK OR TREAT

St. John the Evangelist Family Fun Nights and Holy Name Society brings you our first **Trunk or Treat**. Children and parents alike are invited to take part in "**Trunk or Treat**" on Tuesday, October 31st in the parking lot of St. John the Evangelist after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Father Elston will lead the procession after Mass to the designated area of the parking lot and children will be able to go car to car and **Trick or Treat!** Costumes may be worn to church. There will be prizes for best decorated, most frightening, and pastor's favorite trunks. If you are interested in participating, please email Steve Wallo at Stevewallo@stjohnspittston.com or call the parish at 570-654-0053. **Please make sure that any candy given out is wrapped.**

HOME SWEET HOME

Getting My Own Spiritual House in Order: So I Can Help My Children with Theirs:

Raising a child is both a rewarding and a challenging task. Every Parent or Guardian needs a deep pool of strength and love from which to drink-often multiple time a day! This pool is filled by a healthy spiritual life. Just as we need healthy bodies and minds to raise children well, we need to attend to our spiritual health. Finding the time to connect with God daily may seem impossible. It is not! You are invited to grow in your understanding of Christian spirituality and how developing your relationship with God will impact your family in a positive way. Bring your practical ideas to share; learn about new ideas. (This is part two of a three part series, but all are welcome to attend regardless of whether you came to the first session.) Adults will gather Sunday, October 29th, at 11:00 a.m.-Noon, in the Family and Youth Ministry Room (4th floor) of the Msgr. John J. Bendik Pastoral Center; children are welcome to join them for the second half. From Noon-1:00 p.m.

OUTREACH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE



FREE HEALTH CLINIC

Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. in the Msgr. Bendik Pastoral Center and is on a first-come, first-serve basis. We have had 13,172 visits by 3,970 patients to date. **The clinic will be opened on the First Three Wednesdays of Each Month. They will be closed on the fourth and in some cases the fifth Wednesdays.** Please call 570-954-0645 for more information.

TOY AND BOOK CORNER

The Toy and Book Corner are asking for donations of new or gently used Halloween Costumes. The Toy & Book Corner will be closed the first Wednesday of the Month Morning Only, also The Toy and Book Corner will be closed on the last Wednesday of the month evening only. Morning hours are 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. and evening hours from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in assisting, please call the Parish Office at 570-654-0053.

PEDIATRIC HEALTH CLINIC SCHEDULE

Patients for The Pediatric Health Clinic are now being seen on the **First Wednesday and Third Wednesday** of the month at the Care and Concern Clinic facility at 37 William Street in Pittston and opens at 3:30 p.m. Please bring your child's immunization records with you when you register. Parents or guardians must be present to have their child examined. All services are free and confidential. We have had 310 children from 196 families make 1,565 visits to the clinic. Please call 570-855-6035 for more information.

GREATER PITTSTON KIDS CLOTHES CLOSET-HOURS

The Kids Clothes Closet provides clothing to children in need from newborn to size 14/16. Donations of new or gently used clothing are accepted. Due to the increase of the number of families visiting the closet, an increase in donations is greatly needed. Thank you for your generosity. The closet is in Msgr. Bendik Pastoral Center, William Street, Pittston. Any questions please call 570-654-0053. We have served over 2,700 children from 1,193 families. Total number of visits 8,056. **The Kids Clothes Closet will be closed on the first Wednesday of the Month Morning Session Only, also The Kids Clothes Closet will be closed on the last Wednesday of the month evening only.**



GREATER PITTSTON FOOD PANTRY LOAVES AND FISHES

Please support our Greater Pittston Food Pantry. Please remember the needy when you are shopping for your own family by buying a few extra items for the pantry. We are always in need of the following items: cereal, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, soups, vegetables, canned hams and other non-perishable items. The Greater Pittston Food Pantry is located at 37 William Street, Pittston and is a program of the Care and Concern Ministry of St. John the Evangelist Parish. Call 570-654-9923 for more information. The Food Pantry will be closed **The First Wednesday of Each Month.** Distribution of food is by appointment only.

WINTER COAT DRIVE UNDERWAY

Warm, gently used winter coats, hats, gloves and scarves are being collected for the ninth annual Winter Coat Giveaway sponsored by The Greater Pittston Food Pantry and The Knitting Ministry. No other types of clothing will be accepted. The donations may be brought to The Parish Center of St. John the Evangelist Parish Community, 35 William St., Pittston, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Giveaway date will be announced and will be open to all **registered families of the food pantry.** The Pantry and Knitting Ministry are services provided by The Care and Concern Ministries.

DONATIONS RECEIVED

We are most grateful for the following donations made to the many ministries of the Church and deeply appreciate the thoughtfulness.

FREE HEALTH CLINIC

(In memory of James Lubenthal) by Elizabeth Cosgrove

CARE AND CONCERN MINISTRIES

St. Maria Goretti Parish; Special Intentions; **(In memory of Lois Busacco)** by Therese Finan; **(In memory of Susan McGarry)** Jackie Vitek, Therese Finan, Bruce and Linda Culp; **(In memory of Minnie Melvin)** by Mr. and Mrs. James Aita.

GREATER PITTSTON FOOD PANTRY

(In memory of Minnie Melvin) by Vito and Barbara Gatto.

PARISH NEWS

CHANGE THE DATE

Attention Bazaar Chair Person and Volunteers, wrap up meeting, Tuesday, October 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the Msgr. Bendik Pastoral Center.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

11/07—Pastoral Council Meeting

6:30 p.m. in Parish Center Dining Room.

11/30---7:00 p.m. Liturgy Meeting-Parish Center Dining Room.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday December 10th —Rock Mass at 6:30 p.m in Pastoral Center Gym.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and cantor practice will follow at 8:00 p.m. practice will be every Tuesday until further notice. New members and new cantors are always welcome.

FAMILY CHOIR

Family Choir Practice every Thursday starting Oct. 19th from 6:15 p.m-7:30 p.m. New members are always welcome.

MONTHLY HOME VISITATIONS

Several Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, visit with the homebound and bring Communion during the first week of the month. If you or a loved one are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Communion at home, please contact the Parish Office at 570-654-0053 to be placed on our Monthly Visitation List.

SCHEDULING MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions are currently being accepted for November, December, 2017 and January, 2018. Mass intentions are scheduled on a first come, first serve basis. In order to ensure that Masses are available to all parishioners, a Mass intention for a particular person/family can only be scheduled twice per year. Also, Mass intentions may be changed based on the availability of a priest or if there are any unforeseen changes in the daily Mass schedule.

ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY

The Altar and Rosary Society would like to Thank Everyone who is participating in the Shursave Program for Non Profit Organizations. The program benefits our organization with a deposit made every month. To participate all you need to do is register your gold card into the program and provide your e-mail information the web site is escrip.com/get started. Our group is St. John the Evangelist Altar Rosary. Our id # is 500045322. If you do not have an e-mail or if you choose not to give it, you can still participate by calling 1-800-931-6258 and register as anonymous. You do not need to save your register receipts. If you have any questions, please call Jean at 570-654-9710.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

If a family member or friend has been hospitalized (especially if they were admitted through the Emergency Room or if they were admitted to one of the hospitals in Scranton) or placed in a long-term facility, please contact St. John the Evangelist at (570-654-0053) so that Father Elston, Father Jackson and Sister Kieran may visit them. The privacy laws make it difficult for the priests to know if a parishioner has been admitted to one of the local hospitals.

DESIGER PURSE BINGO

Holy Rosary School Sunday, October 22nd at Eagle McClure Hose Co #1, 375 Milwaukee Avenue, Old Forge. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. with bingo at 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tickets in advance \$20.00. Tickets at the door \$25.00 There will be food, water, soda, raffles 50/50. Sponsorships are available: Bag Sponsors \$250.00 or Mega Bag Sponsors \$500.00. Space is limited, get your tickets today. If you are interested in coming to this event, donating a raffle basket, or donating a designer purse, please contact Anne McDonnell at 570-885-0475 or arbronyx@comcast.net

“ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST”

St. Joseph Mareello Parish Community would like to thank everyone who participated in our breakfast; the workers who volunteered their time to the nearly 300 persons who came to eat. It was more successful than anticipated. Thank you! If you couldn't attend or would like to have breakfast again, the next breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, November 19th. Time and menu to follow. Save the date!



REDNER GROCERY TAPES

Redner's Grocery Store offers non-profit organizations such as St. John the Evangelist Parish Community, one percent of all sales receipts collected. **Recently, St. John the Evangelist received a check in the amount of \$264.00.** Thank you to those parishioners who help us participate in this program.

FALL CRAFT SHOW

The Social Committee of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 116 Hughes St., Swoyersville, will be sponsoring their Annual Fall Craft Show on Saturday, November 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Please note that this year's show will feature only homemade crafts not commercially produced items.** For further information please visit our website, www.setonpa.com, and click on the "Fall Craft Show" button to download a copy of the Vendor Contract. Cost for a 10'x10' rental space is \$25.00 (\$35.00 after October 1st). Table rentals are \$10.00 each. For more information contact Mary Ann at 570-286-3484.

DIOCESAN WORSHIP CONVOCATION FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The Office for Parish Life will hold a Worship Convocation for Liturgical Ministers on Saturday, October 28th from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Swartz Center for Spiritual Life at Marywood University, Scranton. This day will be a gathering of prayer, reflection and formation for priests, deacons, parish life coordinators, liturgical coordinators, liturgy committees, music directors, cantors, choir members, ministers of hospitality, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, and anyone else who loves the sacred liturgy. The day includes Mass with Bishop Bambera, a keynote presentation by Dr. Elaine Rendler, author of several books on liturgical ministry and editor and columnist for the liturgical music resource *Today's Liturgy*, as well as breakout sessions and exhibits. The fee of \$35.00 includes lunch. Visit www.dioceseofscranton.org to register by Monday, October 23. For more information, contact David Baloga, Director for Worship, at 570-207-2213, ext. 1158 or at David-Baloga@dioceseofscranton.org.

HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT AT THE RACES, 159 S. PENNSYLVANIA BLVD. WILKES-BARRE

Night at the Races will be held at Holy Redeemer High School on Saturday, November 4th. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. and post time at 7:00 p.m. All guests must be 21 years of age. Contact Holy Redeemer High School at jgkosik@comcast.net or 570-829-2424 to sponsor a race (\$100.00), buy a horse (\$10.00) or make a reservation (\$10.00). We look forward to seeing you at Night at the Races!

SCRANTON PREPARATOREY SCHOOL

Scranton Preparatory School's **Open House** will be held on Sunday, October 15th from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Seventh and eighth grade students, their parents and families are cordially invited to attend. Scranton Preparatory School's **Scholarship Entrance Exam** will be held on Saturday, December 2nd for eighth grade students interested in applying for the fall term of 2018. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the exam starts at 9:00 a.m. Students may pre-register by calling 570-941-7737, extension 141.

SUPPORT OUR DIOCESAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS FOR GIVING TUESDAY

GivingTuesday is a movement which celebrates and supports giving back to charities and non-profits. This year Diocesan Catholic Schools will participate in **Giving Tuesday** with a campaign which began in October and ending on November 28th the official **Giving Tuesday**. For more information, or to make a gift to a specific school please visit.

<https://www.crowdrise.com/DOSCatholicSchoolsGivingTuesday2017>