

# Partner Parishes of

# Saint John the Baptist Church

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# Saint Hedwig Church



*Parishes in the Diocese of Greensburg*

*Pennsylvania Charitable Trusts*

**Pastor:** Fr. Robert T. Lubic  
**Senior Priest Active:** Fr. James F. Petrovsky



**St. John the Baptist Church**  
PO Box 606 - Perryopolis, PA 15473

**St. Hedwig Church**  
PO Box 251 - Smock, PA 15480

## **Sunday Masses:**

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. at St. John  
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. at St. Hedwig  
10:00 a.m. at St. John

## **Weekday Masses:**

St. John: Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m.  
St. Hedwig: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, 8:00 a.m.  
(Check bulletin for weekly variation)

**Telephone:** 724-736-4442 - St. John  
724-736-0158 - Rel. Ed/Pre-School  
724-677-2180 - St. Hedwig Office  
724-677-2110 - St. Hedwig Rectory

**Fax:** 724-736-8403 - St. John  
724-677-2180 - St. Hedwig

**St. John Office Hours:** Monday thru Friday  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**St. Hedwig Office Hours:** Monday thru Wednesday  
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline:** Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

**St. Hedwig:** 1st, 3rd, 5th Saturday (noon-12:30 p.m.)  
and before weekday Mass  
**St. John:** Saturday: 3:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.  
Anytime by appointment.

**Baptisms:** By Appointment

**Marriages:** Six Month preparation. Please call office

## **Parish Meetings at St. John's:**

**Altar Society:** Thursday after Third Sunday, 7:30 p.m.

**Holy Name Society:** Second Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

**Pastoral Council:** Third Monday, 7:00 p.m.

**Director Faith Formation/Pastoral Minister - St. John**  
Sr. Loretta Topper S.C.

Grades K—8: Tuesday, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Youth Group, Grades 7-12: Second and Fourth Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

**Director Religious Education/Formation - St. Hedwig**  
Mrs. Barbara Mehalov

Grades K - 6: Monday, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

**Adult Formation:** R.C.I.A. Wednesday, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

**Parish Website:** [www.sjbperry.org](http://www.sjbperry.org)

**Fr. Bob's Email:** [thepunkpriest@gmail.com](mailto:thepunkpriest@gmail.com)

**St. Hedwig Mass Intentions**

**Sunday November 29**

**First Sunday of Advent**

8:00 AM DOLORES A. CHARNOVICH  
(Husband, Son & Family)

**Tuesday December 1**

8:00 AM MICHAEL C. UHOUSE (Mary Spooner))

**Thursday December 3**

8:00 AM THERESA LENGVARSKY  
(Greg & Kim Rabatin)

**Saturday December 5**

8:00 AM DOROTHY WARCHOL  
(Joe & Mary Ann Labuda)

**Sunday December 6**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

8:00 AM JOSEPH ZUZAK (Mom & Dad)

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**December 6 - St. Hedwig - 8:00 a.m.**

**LECTOR:** E. Vrabec

**MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:**

P. Kilgore

**ACOLYTES:** K. Hager, G. Tittnich, Jr.

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<b>St. Hedwig Free Will &amp; Tithe:</b>	<b>November 22, 2009</b>
<b>Sunday Adult Offertory:</b>	<b>\$ 1,466.00</b>
<b>Children:</b>	<b>10.00</b>
<b>Loose:</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>Utility Subsidy:</b>	<b>184.00</b>
<b>CHD/CRS:</b>	<b>112.55</b>

**Many thanks for your continued support!**

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**St. Hedwig Church** is selling a ticket to help fund its upcoming 100th Anniversary Celebration. The ticket (\$3000) will play on the 7:00 p.m. Daily Lottery next Sunday, December 6. The donation is \$5.00. Please contact a committee member or Fr. Jim for tickets.

**Choose Life . . .** We pray that we may remain alert to every opportunity to speak of the value of each human life.

*Pray the Rosary*

**St. John Mass Intentions**

**Saturday November 28**

**Vigil: First Sunday of Advent**

4:30 PM ST. JOHN'S PARISH FAMILY &  
60th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY  
JULIUS & HELEN SOBEK  
(Children, Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren)

**Sunday November 29**

**First Sunday of Advent**

10:00 AM MATHILDA & ADAM OLINZOCK  
(Family)

**Monday November 30**

8:30 AM ROSEMARIE FARKUS  
(Joanne & Bob Torruiso)

**Tuesday December 1**

8:30 AM EVA HUSAR (Dolores Matras & Family)

**Wednesday December 2**

8:30 AM DOROTHY PORUBEK  
(M/M Henry DiVirgilio)

**Thursday December 3**

8:30 AM MIKE LITVIN (Family)

**Friday December 4 - First Friday**

**Adoration**

8:30 AM DONALD LYNCH (Family)

**Saturday December 5 - First Saturday**

9:00 AM FRANK FABRIZIANI (Family)

**Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent**

4:30 PM ST. JOHN'S PARISH FAMILY

**Sunday December 6**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

10:00 AM JOSEPH & ARNIE VARGO  
(Carol, Bill Vargo & Family)

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**St. Hedwig/St. Cecilia Christian Mothers and Rosary Confraternity** will meet **this Wednesday** at 7:00 p.m. in St. Cecilia Hall. The rosary will be prayed at 6:30 p.m. in St. Cecilia Church.

*St. Hedwig Sanctuary Lamp  
"For the Health of Florence Shenal"  
by St. Hedwig Choir*

December 5/6

**LECTORS:**

4:30 PM R. Lerda, R. Oldham  
 10:00 AM D. Behana, J. Harvat

**MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:**

4:30 PM L. Ewing\* T. Sivak, J. Sivak,  
 C. Toth, J. Rosa  
 10:00 AM S. Novobilsky, P. Novobilsky,  
 M. Weiser, C. Vargo, J. Hagerty

**ACOLYTES:**

4:30 PM C. Scullion, M. Zueger, T. Rock  
 10:00 AM K. Pontoriero, C. Maurer, K. Pontoriero

**Money Counters:**

**This Sunday: Team II**

**Next Sunday: Team III**

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<b>St. John Free Will &amp; Tithe:</b>	<b>November 22, 2009</b>
<b>Sunday Adult Offertory:</b>	<b>\$ 4,169.50</b>
<b>Children:</b>	<b>31.00</b>
<b>Loose:</b>	<b>204.25</b>
<b>Utility Subsidy:</b>	<b>15.00</b>
<b>Catholic Accent:</b>	<b>76.75</b>
<b>CHD/CRS:</b>	<b>614.40</b>
<b>Cemetery Care:</b>	<b>35.00</b>

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- Wednesday, Dec. 9: Holy Family/West Newton**
- Thursday, Dec. 10: St. Sebastian/Belle Vernon**
- Thursday, Dec. 17: St. John - St. Hedwig/Perryopolis**

At a recent Regional Council Meeting it was decided to have Regional Penance Services on a parish rotation basis. Instead of five penance services we will have three penance services in our region. Please avail yourself to one of the three services listed above.

**Frazier School District Santas for Soldiers** sponsored by Frazier Student Government in conjunction with the War and Veterans Committee of Uniontown are collecting much needed supplies to send to local soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. The last day to donate is Thursday, December 10. Contact # 724-736-4426.



The tags for the Adopt-A-Family will be on the tree in the back of the church this weekend. Please take a tag or two, purchase the gift, wrap the gift and put the tag back on the gift and **bring it to church by December 13th**. This is a wonderful opportunity to help someone in our area to have a wonderful Christmas. If you have any questions or know some who needs help please call 724-736-2983 or 724-736-8236. Thank you and God bless!

**The Word Among Us:** With the beginning of Advent, please take a few minutes a day, maybe five minutes, and read The Word Among Us to grow closer to the Lord before Christmas. Spending just a few minutes a day reading this magazine will dramatically change your experience during Advent from one of commercialization to spiritual openness. Copies are provided by the parish and are located in back of the church. Please pick one up and start a new Christmas tradition!

**Homemade Frozen Peroghi Orders** will be taken until December 1st by calling 736-8897 or 736-4032. Pick up date will be Saturday, December 5th or if needed sooner by arranging a special request by calling either phone number listed above. (\$5 a dozen)

**Homemade Nut Roll Orders** will be taken until December 1st. To place orders please call 326-8610 or 736-4032. Pick up date is Saturday, December 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the social center. (\$10 a roll)

**Community Light Up Night and Christmas Concert** will be held at the Perryopolis United Methodist Church on Sunday, November 29 beginning at 6:45 p.m. Come and gather around the Christmas tree to sing carols to the music of Frazier School Band as we light the tree for the coming celebration of Jesus' birth. The Greater Scottsdale Area Choral will perform at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served after the concert.

*Flowers adorning the altar at St. John's  
 "In Commemoration of 60th Wedding Anniversary  
 of Julius & Helen Sobek"*

**Please remember the following members and friends of our parish faith family who are in need of our prayers:**

Josephine Angelo, Veronica Arashin, Mary Ann Askey, Terry Babchak, Lena Boni, Suzanne Brown, Jan Calderone, Jean Carroll, Kathy Coldren, Dolores Curcio, Jack Daniels, Elba DiGregorio, Patty Dulay, Helen Emricko, Rita Evans, Rose Giocondi, Mary Gustafson, Carol Hayley, Ed Herchko, Beverly Iulius, Mary Jankovic, Ann Kirchner, Karolyn Kovalcik, Frank Krall, Joe Lafko, Carmella Lahti, Dolores Lerda, Vera Mahalko, Wanda Malinki, Theresa McCrory, Dori Mischick, Sophia Murray, George Nadar, Jim Newmeyer, Frank Novobilsky, Jr., Michelle Novobilsky, Ruth Osborne, Dolores Palone, Olivia Perinis, Irene Pradella, Jemma Premus, Marissa Primozic, Stella Quaranto, George Rinier, Rich Rinier, Ida Rock, Dr. Harry Sampey, Joy Lynn Sabolek, Mary Schiffbauer, Dolores Sciore, Michael Sekel, Zita Shaw, Jaime Shields, Steve Sickle, Helen Sobek, Philomena Stiffey, Mary Stolarik, Dave Szakel, Hannah Teslovich, Theresa Thomas, Agnes Timcheck, Lena Travis, Harry Trenker, Sarah Uhall, Irene Uhrin, Heath Vernet, Justin Young, Bob Zahorchak.

### **Women of Advent Evening of Recollection**

on Thursday, December 3rd with Msgr. Lawrence Kiniry at St. Emma Monastery. Registration begins at 4:00 p.m. followed by Confessions, Rosary, 1st Conference, Dinner, Mass. Donation \$20 includes dinner and stipend. Contact # 724-834-3060. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### **“Preparing the Way for Christ”**

An Advent evening of discernment will be held on Thursday, December 10 from 6-9:00 p.m. in The Bishop William G. Connare Center, Greensburg. The evening is open to any single Catholic male between the age of 14 and 40. The evening will include prayer, presentations, open discussions and a question and answer session. For more information please call 724-837-0901, ext 332.

**2010 Mass Intentions at St. John’s** will be taken on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays during office hours.

**Oplatki:** You may pick up Oplatki (Christmas Wafers) at St. John’s rectory office during office hours.

**Flowers for the Altar:** If you would like to have flowers placed on the altar for a special weekend and/or in memory of your loved one, please call in advance:

**St. John: 736-8323 - St. Hedwig: 677-2180**

As declared by Pope Benedict XVI,  
The Year of the Priest  
will be a time to encourage “spiritual perfection”  
among priests, as well as time to support and thank  
them for their service to the church.



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### **First Sunday of Advent November 29, 2009**

I will raise up for David a just shoot;  
he shall do what is right and just in the land.

— *Jeremiah 33:15*

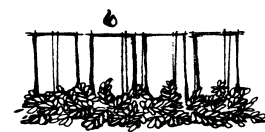
### **SAINT JOHN OF DAMASCUS (c. 675-749) December 4**

From almost 1300 years ago, John’s message for the church’s spirituality and mission is surprisingly contemporary. Pope Benedict says that, in our modern culture of images, sacred images often speak more eloquently than words.

This “incarnational theology,” the concept that visible, tangible elements can give believers access to divine realities beyond, found an eloquent champion in John of Damascus. He challenged the Iconoclasts (image-breakers), whose misinterpretation of the biblical prohibition of idolatrous images (Exodus 20:4-5) led them to campaign for the destruction of all sacred art.

Before this controversy, however, John bore witness to Christ in a way that provides a timely example for Christians in today’s pluralistic society. Succeeding his grandfather and father, John served as chief financial officer to the Muslim Caliph, professing his Christian faith without compromise, while winning the esteem of his Islamic sovereign by his competence and integrity. No wonder John could eloquently defend icons as “windows into heaven”—he had already learned to see Christ in the living icons of people different from himself yet fashioned in the same divine image!

—Peter Scagnelli.



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