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SUNDAY LITURGY

Saturday Evening

5:00 pm

Sundays

8:00 am

11:00 am

5:00 pm



DAILY MASS

Monday through Friday

7:00 am

12:05 pm

Saturday

8:00 am

CONFESSION

Saturday

3:00 pm — Cathedral

Thursday before First Friday

3:00 pm — Cathedral

Saint John Gualbert Cathedral Parish

Stay awake and be ready!

For you do not know on what day your Lord
will come



Sunday, August 7, ~ The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Wisdom 18:6-9 / Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12 / Luke 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

8.00 am: Betty Schellhammer (Cindy Schellhammer)

11.00 am: For the Intentions of the Television Ministry

5.00 pm: For the Intentions of the People of the Parish

Monday, August 8, ~ Saint Dominic, Priest

Readings: Ezekiel 1:2-5, 24-28 / Matthew 17:22-27

7.00 am: Rev. Barry Baroni (Denny & Mary Ann Sabo)

12.05 pm: Tracy (Babich) Branas (Family)

Tuesday, August 9, ~ Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), Virgin and Martyr

Readings: Ezekiel 2:8-3:4 / Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

7.00 am: Cecilia Murgas (Ron & Carole Vogel)

12.05 pm: George Najjar (Wife, Children, & Grandchildren)

Wednesday, August 10, ~ Saint Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr

Readings: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10 / John 12:24-26

7.00 am: Shirley Matten, Birthday Remembrance (Family & Friends)

12.05 pm: Mary Panchik, Anniversary (Gene & Irene Ritter)

Thursday, August 11, ~ Saint Clare of Assisi, Virgin

Readings: Ezekiel 19:1-12 / Matthew 18:21-19:1

7.00 am: Vincent Ciotti (Mr. & Mrs. Paul Osmar)

12.05 pm: June Walker (Michael, Kaci, & Keagan Walker)

Friday, August 12, ~ Weekday, Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Readings: Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63 or Ezekiel 16:59-63 / Matthew 19:3-12

7.00 am: St. Vincent de Paul

12.05 pm: Msgr. Thomas Mabon (Mary Spenger)

Saturday, August 13, ~ Weekday, Saints Pontian, Pope and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs; BVM

Readings: Ezekiel 18:1-10, 13, 30-32 / Matthew 19:13-15

8.00 am: Bridges & Kysel Families (Deborah Clark)

5.00 pm: Sara (Connors) O'Shea (Grandaughter, Dianne O'Shea)

Sunday, August 14, ~ The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 / Hebrews 12:1-4 / Luke 12:49-53

8.00 am: Marie Werner (Husband, Jim)

11.00 am: Dr. John A. Leppert (Diane Leppert)

5.00 pm: For the Intentions of the People of the Parish

From Father Crookston...

Pope Francis - Year of Mercy: Gospel realism is practical because it knows that "the wheat and the weeds" grow together, and the best grain — in this life — will always be mixed with a few weeds. "I understand those who prefer a more rigorous pastoral care that leaves no room for confusion"; I understand them. "But I sincerely believe that Jesus wants a church attentive to the goodness the Holy Spirit sows in the midst of human weakness, a mother who, while clearly expressing her objective teaching, 'always does what good she can, even if in the process her shoes get soiled by the mud of the street.'" A church able "to treat the weak with compassion, avoiding aggravation or unduly harsh or hasty judgments. The Gospel itself tells us not to judge or condemn (cf. Mt 7:1; Lk 6:37)" (AL, 308).

And here I add a parenthesis. I came across — I expect you know it — the image of that capital in the Basilica of St. Mary Magdalene in Vézelay, in the south of France, where the Camino de Santiago [de Compostela] starts: On one side is Judas, hanged, with his tongue sticking out, and on the other side of the capital is Jesus the Good Shepherd who carries [Judas] on his shoulders, who takes him with him. This is indeed a mystery. But these medieval people who taught the catechesis with figures understood the mystery of Judas.

The Annual Catholic Appeal - We are within four hundred dollars of meeting our parish's share of the Annual Catholic Appeal. Now is the opportunity for the gathering of your gifts to complete successfully our efforts in support of the annual appeal. All gifts over the goal remain at our Cathedral.

What would be an appropriate gift to complete the appeal for this year? That is between you and God, the provider of all that we have. For those looking for a gift amount, prayerfully consider either of these suggestions: 1) double your usual monthly support of our Cathedral parish and give that amount as your special gift to the appeal or 2) matching your past most generous gift to annual appeal. Our parish family will be most grateful for your generous commitment. We most assuredly welcome first time donors to the annual appeal.

Please consider a gift that reflects your gratitude for the many blessings that God has entrusted to you. Thank you.

Parish Picnic: Come One Come All! Mark your calendars. Our annual parish family picnic takes place Sunday, August 21 at Windber Recreation Park (Dancehall Pavilion). We will begin our festivities with 1:00 P.M. lunch at the park. The menu includes hamburgers, hotdogs, all the fixings, potato salad, baked beans, corn on the cob, cake. You may bring a dessert to share. We do a second meal at 4:30 P.M. with the same delicious menu. Between we will play "winner take all" bingo (2:00 - 3:00 P.M.), have children's activities, listen to and dance with - if you like - DJ music. All free!!! For a modest fee swimming is available at the Park Pool. If you need transportation, call the rectory.

Interested in Becoming Catholic? Late August marks the first part of process of becoming Catholic. A first meeting will occur Sunday, August 28 at 9:30 AM in the St John Activity Center located at the corner of Railroad and Adams Streets.

We will begin the period known as Inquiry. This beginning period of the Christian Initiation process helps people feel at ease with the Holy Spirit's attracting them to our faith community. During this time of searching into God's prompting, asking questions, and the inquirers' touching the inner movement of faith, seekers hear and reflect upon the stories of our Catholic community. The inquiry team members also share the faith they have found in Christ, the scriptures, Catholic belief, parish ministry and their life experiences. We welcome interested, 'looking-into-becoming-Catholic' adults, youth and children to these sessions. We will have a separate group for adults and a separate group for children and youth. Participants in the younger group are children within families considering becoming Catholic, and baptized Catholic children who are past second grade and have yet to celebrate First Penance and First Communion.

Those wanting to hear more about Catholicism and those wanting to help welcome them – persons interested in being members of the Christian Initiation Team – may talk to Father Jim or the Christian Initiation team members: Sister Honora, Rose Eckenrod, Lonnie Rietscha, Valerie Wilson, Dave Wilson, Christine Brothers, Elizabeth Gramlich, or Patricia Loughlin.

Liturgical Reflection... For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be. In the Gospel the Evangelist Luke calls the church to think of itself as a community of servants, taking care of one another, with one eye on the door for the Master's return. Do you see in your life the signs of a faithful and prudent servant? The day-to-day demands of life can so easily gain our attention and efforts. The Gospel challenge is to make sure we have our eyes set on the bigger picture. Can I name my treasure? What is most important to me? Where is my heart centered today? The Gospel challenges us to make sure our treasure is surrounded with love and mercy. Much will be required of the ones who are baptized and claimed for Christ.

FROM OUR PARISH

Mr. Jim Lindsay representing Catholic Volunteer Network, will speak to us as part of the Diocesan Missionary Cooperation Plan on August 6-7, 2016. Catholic Volunteer Network, an affiliate of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, is the official U. S. Catholic network of nearly 200 lay volunteer mission programs that send missionaries to over 100 countries. Mr. Lindsay is the Executive Director of Catholic Volunteer Network and the faith-based lay mission programs that place women and men of all ages in service to the poor and needy. For more information, visit www.catholicvolunteernetwork.org. Because this is our Parish participation in the Diocesan Missionary Cooperation Plan, we are invited to support, with our financial contributions, lay mission volunteers and the work of Catholic Volunteer Network. Please be generous to this worthy cause.

The Pulitzer Prize winning novel, All the Light We Cannot See, written by Anthony Doerr is an ambitious novel about a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II. **The St. John Gualbert Book Club** will be discussing this book on Monday, September 19, 2016 in the Activity Center at 6:00 pm. Don't be intimidated that this is yet another World War II novel- this is a testament offering powerful examples of the way average people in trying times must decide daily between morality and survival. This book is at our library in CD and book form. Everyone is welcome to join our group and participate in the discussion of our book choice. We hope to see you there!

FROM OTHER PARISHES & COMMUNITY

ULTREYA GATHERING - The Johnstown West Ultreya Group will be meeting August 11, 2016 from 6:30-7:30p.m. at The Oratory located at Eighth Ave. and Chestnut Street in Cambria City. Everyone is welcomed. Call Deacon Scott or Diane with questions - 341-6228.

Candlelight Vigil & Benefit Concert - Mary Jo Swank, a recent graduate of Cathedral Catholic Academy, will be hosting a benefit concert Saturday, August 13th from 7-10PM at the Outdoor Odyssey: 450 Boy Scout Rd Boswell, Pennsylvania 15531. Mary Jo, a local singer/songwriter, is organizing this candlelight vigil and **benefit concert honoring the men, women and families of those serving and protecting our country especially those police who have fallen in the line of duty in Dallas**. Enjoy live music from Mary Jo and special guests as you watch the night light up in recognition of those who have given so much! Admission is free but donations will be taken.

The **Annual Parish Festival of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church**, Windber, PA will be held on Saturday and Sunday, August 13th and 14th on parish grounds. Live Polka Bands both days, 11 am Sunday Polka Mass, ethnic foods, bingo, games, and very special theme baskets will be available. Everyone is invited!

Year of Mercy Summer Road Trips! What better way to spend the summer afternoon as a "pilgrim" visiting three churches celebrating their 200th Anniversary founded by our own saint-in-progress, Servant of God, Reverend Demetrius Gallitzin. Plan to take a Sunday drive to Holy Name, Ebensburg, St. Patrick, Newry, and St. Thomas the Apostle, Bedford, the designated sites for the Holy Doors of the Jubilee of Mercy.

Prayer times have been scheduled at all three churches on August 14 and August 28. Prayers will be led in half hour intervals from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm, beginning at 1:30 pm. You may want to include a visit to St. Michael of the Archangel Basilica, Loretto the site of the tomb of Father Gallitzin to top off your day! An added bonus is an opportunity to grow spiritually and gain a Plenary Indulgence of the Church during this special time.

The Church of the Transfiguration is sponsoring a **bus trip to the Rivers Casino** on Wednesday, September 7, 2016. The bus will depart from the Transfiguration Church parking lot at 8:30am. The bus will leave the Rivers at 6pm for the return home. Cost is \$30 and includes \$20 free play. For reservations please call Sharon at 536-1732 or Andy at 322-3287. Reservations and Payment due by Wednesday, August 24, 2016.

The Church of the Transfiguration, 201 3rd Street, Conemaugh, Spaghetti Drive By, Sunday, August 28, 2016, 11:00 am - 1:30 pm. Cost: \$7.00/Dinner

Benefit -Oldies Dance & Spaghetti Dinner for Ronald McDonald House - Saturday, September 10, 2016 at the New Germany Grove - doors open at 5:30 pm. This benefit is being held by the family of Alexis Knobloch, who at 18 days old had open-heart surgery at Children's Hospital. With God's Mercy and many, many prayers, she is now a healthy one-year old, for which we are eternally grateful. Dance DJ'd by: "Smokey Joe" & DJ Mark from Timemachine. For tickets & info., please contact Dave or Edie Knobloch at 814-536-7138.

A **filled Basket Party** will be held on Sunday, September 11th from 1 - 4 pm at **St. Anne Church Hall in Davidsville**. Tickets to win Baskets can be purchased at the door for a \$5 donation, which includes 25 chances on the baskets, door prizes and refreshments. Everyone is welcome. Sponsored by the St. Anne's Ladies Guild.

St. Vincent de Paul for Families Duck Race and Chicken BBQ will be held Sunday September 11 at their Johnstown Thrift Store, 301 Central Ave. BBQ begins at 11:00am and duck race at 2:00pm. BBQ Dinner is \$10 and Ducks are \$5 or 5 for \$20. Cash prizes awarded. For more information or to purchase tickets call Greg at 539-7811.

The Church of the Transfiguration, 201 3rd Street, Conemaugh, Basket Party, Sunday, September 18, 2016. Doors open at 1:00 pm, Drawing at 2:00 pm. **Cost: \$5/ 25 chances and luncheon.**

A Day Well Spent - If we sit down at set of sun and count the things that we have done, and counting find one self denying act, one word that eased the heart of one who heard; one glance most kind that fell like sunshine where it went—Then we may count the day well spent.

Luke 12:32-48 God expects us to be "faithful stewards" responsible for the gift of family He placed in our care. Remember Jesus' words today: "Much is required of the person entrusted with much."

How are you doing with the relationships entrusted to you?

Look beyond financial matters whenever you hear the well-known verse "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."

(Lk 12:24)

Ask yourself what do you treasure – family, friends, your parish faith community, etc.?

How do you or could you serve each of these in a spirit of love and gratitude?

Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, 55, and 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2016 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend Sunday, Sept. 11 in ALTOONA at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, Sept. 18 in JOHNSTOWN at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00 p.m. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Punch and cookies will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families. Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Tuesday Aug. 23.

COLLECTION: July 31, 2016

Collection - cash	\$1,200.21
Collection - envelopes	\$4,721.51
Maintenance	\$133.00
Second collection	\$366.50
Assumption	\$25.00
Food Collection	\$20.00
New Years	\$20.00
Candlemas	\$5.00
Ash Wednesday	\$10.00
Good Friday	\$5.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$5.00
Ascension	\$5.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$10.00
Easter Flowers	\$5.00

Total \$6,531.22

Thank you for your Stewardship!

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, CCA Gift Cards and Audio Operators August 13 - 14

Saturday, **August 13**, 5:00 PM

Reader: Sue Babalonis, Karen Pavlosky
 Eucharistic Minister: Elizabeth Gramlich, Russ Gramlich, Betty King, Elizabeth Rhoades, Terry Rhoades
 Server: Jason Harris, Thomas Meagher
 CCA Gift Card: Need two volunteers
 Audio Operator: Kevin Slonka

Sunday, **August 14**, 8:00 AM

Reader: Heather Jezeskie, Brigid Starchok
 Eucharistic Minister: Debbie Leventry, Sam Grasso, Carmen Grasso, Rich Ott, Irene Ott
 Server: Carlie Jezeskie, Lorene Favor
 CCA Gift Card: Kara Homan-Gustkey, James Gustkey
 Audio Operator: Ronnie Jezeskie

Sunday, **August 14**, 11:00 AM

Reader: Lonnie Rietscha, Christine Brothers
 Eucharistic Minister: Maryann Yanko, Esperanza Bair, Gene Podratsky, David Wilson, Peter T. Yanko, James Hollis
 Server: Zachary King, Briana Wadsworth
 CCA Gift Card: Todd Freidhoff, Brian King
 Audio Operator: Russ Smith

Sunday, **August 14**, 5:00 PM

Reader: Charlotte Amenti, Dixie Lochrie
 Eucharistic Minister: Louise Aust, Pat Roth, Justin Zierer, Need two volunteers
 Server: Eli Updyke, Mattie Updyke
 CCA Gift Card: Nikkita Babyak, need one volunteer
 Audio Operator: Matthew Updyke

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