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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

Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom
and cured every disease among the people.



Sunday, January 22, Third Sunday in Ordinary time

Readings: Isaiah 8:23—9:3 / 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 / Matthew 4:12-23 or 4:12-17
8:00 am: Frank Trio (Eugene & Gina Kupchella)
11:00 am: Dr. John A. Leppert (Diane Leppert)
5:00 pm: For the Intentions of the People of the Parish

Monday, January 23. - Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children; Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin

Readings: Hebrews 9:15, 24-28 / Mark 3:22-30
7:00 am: Saint Anne Society
12:05 pm: Marie Werner (Tom Dadey)

Tuesday, January 24. - Saint Francis de Sales,

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Readings: Hebrews 10:1-10 / Mark 3:31-35
7:00 am: Robert D. Klug (Michelle Ciotti)
12:05 pm: Paul Hasenstab, Anniversary (Sister, Dorothy Gerber)

Wednesday, January 25, The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

Readings: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 / Mark 16:15-18
7:00 am: Bridges & Kysel Families (Deborah Clark)
12:05 pm: Thomas Burkhard (Johnstown Friends)

Thursday, January 26, - Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Readings: 2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5 / Mark 4:21-25
7:00 am: Nicholas Trio (Sister, Mary & Family)
12:05 pm: Edward J. Petak (Georgiann Petak & Family)

Friday, January 27, - Weekday, Saint Angela Merici, Virgin

Readings: Hebrews 10:32-39 / Mark 4:26-34
7:00 am: Tanner Hinterliter (Family)
12:05 pm: Rose Bachani (Mrs. Mary Ann Knaze)

Saturday, January 28, - Saint Thomas Aquinas,

Priest and Doctor of the Church

Readings: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 / Mark 4:35-41
8:00 am: Anna Kegg (Jim & Kathy Bumbernick)
5:00 pm: Joseph Ritter (Sons)

Sunday, January 29, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary time

Readings: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13 / 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 / Matthew 5:1-12
8:00 am: Rosalie Kaszycki, Birthday Remembrance (Denise)
11:00 am: Peter Yanko (Ray & Andi Ritter)
5:00 pm: For the Intentions of the People of the Parish

From Father Crookston...

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – Today is Ecumenical Sunday when we celebrate what God is doing through the many ecumenical agencies—local, regional, national and international—that make up the modern ecumenical movement.

In 2017 Catholics and Lutherans jointly observe the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation. Catholics and Lutherans (as well as all Protestants) today enjoy a growth in mutual understanding, cooperation and respect. In response to the call for what Saint Pope John Paul II termed “Spiritual Ecumenism,” Christians of all denominations are urged to come together in prayer for Christian unity.

Although the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity concludes Wednesday, we continue to remember this year’s theme: Reconciliation – The Love of Christ Compels Us (2 Corinthians 5:14-20) and pray “that all may be one... that the world may believe” (John 17:21). In the coming weeks and months, we will be joining other Christian churches in our area in these and other ecumenical opportunities: You are invited to participate in Ecumenical Services to be held today, January 22, 2017 at 3:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona, Bishop Mark Bartchak will preside at a Lutheran-Catholic Common Commemoration of the Reformation. Presiding with our bishop will be Bishop Michael Rhyne, Lutheran bishop of the Allegheny Lutheran Synod, who will preach. On Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 2:00 PM, at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Richland (Johnstown), Bishop Michael Rhyne, Lutheran bishop of the Allegheny Lutheran Synod, will preside at a Lutheran-Catholic Common Commemoration of the Reformation. Presiding with Bishop Rhyne will be Bishop Mark Bartchak, who will preach. Note a correction to the time for the service at the Mount Calvary Lutheran Church service. The correct time is 2:00pm.

Let us continue to pray “that all may be one... that the world may believe” (John 17:21).

March for Life Bus Due to the presidential inauguration the annual March for Life is Friday, January 27, 2017. That Friday will begin locally with 6:30 am Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Parish. Immediately after the Mass, the bus for the March for Life will head to our nation’s Capital from St. Francis and make a pickup in front of St. John Gualbert Cathedral on Clinton Street. Parking will be available in the St. John Activity Center lot. All seats are \$10.00 and must be paid to reserve your seat. Marchers should pack their lunch and know that they will stop for “Dutch-treat” supper. The Pro-life travelers will return at approximately 10:00 pm. Please call Heidi at 536-7335 or Patricia Loughlin at 255-8915 to reserve your seat or for more information.

Bishop Mark will preside at a prayer service on the eve of the March for Life. It will be held on January 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. The gathering will include Evening Prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, and a homily from the Bishop. Bishop Mark will also offer a special blessing to those who will go to Washington, D.C., the following day for the March for Life. All are invited to attend the prayer service to pray for the sanctity of human life.

FROM OUR PARISH

Offertory Envelopes for 2017 must now be picked up at the rectory.

FROM OTHER PARISHES & THE COMMUNITY

St. Benedict Bible Study Resumes: What we believe as Catholics is found in the Bible in two ways: explicit and implicit. That Jesus called Twelve Apostles to follow him, healed and forgave sins, proclaimed the Kingdom of God, suffered, died and rose again for our sins, are all very explicit in the Bible. The Holy Spirit makes known the full meaning of these events and makes the power of these events effective in our lives today. Join us to learn how God reveals himself to us in Sacred Scripture. Using the weekly readings, Deacon Michael Russo will lead discussions that will add spiritual depth and meaning to our lives today. The Bible Study Group will meet Saturday mornings (weather permitting) from 9:30-11:30 in the Music Room located in the school building. Classes will be held on January 28; February 18, 25; March 4, 25; April 1, 8, 22, 29 and May 13. Handouts will be provided for each session. For more information, contact Deacon Michael at 288-3036. **All are welcome!**

HIGH SCHOOL juniors or seniors and their families are invited to Get Acquainted Day Open Houses at **Saint Vincent College**, Latrobe, on Saturday, Jan. 28, and Sunday, April 23. On Jan. 28, the Get Acquainted Day Open House event will begin with registration from 8:30 to 9 a.m. in the Fred M. Rogers Center and will conclude at 12 noon. On Sunday, April 23, the Get Acquainted Day Open House event will begin with registration from 10:30 a.m. to noon and will conclude at 3 p.m. Each day, the presentation will include an introduction to Saint Vincent College and a student panel. Find out more about this top-ranked Catholic, Benedictine, liberal arts college. Listen to financial aid and admission presentations, meet faculty, administrators and coaches and take a campus tour. For information or reservations, phone 1-800-782-5549, e-mail admission@stvincent.edu, or register online at www.stvincent.edu.

Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in conjunction with Chan Soon-Shiong Medical Center at Windber is holding a **Community Lab Blood Screening**, Saturday, February 11, 7-9 am - Saint John Gualbert Cathedral – Activity Center, 117 Adams Street. Please call 814-467-3961 to schedule an appointment. Cost \$30. A 12-to-14

hour fast is recommended. No Physician order needed! Walk-ins Welcome

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI MADRI GRAS MADNESS will take place on Saturday, February 18, 2017 at the Activity Center, corner of D Street and Barron Avenue. Doors will open at 5:15PM and festivities begin at 6:00PM until 11:00PM. Admission includes: appetizers, soda, a turkey dinner with all the fixings and eligibility for Grand Prizes. A cash bar will be available. Music by Flood City Brass. Tickets are \$20. There will be a \$5 cover charge for beer, cash bar for wine and mixed drinks. No outside beverages allowed. For tickets, please contact the Parish Office at 539-1632.

SUMMER PROGRAM FOR CATHOLIC YOUTH: Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, will host the seventh annual Faith and Reason summer program from Sunday, June 11, to Friday, June 16. Students age 15 and older are invited to apply for admission to the program which introduces young minds to the rich intellectual tradition of the Roman Catholic faith and is designed to prepare students for college-level education. Housing in a college residence hall and three daily meals in the college dining hall are included in the cost (\$495). Limited scholarship funding is available. Further information is available by contacting Dr. Michael Krom at 724-805-2844 or michael.krom@stvincent.edu. Students may register online at www.stvincent.edu/faithandreason

Liturgical reflection... Monday, January 23, all dioceses in the United States of America are observing a Day of Prayer for the **Legal Protection of Unborn Children**. January 22 is the day of the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, *Roe vs. Wade* (1973), the Church in America prays for the violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee to the right to life. Members of the Diocese are encouraged to go to Mass on this day, pray the rosary, the chaplet of Divine Mercy, fast and abstain, and join the Altoona-Johnstown family in praying the following:

O God, who adorn creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in your image and likeness, awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands, and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of human life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

COLLECTION: January 15, 2016

Collection—cash	\$1,015.51
Collection—envelopes	\$3,946.95
Second collection	\$307.82
Maintenance	\$79.00
Christmas	\$165.00
Mission Sunday	\$1.00
New Year's	\$58.00
Candlemas	\$5.00

Total \$5,578.28

Thank you for your Stewardship

**Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers,
CCA Gift Cards and Audio Operators
January 28-29**

Saturday, January 28, 5:00 PM

Reader: Dixie Lochrie, Elizabeth Rhoades
Eucharistic Minister: Elizabeth Gramlich,
Russ Gramlich, Patricia Loughlin,
Terry Rhoades, Christine Russell
Server: Randy Russell, Rylee Russell
Audio Operator: Kevin Slonka

Sunday, January 29, 8:00 AM

Reader: Sue Babalonis, Brigid Starchok
Eucharistic Minister: Carmen Grasso,
Sam Grasso, Anthony Kamnikar,
Susan Kamnikar, Peter T. Yanko
Server: Jakob Scaletta, Madalyn Scaletta
CCA Gift Card: Carri Hearn, Nicole Scaletta
Audio Operator: Ronnie Jezeskie

Sunday, January 29, 11:00 AM

Reader: Beth Stem, David Wilson
Eucharistic Minister: Dolores Podratsky,
Gene Podrasky, Russ Smith,
Maryann Yanko, need one volunteer
Server: Levi Giffin, Zachary King
CCA Gift Card: Brian King, Ron Michlena
Audio Operator: Brian Vuletich

Sunday, January 29, 5:00 PM

Reader: Charlotte Amenti, Need one volunteer
Eucharistic Minister: James Sandoval,
Need four volunteers
Server: Eli Updyke, Mattie Updyke
Audio Operator: Matthew Updyke

Liturgical Reflection... In a time when the Sacrament of Marriage is not celebrated as often as in preceding decades, the Church holds up the holiness and dignity of the sacramental covenant between a man and a woman. The matrimonial covenant, by which the two spouses establish a life-long partnership between themselves, derives its force and strength from creation as proclaimed in the Book of Genesis. And for the Christian faithful it is raised up to a higher dignity, since it is numbered among the Sacraments of the new covenant.

Mt 4:12-23 - When Jesus called his disciples, they came immediately. Parents wish their children would respond as quickly, but they don't. Children grow slowly into responsibility. It's a process like walking, not done immediately but in small steps. Parenting demands patient encouragement.

The disciples woke up to a normal day at work, but immediately responded to Jesus' invitation to follow Him. Their lives were never the same again. May we answer Jesus' call as passionately as those first disciple. Our lives will never be the same again.

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