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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

Rejoice and be glad;
your reward will be great in heaven.



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

Monday, January 30, - Weekday

Readings: Hebrews 11:32-40 / Mark 5:1-20

7:00 am: Saint Anne Society

12:05 pm: John Lech (Family)

Tuesday, January 31. - St. John Bosco, Priest

Readings: Hebrews 12:1-4 / Mark 5:21-43

7:00 am: Lud Vautar (Sam Timura & Earl Sease)

12:05 pm: Souls in Purgatory (Janice Zucco)

Wednesday, February 1, - Weekday

Readings: Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15 / Mark 6:1-6

7:00 am: Mildred Crookston, Birthday Remembrance (Family)

12:05 pm: Roger Stoy (Family)

Thursday, February 2, - The Presentation of the Lord

Readings: Malachi 3:1-4 / Hebrews 2:14-18 / Luke 2:22-40 or Luke 2:22-32

7:00 am: Charles Morris (Family & Friends)

12:05 pm: John "Tucker" Servacek (Helen Gornick)

Friday, February 3, - Weekday, St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr;

Saint Ansgar, Bishop

Readings: Hebrews 13:1-8 / Mark 6:14-29

7:00 am: Joe Zupanchick (Family)

12:05 pm: William Mikas, 9th Anniversary (Children)

Saturday, February 4, - Weekday; BVM

Readings: Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21 / Mark 6:30-34

8:00 am: Betty Baldwin (The Powell Family)

5:00 pm: Leo W. Klug, Jr. (Jim Schnurr)

Sunday, February 5, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary time

Readings: Isaiah 58:7-10 / 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 / Matthew 5:13-16

8:00 am: Edward Urbassik (Niece, Benice Bunja)

11:00 am: Consecrated Life

5:00 pm: For the Intentions of the People of the Parish

From Father Crookston...

Catholic Education – Purpose, Spread Burden, Our Children in Our Schools: Identified factors make Catholic school education attractive. The clear faith-based reason for Divine Mercy Academy and Bishop McCort is the first factor. Second, along with the Catholic Schools Week collection and other business and personal initiatives, our Catholic schools most steadily endure "o'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent" (Blessed J H Newman) due to the spreading of the fiscal burden of Catholic education beyond the immediate circle of parents with children in the schools. Third, pastors and parish leaders state insistently but non-coercively that our Catholic schools are the proper setting to educate our children and youth.

Blessing of the Throats: The priests will bless throats next weekend after all Masses. They also will do the blessing following the morning and noontime Masses on St. Blaise Day, February 3.

Flu Season: Offering the Chalice and Shaking of Hands: The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has received an advisory from public health officials that the reported cases of "the flu" and similar contagious viruses remain a serious concern now. Therefore, Bishop Bartchak has asked that the Precious Blood of the Lord not be offered at Mass temporarily. It is the belief of the Catholic Church that the whole Body of Christ is present under either form of consecrated bread and wine. Also, the exchange of the sign of peace should avoid bodily contact. A reverent nod with eye contact and a smile will be the temporary practice. Reception of Holy Communion on the hand is encouraged; however, reception on the tongue may not be denied. These norms are in effect throughout the winter months or until the flu season is over.

Ecumenical Service: The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown partners with our friends in the Lutheran and Orthodox traditions each year to sponsor two ecumenical services. The first one this year was on January 22 at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. The second service is scheduled for January 29 at 2:00 in Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, 1000 Scalp Avenue, Richland.

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.

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

FROM OUR PARISH

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

Verifications of Contributions made to St. John's in 2016: Verification of contributions may be picked up at the Rectory, emailed or faxed to you, upon request by calling 539-2611 during normal business hours.

FROM OTHER PARISHES & THE COMMUNITY

Pierogies Sale - The Church of the Transfiguration will be taking orders for pierogies. Orders are due on January 28, 2017 and we will call you when your orders can be picked up at Ursuline Activity Center / School Hall, 201 Third St., Conemaugh, PA on either Monday, February 6, 2017 or Monday February 20, 2017 between the hours of 3:00pm and 6:00PM. Please call Mrs. Pat Unger (539-7351) or Mrs. Irene Cristoff (322-4915) for additional information or to place orders.

The **Conemaugh Valley Youth League** will be holding their final sign-up for their 66th season on Saturday February 4th from 9am to 12PM at the Conemaugh PNA. Coed T-Ball ages 4 to 6, Little League Baseball ages 7 to 12, Pony League Baseball ages 13 to 15, and Girls Softball ages 4 to 18. Cost is \$30. For more information please contact 243-4153 or go to www.cvyll.com.

ULTREYA GATHERING - The Johnstown West Ultreya Group will meet on Thursday, February 9th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at The Oratory located at Eighth Ave and Chestnut Street in Cambria City. Everyone is welcomed as we share our walk with Christ. Call Deacon Scott or Diane with questions - 341-6228.

The Church of the Transfiguration will be having a **Fish Fry Dinner** - On Friday February 10, 2017 from 3:30PM to 6:30PM on Friday, February 10, 2017 at the Ursuline Activity Center / School Hall, 201 Third St., Conemaugh, PA. Come join us for a nice meal. The cost is \$10.00 for the meal and take-outs are available by calling the Ursuline Activity Center / School Hall at 535-2698 to reserve your take out order.

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

The Church of The Transfiguration will be having a **Sportsman Raffle** on Saturday, February 18, 2017 at the Ursuline Activity Center / School Hall, 201 Third St., Conemaugh, PA Doors open at 6:00PM with refreshments being served. Tickets are \$10.00 each and if you would like to purchase a ticket contact The Church of The Transfiguration at (814) 535-2250. Some of the sportsman's' gear items to be raffled include: Knives, Guns, Hot Seats, Chairs, Cases, Clothing, Fishing Gear, Tickets to Sporting Events and Pittsburgh Steeler items. For additional information please contact the following people: Mr. Alan Curtis @ 539 - 7873, Mr. Andy Solomon @ 322-3287 or Mr. Bill Flaugh@ 536 - 1159.

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.

JOIN IN THE FUN AT THE RESURRECTION ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARTY ON SATURDAY, MARCH 11, FROM 7:00 PM TO 10:00 PM FEATURING THE MICHAEL O'BRIAN BAND. Doors open at 6:00 PM. The entrance fee is \$5.00. Irish Food, Soda and Beer available for purchase. For reservations please call Greg Babik at 322-6884 or MaryBeth at the Resurrection Parish Office at 539-5788 Ext. 4. Please call early as seating is limited.

Liturgical reflection...

In the revised **Order of Celebrating Matrimony** (2016), the Church states that children are the supreme gift of Marriage and contribute greatly to the good of the parents themselves. The ultimate crown of Marriage is procreation and the formation of children in the faith. The love of husband and wife is a creative love and, with God's presence, new life is born of the love of the married couple. The intimate community of life and love between the spouses is holy and divine. Married love is communal and results in the creation of the human family.

COLLECTION: January 22, 2017

Collection—cash	\$1,143.08
Collection—envelopes	\$4,429.81
Second collection	\$253.00
Maintenance	\$193.00
Christmas	\$70.00
Christmas Flowers	\$100.00
New Year's	\$138.00
Candlemas	\$33.00

Total \$6,359.89

Thank you for your Stewardship

Week January 29-February 4, 2017. The theme is Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service. There are 14 Catholic elementary schools and four independent Catholic high schools in the Diocese, with a total enrollment of more than 4,100 students. All of the school communities will observe Catholic Schools Week with their own Masses and unique celebrations. In his Catholic Schools Week letter to the faithful, the Most Rev. Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, saluted the students, parents, administrators, teachers and staff who make up Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service in our schools. He recalled some of his recent conversations with students on the Diocesan Proclaim! Television Ministry. "It is awesome to hear our students articulate their awareness and gratitude for their education in an environment where the Sacred Liturgy, daily prayer, the Word of God, seasonal devotions, and other acts of faith are integral to their education and formation," Bishop Bartchak said. "The word Catholic means universal. Our students have the universal perspective through which the Gospel is to be shared and lived everywhere." Bishop Bartchak's letter is available on the Diocesan website, www.dioceseaj.org. Proclaim! will also feature special segments in celebration of Catholic Schools Week on January 29 at 10:30 a.m. on WATM ABC 23.

**Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers,
CCA Gift Cards and Audio Operators
February 4-5**

Saturday, February 4, 5:00 PM

Reader: Rose Batzel, Karen Pavlosky
Eucharistic Minister: Elizabeth Gramlich,
Russ Gramlich, Betty King,
Patricia Loughlin, Christine Russell
Server: Keara Brandon, Jason Harris
Audio Operator: Ron Jezeskie

Sunday, February 5, 8:00 AM

Reader: Brigid Starchok, Gloria Stephens
Eucharistic Minister: Jodie Hall,
Pam Sabol, Rose Ann Schellhammer,
Diane Thomas, Valerie Wilson
Server: Noah Buchan, Rachel Hall
CCA Gift Card: Lisa Leckey, Neil Leckey
Audio Operator: Rose Eckenrod

Sunday, February 5, 11:00 AM

Reader: Terry Johnson, Mary Jane Verbiar
Eucharistic Minister: Esperanza Bair,
James Hollis, Dolores Podratsky,
Gene Podratsky, Russ Smith
Server: Alaina Popovich, John Werzyn
CCA Gift Card: Nichol Popovich, Nicole Scaletta
Audio Operator: Ray Ritter

Sunday, February 5, 5:00 PM

Reader: Vi Najjar, Michael Stuck
Eucharistic Minister: Charlotte Amenti,
Louise Aust, Pat Roth,
James Sandoval, Justin Zierer
Server: Andrew Zierer, Brent Zierer
CCA Gift Card: Nikkita Babyak, need one volunteer
Audio Operator: Monica Updyke

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Mt 5:1-12a - It is in our family where we learn to be merciful and comforting to others. The Beatitudes of the Kingdom of God begin at home and depend on you. Parents lead the way.

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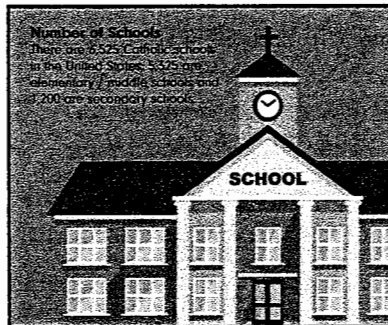
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NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2017

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SNAPS

A quick take on issues and statistics



Source: U.S. Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools 2015-2016: The Annual Statistical Report on Schools, Enrollment and Staffing (NCEA)

It is Catholic Schools Week across America! I would like to introduce the administrative team of Divine Mercy Catholic Academy, the new Catholic School in the Johnstown region. In addition to myself at the West Campus, I applaud Mrs. Mary Jo Podratsky, Associate Principal of the East campus, and Mrs. Patricia Gable, Acting Associate Principal of Divine Mercy Middle School. The families of our local area have embraced the change in our school structure. The four Catholic schools in Johnstown-- St. Andrew, St. Benedict, Cathedral Catholic Academy, and Our Mother of Sorrows have joined forces to create a brand new school entity, aptly named, Divine Mercy Catholic Academy, during the Year of Mercy in 2016. The most exciting part of this new venture has been combining students into three

campuses! Children are enjoying the new friendships, the novel challenges, and the new staff. Has it been easy? Not by a long shot! When I see the faces of our students, however, and the joy they exude in their interactions with one another, its value far outweighs the challenges that we have endured.

Who are we? We are Divine Mercy Catholic Academy, providing Catholic education to students in preschool through grade 8. We occupy three campuses: West campus (the former Our Mother of Sorrows School), East Campus (the former St. Benedict School), and the Divine Mercy Middle School, located at the Bishop McCort Catholic High School campus. We boast of 637 students, total, at the three sites. We are a faith-based, Catholic community that welcomes non-Catholic students and families, as well. The elementary schools house two classes of each grade, Pre-Kindergarten through grade 6; the two elementary campuses each have one 3-year-old preschool class; the middle school houses grades 7 and 8. We employ teachers certified by the state of Pennsylvania who are dedicated and proud to be teaching in our Catholic school system.

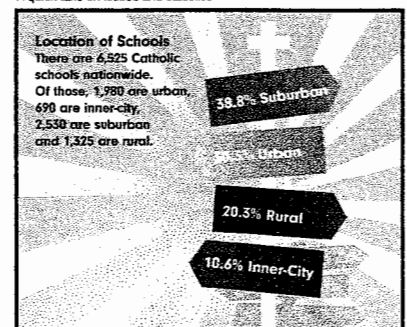
Why choose Catholic schools? Catholic schools offer academic excellence and faith-filled education for students locally and throughout the nation. National test scores, high school graduation rates, college attendance and other data show that Catholic schools frequently outperform schools in both the public and private sectors. While some Catholic schools face challenges of declining enrollments and school closures, and we may be no different, the good news is that there is a strong demand and enthusiasm for Catholic schools. That is why Divine Mercy Catholic Academy is proud to provide Catholic education to the Johnstown and surrounding communities.\

Sincerely,

Acting Principal, Divine Mercy Catholic Academy

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: COMMUNITIES OF FAITH, KNOWLEDGE, AND SERVICE



The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2017 is “Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service.” The annual observance starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, January 29-February 3. Schools typically celebrate Catholic Schools Week with Masses, open houses, and other activities for students, families, parishioners, and the community at large, and our Divine Mercy Academy is no exception. Each campus has planned a variety of activities for families and students throughout Catholic Schools Week. The highlight of the week will be a Mass celebrated

by Bishop Mark Barchak and the priests of the local area as concelebrants. This Mass will be held at St. Benedict Church in Geistown at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 31st. Many parishes join in the National Catholic Schools Week celebration by devoting a Mass to Catholic education. All of our students will attend. You are most welcome to join us and I hope that you will consider this invitation. We will also hold special activities for our students and parents are invited to join us in our festivities.

Catholic schools benefit all year long from the religious guidance, prayers and support parishes provide. Centered events and school open houses feature prominent academic programs, religious education and service opportunities.

What about Bishop McCort Catholic High School? Bishop McCort offers one of the best college preparatory programs of study in the area in a unique academic environment enriched by Catholic intellectual and cultural traditions.

At Bishop McCort, you can join a community of students and teachers committed to advancing its rich Catholic mission of “Learning to think rigorously, so as to act rightly and to serve humanity better.” (Pope John Paul II). At Bishop McCort, you will find a diverse community of students and teachers who are committed to that mission.

Divine Mercy Catholic Academy and Bishop McCort Catholic High School are accredited institutions of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, Elementary and Secondary Divisions.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SNAPS



JOIN US FOR OPEN HOUSES

WEST CAMPUS: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2017 9 AM – 2 PM AND 6 – 8 PM
430 TIOGA ST. JOHNSTOWN, PA 15905 814-539-5315

EAST CAMPUS: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2017 9 AM – 2 PM AND 6 – 8 PM
2306 BEDFORD ST. JOHNSTOWN, PA 15904 814-266-3837

MIDDLE SCHOOL AND BISHOP MCCORT HIGH SCHOOL: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2017

6:00 – 8:00 PM 814-536-8991
25 OSBORNE ST. JOHNSTOWN, PA 15905

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