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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

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life



Sunday, February 19, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 / 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 / Matthew 5:38-48

8:00 am: Louis Ritter, Anniversary (Nephews)

11:00 am: Chester Rager, Birthday Remembrance (Wife & Children)

5:00 pm: Elizabeth Schellhammer, Birthday Remembrance

(Ronald Schellhammer)

Monday, February 20, - Weekday

Readings: Sirach 1:1-10 / Mark 9:14-29

7:00 am: Paul Kuzmiak (Family)

12:05 pm: John "Tucker" Servacek (Bert & Rita Waligora)

Tuesday, February 21, - Weekday, Saint Peter Damian,

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Readings: Sirach 2:1-11 / Mark 9:30-37

7:00 am: Leo W. Klug, Jr. (Stephanie & Richard Korber)

12:05 pm: Eddie Stofko (Dee Dee Osborne, Lanny Long & Ace Stofko)

Wednesday, February 22, - The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

Readings: 1 Peter 5:1-4 / Matthew 16:13-19

7:00 am: Anthony Wyszynsky, Anniversary (Ron Cleaver)

12:05 pm: Pauline Pappas, Anniversary (Gene & Irene Ritter)

Thursday, February 23, - Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Readings: Sirach 5:1-8 / Mark 9:41-50

7:00 am: Olga Gritzer (Niece, Nancy)

12:05 pm: Saint Anne Society)

Friday, February 24, - Weekday

Readings: Sirach 6:5-17 / Mark 10:1-12

7:00 am: Victor C. Heptner (Don & Eileen Koch)

12:05 pm: Pauline Berkebile, Birthday Remembrance (Daughters)

Saturday, February 25, - Weekday; BVM

Readings: Sirach 17:1-15 / Mark 10:13-16

8:00 am: Carson Kitner, Anniversary 02/29 (Great Grandmother)

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

Sunday, February 26, Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Isaiah 49:14-15 / 1 Corinthians 4:1-5 / Matthew 6:24-34

8:00 am: Anna C. Greene, 9th Anniversary (Denny & Pat Heptner)

11:00 am: Ottilia Marferding (Grandson, Jeff)

5:00 pm: Mary Wyszynsky, Anniversary (Ron Cleaver)

From Father Crookston...

Palm Burning for Ash Wednesday Following the 8:00 AM Mass on February 26, we will burn last year's palms. We will use the ashes for Ash Wednesday, March 1. This service of Palm Burning will take place in the rectory courtyard. If you have palm branches at home, please bring them to place them in the basket located near the gift table near the Clinton Street entrance or in the basket located near the confessional closest to the front of the Saint Anne Shrine. You also may drop off old palms at the rectory should you find the cathedral doors locked.

Lent 2017 - Pope Francis Lent is a favorable season for deepening our spiritual life through the means of sanctification offered us by the church: fasting, prayer and almsgiving. At the basis of everything is the word of God, which during this season we are invited to hear and ponder more deeply. . .

Dear friends, Lent is the favorable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in his word, in the sacraments and in our neighbor. The Lord, who overcame the deceptions of the tempter during the forty days in the desert, shows us the path we must take.

May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God's word, be purified of the sin that blinds us and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need.

I encourage all the faithful to express this spiritual renewal also by sharing in the Lenten campaigns promoted by many church organizations in different parts of the world, and thus to favor the culture of encounter in our one human family. Let us pray for one another so that, by sharing in the victory of Christ, we may open our doors to the weak and poor. Then we will be able to experience and share to the full the joy of Easter.

Letter on Welcoming the Stranger Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Several actions have been taken and executive orders promulgated in the opening days of the new administration, some of which we applaud and some of which are cause for concern for us as Christian believers.

We can applaud those actions which are meant to protect the unborn, and we were delighted at the presence of the Vice President at this year's March for Life. These are positive developments and hopeful signs. Yet, as a Pro-Life Church, we know that the demands of the Gospel of Life that we preach continue after the birth of our children and extend beyond our national borders.

Let me be clear, the United States has every right to and should secure its borders to protect us from harm. This right is a basic teaching of our Church. Yet, many of my brother bishops and I have serious concerns about those executive orders that would make it difficult, if not impossible in some instances, for us to carry out our call from Jesus to welcome strangers and fulfill the commandment of love: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Matthew 25:35). This is critical for us, since the Lord says he will judge us at the end of time on the basis of how we treated our brothers and sisters during our time on earth. As Jesus told us, "Whatever you did not do for one of these least brothers of mine, you did not do for me." (Matthew 25:40).

Indeed, there are people, our brothers and sisters, who are fleeing for their lives after experiencing life-threatening terrorism or extreme hardship in their home countries. Some are young, some are old, some are Muslim, and many are Christian. They are looking for a place of shelter, comfort and peace for themselves and their families. We would do the same in similar circumstances. There are innocent people who are knocking at our door asking for safe shelter. We should not reject their needs like the wealthy man who rejected poor Lazarus sitting just outside his door (Luke 16:19-31). America has been and must continue to be a place of refuge for people such as these. The Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic, JCL, Bishop of Greensburg

FROM OUR PARISH

Ever want to just escape and get away from it all? Join the **St. John Gualbert Cathedral book club** in reading **Runaway Grandma** by Ann McCauley. A retired widow is tired of her hum drum life and plans a new future, moving on with a new identity and a new life. Think of the possibilities! Our next meeting is Monday, March 20, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the activity center. Escape for a little while and join us. All are most welcome.

FROM OTHER PARISHES & THE COMMUNITY

The **Venue of Merging Arts Cambria City (VOMA)** is having a **homemade soup and pagach sale** on Saturday February 25th beginning at 4:00. Available for takeout will be ham pot pie, ham and bean soup, beef vegetable soup, cheesy corn soup, and tomato rice soup. \$3 per bowl, \$6 per quart. A generous slice of pagach is \$3 proceeds benefit VOMA's roof fund. 814-410-2245

All are invited to an **ecumenical worship service celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation**, which is to be held at 2 pm on Sunday, February 26, 2017 at First Lutheran Church in Altoona, PA (1401 12th Ave, Altoona PA). A highlight of this service is that we will have Bishop Donald McCoid (formerly Bishop of Pittsburgh and surrounding area) as our preacher and speaker. Bishop McCoid has recently retired as the Ecumenical Executive for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, who was instrumental in the creation of the ecumenical document "Declaration On the Way." This document collects the 32 points of agreement on ministry, mission, and Eucharist where Lutherans and Catholics agree. During the service, Bishop Michael Rhyne of the Allegheny Lutheran Synod, and Bishop Mark Bartchak will proclaim together these points of agreement. All are encouraged to participate in this historic celebration.

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 will be 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.

ATTENTION - ALL YOUTH GRADES 6-8: YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH DAY 2017! SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2017 – BISHOP CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL, EBENSBURG: Featuring music and keynotes by Sean Patrick Malloy. Through music, humor and faith sharing, Sean will treat our Junior

High youth to a great day and a real faith connection! The day will consist of uplifting keynotes, challenging games, and Liturgy with Bishop Mark. There will be lots of faith, fun and friendship for all! To register, contact your pastor, parish Director of Religious Education/ Youth Ministry or Catholic Elementary School Principal. Deadline to register is Friday, March 10th! Hope to see you there!!

ANGEL FUND 2017 Consider giving a gift now that will enrich the life of a young camper in the Summer of 2017! Camp Zacchaeus Grades 4-9 and Camp Timothy Grades 10-12 (and newly graduated seniors 2017) We are looking for people, groups, parishes or organizations to sponsor a child to attend Camp Zacchaeus 2017 or Camp Timothy 2017 through the Angel Fund. We will accept full or partial sponsorships of any amount to help cover the cost of camp – (100 PERCENT of the funds collected through Angel Fund donations are dispersed to needy campers)! If you are interested in sponsoring a child, or for more information, please contact Francine Swope at the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office (814)814-317-2646, or mail your contribution directly to Camp Zacchaeus or Camp Timothy Angel Fund, 933 S. Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648. Become an Angel Fund sponsor and help send a needy child to camp to experience a wonderful week of Faith, Fun and Friendship in the great outdoors!

DIOCESAN SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES 2017 Registrations for our diocesan summer camps, Camp Timothy (Grades 10-12 and newly graduated seniors) and Camp Zacchaeus (Grades 4-9) are now being accepted.. Camp "Z" and Camp "T" offer our young people an opportunity to supercharge their faith in a wonderful outdoor setting of faith, fun and friendship! Due to the generosity of many of the faithful in our diocese there are Angel Fund scholarships available to help offset the cost of camp for any family who is eligible. Every year we have had a pool of donors that continue to support the Angel Fund. We have been very blessed that we have never had to turn any down any family that wanted to send their child to Camp Zacchaeus or Camp Timothy. We do not want ANY child to miss camp because of financial concerns. Scholarship forms are available through the Youth Ministry Office. DATES: Camp Timothy – June 18-22 Camp Zacchaeus – Week 1-July 16-21 and Week 2-July 23-28 For more information or an application, contact Francine Swope in the Youth Ministry Office (814)317-2646.

The foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it towards God and others.

COLLECTION: February 12, 2017

Collection—cash	\$868.85
Collection—envelopes	\$4,791.55
Second collection	\$263.15
Maintenance	\$194.00
New Year's	\$5.00
Ash Wednesday	\$2.00
Food Collection	\$20.00
Candlemas	\$13.00

Total \$6,157.55

Thank you for your Stewardship

The Friar's Nook Gift Shop – Open Mon-Sat, 10-4,
793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648
(Across from the Monastery). Stop in to see our new
Spring collection....St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Mother's
Day, Communion and Confirmation items. We also have
several outdoor statues and garden plaques.
If you have any questions, please call (814) 659-3802.

Christian Prayer and Spirituality Course will be
offered at two locations this March. Sr. Marilyn Welch,
CCW will be teaching Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30pm
at **St. Catherine of Sienna, Duncansville**
beginning March 8 and Deacon Michael Russo will be
teaching Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30pm at **St. Patrick
School, Johnstown** beginning March 7. During this
8 week course, participants will explore both
traditional and contemporary expressions of Christian
prayer and spirituality that will help deepen their
relationship with God. The cost of this course which
includes registration and materials is \$55. For further
information and registration please contact the Office
of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry at (814)
361-2000 or email mheinze@dioceseaj.org.
All are welcome!

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**Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers,
CCA Gift Cards and Audio Operators
February 25- March 3**

Saturday, February 25, 5:00 PM

Reader: Rose Batzel, Karen Pavlosky
Eucharistic Minister: Elizabeth Gramlich,
Betty King, Christine Russell
Server: Jason Harris, Rylee Russell
Audio Operator: Kevin Slonka

Sunday, February 26, 8:00 AM

Reader: Sue Babalonis, Carrie Weaver
Eucharistic Minister: Susan Kamnikar,
Rose Ann Schellhammer, Valerie Wilson
Server: Donald Klimek, Madalyn Scaletta
CCA Gift Card: James Gustkey, Kara Homan-Gustkey
Audio Operator: Michael Stoskey

Sunday, February 26, 11:00 AM

Reader: Mary Jane Verbiar, David Wilson
Eucharistic Minister: Esperanza Bair,
Jodie Hall, Gene Podratsky
Server: Damien Byer, Levi Giffin
CCA Gift Card: Amanda Freidhoff, Brian King
Audio Operator: Ray Ritter

Sunday, February 26, 5:00 PM

Reader: Christine Brothers,
Eucharistic Minister: Patricia Loughlin, Michael Stuck
Vi Najjar, Justin Zierer
Server: Eli Updyke, Mattie Updyke
CCA Gift Card: Nikkita Babyak, need one volunteer
Audio Operator: Monica Updyke
**Need volunteers for Ash Wednesday, March 3rd,
All Ministries!**

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**St. John Gualbert Cathedral
Pastoral Council Meeting
Thursday, December 1, 2016**

I. Opening Prayer - Dixie Lochrie was the Opening Prayer Leader.

II. Roll Call – *In attendance*: Pat Cuthbert, Pat Loughlin, Fred Oliveros, Heather Jezeskie, Beth Stem, Dixie Lochrie, Mary Jane Verbiar and Russ Smith.
Ex Officio in attendance: Fr. Crookston, Fr. Bridges and Senior Deacon John Concannon.

III. Vision and Mission Statements – recited by Council Members

IV. Review of the Minutes - The minutes of November 3, 2016 were reviewed and approved.

V. Committee Reports

- ❖ **Liturgy** - Senior Deacon John Concannon reported on Masses, Concerts and Services that will be held at the Cathedral through the end of January 2017. Thursday, December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation celebrating the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Vigil Mass will be at 6:00PM on December 7th and on December 8th at 8:00AM, 12:05PM and 6:00PM. A Reconciliation Service will be held at the Cathedral on Sunday, December 11th at 1:30PM. Our annual Advent of Christmas Concert will be held on Saturday, December 17th at 7:00PM in the Cathedral. Bishop Mark will be the Celebrant at our 11:00AM Christmas Day Mass celebrating the Nativity of Our Lord on Sunday, December 25, 2016. There will be NO 5:00PM Mass on Christmas Day nor on New Year's Day. Fr. Crookston added that volunteers are needed to help with the decorating of the Cathedral for the Christmas season on Sunday, December 18th following the 5:00PM Mass. There were 36 Missalettes purchased for Daily Mass and they are located at the rear of the Cathedral and at the Shrine entrance from the Cathedral. The next scheduled Liturgy Committee Meeting is scheduled for February 13th.
- ❖ **Education** – Heather Jezeskie reported that there will be five children from our Cathedral Parish to receive the Sacrament of First Penance at a Reconciliation Service at the Cathedral on Sunday, December 11th. There will be a Confirmation Retreat for all of our 10th grade parishioners on Saturday, December 3rd from 9:00AM – 3:00PM at St. Clare of Assisi. The adult enrichment sessions, *Living in the Sacred*, are well received by the parishioners that attend. Fr. Crookston is contemplating on sending members of the Education Committee to a Christ's Life Workshop, in either New Jersey or Maryland, to gather information on developing the program within our parish community.
- ❖ **Christian Life and Service** – Dixie Lochrie reported that there was an overwhelming response to our annual Food Drive that culminated at our Thanksgiving Day Mass. A total of 417 grocery bags filled with non-perishable food items were received to aid those in need. All Angels from our annual Angel Tree have been claimed and parishioners are reminded that all gifts must be returned by the weekend of December 10/11. Our annual Yellow Ribbon Campaign will take place during the weekend of January 14/15. The next Christian Life and Service Committee Meeting is scheduled for January 3, 2017 at 6:00PM.

**St. John Gualbert Cathedral
Pastoral Council Meeting
Thursday, December 1, 2016**

- ❖ **Maintenance** – No report. A date for the next Maintenance Committee Meeting has yet to be announced.
- ❖ **Cemetery** – No report. The next Cemetery Committee Meeting is slated for some time during the week of December 12th.
- ❖ **Finance** – No report. The next Finance Committee Meeting is slated for some time during the week of December 12th.
- ❖ **Youth** – No report.
- ❖ **Proclaim! TV** - Fr. Bridges reported that both the Christmas Day Mass and New Year's Day Mass telecasts will be LIVE and not tape delayed as previously thought.

VI. Old Business – Our Cathedral Parish's new web page www.stjohngualbert.org is up and running smoothly. The web page contains current and past week's Bulletins, Parish Calendar of Events and Activities, Ministry and Choir Schedules, a video of Proclaim! TV's televised Mass and Proclaim! TV's current monthly Newsletter.

VII. New Business – Heather Jezeskie is contemplating on possibly holding a Game Night for the youth of the Parish at the Activities Center in the near future.

VIII. Next Meetings - *Feb. 2, Mar. 2, Apr. 6, **May 4, Jun. 1.

*February 2, 2017 Meeting – Pat Loughlin is scheduled to give the Opening and Closing Prayers.

**May 4, 2017 Meeting – Meeting date MUST be changed due to a Confirmation that is scheduled to be held at Cathedral that evening.

IX. Closing Prayer – Dixie Lochrie was the Closing Prayer leader.

X. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Smith

Russ Smith – Pastoral Council Secretary