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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

The word of God is living and effective;
discerning reflections and thoughts of the heart.



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: Otilia Marferding (Grandson, Jeff)
5:00 pm: Mary Wyszynsky, Anniversary (Ron Cleaver)

Monday, February 27, - Weekday

Readings: Sirach 17:20-24 / Mark 10:17-27
7:00 am: Betty Omasta, Anniversary (Joe Omasta)
12:05 pm: Nick Barber (Valerie Watts & Leonard Barber)

Tuesday, February 28, - Weekday

Readings: Sirach 35:1-12 / Mark 10:28-31
7:00 am: Rosalie Kaszycki, 1st Anniversary (Denise)
12:05 pm: Don Behe (Dorothy, Don Jr., & Mary Alice Behe)

Wednesday, March 1, - Ash Wednesday

Readings: Joel 2:12-18 / 2 Corinthians 5:20--6:2 / Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
7:00 am: Robert Crookston (Jane Pizzillo)
12:05 pm: Roger Stoy (Joanne Stoy)
6:00 pm: Peter Yanko (Gail Yanko & Family)

Thursday, March 2, - Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Readings: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 / Luke 9:22-25
7:00 am: Saint Anne Society
12:05 pm: Richard L. Maurer (Cheryl & Dave Korenosky)

Friday, March 3, - Friday after Ash Wednesday, Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin

Readings: Isaiah 58:1-9 / Matthew 9:14-15
7:00 am: Anne Eicher, 1st Anniversary (Loving Son, Jeff)
12:05 pm: Ignatius & Anna Kmetz (Kay Kmetz)

Saturday, March 4, - Saturday after Ash Wednesday, Saint Casimir

Readings: Isaiah 58:9-14 / Luke 5:27-32
8:00 am: Catherine McDonald, Anniversary (Bob & Becky Lee)
5:00 pm: Clara Mauro (Husband & Family)

Sunday, March 5, First Sunday of Lent

Readings: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 / 1 Romans 5:12-19 / Matthew 4:1-11
8:00 am: For the Intentions of the People of the Parish
11:00 am: Ramona Smith (Esperanza Bair)
5:00 pm: Rick Hanson (Nunzio & Nancy Johncola)

From Father Crookston...

Lenten Journey Starts Wednesday Begin this Lent at one of our Ash Wednesday (March 1) Masses. Lent is so rich in theology and history, so filled with tradition and so shaped by memories, both ecclesial and personal, that every Lenten journey yields fresh insight and deeper wisdom. During Lent, we "prepare joyfully for the mystery of Easter with minds and hearts renewed." In Lent, a spirit of loving reverence for God and of willing service to neighbor blesses the community of faith.

Help your resolve for a spiritually beneficial Lent with acts of prayer, fast, and charity. Our Ash Wednesday and the non-designated second collections during Lent are alms for our sister parish of St. Croix in Santa Cruz, Jamaica. See other bulletin details about Lenten practices and Operation Rice Bowl. We have Rice Bowl materials at the entrance ways to the cathedral. Learn more about your Rice Bowl at crsricebowl.org/families.

Prepare yourself for the purifying gift of Christ's Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our Lenten Penance Service is Thursday, April 6, 6:30 PM. Journey with God's love through this Lenten Spring.

Lenten Fast and Abstinence-Wednesday, March 1, is Ash Wednesday when the Church begins the forty-day journey with the annual discipline of fasting, praying and giving alms. Ash Wednesday (March 1) and Good Friday (April 14) are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays of Lent (March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; April 7) are days of abstinence. FASTING refers to only one full meal, with two small meals and no eating otherwise for the day. ABSTINENCE refers to not eating meat at all during the day. All those who have reached their 14th year are obliged to ABSTAIN. The Church directs the holy FAST to all those in their 18th year until their 60th year (Canon 1252). The ancient practice of fasting and abstaining can occur throughout the other days of Lent. This is not obligatory and can take a variety of forms distinct from food.

Pope Francis - Lenten Meditation: The Gospel of the rich man and Lazarus helps us to make a good preparation for the approach of Easter. The liturgy of Ash Wednesday invites us to an experience quite like that of the rich man. When the priest imposes the ashes on our heads, he repeats the words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." As it turned out, the rich man and the poor man both died, and the greater part of the parable takes place in the afterlife. The two characters suddenly discover that "we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it" (1 Tm 6:7).

We too see what happens in the afterlife. There the rich man speaks at length with Abraham, whom he calls "father" (Lk 16:24, 27), as a sign that he belongs to God's people. This detail makes his life appear even more contradictory, for until this moment there had been no mention of his relation to God. In fact, there was no place for God in his life. His only god was himself.

The rich man recognizes Lazarus only amid the torments of the afterlife. He wants the poor man to alleviate his suffering with a drop of water. What he asks of Lazarus is similar to what he could have done but never did. Abraham tells him: "During your life you had your fill of good things, just as Lazarus had his fill of bad. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony" (v. 25). In the afterlife, a kind of fairness is restored and life's evils are balanced by good. The parable goes on to offer a message for all Christians. The rich man asks Abraham to send Lazarus to warn his brothers, who are still alive. But Abraham answers: "They have Moses and the prophets, let them listen to them" (v. 29). Countering the rich man's objections, he adds: "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead" (v. 31).

The rich man's real problem thus comes to the fore. At the root of all his ills was the failure to heed God's word. Thus, he no longer loved God and grew to despise his neighbor. The word of God is alive and powerful, capable of converting hearts and leading them back to God. When we close our heart to the gift of God's word, we end up closing our heart to the gift of our brothers and sisters.

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

St. Therese Lenten Piroghi Sale – Hand-made/Home-made potato and cheese piroghi made fresh each week during Lent. Call in orders every Monday starting Feb 27th until April 3rd from 9AM to 11AM. Cost is \$6.50 dozen (with or without onions). Pick up your order on Fridays from 9AM -2PM at our Social Hall, Upper Decker Avenue. **No orders will be taken during Holy Week. Watch for our ad in the Tribune Democrat on Mondays.**

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.

The Church of the Transfiguration, Rivers Casino Trip, Wednesday, March 15, 2017. \$30.00 per person. Includes \$20.00 Slot Play and \$5.00 Food Voucher. Bus will leave The Church of the Transfiguration School Hall at 9:00am and leave The Rivers to head home at 6:00pm. For more information contact Andy Solomon at (814)322-3287.

CURSILLO WEEKEND - Come and enjoy a wonderful three day encounter with Jesus Christ through the love and sharing of fellow Christians. Cursillo Weekends are held at St. Anne's in Ebensburg all are welcome. Men's weekend: March 16 - 19. Women's Weekend: March 30 - April 2. For more information please call Tom Price - 814-674-5060 or Debbie Lillibridge - 814-669-9523.

The St. Andrew Church Annual Novena to the Infant of Prague will begin on Sunday, March 19, 2017 at 7:00PM and will continue every evening until Monday, March 27, 2017, at 7:00PM. We will have additional Priests to hear Confessions after Mass every night.

St. Francis of Assisi LENTEN FISH FRIES will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 1 and continue on Friday,

March 10, March 17, March 24, March 31. The final Lenten Fish Fry will be held on Friday, April 7. There will NOT be a Fish Fry on Good Friday. Fish Fries are held in the Activity Center, corner of Barron Avenue and D Street from 11:00AM until 6:00PM. For take out orders please call 539-3518. No phone calls after 5:00PM. Gobs will be available as well as a bake sale.

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!

Liturgical Reflection... In the revised **Order of Celebrating Matrimony** (2016), the Church states that it is the Sacrament of Baptism that has incorporated a man and woman into life with Christ. Baptism, the Sacrament of faith, invites husband and wife to enter into the covenant of Christ with the Church. The conjugal love of the spouses is assumed into Christ's charity and enriched by the power of his Sacrifice. Thus, the valid Marriage between the baptized is always a Sacrament. The covenant love between man and woman is held in the highest esteem. Husband and wife model the love of God and his people.

Mt 6:24-34 -Because we believe we can control and create our own world, we attempt to juggle multiple agendas and we pay the price of neglecting those closest to us. Too late we reach the point of asking "Was it worth it?" We really can't serve two masters.

Patience with Yourself

"Have patience with all things, but chiefly have patience with yourself. Do not lose courage in considering your own imperfections, but instantly set about remedying them—every day begin the task anew."

- St. Francis de Sales

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COLLECTION: February 19, 2017

Collection-cash	\$790.65
Collection-envelopes	\$4,045.29
Second collection	\$248.60
Maintenance	\$99.00
Ash Wednesday	\$12.00
Candlemas	\$30.00

Total \$5,225.54

Thank you for your Stewardship

St Joseph Triduum - A triduum in honor of St Joseph will be held March 18-20 at St John Gualbert Cathedral, 117 Clinton Street, Johnstown. Mass and devotions will be held at 5pm Saturday, March 18 and 5pm, Sunday March 19 with confessions following mass. On Monday, March 20, Mass and devotions will begin at 7pm. Everyone is invited following the final liturgy to the St Joseph Table at the parish activity center.

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**Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers,
CCA Gift Cards and Audio Operators, March 1 - 5****Wednesday, March 1, 7:00 AM**

Reader: Dave Harties, need one volunteer

Eucharistic Minister: Elizabeth Gramlich,
Carmen Grasso, Sam Grasso

Server: Jon Werzyn, need one volunteer

Ash Minister: Russ Gramlich, need three volunteers

Audio Operator: Need one volunteer

Wednesday, March 1, 12:05 PM

Reader: Mary Jane Verbiar, David Wilson

Eucharistic Minister: Valerie Wilson, need two volunteers

Ash Minister: Louise Aust, need two volunteers

Server: Vi Najjar, need one volunteer

Audio Operator: Jim Horner

Wednesday, March 1, 6:00 PM

Reader: Christine Brothers, Dixie Lochrie

Eucharistic Minister: Esperanza Bair, Pat Roth
Need one volunteer

Ash Minister: Patricia Loughlin, Lonnie Rietscha,
Need one volunteer

Server: Need two volunteers

Audio Operator: Need one volunteer

Saturday, March 4, 5:00 PM

Reader: Dixie Lochrie, Elizabeth Rhoades

Eucharistic Minister: Betty King,
Terry Rhoades, Christine Russell

Server: Keara Brandon, Ron Jezeskie

Audio Operator: Ronnie Jezeskie

Sunday, March 5, 8:00 AM

Reader: Carrie Weaver, David Weaver

Eucharistic Minister: Carmen Grasso,
Irene Ott, Rich Ott

Server: Noah Buchan, Sam Grasso

CCA Gift Card: James Gustkey, Kara Homan-Gustkey

Audio Operator: Michael Stoskey

Sunday, March 5, 11:00 AM

Reader: Rachel Hall, David Wilson

Eucharistic Minister: Esperanza Bair,
Jodie Hall, Russ Smith

Server: Zachary King, John Werzyn

CCA Gift Card: Brian King, Lonnie Rietscha

Audio Operator: Tracy Smith

Sunday, March 5, 5:00 PM

Reader: Christine Brothers, Patricia Loughlin

Eucharistic Minister: Vi Najjar,
James Sandoval, Justin Zierer

Server: Eli Updyke, Brent Zierer

CCA Gift Card: Nikkita Babyak, need one volunteer

Audio Operator: Matthew Updyke

**Need Servers and Audio Operator, Sunday,
March 5, at 7:00 PM for the Rite of Election.**