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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

I am the way, the truth  
and the life, says the Lord;  
no one comes to the Father,  
except through me.



## Sunday, May 14, Fifth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 6:1-7 / 1 Peter 2:4-9 / John 14:1-12

8:00 am: Mothers & Grandmothers Living and Deceased

11:00 am: For the Intentions of the Television Ministry

5:00 pm: Mothers & Grandmothers Living and Deceased

## Monday, May 15, - Easter Weekday, Saint Isidore

Readings: Acts 14:5-18 / John 14:21-26

7:00 am: Saint Anne Society

12:05 pm: John & Jenny Goetz (Family)

## Tuesday, May 16, - Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 14:19-28 / John 14:27-31

7:00 am: Anna Kegg (Dianne Litzinger)

12:05 pm: Deceased Members of the Conemaugh Polish Band

## Wednesday, May 17, - Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 15:1-6 / John 15:1-8

7:00 am: Edward Mauthe (Nephew, Charles E. Huffman & Family)

12:05 pm: Joseph & Ronnie Kmetz (Kay Kmetz)

## Thursday, May 18, - Easter Weekday, Saint John I, Pope and Martyr

Readings: Acts 15:7-21 / John 15:9-11

7:00 am: Corita Huffman (Husband, Charles & Family)

12:05 pm: Genevieve Machowski (Ted Machowski)

## Friday, May 19, - Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 15:22-31 / John 15:12-17

7:00 am: Rick Hanson (Veronica Varga)

12:05 pm: Ed Stofko

## Saturday, May 20, - Easter Weekday, Saint Bernadine of Siena, Priest

Readings: Acts 16:1-10 / John 15:18-21

8:00 am: Mary Spenger, Birthday Remembrance (Friends)

5:00 pm: Catherine McDonald, Birthday Remembrance (Bob & Becky Lee)

## Sunday, May 21, Sixth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 / 1 Peter 3:15-18 / John 14:15-21

8:00 am: Josephine Rován (Gary & Kelly Leech & Family)

11:00 am: Helen I. Tessari (Friends)

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

From Father Crookston . . .

**Pope Francis: A Mother's Day Reflection** "Mothers often communicate the deepest meaning of religious practice in the first prayers and acts of devotion that their children learn. ... Without mothers, not only would there be no new faithful but the faith itself would lose a good part of its simple and profound warmth. ... Dear mothers, Thank you! Thank you for what you are in your family and for what you give to the church and the world." The Joy of Love 174

**Prince Gallitzin Cross** Father Chuck Bridges' involvement with and leadership of the live, highest quality broadcast of the weekly 11:00 AM Sunday Mass has long earned the gratitude of thousands of homebound and hospitalized viewers and their families. In recognition of his exemplifying the evangelizing spirit of the Prince-Priest Demetrius Gallitzin, Father Chuck will receive the Prince Gallitzin Cross Saturday, June 3, during the annual awards dinner at the Calvin House in Duncansville. Friends may join Father Bridges and ten other awardees by obtaining tickets (\$35 each) through Mrs. Jeanne Duffy (814-695-5579 or [jduffy@dioceseaj.org](mailto:jduffy@dioceseaj.org)). They must arrange reservations by May 19, 2017.

By satellite broadcasting and excellent production crew – volunteers that include communications professionals and talented amateur youth, Proclaim! TV instantly brings Christ and our Cathedral Mass to viewers. Father Gallitzin, on horseback circuit to country homes and village chapels, prepared the way that Father Chuck and Proclaim! TV Crew present weekly. Congratulations and Thank You!

**Nomination for Pastoral Council** We are looking for persons willing to have their name placed on the Pentecost Sunday (June 4) selection pool for our parish pastoral council. We have three council seats open for selection. Current council members have started conversations that seek your engagement in parish servant-leadership. Your contact with Fr. Jim or any of the council members is helpful and welcome. Current members are Pat Cuthbert, Rachel Hall, Heather Jezeskie, Dixie Lochrie, Pat Loughlin, Fred Oliveros, Kevin Slonka, Russ Smith, Beth Stem, Mary Jane Verbiar, Senior Deacon John Concannon, Father Chuck Bridges and Father Jim Crookston.

**2017 Catholic Ministries Drive** has started throughout our Diocese with your personal participation invitation from Bishop Mark. Your Catholic Ministries gift supports our Cathedral parish and diocesan ministries. Our parishioners benefit from many diocesan ministries: Camp Zacchaeus, Diaconal Formation, Campus Ministry, Christian Initiation, Lay Ministry, Catholic Charities and diocesan-wide support for our St John Gualbert Cathedral.

Again, the local project is simple: To reach our assigned goal. In each of the last seven years, your generous sacrifices pushed us beyond our goal. Should you choose to match or increase your gift over the amount contributed to previous annual ministries fund, our parish family will be most grateful. We most assuredly welcome first timers to this annual drive.

We have seen that a friendly reminder makes the difference. Over the next months, we will be doing some reminding using the bulletin, a home mailing, and a single friendly phone call. The captains will make their friendly phone reminders in early July. They will contact those who have yet to give to this year's Catholic Ministries Drive, especially parishioners who have given in the past.

With everyone's help, we will exceed our diocesan assigned goal of \$36,109. Please consider a gift that reflects your gratitude for the many blessings that God has entrusted to you. If you cannot make a financial offering, please pray for the success of 2017 Catholic Ministries Drive and return your pledge card showing that you cannot give now; we will see that you do not receive a second request or one of our friendly phone reminders.

## FROM OUR PARISH

**Mother's Day Carnations 2017!** Please show your support of the sanctity of life by making a donation in exchange for carnations this Mother's Day Weekend May 13 and 14. Your gifts will be used to help pregnant women choose life and avoid abortion! Thanks you. For more info call Mary Kay @ 535-8231.

### St John Gualbert Book Club -

Please note the Book Club will be having a special meeting on Monday, May 22, 2017 at the Activity Center. Details about the next (July) gathering including our next book/read – are coming soon.

## FROM OTHER PARISHES & THE COMMUNITY

**The Notre Dame Club of Central PA, in conjunction with Bishop McCort High School,** will present the June 7th, 2017 Hesburgh Lecture Series event: "Catholic Schools and the New Evangelization." The lecture will be FREE and open to the general public; it will be held at Bishop McCort High School, 25 Osborne Street in Johnstown, PA at 11AM. No registration is required. The Guest Speaker is Rev. Ronald J. Nuzzi, Ph.D. Senior Director, The Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE).

**Carmelite Community of the Word** will be holding their 13th Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, June 9, at the Scotch Valley Country Club. Early Bird Special, register before May 20, cost of \$115 per golfer or \$425 per foursome includes golf, lunch, refreshments, dinner, prizes and a live auction. After May 20 costs are \$125 per golfer, or \$475 per foursome. Final registration deadline is May 31. To register contact Sr. Jane Miller at 814/886-4098 or email at [imseashell@msn.com](mailto:imseashell@msn.com).

**Natural Family Planning Information Session:** An information session on Natural Family Planning (NFP), a scientific method of regulating conception approved by the Catholic Church, will be held on Tuesday, May 23 at St. John Rectory Meeting room, 134 E. Bishop St., Bellefonte at 7:00pm. An NFP teacher will present information on learning the method. NFP is based on the awareness of a couple's fertility. It can be used to achieve or postpone pregnancy and is a helpful tool for infertile couples. No reservation necessary. If you would like more information on the session, contact 814-355-3134.

**Outdoor Masses:** Father John D. Byrnes, Rector, and the Parish Family of Saint Michael the Archangel Basilica, Loretto, invite the faithful to join us each

evening at 7:00pm for the outdoor Sunday Mass at the Beautiful Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto. The first Mass of the season will be celebrated on Sunday, May 28, 2017 and will continue through Labor Day Weekend, September 3, 2017. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be held in the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel.

*Signs of new life are everywhere! Rejoice with all mothers, grandmothers, and soon to be mothers for they are the bearers of life. Take the time to thank them for choosing life. "Life is a precious gift – Handle it with care."*

### Family Ritual

*Make a list of fun things to do with Mom on Mother's Day. Make sure it's something she enjoys doing!! Church together, a trip to a park, a movie day, a picnic on the patio, a quiet day, etc. Then follow up your plans to make the day a happy one for her. Don't forget to thank Mary, our Blessed Mother, and pray for our mothers that have gone to be with the Lord.*

*Happy Mother's Day!*

Jesus says, "Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do." Christian stewards and disciples accept this challenge knowing the ultimate reward will be eternal life.

**Liturgical Reflection...** On the threshold of his public life Jesus performs his first sign at a wedding feast in Cana. This first sign was done at the request of his mother. The Church attaches great importance to Jesus' presence at the wedding in Cana. This is a confirmation of the goodness of marriage and the proclamation that marriage will now be a holy sign of Christ's presence. The mother of the Lord seeks her Son's assistance with the lack of wine. Today we remember mothers, living and dead, who have formed their sons and daughters in the image of a caring, loving Christ. Happy Mother's Day! (Catechism of the Catholic Church Number 1613)

### John 14:1-12

Jesus tells us in the gospel: "I am in the Father and the Father is in me!" The point is: God is in each one of us, in our relationships and in our homes. The vocation of the Christian family is to live the divine gift which is already in and around us. Mothers are instruments of Christ's presence in the home.

**COLLECTION: May 7, 2017**

Collection - cash	\$1,266.70
Collection - envelopes	\$4,463.65
Second collection	\$329.55
Maintenance	\$566.00
Easter	\$11.00
Ascension	\$42.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$43.00
Mother's Day	\$247.00
Father's Day	\$5.00
Cemetery Donations	\$15.00
Catholic Communications	\$20.00

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**Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers,  
CCA Gift Cards and Audio Operators, May 20-25**

**Saturday, May 20, 5:00 PM**

**Reader:** Rose Batzel, Karen Pavlosky

**Eucharistic Minister:** Elizabeth Gramlich,

Russ Gramlich, Betty King,

Patricia Loughlin, Christine Russell

**Server:** Randy Russell, Rylee Russell

**Audio Operator:** Kevin Slonka

**Sunday, May 21, 8:00 AM**

**Reader:** Carrie Weaver, David Weaver

**Eucharistic Minister:** Irene Ott, Rich Ott,

Rose Ann Schellhammer, Gloria Stephens,

Peter T. Yanko

**Server:** Lorene Favor, Lorenzo Favor

**CCA Gift Card:** Lisa Leckey, Neil Leckey

**Audio Operator:** Richard Yeager

**Sunday, May 21, 11:00 AM**

**Reader:** Rachel Hall, David Wilson

**Eucharistic Minister:** Esperanza Bair, Jodie Hall,

James Hollis, Gene Podratsky, Russ Smith

**Server:** Donald Klimek, Hannah Rietscha

**CCA Gift Card:** Brian King, Lonnie Rietscha

**Audio Operator:** Ray Ritter

**Sunday, May 21, 5:00 PM**

**Reader:** Christine Brothers, Vi Najjar

**Eucharistic Minister:** Charlotte Amenti, Louse Aust,

Pat Roth, Justin Zierer, need one volunteer

**Server:** Eli Updyke, Mattie Updyke

**CCA Gift Card:** Nikkita Babyak, need a volunteer

**Audio Operator:** Monica Updyke

**Wednesday, May 24, 6:00 PM**

**Reader:** Dixie Lochrie, need one volunteer

**Eucharistic Minister:** Esperanza Bair, Russ Smith

Need three volunteers

**Server:** need two volunteers

**Audio Operator:** Tracy Smith

**Thursday, May 25, 7:00 AM**

**Reader:** Need two volunteers

**Eucharistic Minister:** Carmen Grasso, Sam Grasso,

Betty King, Gene Podratsky, need a volunteer

**Server:** John Werzyn, need a volunteer

**Thursday, May 25, 12:05 PM**

**Reader:** Mary Jane Verbiar, Davis Wilson

**Eucharistic Minister:** Elizabeth Gramlich, Vi Najjar,

Pat Roth, need two volunteers

**Server:** need 2 volunteers

**Audio Operator:** need a volunteer

**Thursday, May 25, 6:00 PM**

**Reader:** Irene Ott, Rich Ott

Need volunteers for Eucharistic Ministers, Servers &  
Audio.

**Saint John Gualbert Cathedral  
Pastoral Council Meeting  
Tuesday, April 4, 2017**

**I. Opening Prayer** – Russ Smith was the opening prayer leader.

**II. Roll Call** – *In attendance:* Pat Cuthbert, Pat Loughlin, Beth Stem, Fred Oliveros, Heather Jezeskie, Dixie Lochrie 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 March 2, 2017 were reviewed and approved.

**V. Committee Reports**

- ❖ **Liturgy** – Senior Deacon John Concannon reported on upcoming Holy Week Masses, Liturgies and Services that will be held at the Cathedral. Bishop Mark and many area priests will be present for our Diocesan Reconciliation Service that will be held in the Cathedral on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM. Bishop Mark will be the Principle Celebrant at our Passion (Palm) Sunday Liturgy on Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM and also at our Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM. The Good Friday Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord will be held at 12:05PM and 6:00PM on Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. A Tenebrae Service will be held in the Cathedral on Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30PM. The Easter Vigil will begin at 8:30PM on the front porch of the Cathedral on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Bishop Mark will be the Principle Celebrant on Easter Sunday at the 11:00AM Mass celebrating The Resurrection of the Lord. Bishop Mark will preside at three Confirmation Masses that will be held at our Cathedral this year. The dates of the Confirmation Masses are April 20<sup>th</sup>, May 5<sup>th</sup> and May 9<sup>th</sup> all beginning at 7:00PM. The next scheduled Liturgy Committee Meeting is slated for Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> following the 6:00PM Ascension Mass.
- ❖ **Education** – Heather Jezeskie reported that our parish's Christian Initiation Team already has one candidate for Christian Initiation in 2018. There will be Six youth of our parish to celebrate Confirmation on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM. There will be five children of our parish to receive First Communion on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. There have been two families that have completed the Pre-Jordan course and each of the families have had their baby Baptized. Fr. Crookston reported that the initiative to launch *Christ Life* in our parish has been temporarily placed on hold. Divine Mercy Catholic Academy has hired a new athletic director. The next scheduled meeting for the Education Committee is slated for Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM.
- ❖ **Christian Life and Service** – Dixie Lochrie reported that a Wine Tasting Event will be held at the Activities Center on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at 6:00PM. All proceeds from this event benefits our Mission Travelers to our sister parish. Tickets will be \$20.00/each if purchased in advance and \$25.00/each if purchased at the door. all who plan on attending MUST BE OVER 21 YEARS OLD and MUST have a valid Driver's License or State Issued Photo ID Card with them. This year's event will feature five wineries and three vendors as well as entertainment. There will be a Mother's Day Carnation Sale before and after all Masses the weekend of May 13<sup>th</sup> and May 14<sup>th</sup>. The next Christian Life and Service Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ **Maintenance** – No Report
- ❖ **Cemetery** – No Report
- ❖ **Finance** – No Report
- ❖ **Youth** – No Report

**Saint John Gualbert Cathedral  
Pastoral Council Meeting  
Tuesday, April 4, 2017**

- ❖ **Proclaim! TV** – Fr. Bridges reported that a satellite engineer graciously donated his time and talent by helping with the instillation and set up of Proclaim! TV's new satellite.

**VI. Old Business** – Fr. Crookston reported that the cost of the equipment to stream the Sunday Mass is being explored and that the streaming could be a reality in the very near future. There is a need for high dynamic photographs of the Cathedral's stained glass windows and the Cathedral's interior for our parish's new website.

**VII. New Business** – During the March 2<sup>nd</sup> Pastoral Council Meeting all council members were given an assignment to complete an assessment evaluating the social justice elements within our very own parish. This assessment is a continuation of the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops *Communities of Salt & Light* reflections presented by Beth Stem. The questions covered and discussed were:

**Section 1 – Anchoring Social Ministry: Prayer and Worship**

1. *In what ways does our parish worship reflect Christ's call to conversion, to service and to working for justice?*
2. *During the liturgy, in what ways is the gospel's call to build peace, work for justice and care for the poor regularly reflected in the general intercessions, in homilies, in celebrations of special feast days and holidays, and at other appropriate times?*
3. *How do our sacramental celebrations help us to renew our commitment to reconciliation throughout our lives and rededicate ourselves to Jesus' message of love and justice, especially for those in need?*

The May 11<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Council Meeting will resume with Section 1, Question 4.

**VIII. Next Meetings** - \*May 11, \*\*June 8.

\*May 11 Meeting – Kevin Slonka is scheduled to be the Prayer Leader.

\*\*June 8 Meeting – Beth Stem is scheduled to be the Prayer Leader.

**IX. Closing Prayer** – Russ Smith was the closing prayer leader.

**X. Adjournment** – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Russ Smith*

Russ Smith – Pastoral Council Secretary