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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

Shine like lights in the world
as you hold on to the word of life.



Sunday, October 22, - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 / 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 / Matthew 22:15-21

8:00 am: For the Intentions of the People of the Parish

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

5:00 pm: Eileen Wehner (Robert & Colleen Wehner)

Monday, October 23, - Weekday, Saint John of Capistrano, Priest

Readings: Romans 4:20-25 / Luke 12:13-21

7:00 am: Saint Anne Society

12:05 pm: Clyde E. Mintmier, Jr. (Wife, Carole & Family)

Tuesday, October 24, - Weekday, Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Readings: Romans 5:12, 15, 17-21 / Luke 12:35-38

7:00 am: Anna Kegg (Diane Litzinger)

12:05 pm: Joseph A. Carona (Michael Ballow Family)

Wednesday, October 25, - Weekday

Readings: Romans 6:12-18 / Luke 12:39-48

7:00 am: Robert Crookston (Ray & Andrea Ritter)

12:05 pm: Mary Ann Prestipino (Kevin Klug)

Thursday, October 26, - Weekday

Readings: Romans 6:19-23 / Luke 12:49-53

7:00 am: Irene E. Plummer (Diane, Andrew, Lauren, Elyse & Brandon)

12:05 pm: Genevieve Machowski (Louise Machowski)

Friday, October 27, - Weekday

Readings: Romans 7:18-25 / Luke 12:54-59

7:00 am: Mary A. Spenger (Mary Spenger Estate)

12:05 pm: Mary Schuster, 90th Birthday Celebration (John & Cha Cha Bair)

Saturday, October 28, - Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

Readings: Ephesians 2:19-22 / Luke 6:12-16

8:00 am: Jack Brady (Butch Huffman, Jackie & Gary Horvath)

5:00 pm: Lenore Curreli, (John & Rose Concannon & Daughters)

Sunday, October 29, - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Exodus 22:20-26 / 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10 / Matthew 22:34-40

8:00 am: For the Intentions of the People of the Parish

11:00 am: Nina Splane, Birthday Remembrance (Daughters, Sally & Sugar)

5:00 pm: Victor C. Heptner (Dave & Patty Gutskey)

From Father Crookston . . .

Respect Life Meditation When battered by life's storms, or immersed in a dense fog of suffering and uncertainty, we may feel alone and unequipped to handle the circumstances. Yet with words that echo through thousands of years into the corners of our hearts, the Lord says to us, "Do not fear: I am with you" (Isaiah 41:10). He speaks these words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering. And the very wounds that bear witness to his suffering indicate the essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God.

Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new. He is always with us. Jesus promised this when he gave the disciples the same mission he gives to each of us: Go.

Go be my hands and feet to a world enslaved by fear. Go to the woman who is unexpectedly pregnant and fears the future. Go to your friend who fears reprisal at work because he takes a stand for the protection of human life. Go to your aging parent in failing health who fears being a burden. And go to others, too, for their support.

We do not need to have everything figured out. We can simply follow the guidance of Our Blessed Mother, the first disciple: "Do whatever he tells you" (John 2:5). Walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God's gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us. "Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).

Backpack Thank You I take this opportunity to express gratitude for all the backpacks you generously donated to the school children of Saint Croix, Mandeville, Jamaica. Thank you, the backpacks were lovely as well as colorful which will delight the children. Imagine the many smiles as each child receives a backpack. Their families also will make use of the backpack. In addition to the parish communities in Santa Cruz (Saint Croix) and its mission at Braes River (Christ the King), some school bags are going to the mission schools outside of Saint Cruz and Braes River that do not have an Altoona-Johnstown partnered-parish. On your next visit to your Sister Parish and its Mission, you will see the school children with their brightly colored packs. Thank you for your generous spirit. Your gifts and other school supplies and desks will start their journey to Mandeville at the end of October. Blessings in abundance, Sr. Patti, csj

Roast Beef Dinner Gratitude Your gathering for our annual Roast Beef Dinner filled our Activity Center with friendship and laughter as hundreds of guests enjoyed the salad bar, meals and an extensive variety of cakes. Volunteers, young and young at heart ably followed the lead of Janet Swanhart in providing a delightful autumn treat.

Thanksgiving Offering Begins Next Weekend Throughout November, we will invite your offerings of non-perishable food and monetary gifts for local needy families. To give you specific ideas about needed items and a satchel for your gifts, next week we will distribute grocery bags and an attached 'Needs List'. You may return the filled grocery bags to our "entranceway" needy bins on any November weekend. At our Thanksgiving Day Mass, you may choose during the offertory to bring forward your Thanksgiving gift for the needy for placement before the altar. For a cash gift or check, please place either in your own envelope, mark it Thanksgiving Day, and put it into the offering basket.

Our Cathedral parish gifts keep the food bank shelves full for December. Thank you for your generous outreach to our neighbors in need.

Tea Sets Donated or Loaned Our Cathedral Christian Life & Service Committee will host a High Tea on May 20, 2018, to benefit the Assumption Sisters of Nairobi that serve at our sister parish of Saint Croix. Three members of the Kenyan community of religious sisters have visited us: Sister Patricia Kinaro, Sister Agnes Mwangela, and Sister Hellen Kisolo. We invite your donation or loan of tea sets or individual items (pots, cups, saucers, sugars, and creamers) so that we will have an elegant High Tea. Contact Pat Loughlin (255-8915) or drop your tea set items off at the rectory. You may help by purchasing teacups and saucers at the Richland Goodwill and donating them. We much appreciate all donations. Many Thanks!

FROM OUR PARISH

Thank you for your thoughtful response to this year's Diocesan Priest's Medical and Retirement Collection.

The amount that you have contributed has been forwarded to the diocese for the designated purpose of subsidizing our diocesan priests' medical care and retirement needs. We will continue to forward additional contributions as they are made or you may choose to donate online at www.dioceseaj.org.

FROM OTHER PARISHES & THE COMMUNITY

Saint Francis University in Loretto, PA is hosting "Saints Tour 2017: Saints of Local Interest" on Oct. 27 and 28. Entertainment, education, local history, and a bit of Halloween spookiness – this event has it all! Tours will depart from the office of Campus Ministry every 20 minutes from 6 pm – 10pm and last approximately 1 hour. Please note that it is not handicap accessible. Cost is \$9 per adult and \$7 per student. Proceeds will be donated to the SFU Dorothy Day Outreach Center. Please dress for the weather, as tours continue rain or shine. Bring a nonperishable item in exchange for a free drink (coffee, hot chocolate, soda). Hot food is available for purchase. For more information please contact marinelink@verizon.net or call the SFU Dorothy Day Outreach Center at 814-472-3347.

The **Sixth Patriotic Rosary** to be held October 28th, 2pm, at the **Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament**, Altoona, PA. Please join Bishop Mark Bartchak, Presiding Catholic Daughters of Americas, Representative Judy Ward, Mayor Matthew Pacifico and other distinguished local public officials for the Sixth Patriotic Rosary with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. We pray for guidance during this election season. This event is hosted by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese, refreshments to follow.

St. Clement Church will hold its **Annual Novena to St. Jude**, Thursday, October 26th at 7:00 PM; Friday, October 27th at 7:00 PM; and Saturday, October 28th at 4:00 PM. Anointing of the Sick will take place at the Thursday, October 26th Mass. All are invited to attend!

Arts & Crafts Show, St. John Vianney Church, Mundy's Corner, PA. Saturday, October 28, 9am – 7pm. Sunday, October, 11am – 5pm. Food & Refreshments will be available.

The **Church of the Transfiguration** is having Semi-Annual Sportman's Raffle, Saturday, October 28, 2017 at 6:00PM. Doors Open At 6:00PM, Raffle Begins At 6:30PM - ??
Church Hall, 201 Third Street, Conemaugh, PA
Ticket Must Be Presented for Admission
Ruger Model SR9RC Stainless 9MM Luger w/2Mags
Small Games of Chance #17-238
Donation \$10.00

Plan to join **Holy Family Parish** at 509 Caldwell Ave., Portage for a night of **Bingo**, Sunday, October 29th in the Parish Hall. Admission is \$20 per person. Extra specials and cards will be available. Doors open at 5pm. Early bird games will begin promptly at 5:30pm and the regular games will begin at 6:15pm. Food and refreshments will be available.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Presents Black Tie Bingo, Thursday, November 9th, Ace's, 316 Chestnut Street, Johnstown, PA, 15906. All proceeds will support the Martha and Mary House Emergency Shelter Program, who have lifted more than 200 Cambria County residents out of homelessness, setting them on a path to steady employment, permanent housing and a brighter future. What to wear: We know it says Black tie, but this is a fun night to raise money for an incredible program and resource so let's loosen up and be creative. Wear black tie in any fashion you'd like. Traditional ties, black ribbon bracelets or hair ties, black bows on dresses and shirts. If it ties and it's black you're all set. Ticket pricing: \$30 for an individual; \$50 for a couple. Admission includes appetizers, soft drinks and one bingo card per person, per game in your party. Additional bingo cards for each game will be available for purchase at the event. Cash Bar. To RSVP, please contact by email jharshberger@dioceseaj.org or call (814)944-9388.

Resurrection Parish Ladies Auxiliary will be sponsoring a **Basket Party** on Sunday, November 12, 2017. Location: Christ the Savior Reception Hall, 207 Garfield Street, Johnstown, PA 15906. Doors open at 12:30pm. Cost \$10 which includes lunch, 25 chances and eligibility for door prizes. For tickets call the Resurrection Parish Office at 539-5788, Ext. #3 and ask for Joann.

In the Footsteps of Jesus – A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, with Msgr. Michael Becker as chaplain, is being planned for May 16 – 26, 2018. Visit those places which are most sacred to all Christians: Bethlehem, Nazareth, Cana, the Sea of Galilee, Mt. Tabor, the Garden of Olives, Jerusalem and Calvary. The trip includes all travel and hotel accommodations, daily breakfast and most dinners, private coach, and daily Mass at each site. The total cost of this pilgrimage is \$3,850 per person. A special informational meeting will be held at St. Michael Church Hall in St. Michael, PA, on Monday, November 6th at 7:00 PM. All are most welcome! Join with parishioners from around the diocese in this life-changing journey! For further information, contact Msgr. Becker at mbecker253@aol.com, or call 942-5503.

ATTENTION: DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP MEMBERS: We are considering adding a 3PM get together in addition to our well attended 7PM time. Please call with feedback to Cathy @ 288-1126 or Lolly @ 659-8717

COLLECTION: October 15, 2017

Collection – cash	\$895.75
Collection – envelope	\$3,426.55
Disaster Relief	\$33.00
Flush Fund	\$377.25
Maintenance	\$61.00
Catholic Register	\$15.00
Rosary/Altar	\$9.00
Mission Sunday	\$5.00
All Saints	\$5.00
All Souls	\$25.00

Total \$4852.55

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Liturgical Reflection... With the Order of Celebrating Matrimony without Mass, the rite consists of the Liturgy of the Word and the Celebration of Matrimony there is no penitential rite or Glory to God. The regular scripture readings offered for the celebration of Matrimony are selected. There is always a homily. Following the Universal Prayer, the concluding prayer is the Lord's Prayer. Omitting the "Deliver us ", the Nuptial Blessing is prayed over the newly married couple. When two Catholics are married, there may be Communion outside Mass. Also, the local customs of placing a flower before the image of the Blessed Mother, giving flowers to the mothers of the bride and groom, and introducing the newly married couple may take place.

Families and the Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

Jesus sounds like a frustrated parent when he says "Why are you testing me?" Children test parents because that is how they learn limits. Imitate Jesus in today's gospel: be firm but fair.

The **Shroud of Turin** Talk will be held once again at **St. Benedict Parish**, 2310 Bedford Street, on Sunday, Oct 29th at 3pm. You are invited to hear the talks and see the full size replica of the Shroud of Turin.

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**Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers,
CCA GiftCards and Audio Operators, Oct 28 – Nov 1**

Saturday, October 28, 5:00 PM

Reader: Dixie Lochrie, Patricia Loughlin
Eucharistic Minister: Elizabeth Gramlich, Russ Gramlich,
Betty King, Elizabeth King, Elizabeth Rhoades
Server: Jason Harris, Thomas Meagher
Audio Operator: Michael Stoskey

Sunday, October 29, 8:00 AM

Reader: Carrie Weaver, David Weaver
Eucharistic Minister: Carmen Grasso, Irene Ott, Rich Ott,
Pam Sabol, Diane Thomas
Server: Keara Brandon, Sam Grasso
Gift Card: Lisa Leckey
Audio Operator: Need a volunteer

Sunday, October 29, 11:00 AM

Reader: Rachel Hall, Heather Jezeskie
Eucharistic Minister: Esperanza Bair, Jodie Hall,
Gene Podratsky, Russ Smith, David Wilson
Server: Damien Bair, Ronnie Jezeskie
Gift Card: Brian King
Audio Operator: Ron Jezeskie

Sunday, October 29, 5:00 PM

Reader: Christine Brothers, Vi Najjar
Eucharistic Minister: Charlotte Amenti, Louise Aust,
Pat Roth, James Sandoval, Justin Zierer
Server: Eli Updyke, Mattie Updyke
Audio Operator: Matthew Updyke

Tuesday, October 31, 6:00 PM

Reader: Dixie Lochrie, need one volunteer
Need volunteers for Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, and Audio

Wednesday, November 1, 7:00 AM

Reader: Dave Harteis, need one volunteer
Eucharistic Minister: Carmen Grasso, Sam Grasso, Betty King,
Elizabeth King, Gene Podratsky
Server: John Werzyn, need one volunteer
Audio Operator: need one volunteer

Wednesday, November 1, 12:05 PM

Reader: Mary Jane Verbiar, David Wilson
Eucharistic Minister: Elizabeth Gramlich, Irene Ott, Rich Ott,
Valerie Wilson, need one volunteer
Server: Vi Najjar, need one volunteer
Audio Operator: need a volunteer

Wednesday, November 1, 6:00 PM

Need volunteers for all ministries

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