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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 have chosen you from the world, says the Lord,  
to go and bear fruit that will remain.



## Sunday, October 8, - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Isaiah 5:1-7 / Philippians 4:6-9 / Matthew 21:33-43

8:00 am: Peter Yanko (Dick & Janet Grady)

11:00 am: Bernadine Brady, 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Jack Brady & Family)

5:00 pm: George Najjar (Wife, Children & Grandchildren)

## Monday, October 9, - Weekday, Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs;

Saint John Leonardi, Priest

Readings: Jonah 1:1-2:2 / Luke 10:25-37

7:00 am: Saint Anne Society

12:05 pm: Henry R. Murillo, Birthday Remembrance (John & Cha Cha Bair)

## Tuesday, October 10, - Weekday

Readings: Jonah 3:1-10 / Luke 10:38-42

7:00 am: Victor C. Heptner (Lida Prestipino)

12:05 pm: Jack Brady (John & Sally Hudak)

## Wednesday, October 11, - Weekday, Saint John XXIII, Pope

Readings: Jonah 4:1-11 / Luke 11:1-4

7:00 am: Rick Hanson (Veronica Varga)

12:05 pm: Veronica Burgo (Loving Daughter)

## Thursday, October 12, - Weekday

Readings: Malachi 3:13-20 / Luke 11:5-13

7:00 am: Leo & Gloria McGuirk (Diane Niebauer)

12:05 pm: Rosemary Marak (Helen Machowski & Barry)

## Friday, October 13, - Weekday

Readings: Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2 / Luke 11:15-26

7:00 am: Robert Crookston (Eva & Jim Seftic)

12:05 pm: Mary Lou Uncapher (Niece)

## Saturday, October 14, - Weekday, Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr; BVM

Readings: Joel 4:12-21 / Luke 11:27-28

8:00 am: Don Behe (Mr. & Mrs. David Terchanik)

5:00 pm: Betty Weaver, 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration (John & Cha Cha Bair)

## Sunday, October 15, - Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Isaiah 25:6-10 / Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 / Matthew 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

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

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

5:00 pm: John "Butch" McInchok (Joanne & Andy Regam)

From Father Crookston . . .

**How to Build a Culture of Life** Watching the news and reading the headlines, we may feel helpless seeing the heartbreaking lack of respect for human life. How do we respond when our efforts seem small in the face of the culture of death? To understand more fully how to defend and protect human life, we must first consider who we are, at the deepest level. God creates us in his image and likeness, which means we are made to be in loving relationship with him. The essence of our identity and worth, the source of our dignity, is that we are loved by God: "We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures; we are the sum of the Father's love for us and our real capacity to become the image of his Son." We are called to divine intimacy, true communion with God, and we can grow in this closeness with him through daily prayer, reading the Scriptures, and frequent participation in the sacraments, especially Confession and the Eucharist.

The knowledge and realization of how deeply we are loved by God elicits a response of love that simultaneously draws us closer to God and, at the same time, impels us to share his love with others. Embracing a relationship with God, means following in his footsteps wherever he may call. Just as Jesus invited St. Peter and St. Andrew to become his disciples, he invites us to do the same: "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19). Being a disciple of Jesus naturally includes sharing the Gospel with others and inviting them into a deeper relationship with God. As Christians, our identity and our mission are two sides of the same coin; like the apostles, we are called to be missionary disciples.

This doesn't necessarily mean quitting our jobs or moving to foreign countries. For most of us, our mission field is daily life: "Christ teaches us how to evangelize, how to invite people into communion with him, and how to create a culture of witness: namely, through love. A Christian life lived with charity and faith is the most effective form of evangelization." The first step towards living this life is allowing Jesus to meet and transform us daily. If we respond to his grace, our lives will show we have something beyond what the world offers: we follow a person whose love changes our lives, so we want others to also experience his transforming love. When we live in union with God, open to his prompting, we're more able to see the opportunities for witness and his guidance in responding to these opportunities. We may fear doing the wrong thing or saying the wrong thing, but we do not need to be afraid. Jesus promised his disciples, "I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).

As a society and as individuals, we often measure ourselves by false standards: by what and how much we do, our successes or failures, how others treat us, the degree of our pleasure or independence, etc. And when these changeable substitutes prove to be insufficient, or when we are faced with challenges and suffering, we may feel helpless, alone, or abandoned; we may be tempted to feel as though our lives have decreased value or worth. But God's love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather whose we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives.

When someone is facing great trials, we need to meet them where they are, walk with them on their journey, intercede for them, and be open to sharing Christ's love however he directs. When a woman becomes pregnant, and her boyfriend threatens to leave if she continues the pregnancy, we need to lovingly walk with her. When family members or friends become seriously ill, we need to assure them that God still offers them something in this life, and they still have purpose. We need to consistently be with them every step of the way. Sometimes our actions speak for themselves; other times, words are needed. Whatever the situation, Jesus knows how to speak to each person's heart; we simply need to follow where he leads. This is how we answer our missionary call. This is how we build a culture of life, a culture that joyfully proclaims the truth of God's love, purpose, and plan for each person. Changing the culture is a process of conversion that begins in our own hearts and includes a willingness to be instructed and a desire to be close to Jesus—the source of joy and love. When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them. Let us go, therefore, and not be afraid. God is always with us. (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

## FROM OUR PARISH

**Religious Education Rosary:** The faculty and students of our Religious Education Program will pray an outdoor rosary **this Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>** in the parking lot of St. Clare of Assisi Church. Faculty and students will form the rosary along with any parishioners from both St. Clare and St. John Gualbert parishes. This is a wonderful way to honor our Blessed Mother during the month of October. Please come and join this special praying of the rosary.

**Notice from the Cemetery Office:** Owners of plots in either the St. Joseph or St. John Gualbert Cathedral Cemeteries are asked to remove any and all decorations and floral arrangements by Sunday, October 15, 2017. This will aid the cemetery caretaker in preparing the cemeteries for the winter season. Thank you for your cooperation

**Parish Roast Beef Dinner** this Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, from 11am to 2pm. Cost: Adults: \$10.50; Children (5-10): \$6.00; Children (under 5): free. Hope to see you there!

## FROM OTHER PARISHES & THE COMMUNITY

**The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto,** invite you to participate with them in **celebrating the Fatima Devotions** on Friday, October 13th, at 6:30 P.M. at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel. The singing will be led by the choir from St. John the Evangelist of Altoona and the sermon will be delivered by Bishop Mark Bartchak. We would like to extend a cordial welcome to all.

**St. Clement Church will hold its 2nd Annual Mass for Healthcare Workers** on Saturday, October 14th at 4:00 PM. All healthcare workers in attendance will receive a special Blessing of the Hands, and the St. Clement Choir will be present to lead the congregation in music chosen especially for this Liturgy. All are welcome!

**Arts & Crafts and Pie Sale** – The Altar Rosary Society of **Saint Benedict Church, Carrolltown,** is sponsoring a fall arts and crafts show and pie sale. This event will be held in the Church hall on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, from 9am – 2 pm. Over six hundred homemade pies and apple dumplings will be available for the sale, as well as tables displaying beautiful, hand-crafted items.. A snack bar will be available. Everyone is welcome.

**Basket Party @ Ace's** on Chestnut St., Sunday Oct. 15 @ 11. Drawing at 1 pm. \$10 includes 25 basket chances and spaghetti dinner, **Proceeds benefit Birthright's pro life work.** Please call Mary Kay @ 535-8231 for tickets. Thank you!

**Queen of Angels Parish in Central City** will be hosting an **All You Can Eat Breakfast** on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 9am until noon at their St. John Site (162 Wheeler Street). The breakfast includes scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, sausage gravy, and biscuits, pancakes, French toast, donuts, toast, juice and coffee. The price is \$8.00 for Adults, \$4.00 for children ages 8 to 4, children under 4 are free. All are welcome – bring your appetite. Proceeds go to benefit the Rome trip and other activities for parish religious education students.

**Queen of the Angels Parish in Central City** will be hosting a **Cash Bash** to benefit their parishioner Izzy Bihun on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> in their activity center (738 Sunshine Avenue, Central City). Izzy is a seven year old girl who was recently diagnosed with a rare and very serious form of cancer. Tickets are \$25.00 each and include food and drink. Doors open at 4:00pm, dinner at 5:00pm, and the drawings begin at 6:00pm. If you are interested please phone the rectory at 754-5224.

The **Church of the Transfiguration** will be having a **Spaghetti Drive-By Dinner** on Sunday, October 22, 2017 from 11:00AM to 1:30PM at the School Hall, 201 Third St. Conemaugh. The meal includes: Spaghetti & Meatballs, Tossed Salad, and Dinner Roll & Dessert

**Our Lady of Fatima Public Outdoor Rosary for Peace & Preparation** - America Needs Fatima Rosary for Peace 100th Year Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Saturday, October 14th – Noon, St. Clement Church Parking Lot Goucher Street, Upper Yoder Bring a friend and a chair, Brief program. Rain or shine. We ask Our Blessed Mother to intercede for us as we pray for peace in our families, country and world.

**OKTOBERFEST** – St. Therese Church, 536 Decker Avenue will host its Annual Oktoberfest on Saturday, Oct 14th from 4:00 – 8:30PM and Sunday, Oct 15th from 11:00AM – 4:30PM. Join us for delicious Ethnic food including KOLBASSI, HALUSKI, GERMAN POTATO SALAD, PIGS, PIROGHI, LAMB APPLE STRUDEL, APPLE DUMPLINGS, HOME MADE PIES, BEVERAGES and MUCH MORE! Saturday there will be a Large Wheel Raffle (5:30-8PM), instant bingo, 50/50, theme basket raffle. Music by the Rhythm Masters on Sunday from 1-4, and from 2-2:30PM a performance by Jacqueline's Dance Studio. Drawing for the Basket raffle will be at 4PM Sunday. Everyone is welcome!! Hope to see you there!!!

**Basket Party, St. Patrick's Church,** 625 Park Ave., Johnstown to be held Sunday, Oct. 22, from 1 – 4 pm. Doors open at noon. Themed Baskets, vendor sales, lottery tickets, 50/50, door prizes and our delicious luncheon. Tickets: \$8 – includes 25 chances. For more information call (814)539-2186.

**COLLECTION: October 1, 2017**

Collection – cash	\$983.70
Collection – envelope	\$5,077.77
Disaster Relief	\$1,826.50
Flush Fund	\$50.00
Maintenance	\$480.00
Catholic Register	\$89.00
Holy Cross	\$150.00
Rosary/Altar	\$98.00
Retired Priest's Medical - envelopes	\$228.00
Mission Sunday	\$25.00

Total \$9,007.97

Thank you for your Stewardship

Have consumerism and materialism stolen your claim to the vineyard that is the Kingdom of God here on earth? Jesus calls each of us to share fruit, our God-given talents, with others.

**Liturgical Reflection...** Following the Prayer after Communion, the bride may wish to take a flower before the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a popular local custom in the Diocese. Assisted by her husband, the bride goes before the image of Our Lady and prays for Mary's aid in her new marriage. As Mary was the mother of God and Saint Joseph was the spouse of the Virgin Mary, this new bride prays to be a holy wife and that God bless her marriage with children so she may love them deeply as Mary loved her family. Following the placement of the flower before the image of God's mother, the bride and groom may give flowers to their mothers.

**Families and the Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43**  
Children will reject many parental values as they grow up and develop their own identity. Like the landowner in today's gospel, parents may feel disappointed or rejected after investing so much of themselves. Today Jesus advises parents to make rejection "the cornerstone" of a new and richer relationship with your developing children.

**Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers,  
CCA Gift Cards and Audio Operators, Oct 14-15**

**Saturday, October 14, 5:00 PM**

**Reader:** Dixie Lochrie, Beth Stem

**Eucharistic Minister:** Elizabeth Gramlich, Russ Gramlich,  
Elizabeth King, Betty King,  
Amy Oliveros

**Server:** Keara Brandon, Jason Harris

**Audio Operator:** Michael Stoskey

**Sunday, October 15, 8:00 AM**

**Reader:** Carrie Weaver, David Weaver

**Eucharistic Minister:** Anthony Kamnikar,  
Susan Kamnikar, Pam Sabol, Gloria Stephens,  
Diane Thomas

**Server:** Rich Ott, Irene Ott

**Gift Card:** James Gustkey

**Audio Operator:** Richard Yeager

**Sunday, October 15, 11:00 AM**

**Reader:** Christine Brothers, Lonnie Rietscha

**Eucharistic Minister:** Esperanza Bair, Jodie Hall,  
James Hollis, Gene Podratsky, need a volunteer

**Server:** Rachel Hall, Hannah Rietscha

**Gift Card:** Lonnie Rietscha

**Audio Operator:** Russ Smith

**Sunday, October 15, 5:00 PM**

**Reader:** Charlotte Amenti, Vi Najjar,

**Eucharistic Minister:** Louise Aust,  
Patricia Loughlin, Pat Roth, James Sandoval,  
Justin Zierer

**Server:** Mattie Updyke, Eli Updyke

**Audio Operator:** Matthew Updyke

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