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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 Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring glad tidings to the poor.



## Sunday, December 17, - Third Sunday of Advent

Readings: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11 / 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 / John 1:6-8, 19-28

8:00 am: Judy O'Donnell (Fred & Barb Oliveros)

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

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

## Monday, December 18, - Late Advent Weekday

Readings: Jeremiah 23:5-8 / Matthew 1:18-25

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

12:05 pm: Catherine Knapp (Gene & Irene Ritter)

## Tuesday, December 19, - Late Advent Weekday

Readings: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25 / Luke 1:5-25

7:00 am: Anna Mauthe (Grandson, Charles E. Huffman & Family)

12:05 pm: Leo W. Klug, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary (Kevin Klug)

## Wednesday, December 20, - Late Advent Weekday

Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14 / Luke 1:26-38

7:00 am: Jerry Werner, Anniversary (Family)

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

## Thursday, December 21, - Late Advent Weekday, Saint Peter Canisius,

**Priest and Doctor of the Church**

Readings: Song of Solomon 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18 / Luke 1:39-45

7:00 am: Edward Herdman, Sr., Birthday Remembrance 12-19 (Family)

12:05 pm: James Gerber, Anniversary (Wife, Dorothy)

## Friday, December 22, - Late Advent Weekday

Readings: 1 Samuel 1:24-28 / Luke 1:46-56

7:00 am: Saint Anne Society

12:05 pm: Robert Eisenhuth, 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Wife, Virginia)

## Saturday, December 23, - Late Advent Weekday, Saint John Kanty, Priest

Readings: Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24 / Luke 1:57-66

8:00 am: Joseph & Ronnie Kmetz (Kay Kmetz)

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

## Sunday, December 24, - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16 / Romans 16:25-27 / Luke 1:26-38

8:00 am: Todd Mabon (Anthony & Marion Oravec)

11:00 am: Nicholas Marovic (David & Sheila Marovich)

5:00 pm: Christine Barber (Family)

Midnight: Peter Clark (Wife, Dorothy)

From Father Crookston . . .

**Advent: 'Tis the Season for Reconciliation** Four opportunities remain for your celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the Birth of Our Lord. These are: St. Benedict, Geistown – Sunday, December 17, 5:00 PM; Visitation, Eighth Ward – Monday, December 18, 5:30 PM; St. Francis of Assisi, Morrellville – Monday, December 18, 6:30 PM; and Our Mother of Sorrows, Westmont – Tuesday, December 19, 6:30 PM.

**First Reconciliation** Visitors, parishioners and priests joined the following young people who joyously celebrated God's merciful forgiveness and love: Khloe Babyak, Bella Dixon, Jayvon Favor, Ella Gustkey, and Lariah Myers.

**Confirmation Commitment** Last weekend, Nolan Mock, our candidate for confirmation in 2019 and his sponsor, family, and parishioners gathered at Sunday's 11:00 Mass to celebrate the Rite of Commitment. He seeks to complete his Christian initiation in response to the call of Christ he first received at Baptism. Continue to pray for Nolan as the Holy Spirit helps him more fully embrace discipleship with our Lord.

**Rectory Housecleaner** Marylee Gelles, ever energetic and cheery, retires at the end of this month after decades of sterling service both at St. Joseph and our Cathedral. We are seeking her successor in the rectory portion of her responsibilities. Laundry and cleaning of priests' house are the main duties. The position is part-time and the work hours can be mutually arranged. Interested persons and parishioners, who want to recommend candidates for rectory housecleaner, should contact Denny Heptner, our cathedral business manager (536-0117).

**Families, Please Select One Calendar** We thank our funeral directors for sponsoring the religious calendars. Tom Dixon provides the Family Life Office's Family Calendar 2018. The calendar's suggestions of daily family activities enhance the months and liturgical seasons of the New Year. Give your imagination free range to savor each day and record events that your family may revisit in the years to come. Frank Duca furnishes the religious art calendars for 2018. Select one of these sacred almanacs to grace your home throughout the year.

**Blessing of the Crèche and the Placing of the Christ Child upon Blest Straw** The household gathers near the manger scene. Candles may be lit, and flowers placed nearby. A family member prays the blessing:

Bless us, Lord, as we come to Bethlehem  
 where animals and angels, shepherds and seekers together  
 behold your face.  
 Here snow becomes straw and frost becomes flowers  
 as winter melts into everlasting spring.  
 In our holy Christmas give us the riches of your poverty.  
 Show us the wonder of simplicity  
 as we join the angels in proclaiming your praise:  
 Glory in heaven and peace on earth, now and forever. Amen.

The figure of the Christ child is now placed upon some of the blest straw in the manger, and all sing "Joy to the World," "Silent Night" or any favorite carol.

## FROM OUR PARISH

**Angel Tree Ornaments** - All Angel Tree Ornaments have been distributed. However Our Christian Life and Service Committee sponsors are still accepting cash donations in support of this event. If you wish to make a cash donation please place in an envelope, mark "ANGEL TREE" on the envelope and place it in the collection basket or give to one of our priests. Those of you who already have an ornament are reminded to return your gifts at any Mass this weekend of December 16/17. The committee volunteers thank you in advance for your generous support.

What I Know Now- Letters to my Younger Self, a collection of letters by Ellyn Spragins, will be the next read for the **Saint John Gualbert Book Club**. It asks the question, "If you could send a letter back through time to your younger self, what would the letter say?" It is a moving collection filled with advice and insights from forty-one famous folks to themselves years before. This book is available at our local library. The next meeting will be Monday, January 15, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the Activity Center. Start your year off by reading this book and joining us for fellowship and conversation.

**Offertory Envelopes for 2018** will be available to be picked up in the back of the church at all Masses this weekend.

**Our weekly Bulletins** are available on the Home Page of our website at [www.stjohngualbert.org](http://www.stjohngualbert.org).

## FROM OTHER PARISHES & THE COMMUNITY

**New Benedictine Oblate Novices** Benedictine Oblate Moderator for the Johnstown Deanery, Deacon Michael Russo welcomes four new Benedictine Oblate Novices to the Benedictine Oblate Community: Lori Little, Jerome Nevling, Lori Nevling, and Jill Van Scoyoc. Their installation is set for the February meeting.

The Johnstown Deanery parishes meet monthly at St. Benedict Church, Johnstown. Beginning in February, the Benedictine Oblates will meet on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 PM. The monthly meeting begins with Evening Prayer in the church followed by the regular meeting in the St. John Paul II Center on the campus of St. Benedict Church. The Oblates are currently discussing the book, "Everyone Needs to Forgive Somebody" by Allen R. Hunt.

All are welcome to attend and learn about Benedictine Spirituality and the role St. Benedict plays in drawing us closer to God. For more information contact Deacon Michael at 288-3036 or [michael.russo@atlanticbb.net](mailto:michael.russo@atlanticbb.net).

### The Friar's Nook Gift Shop – Christmas Happenings

Celebrate the Christmas season by receiving 20% off your entire purchase at The Friar's Nook Gift Shop December 11th-23rd! The Friar's Nook is located across from St. Bernardine Monastery at 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg

### The Friar's Nook Gift Shop – Christmas Happenings

Take the stress out of your Christmas cookie prep work by stopping at The Friar's Nook Gift Shop on Wednesday, December 20th to purchase homemade Christmas cookie trays! There will be a variety of both traditional and ethnic cookies, so stop out early!

### SUMMER PROGRAM FOR CATHOLIC YOUTH:

Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, will host the 8th annual Faith and Reason summer program from Sunday, June 10 to Friday, June 15, 2018. Students age 15 and older are invited to apply for admission to the program which introduces young minds to the rich intellectual tradition of the Roman Catholic faith and is designed to prepare students for college-level education. Housing in a college residence hall and three daily meals in the college dining hall are included in the cost (\$495). Limited scholarship funding is available. Further information is available by contacting Dr. Michael Krom at 724-805-2844 or [michael.krom@stvincent.edu](mailto:michael.krom@stvincent.edu). Students may register online at [www.stvincent.edu/faithandreason](http://www.stvincent.edu/faithandreason)

### Families and the Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Today's gospel reports "there is one among you whom you do not recognize." It is hard to believe Christ is present in a family with crazy schedules, suppers that start too late and end too early, cars that don't start, misunderstandings, frustrations, piles of laundry, unmatched socks and stretched food budgets. The list is endless. The words spoken at mass, "The Lord is with you," are not a hope, they are a fact.

**Liturgical Reflection...** We await the coming of the eternal Word of God. When a believer dies we find consolation in the word of God, the Holy Scriptures. Death may fill the Christian with fears and questions. Scripture firmly grounds us in the faith that death is not the end, that the promise made at baptism assures us that we who have died with Christ in the waters of baptism remain with the Lord into eternal life. The word of God assures us that death, as a result of sin, does not have the power over one claimed for Christ.

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**COLLECTION: December 10, 2017**

Collection – cash	\$928.10
Collection – envelopes	\$4,114.13
Immaculate Conception - cash	\$928.50
Immaculate Conception - envelopes	\$1,006.00
Catholic Charities	\$100.00
Maintenance	\$126.00
Retirement for Religious - envelopes	\$532.00
Retirement for Religious - cash	\$335.56
Christmas	\$140.00
Christmas Flowers	\$596.00
New Year's	\$1.00
All Saints	\$5.00
Food Collection	\$20.00

Total \$8,832.29

Thank you for your Stewardship

**An Advent of Christmas Concert** will be held 7pm, Saturday, December 23 at St John Gualbert Cathedral, 117 Clinton Street, Johnstown.

The program will feature the Greater Johnstown Diocesan Festival Choir and Youth Chorale under the direction of Cathedral Music Director, Evonne Yanzetich-Homway. The choral groups will be accompanied by the Hilltop Chamber Music Ensemble. Admission is free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be taken.

**Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, CCA Gift Cards and Audio Operators, Dec 23-25****Saturday, December 23, 5:00 PM**

Reader: Christine Brothers, Beth Stem

Eucharistic Minister: Elizabeth Gramlich, Russ Gramlich, Patricia Loughlin, Elizabeth Rhoades, Terry Rhoades

Server: Jason Harris, Thomas Meagher

Audio Operator: Michael Stoskey

**Sunday, December 24, 8:00 AM**

Reader: Heather Jezeskie, Rich Ott

Eucharistic Minister: Carmen Grasso, Sam Grasso, Irene Ott, Rose Ann Schellhammer, need a volunteer

Server: Carlie Jezeskie, Ron Jezeskie

Gift Card: Lisa Leckey

Audio Operator: Ronnie Jezeskie

**Sunday, December 24, 11:00 AM**

Reader: Rachel Hall, Mary Jane Verbiar

Eucharistic Minister: Esperanza Bair, Jodie Hall, James Hollis, Gene Podratsky, David Wilson

Server: Zachary King, John Werzyn

Gift Card: Brian King

Audio Operator: Ray Ritter

**Need Volunteers for all Ministries for the following Masses:****Sunday, December 24, 5:00 PM****Monday, December 25, 12:00 AM****Monday, December 25, 8:00 AM****Monday, December 25, 11:00 AM***LAW OFFICES OF***DAVID J. WEAVER, ESQUIRE***515 Main Street**Johnstown, Pennsylvania 15901**Telephone (814) 535-5571**Email: dweaver@djweaverlaw.com***Frank Duca Funeral Home, Inc.**

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