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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

Show us Lord, your love;
and grant us your salvation.



Sunday, December 3, - First Sunday of Advent

Readings: Isaiah 63:16-17, 19; 64:2-7 / 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 / Mark 13:33-37

8:00 am: Jack Brady (Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Thomas)

11:00 am: For the Intentions of the People of the Parish

5:00 pm: Eileen Wehner (Ardy Hasse)

Monday, December 4, - Advent Weekday, Saint John Damascene,

Priest and Doctor of the Church

Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5 / Matthew 8:5-11

7:00 am: Saint Anne Society

12:05 pm: Rosemary Marak (John Kowal)

Tuesday, December 5, - Advent Weekday

Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10 / Luke 10:21-24

7:00 am: Mary C. Weinzierl (Jim Werner)

12:05 pm: John & Ann Harris (Grandson, Michael)

Wednesday, December 6, - Advent Weekday, Saint Nicholas, Bishop

Readings: Isaiah 25:6-10 / Matthew 15:29-37

7:00 am: Loretta Klug (Mary Rita & Rose Ann Eckenrod)

12:05 pm: Mary C. O'Donnell (Ed O'Donnell & Family)

Thursday, December 7, - Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Readings: Isaiah 26:1-6 / Matthew 7:21, 24-27

7:00 am: Rita Murillo (John & Cha Cha Bair)

12:05 pm: George Najjar (Wife, Children, & Grandchildren)

6:00 pm: Anna Kegg (Friends at Connor Towers)

Friday, December 8, - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings: Genesis 3:9-15, 20 / Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12 / Luke 1:26-38

7:00 am: Mary Ellen (Bender) George (Deborah A. Gregg)

12:05 pm: Krall & Leech Families (Frank Krall)

6:00 pm: Mary E. Heptner (Denny & Pat Heptner)

Saturday, December 9, - Advent Weekday, Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

Readings: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26 / Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5, 6-8

8:00 am: Robert Crookston (Colleen Brady)

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

Sunday, December 10, - Second Sunday of Advent

Readings: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 / 2 Peter 3:8-14 / Mark 1:1-8

8:00 am: Victor C. Heptner (Dick & Janet Grady)

11:00 am: John Bair & Aurora Gilmour, Birthday Celebrations (Cha Cha)

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

From Father Crookston . . .

Holy Day of Mass Obligation The Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary had its origin in the Byzantine Church as the "Conception of Mary by Saint Anne." It spread through the Europe during the Middle Ages as the "Immaculate Conception" and was extended to the entire Western Church in the eighteenth century. The feast celebrates Mary, preserved from sin from the moment of conception. She is the first fruits of her Son's redemption and a prophetic model of what God calls his people to be.

This year the observance of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception retains its obligation of participation in the celebration of the Eucharist. Masses celebrating of Mary's selection to be our advocate with God and our pattern of holiness are: Thursday evening, December 7, at 6:00 PM, Friday, December 8, at 7:00 AM, 12:05 PM and, 6:00 PM.

Advent: 'Tis the Season for Reconciliation Our parish reconciliation service is Sunday, December 10, 1:30 PM. First Reconciliation for our second graders and their families will be part of part of this parish service. Several priests will be available for the hearing of confessions.

At least six additional opportunities exist for your celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the Birth of Our Lord. These are: Transfiguration, East Conemaugh – Tuesday, December 12, 6:30 PM; St. Clement, Upper Yoder – Wednesday, December 13, 7:00 PM; St. Patrick, Moxham – Thursday, December 14, 7:00 PM; 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.

End-of-the-Year Charitable Giving — Benefit our parish and satisfy your tax obligations.

In a year when the investment markets have helped to grow investment portfolios, please consider the benefits of charitable giving to Saint John Gualbert Cathedral. Here are two ways to satisfy tax obligations and help our Cathedral Parish:

1. Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA:

If you are over age 70½, you may transfer, tax-free, up to \$100,000 from your IRAs to Saint John Gualbert Cathedral. The gift can satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) each year, but does not count as income to you! This tax-free transfer can be a great way to make a gift to Saint John Gualbert Cathedral, and enjoy the tax benefits. When the transfer is processed directly to Saint John Gualbert Cathedral, you do not pay taxes on the distribution. The requirements are relatively simple. The charitable distribution must be:

- A distribution from a traditional IRA
- Paid directly from the IRA trustee/custodian to Saint John Gualbert Cathedral- Contact your IRA Trustee or Custodian for paperwork to process this distribution directly to Saint John Gualbert Cathedral
- The IRA owner must be age 70½ or older
- Must be completed now to qualify for 2017 tax benefits for the donor
- If you have already taken your RMD for this year, keep this gifting strategy in mind for next year!

2. Donation of Appreciated Stock or Mutual Funds:

If you have shares of stock or mutual funds that have grown in value over the years, or low basis stock, consider gifting the shares to Saint John Gualbert Cathedral, rather than giving cash. At the time of the donation, you get a tax deduction equal to the fair market value of the stock and avoid paying the capital gains on the shares donated.

To get the process started, please contact Pam Seasoltz, Director of Stewardship and Development, at 814.695.5577 or pseasoltz@dioceseaj.org. Remember: Plan early to process your donation to receive your tax deduction in 2017!

FROM OUR PARISH

Take an Angel Home with You - Angel Tree Ornaments will be available at all Masses This weekend Dec. 2/3 and next Dec. 9/10. The tag that you take with you contains needed items and optional further suggestions for a child's gift and instructions for using the tag. The needed item(s) are required. You may add the suggested items. Please purchase and wrap gift. Be sure to attach the Tag to your gift bundle. The tag is the way we will match your gift bundle with intended child recipient. Return your gifts at any Mass the weekend of December 16/17.

Our Christian Life and service Committee sponsors this event and invites your participation. Please take time to make this Christmas special for a deserving child. The committee volunteers thank you in advance for your generous support. Look for them "hanging out with the angels" at the entrances to our cathedral.

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.

FROM OTHER PARISHES & THE COMMUNITY

The Church of the Transfiguration will be having a **Fish Fry Dinner** on Friday, December 8, 2017 from 3:30PM to 6:30PM at the Church Hall, 201 Third St. Conemaugh, PA. Come join us for a nice meal! Take-outs are available by calling the Church Hall at 535-2698.

Advent of Christmas Concert

The Greater Johnstown Diocesan Festival Choir and Cathedral Catholic Academy Chorale will present an Advent of Christmas Concert on Saturday, December 23, at 7:00 p.m., at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral, 117 Clinton Street, Johnstown. The choirs, under the direction of Cathedral Music Director, Evonne Yanzetich-Homway, will perform a wide array of music including works by Lauridsen, Rutter, and Handel. The choral groups will be accompanied by Hilltop Brass and Vivace Strings. Admission is free and open to the public.



Families and the Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Today's gospel tells us to "Be watchful." This comes natural to families. Parents are watchful of their children's health, grades, and friends. Children are watchful of parental moods. Today's Gospel encourages us to use this ability to see God acting in the innocence, tenderness, love and forgiveness of your family. "Be watchful," the Lord is already with you.

Liturgical Reflection... Throughout this year of Grace 2018 the weekly liturgical inserts will look at the Church's rites at death and review the church's teachings on the proper placement of cremated remains of the deceased. Hopefully, these reflections will give us a clear understanding of the Church's practice at the time of death. Christians celebrate the funeral rites to offer worship, praise, and thanksgiving to God for the gift of life which has now been returned to God, the author of life and the hope of the just.

Order of Christian Funerals, 1998/1989. General Introduction, number 5.

Liturgical Reflection... This Friday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation as we celebrate with the Patroness of the United States. This feast commemorates that she who was to bear the Incarnate Word of God was immaculate herself from the first moment of her conception. America turns to Our Lady under the title of the Immaculate Conception asking her intercession to watch over us and guide us along the path of justice and peace. Check the times for Mass this Friday.

Advent Reflections

Fire of Advent

by Edward Hayes

"Advent, like its cousin Lent, is a season for prayer and reformation of our hearts. Since it comes at winter time, fire is a fitting sign to help us celebrate Advent...If Christ is to come more fully into our lives this Christmas, if God is to become really incarnate for us, then fire will have to be present in our prayer. Our worship and devotion will have to stoke the kind of fire in our souls that can truly change our hearts. Ours is a great responsibility not to waste this advent time."

Family Ritual

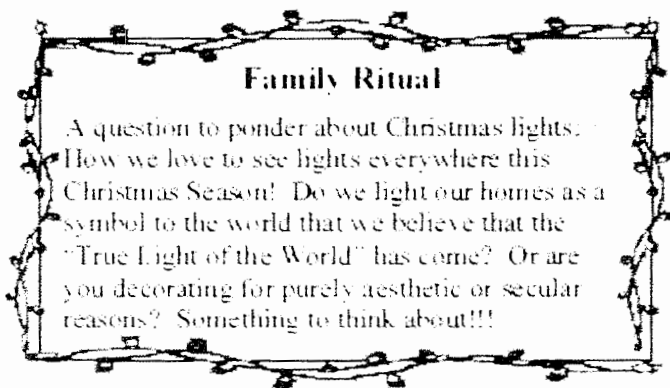
Each night before bedtime, light a candle, then turn out the light. Pray that Jesus' love and mercy will come into our world. Then ask: How did you bring Jesus' love to someone today? How did you feel Jesus loving you today? Blow out the candle and reflect in silence.

COLLECTION: November 26, 2017

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| Collection – cash | \$1,245.25 |
| Collection – envelope | \$3,567.38 |
| Flush Fund | \$589.79 |
| Catholic Charities | \$215.00 |
| Maintenance | \$45.00 |
| Thanksgiving | \$65.00 |
| Christmas | \$55.00 |
| Christmas Flowers | \$50.00 |
| All Saints | \$5.00 |
| Immaculate Conception | \$5.00 |
| Disaster Relief | \$1.00 |

Total \$5,843.42

Thank you for your Stewardship



Family Ritual

A question to ponder about Christmas lights: How we love to see lights everywhere this Christmas Season! Do we light our homes as a symbol to the world that we believe that the "True Light of the World" has come? Or are you decorating for purely aesthetic or secular reasons? Something to think about!!!

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Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, CCA Gift Cards and Audio Operators, Dec 9-10

Saturday, December 9, 5:00 PM

Reader: Dixie Lochrie, need a volunteer
Eucharistic Minister: Elizabeth Gramlich, Russ Gramlich, Patricia Loughlin, Elizabeth Rhoades, Terry Rhoades
Server: Keara Brandon, Jason Harris
Audio Operator: Michael Stoskey

Sunday, December 10, 8:00 AM

Reader: Irene Ott, Rich Ott
Eucharistic Minister: Carmen Grasso, Sam Grasso, Pam Sabol, Rose Ann Schellhammer, Valerie Wilson
Server: Carlie Jezeskie, Ronnie Jezeskie
Gift Card: James Gustkey
Audio Operator: Patrick McClain

Sunday, December 10, 11:00 AM

Reader: Christine Brothers, Beth Stem
Eucharistic Minister: Esperanza Bair, Jodie Hall, James Hollis, Lonnie Rietscha, David Wilson
Server: Rachel Hall, Hannah Rietscha
Gift Card: Brian King
Audio Operator: Jim Horner

Sunday, December 10, 1:00 PM Advent Reconciliation

Reader: need one volunteer
Server: need two volunteers
Audio Operator: need one volunteer

Sunday, December 10, 5:00 PM

Reader: Charlotte Amenti, Michael Stuck
Eucharistic Minister: Louise Aust, Vi Najjar, Pat Roth, Justin Zierer, need one volunteer
Server: Eli Updyke, Mattie Updyke
Audio Operator: Monica Updyke

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