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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

We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage.



Sunday, January 7, - The Epiphany of the Lord

Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6 / Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 / Matthew 2:1-12

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

11:00 am: John W. Sweeney, Sr., Birthday Remembrance

(Wife, Children & Families)

5:00 pm: Jack Brady (Butch Huffman, Jackie & Gary Horvath)

Monday, January 8, - The Baptism of the Lord

Readings: Isaiah 55:1-11 or 1 John 5:1-9 / Mark 1:7-11

7:00 am: Doreen Fisher, Birthday Remembrance Jan 7th (Husband, Bill)

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

Tuesday, January 9, - Weekday

Readings: 1 Samuel 1:9-20 / Mark 1:21-28

7:00 am: Saint Anne Society

12:05 pm: Leo W. Klug, Jr. (Leo W. Klug, Jr. Estate)

Wednesday, January 10, - Weekday

Readings: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20 / Mark 1:29-39

7:00 am: William Antesberger, Sr., Birthday Remembrance (Family)

12:05 pm: Joseph A. Carona (Andy & Kathy Solomon)

Thursday, January 11, - Weekday

Readings: 1 Samuel 4:1-11 / Mark 1:40-45

7:00 am: Chuck & Dorothy Ellis (David Ellis, Carol & Paul Harnish)

12:05 pm: Walter Wegrzyn (Son, John)

Friday, January 12, - Weekday

Readings: 1 Samuel 8:4-7 / Mark 2:1-12

7:00 am: Dorothy Getz (Barbara Deitz)

12:05 pm: Michelle (Burnheimer) Harkcom, Birthday Remembrance (Mom & Dad)

Saturday, January 13, - Weekday, Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; BVM

Readings: 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 / Mark 2:13-17

8:00 am: Victor C. Heptner, Birthday Remembrance (Karen & Tim Heptner)

5:00 pm: Theresa (Oblinsky) Manculich (Christine & Michael Brothers)

Sunday, January 14, - The Epiphany of the Lord

Readings: 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19 / 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20 / John 1:35-42

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: Vince O'Donnell (Ron & Carole Vogel)

From Father Crookston . . .

Flu Season: Offering the Chalice and Shaking of Hands Because of the seriousness of this flu season, Bishop Bartchak has asked that the Precious Blood of the Lord not be offered at Mass temporarily. The Catholic Church believes that the whole Body of Christ is present in either form of consecrated bread and wine. Also, the exchange of the sign of peace should avoid bodily contact. A reverent nod with eye contact and a smile will be the temporary practice. Reception of Holy Communion on the hand is encouraged; however, reception on the tongue may not be denied. These norms are in effect throughout the winter months or until the flu season is over.

Pro-Life Ribbon Campaign: The Yellow Ribbon Campaign in support of pro-life is being conducted before and after all Masses this weekend, January 6/7. The annual March for Life will take place on Friday, January 19, in Washington DC. For bus information, call Vi Najjar at 536-7137 or Pat Loughlin 255-8915. Limited seating is available. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this effort.

MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES: MEN AND WOMEN IN SEARCH OF PEACE January 7-14, 2018 is National Migration Week. Four "mileposts for action" are necessary to allow migrants, refugees, asylum seekers, and trafficking victims the opportunity to find peace. These include:

- 1) *Welcoming*, which calls for "expanding legal pathways for entry" and better balancing national security and fundamental human rights concerns;
- 2) *Protecting*, or recognizing and defending "the inviolable dignity of those who flee";
- 3) *Promoting*, which entails "supporting the integral human development of migrants and refugees"; and
- 4) *Integrating* by allowing migrants and refugees to "participate fully in the life of society that welcomes them." Doing so enriches both those arriving and those welcoming.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

1. Pray with a "contemplative gaze." Pray for the grace to approach issues around migrants and refugees from a starting point of faith and prayer. Encounter the stories of migrants and refugees at ShareJourney.org and then pray for those families and individuals.

You may also try one of the prayer practices at bit.ly/9WaysPray to enrich your experience of prayer for our migrant and refugee brothers and sisters.

2. Learn. Visit ShareJourney.org to read the stories of families and individuals who are migrants and refugees and to learn how you can respond. Visit WeAreSaltandLight.org/success-stories-reach-out to learn how faith communities are answering the call to welcome migrants and refugees.

3. Act. Join tens of thousands of Catholics to advocate for policies that support migrants and refugees in the U.S. and those experiencing poverty or conflict around the world. For current action alerts, visit ConfrontGlobalPoverty.org and JusticeForImmigrants.org.

PRAYER OF POPE FRANCIS FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES Merciful God and Father of all, wake us from the slumber of indifference, open our eyes to their suffering, and free us from the insensitivity born of worldly comfort and self-centeredness. Inspire us, as nations, communities and individuals, to see that those who come to our shores are our brothers and sisters. May we share with them the blessings we have received from your hand, and recognize that together, as one human family, we are all migrants, journeying in hope to you, our true home, where every tear will be wiped away, where we will be at peace and safe in your embrace.

Reminder-Adult Faith Enrichment Continues Beginning **Tuesday, January 16**, we return to the adult enrichment series on *Christian Prayer*. In six winter sessions, we continue to use Scripture and the Catholic Catechism as tools to learn more about what it means to be Catholic and the importance of prayer in the daily living of our faith. We meet at 6 PM at the St. John Activity Center. Costs for the participant book is \$20. Remaining sessions are: Jan 23, Feb 13 & 20, and Mar 13 & 20. New group members welcome.

FROM OUR PARISH

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.

Our weekly **Bulletins** are available on the Home Page of our website at www.stjohngualbert.org.

FROM OTHER PARISHES & THE COMMUNITY

St. Francis of Assisi will hold a Fish Fry on Friday, January 12 from 11:00AM until 6:00PM at the Activity Center, corner of D Street and Barron Avenue. Gobs and a Bake Sale will also be available. For takeout orders please call 539-3518. No phone orders will be taken after 5:00PM.

CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION FISH FRY DINNER - FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2018

The Church of the Transfiguration will be having a Fish Fry Dinner on Friday, January 12, 2018 from 3:30PM to 6:30PM at the Church Hall, 201 Third St. Conemaugh, PA. Come join us for a nice meal! Cost \$10.00. Take-outs are available by calling the Church Hall at 535-2698.

On Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the **Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament**, Altoona, there will be a prayer service for the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision of Roe vs. Wade (1973). There will be a blessing for the pilgrims attending the March For Life in Washington, D.C. the next day, Friday, January 19. All are welcome to participate in this prayer. All who have a respect for life from conception to natural death are welcome to join our brothers and sisters at the Altoona Cathedral.

CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION SWISS STEAK DINNER - SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2018

The Church of the Transfiguration will be having a Swiss Steak Dinner on Sunday, January 21, 2018 from 11:00AM to 2:00PM at the Church Hall, 201 Third St. Conemaugh, PA. Come join us for a nice meal! Cost \$9.00 Take-outs are available by calling the Church Hall at 535-2698.

On Sunday, January 21, 2018, Bishop Mark Bartchak of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown will host an **Ecumenical Service at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament**, One Cathedral Square, Altoona, Pennsylvania. The service begins at 2:00 P.M. All are invited to participate in this prayer.

PIEROGIE SALE - The Church of the Transfiguration will be taking orders for Pierogies by Monday, January 22, 2018. Cost \$6.50 per dz. For orders; please call Irene Cristoff at 322-4915 or Andy Solomon at 322-3287 or our church office at 535-2250. Pickup orders will be on Monday, January 29th and Monday February 5th. Please let us know which day you want your pierogies.

On Sunday, January 28, 2018, Bishop Gregory of Nyssa of the Orthodox tradition will host an **Ecumenical Service at Christ the Savior Cathedral**, 300 Garfield Street, Johnstown, Pennsylvania. The service begins at 2:00 P.M. Bishop Mark Bartchak will be in attendance. All are invited to participate in this prayer.

Plan to join **Holy Family Parish** at 509 Caldwell Ave., Portage for a night of **Bingo**, Sun., Jan. 28th in the Parish Hall. Admission is \$20 per person. Extra specials and cards will be available. Doors open at 5 pm. Early bird games will begin promptly at 5:30 pm and the regular games will begin at 6:15 pm. Food and refreshments will be available.

MARDI GRAS Sponsored by St. Francis of Assisi Church, Saturday, February 3, 2018 featuring "Flood City Brass" from 6:00PM until 11:00PM at the Activity Center, corner of D Street and Barron Avenue. Delicious Turkey Dinner, great door prizes, chances to win all evening with qualifiers, baskets, 50/50 tickets, etc. Tickets: Adults - \$20, children 6-17 - \$10, under 5 - free. "All You Can Drink" Beer bracelet for \$5.00. Cash bar available - no outside beverages. Doors open at 5:00PM. Tickets are now on sale. Please call 539-1632 from 9:00Am until 2:00PM Monday thru Thursday.

Family Ritual

What can you do with all those beautiful Christmas cards? Some suggestions: Judge them- prettiest, nicest verse, funniest, best home-made card, favorite religious card, etc. Then cut the names of the persons who sent them to you and place them in a mug or bowl in the center of the table. Each night at the dinner table, pull a name and pray for that family. Perhaps your children don't even know them so tell them a story of how you became friends or how you are related!

COLLECTION: December 31, 2017 & New Year's

Collection – cash	\$1,024.37
Collection – envelopes	\$3,003.50
Flush Fund	\$357.00
Maintenance	\$13.00
Retirement for Religious	\$20.00
Christmas	\$490.00
Christmas Flowers	\$10.00
New Year's - cash	\$92.00
New Year's - envelopes	\$631.18

Total 5,641.05

Thank you for your Stewardship

Families and the Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

The magi in today's gospel were led to Jesus by a star. Who are the stars your children follow? Don't let it be the tabloid stars. Resolve in this New Year to be the guiding star in the life of your children.

Liturgical Reflection... Today is the Epiphany of the Lord and the Last Sunday of Christmas time. Tomorrow, Monday, January 8, is the feast of the Baptism of the Lord and the formal ending of the Christmas season. Today the church celebrates with the wise visitors from the east that the Word Made Flesh has arrived for all peoples and all nations. Jesus, born in Bethlehem, raised in Nazareth, and crucified in Jerusalem, is Lord of all races and nations. May the Christian Gospel be proclaimed throughout the world to all inhabitants.

The Epiphany of the Lord - The three magi from the east paid homage to the Infant Jesus with their "first fruits" of gold, frankincense and myrrh. What gifts for my own necessity, and not my abundance, have I presented to the newborn Savior?

**Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers,
CCA Gift Cards and Audio Operators, Jan. 13-14**

Saturday, January 13, 5:00 PM

Reader: Rose Batzel, Elizabeth Rhoades
Eucharistic Minister: Betty King, Elizabeth King,
 Patricia Loughlin, Amy Oliveros, Terry Rhoades
Server: Keara Brandon, Jason Harris
Audio Operator: Ron Jezeskie

Sunday, January 14, 8:00 AM

Reader: Carrie Weaver, David Weaver
Eucharistic Minister: Irene Ott, Rich Ott, Pam Sabol,
 Gloria Stephens, Valerie Wilson
Server: Hayden Gates, Nate Gates
Gift Card: Kara Homan-Gustkey
Audio Operator: Patrick McClain

Sunday, January 14, 11:00 AM

Reader: Terry Johnson, Mary Jane Verbiar
Eucharistic Minister: Jodie Hall, James Hollis,
 Gene Podratsky, Russ Smith, David Wilson
Server: Rachel Hall, John Werzyn
Gift Card: Brian King
Audio Operator: Tracy Smith

Sunday, January 14, 5:00 PM

Reader: Christine Brothers, Dixie Lochrie
Eucharistic Minister: Charlotte Amenti, Louise Aust,
 Vi Najjar, Pat Roth, Justin Zierer
Server: Andrew Zierer, Brent Zierer
Audio Operator: Mattie Updyke

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