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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 have found the Messiah:  
Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.



### Sunday, January 14, - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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)

### Monday, January 15, - Weekday

Readings: 1 Samuel 15:16-23/ Mark 2:18-22

7:00 am: Saint Anne Society

12:05 pm: Cindy R. Reed (Mother, Barbara Kalinyak)

### Tuesday, January 16, - Weekday

Readings: 1 Samuel 16:1-13/ Mark 2:23-28

7:00 am: Loretta Klug (Ron & Carole Vogel)

12:05 pm: Joseph & Ronnie Kmetz (Kay Kmetz)

### Wednesday, January 17, - Saint Anthony, Abbot

Readings: 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/ Mark 3:1-6

7:00 am: Jennifer Apryle, Birthday Remembrance (Tom & Ann Marie)

12:05 pm: Bob Krall (Family)

### Thursday, January 18, - Weekday

Readings: 1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7/ Mark 3:7-12

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

12:05 pm: Edith Shirk (Barbara Dietz)

### Friday, January 19, - Weekday

Readings: 1 Samuel 24:3-21/ Mark 3:13-19

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

12:05 pm: Robert F. Crookston (Betty Pawcio & Daughters)

### Saturday, January 20, - Weekday, Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr;

Saint Sebastian, Martyr; BVM

Readings: 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/ Mark 3:20-21

8:00 am: Mary Ellen George (Joe Omasta)

5:00 pm: William Hasenstab, Anniversary (Sister, Dorothy)

### Sunday, January 21, - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Jonah 3:1-5, 10/ 1 Corinthians 7:29-31/ Mark 1:14-20

8:00 am: Frances Mikesic, Birthday Remembrance (Mike & Diane Mitchell)

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

5:00 pm: John "Butch" Mcinchok (Nancy, Larry, & Family)

From Father Crookston . . .

**January 22 A Day of Penance and Prayer** In November 2001, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops set January 22 as a particular day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. The Mass 'For Peace and Justice' celebrated on that day begins by recalling that those who work for peace will be called the children of God." If you want peace, work for justice." Our prayer asks God's grace to help us "to work without ceasing for that justice that brings true and lasting peace." We will never find true peace until God's justice prevails. True peace reigns only when every human being, especially the littlest and most defenseless among us, enjoys the blessings of that peace. The work of spreading the Gospel of Life and defending the right to life of the not yet born must be the unceasing agenda of each person who seeks to bring "the peace the world cannot give" to our day. We pray that as God has renewed us with the body and blood of his Son, so he may fill us with "the spirit of love." Thus, God will strengthen us for the work ahead: establishing among all "Christ's farewell gift of peace." Our prayer makes it clear that to establish this peace we must work for justice: a justice that recognizes the infinite value of every human life from conception until natural death. Make an individual effort to participate at daily Mass on January 22.

**Your Right Hand, O Lord, Glorious in Power: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18–25** Today Caribbean Christians of many different traditions see the hand of God active in the ending of enslavement. It is a uniting experience of the saving action of God which brings freedom. For this reason, the choice of the song of Moses and Miriam (Ex 15: 1-21), as the motif of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2018 was considered a most appropriate one. It is a song of triumph over oppression. This theme has been taken up in a hymn, The Right Hand of God, written in a workshop of the Caribbean Conference of Churches in August 1981, which has become an "anthem" of the ecumenical movement in the region, translated into many different languages.

Like the Israelites, the people of the Caribbean have a song of victory and freedom to sing, and it is a song which unites them. However, contemporary challenges again threaten to enslave and again threaten the dignity of the human person created in the image and likeness of God. While human dignity is inalienable, both personal sin and social structures of sin often obscure it. In our fallen world societal relationships too often lack the justice and compassion that honor human dignity. Poverty, violence, injustice, addiction to drugs and pornography, and the pain, grief, and anguish which follow, are experiences that distort human dignity.

Many of the contemporary challenges are themselves the legacy of a colonial past and slave trade. The wounded collective psyche is manifested today in social problems related to low self-esteem, gang and domestic violence, and damaged familial relationships. Although a legacy of the past, these issues are also exacerbated by the contemporary reality that many would characterize as neo-colonialism. Under existing circumstances, it seems almost impossible for many of the nations of this region to pull themselves out of poverty and debt. Moreover, in many places, there is a residual legislative framework that continues to be discriminatory.

The right hand of God that brought the people out of slavery, gave continued hope and courage to the Israelites, as it continues to bring hope to the Christians of the Caribbean. They are not victims of circumstance. In witnessing to this common hope, the churches are working together to minister to all peoples of the region, but particularly the most vulnerable and neglected. In the words of the hymn, "the right hand of God is planting in our land, planting seeds of freedom, hope, and love."

**Reminder-Adult Faith Enrichment Continues On Tuesday, January 16,** we return to the adult enrichment series on *Christian Prayer*. We will 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.

## 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](http://www.stjohngualbert.org).

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## FROM OTHER PARISHES & THE COMMUNITY

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** - 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. 28<sup>th</sup> 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. Doors open at 5:00PM. Tickets are now on sale. Please call 539-1632 from 9:00Am until 2:00PM Monday thru Thursday.

## People Touch Our Lives

People important to you, people unimportant to you, cross your life, touch it with love and carelessness, and move on. There are people that leave you, and you breathe a sigh of relief, and you wonder why you ever came in contact with them. There are people who leave, and you breathe a sigh of remorse, and wonder why they had to go and leave such a gaping hole.

Children leave parents, friends leave friends, acquaintances move on. You think on the many who have moved into your life with hazy memory. You look on those present and wonder.

I believe in God's master plan for our lives.

People move in and out of each other's lives, and each leaves his mark on the other. You find you are made up of bits and pieces of all who have touched your life, and you are more because of it, and you would be less if they had not touched you.

Pray to God that you can accept the bits and pieces in humility and wonder, and never question, and never regret.

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**COLLECTION: 01/07/2018**

Collection – cash	\$1,051.16
Collection – envelopes	\$4,175.15
Flush Fund	\$342.25
Maintenance	\$467.00
All Saints	\$7.00
Christmas	\$106.00
Ash Wednesday	\$7.00
Easter	\$15.00
New Year's	\$328.00
Ascension	\$7.00
Immaculate Conception	\$7.00
Assumption	\$7.00
Holy Thursday	\$7.00
Good Friday	\$7.00

Total \$6,533.56

Thank you for your Stewardship

**Families and the Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12**

Jesus' question in today's gospel is still valid today: "What are you looking for?" What do you want from your spouse, children or parents? Families are populated with imperfect people. To expect perfection is unreal. To expect and accept imperfection is wisdom.

**Liturgical Reflection...** In today's Gospel, John the Baptist points out Jesus, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" At every Mass the invitation to receive the Body and blood of Christ begins with, "Behold the Lamb of God." When one of our members dies, the Church especially encourages the celebration of the Mass. The funeral liturgy is the central liturgical celebration of the Christian community for the deceased. As the deceased gathered weekly with the faith community in life, so in death the Christian is commemorated at the Sacred Mysteries, calling upon God's mercy.

Order of Christian Funerals, 1998-1989, Numbers 46 and 264.

**Stewardship** - Like Samuel in today's first reading, we may not immediately realize that it is God who is calling us. However, when we do realize that God is calling us to be a servant of His, may we respond as Samuel did, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do Your will!"

**Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers,  
CCA Gift Cards and Audio Operators, Jan. 20-21**

**Saturday, January 20, 5:00 PM**

**Reader:** Dixie Lochrie, Beth Stem  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Betty King, Elizabeth King,  
Patricia Loughlin  
**Server:** Jason Harris, Thomas Meagher  
**Audio Operator:** Kevin Slonka

**Sunday, January 21, 8:00 AM**

**Reader:** Fred Oliveros, Brigid Starchok  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Irene Ott, Rich Ott,  
Rose Ann Schellhammer  
**Server:** Carlie Jezeskie, Ron Jezeskie  
**Gift Card:** James Gustkey  
**Audio Operator:** Dennis Thomas

**Sunday, January 21, 11:00 AM**

**Reader:** Christine Brothers, Mary Jane Verbiar  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Jodie Hall, Russ Smith,  
David Wilson  
**Server:** Rachel Hall, John Werzyn  
**Gift Card:** Ron Michlena  
**Audio Operator:** Brian Vuletich

**Sunday, January 21, 5:00 PM**

**Reader:** Charlotte Amenti, Michael Stuck  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Louise Aust, Vi Najjar,  
Justin Zierer  
**Server:** Andrew Zierer, Marcus Zierer  
**Audio Operator:** Monica Updyke

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