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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 kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent and believe in the Gospel.



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)

Monday, January 22, - Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Readings: 2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10/ Mark 3:22-30

7:00 am: Saint Anne Society

12:05 pm: Anna Kegg (William & Marye Timmons)

Tuesday, January 23, - Weekday, Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin; Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr

Readings: 2 Samuel 6:12-15, 17-19/ Mark 3:31-35

7:00 am: Eileen Wehner (Mr. & Mrs. Bill Antesberger)

12:05 pm: Gerald E. Mock (John & Rose Concannon, Monica & Brigid)

Wednesday, January 24, - Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Readings: 2 Samuel 7:4-17/ Mark 4:1-20

7:00 am: Frank Trio (Eugene & Gina Kupchella)

12:05 pm: Paul Hasenstab, Anniversary (Sister, Dorothy)

Thursday, January 25, - The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

Readings: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/ Mark 16:15-18

7:00 am: Don Behe (Judy & Gary Capouellez)

12:05 pm: Ernestine Barkhimer (Anna M. Barkhimer)

Friday, January 26, - Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, Bishops

Readings: 2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5/ Mark 4:26-34

7:00 am: Leo W. Klug, Jr. (Charles E. Huffman & Family)

12:05 pm: Jack Brady (Jim Farley)

Saturday, January 27, - Weekday, Saint Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder; BVM

Readings: 2 Samuel 12:1-7, 10-17/ Mark 4:35-41

8:00 am: Kathleen Grady (Alan & Elaine Metzlar)

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

Sunday, January 28, - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Deuteronomy 18:15-20/ 1 Corinthians 7:32-35/ Mark 1:21-28

8:00 am: Joseph Ritter, Anniversary (Sons)

11:00 am: Loretta Klug (Don & Eileen Koch)

5:00 pm: Mary C. Weinzierl (Edward & Florine Burkhard)

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.

9 Days for Life This Sunday is day five of a novena for life.

Intercession: May all people embrace the truth that every life is a good and perfect gift, and is worth living.

Prayers: *Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be*

Reflection: Our culture is obsessed with perfection—a superficial perfection. Photos are edited, and social media sites depict seemingly perfect lives. God calls us to seek perfection, too. He does not call us, however, to perfection of appearance or abilities, but to perfection in love.

In "**A Perfect Gift**" (www.usccb.org/perfect-gift) one parent shares about the experience of raising a child with Down syndrome, contrasting it with what onlookers might perceive: "It's like looking at a stained-glass window from the outside: The colors look dark, and you can't quite make out the figures. From the inside, however, with the sun shining through it, the effect can be brilliant. From inside our family, love illuminates our life with Charlie. What may seem dreary to others, perhaps even unbearable, is actually filled with beauty and color."

May each of us experience the power of God's transforming love, that our eyes may be opened to the incredible beauty of the people the Lord places in our lives.

Acts of Reparation (choose one):

- Pray the short prayer "**Every Life is Worth Living**" (www.usccb.org/worth-living), reflecting on how you can bring Christ's love to others today.
- Read "**Supporting Families Who Receive a Prenatal Diagnosis**" (www.usccb.org/prenatal-diagnosis), then spend some time praying for babies who have been given an adverse prenatal diagnosis and for their families.
- We can sometimes forget how blessed we are to have many of our daily comforts. Give up sleeping on your pillow tonight.

One Step Further: Charlie's mother shares in "A Perfect Gift" that when people say, "I could never handle a child with a disability," she explains to them, "[Y]ou aren't given a child with a disability. You are given *your* child with a disability. ... You are not called to 'handle' a disability. You are called to love a particular person, and caring for him or her grows out of that love. ... Our [family's] hearts... have become larger [by caring for Charlie]."

She also talks about the "secret" that is the fundamental truth of our existence, which she and other parents of children with Down syndrome share. Find out what it is in "A Perfect Gift" (www.usccb.org/perfect-gift). For the entire nine days of prayer, penance, and pilgrimage visit <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/january-roe-events/9-days-for-life-pray.cfm>

FROM OUR PARISH

Please do not park in the Girl Scout parking Lot.

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

FROM OTHER PARISHES & THE COMMUNITY

A local effort is underway to collect clothing and personal care items for those in need. **"Help Warm Johnstown Up"** is a volunteer-led effort working to help the less fortunate in our area. Donations made will benefit the **Martha & Mary House**, located on Bedford Street and the **Salvation Army** in downtown Johnstown. Clothing items being accepted for adults and children include: coats, gloves, sweatshirts, scarves, ect. Examples of personal care items include: shaving cream, razors, shampoo, toothbrushes, lotion, and deodorant. Canned food, cleaning supplies and toys for small children are also being requested. Donations and monetary offerings can be sent to the Martha & Mary House, 899 Bedford Street, and/or to the Salvation Army, 576 Vine Street. Checks for the Martha & Mary House should be made payable to Catholic Charities of Diocese of Altoona Johnstown. Checks should also include "Help Warm Johnstown Up" in the Memo.

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. Doors open at 5:00PM. Tickets are now on sale. Please call 539-1632 from 9:00Am until 2:00PM Monday thru Thursday.

Martin Luther King, Jr 2018 School Supply Drive: Please donate! Celebrate the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. by helping those in need receive the very education he fought for. Please consider donating any kind of school supplies to be distributed to local children in the community that are in need! Many schools offer supplies at the beginning of the school year but now the supplies are running low! Let's help finish the school year well!! Collection dates run from now until February 16, 2018. The collection point is at the CPC Building Lobby, 110 Franklin Street, Johnstown, PA 15901. Or call 814-536-9009 to find a collection site near you.

Liturgical Reflection...Monday, January 22, all dioceses in the United States of America are observing a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. January 22 is the day of the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, Roe vs. Wade (1973), the Church in America prays for the violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee to the right to life. Members of the Diocese are encouraged to go to Mass on this day, pray the rosary, the chaplet of Divine Mercy, fast and abstain, and join the Altoona-Johnstown family in praying the following:

O God, who adorn creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in your image and likeness, awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands, and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of human life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

COLLECTION: 01/14/2018

Collection – cash	\$662.60
Collection – envelopes	\$3,643.25
Flush Fund	\$256.08
Maintenance	\$231.00
Candlemas	\$40.00
Christmas	\$25.00
New Year's	\$139.00
Food Collection	\$20.00

Total \$5,016.93

Thank you for your Stewardship

Families and the Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

It must have been difficult for Zebedee to watch his sons walk away and follow Jesus. It was the end of 'Zebedee & Sons Fishing, Inc.' Our children are never ours. They are only on loan to us. We raise them to let them go.

Liturgical Reflection... In today's Gospel the fishermen abandoned their nets and followed the Lord. Faithful Christians follow Christ by having total love for God and neighbor. In every celebration for the dead, the Church attaches great importance to the reading of the word of God. The readings proclaim the paschal mystery, convey hope of being gathered together again in God's kingdom, and encourage the witness to the Christian life on the part of the living. As we continue on our pilgrimage of life, we seek God's mercy and love. May our dead know peace in Christ, and may we be comforted in that same peace.

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Stewardship - All three readings today speak of repenting; the act of changing our hearts and minds for the better. If we find ourselves "giving-in" to the dominant secular culture that often contradicts values of the Judeo-Christian tradition, we can "repent" by making a conscious decision to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ, no matter what the cost.

**Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers,
CCA Gift Cards and Audio Operators, Jan. 27-28****Saturday, January 27, 5:00 PM****Reader:** Patricia Loughlin, Larry Olek**Eucharistic Minister:** Elizabeth Gramlich, Russ Gramlich,
Terry Rhoades**Server:** Keara Brandon, Jason Harris**Audio Operator:** Kevin Slonka**Sunday, January 28, 8:00 AM****Reader:** David Harteis, Heather Jezeskie**Eucharistic Minister:** Carmen Grasso, Sam Grasso,
Valerie Wilson**Server:** Carlie Jezeskie, Ronnie Jezeskie**Gift Card:** Lisa Leckey**Audio Operator:** Patrick McClain**Sunday, January 28, 11:00 AM****Reader:** Beth Stem, Mary Jane Verbiar**Eucharistic Minister:** Jodie Hall, Russ Smith,
David Wilson**Server:** Levi Giffin, Zachary King**Gift Card:** Brian King**Audio Operator:** Ray Ritter**Sunday, January 28, 5:00 PM****Reader:** Christine Brothers, Dixie Lochrie**Eucharistic Minister:** Charlotte Amenti, Vi Najjar,
Pat Roth**Server:** Eli Updyke, Mattie Updyke**Audio Operator:** Matthew Updyke*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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