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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

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
This is my beloved Son, listen to him.



Sunday, February 25, - Second Sunday of Lent

Readings: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18/ Romans 8:31-34/ Mark 9:2-10

8:00 am: Josephine Rovon (Gary & Kelly Leech & Family)

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

5:00 pm: Mary Ellen (Bender) George (Deborah A. Gregg)

Monday, February 26, - Lenten Weekday

Readings: Daniel 9:4-10/ Luke 6:36-38

7:00 am: Otilia Markferding (Loving Grandson, Jeff)

12:05 pm: Anna C. Greene, 10th Anniversary (Denny & Pat Heptner)

Tuesday, February 27, - Lenten Weekday

Readings: Isaiah 1:10, 16-20/ Matthew 23:1-12

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

12:05 pm: Carole Vogel (Denny & Pat Heptner)

Wednesday, February 28, - Lenten Weekday

Readings: Jeremiah 18:18-20/ Matthew 20:17-28

7:00 am: Donald E. Behe, Sr., 2nd Anniversary (Wife, Dorothy)

12:05 pm: Elizabeth Omasta (Joe Omasta)

Thursday, March 1, - Lenten Weekday

Readings: Jeremiah 17:5-10/ Luke 16:19-31

7:00 am: Roger Stoy (Stoy Girls)

12:05 pm: Mary Ann Prestipino, Anniversary (Rick & Donna Tauber)

Friday, March 2, - Lenten Weekday

Readings: Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28/ Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

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

12:05 pm: Eileen Wehner (Jim Schnurr)

3:00 pm: Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 3, - Lenten Weekday, Saint Katherine Drexel, Virgin

Readings: Malachi 7:14-15, 18-20/ Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

8:00 am: Ignatius & Anna Kmetz (Kay Kmetz)

5:00 pm: Anna Eicher, 2nd Anniversary (Loving Son, Jeff)

Sunday, March 4, - Third Sunday of Lent

Readings: Exodus 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/ 1 Corinthians 1:22-25/ John 2:13-25

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: Catherine McDonald, 2nd Anniversary (Bob & Becky Lee)

From Father Crookston . . .

Lent: Our Penitential Season Our Diocesan Reconciliation Service is Thursday, March 22, 6:30 pm. Bishop Mark and many area priests will be here for the celebration of the Lord's merciful forgiveness.

Additional celebrations of the Sacrament of Reconciliation opportunities exist for your preparation for the Triduum of Our Lord. These are: Visitation, Eighth Ward, Tuesday, March 13, 5:30 pm; St Patrick, Moxham, Wednesday, March 14, 7:00 pm; St Anthony of Padua, Windber, Thursday, March 15, 6:00 pm; Our Mother of Sorrows, Westmont, Monday, March 19, 6:30 pm; Transfiguration, Conemaugh, Wednesday, March 21, 6:30 pm; St Benedict, Geistown, Monday, March 26, 5:00 pm.

Additional times for confessions follow the 7:00 pm evening Masses of the Infant of Prague Novena, St Andrew, Benscreek, Sunday, March 4 through Monday, March 12 and following of the 5:00 pm evening Masses of our Saint Joseph Triduum on Saturday & Sunday, March 17 & 18.

His Holiness Pope Francis was deeply saddened to learn of the tragic shooting that took place at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland.

Assuring all those affected by this devastating attack of his spiritual closeness, he prays that Almighty God may grant eternal rest to the dead and healing and consolation to the wounded and those who grieve. With the hope that such senseless acts of violence may cease, Pope Francis invokes upon all of you the divine blessings of peace and strength.

Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley, Boston As I begin this week's post, our nation, the state of Florida and the community of Parkland are shocked and stunned by the senseless and devastating gun violence at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on Wednesday. We pray for the victims of the shootings: the students, teachers and school personnel, their families and loved ones, and all who are so terribly impacted.

It is more than tragic that our country is repeatedly experiencing these attacks and that the number of innocent victims, of which one would be too many, continues to climb. As I have previously shared, there can be no rational justification for allowing private citizens to have personal arsenals of assault weapons. As a nation, we can and must do more to prevent these deadly occurrences. We must develop reasonable and effective policies that prevent access to such weapons by persons who do not need them. We must not blame or stigmatize mental illness, but we must identify the factors that indicate a person is at risk for harming others and make the commitment to achieve better understanding, treatment, and care for this terrible illness.

May our Lord, who stands with us to bring strength and consolation to these moments of grief and crisis, guide our deliberations and actions on behalf of the people of our country.

ARISE Team Meeting Our next team meeting for ARISE is Wednesday, February 28 at 6:00 pm in the rectory. We are pleased to announce that Marcy Olek has agreed to be the coordinator of ARISE Together in Christ, a parish-centered process for spiritual renewal.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting is one week later than initially scheduled. The council will gather Thursday, March 8 at 7:00 pm in the rectory. The bulletin calendar insert also lists many other parish events occurring this March.

Saint Joseph Triduum Announced Please use the insert of this week's bulletin as a detailed reminder and your intercession form for our annual Three Days of Prayers marking the feast day of Saint Joseph.

FROM OUR PARISH

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

St Joseph Triduum - A triduum in honor of St Joseph will be held March 17-19 at St John Gualbert Cathedral, 117 Clinton Street, Johnstown. Mass and devotions will be held at 5pm Saturday, March 17 and 5pm, Sunday March 18 with confessions following mass. On Monday, March 19, Mass and devotions will begin at 7pm. Everyone is invited following the final liturgy to the St Joseph Table at the parish activity center.

FROM OTHER PARISHES & THE COMMUNITY

Carmelite Community of the Word Opportunities for Enrichment

Sunday Sabbath Series Sunday, March 11, 2018 They Killed Sr. Dorothy

A documentary on the killing of 73-year-old Catholic nun and activist Sister Dorothy Stang in February 2005, in the Brazilian rain forest, where she, for 30 years, fought along with environmentalists and the underprivileged local communities against the exploitation of powerful loggers and landowners. Sunday Sabbath gatherings begin at 1:30 PM and end at 5:00 PM. It includes the DVD presentation and time for prayer, reflection and discussion. There is no charge for the session but a free will donation will be welcomed. Pre-registration is requested 5 days before each session.

Sessions will be held at Carmelite Community of the Word Incarnation Center, 394 Bem Rd., Gallitzin, PA.

To register, get directions, or for more information, call 814-886-4098.

Plan to join **Holy Family Parish** at 509 Caldwell Ave., Portage for a night of **Bingo**, Sun., Feb. 25th in the Parish Hall. Admission is \$20 per person. Extra specials and cards will be available. Doors open at 5pm. Early bird games will begin promptly at 5:30pm and regular games will begin at 6:15pm. Food and refreshments will be available.

The Venue of Merging Arts (VOMA) is having a SOUP SALE! Choose from: Ham Pot Pie (Homemade noodles), Beef Vegetable, Ham & Bean, Chicken Noodle (Homemade noodles), Chicken Rice and Italian Tomato Rice. Cost: 6/quat. Take-out only. Pickup 2pm – 6pm Saturday March 3rd at VOMA 305 Chestnut St. Advance orders can be placed by calling 814-536-7952. Proceeds benefit VOMA's Renovation Fund.

Easter Meat Raffle - Come in from the cold and enjoy an evening of fun at **St. Therese Church Social Hall** on Saturday, March 10th from 4:30 – 8:00PM. Cost of Admission is only \$5 and includes a picnic style dinner and dessert. Soda, water, beer and wine coolers will be available for

purchase. Ham, kielbasa and bacon will be some of the items on the raffle. Take a chance on Instant bingo, themed baskets, 50/50 and a \$100 money tree. Hope to see you there!!

Caregivers Need Care Too

Caregiving is hard work. And lots of us are doing it. Recent statistics show that 66 million Americans are caring for a parent, spouse, child, family member or friend.

Most of the attention is directed to the individual who needs our care. We take them to doctor appointments, help them with housework, make sure they are eating properly, helping them navigate the confusing health care system. It takes time, energy and creative maneuvering to schedule caregiving into our already busy lives.

There is another side of caregiving that often gets overlooked: caring for the caregiver. Caring for ourselves.

It might seem selfish to complain about the situation when we really are so much better off than the person who needs our assistance. Feelings of guilt may crop up when we let ourselves dwell in thoughts that our own lives might be suffering. It's easy to think we should be able to "do it all"—be a helpmate to our spouse or parent; take care of the kids; hold down our jobs; and have time left over to give our loved one the emotional help they truly want.

It often leaves us exhausted, searching the Internet for answers, lonely and anxious, not knowing where to turn for help—because we aren't the ones who need help. Or are we?

The truth is that caring for someone we love is not only a one-way relationship. Each side needs replenishment at times. We must remember to try to maintain our own health, happiness and important relationships while caring for a frail loved one. But how do we do that?

Develop a Self-Care plan—Put into writing goals for self-care activities. What provides us joy and refreshment? Is it exercise, gardening, friends, church, playing piano?

Find Your Team—Who are the people in our lives who keep us in balance? Who is honest enough to tell us when they see us at our wit's end? Who is willing to talk to us at any time, even midnight?

Maintain Your Own Health—It's easy to neglect ourselves when our focus is entirely on someone else.

Look for Outside Help—State-sponsored agencies offer resources that may help with caregiving needs.

Be a Family Member—Getting outside help may free you up to have the time for a loving relationship with your loved one. That's truly what they want too.

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With Repentance...

Low self-esteem causes me to believe that I have so little worth that my response does not matter. With repentance, however, I understand that being worth so much to God is why my response is so important. Repentance is remedial work to mend our minds and hearts, which get bent by sin." -John Ortberg Jr.

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COLLECTION: 02/18/2018

Collection – cash	\$1,131.48
Collection – envelopes	\$3,316.00
Saint Croix	\$361.25
Maintenance	\$27.00
Candlemas	\$7.00
Ash Wednesday - envelopes	\$864.00
Ash Wednesday - cash	\$626.98
Black & Indian Missions	\$234.00

Total \$6,567.71

Thank you for your Stewardship

Families and the Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

The apostles thought they knew Jesus, but when he changed in front of them at the Transfiguration, they were afraid. In families we cannot freeze relationships because change and growth are inevitable. Children grow up, parents grow old and spouses change. Transfigurations are all around us and within us. Relationships can only grow when we embrace the new and let go of the old.

Liturgical Reflection... During these forty days of Lent we recall our sins and seek the Lord's forgiveness, especially in the Sacrament of Penance. We are invited to fast, pray and give alms to the poor. These Lenten practices are to turn us from sin, and bring us closer to the Lord. It is part of our Catholic faith to have Mass for our faithful departed. When someone dies, family and friends have a Mass offered for the one who has died. Parishes list the Mass intentions each week. Usually these Masses are for the dead, praying that God will shed his mercy and compassion on the deceased. Mass intentions for the deceased seek God's mercy and peace for the faithful and, perhaps, not so faithful, Christian.

Order of Christian Funerals, 1998-1989, Number 129.

Stewardship Reflection: Abraham's trust in God earned him a reward that was beyond his expectations. The transfigured Jesus is evidence to everyone who is fully obedient to God's will that all disciples will have everything to gain when they place their trust in God. "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31)

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, CCA Gift Cards and Audio Operators, March 2-4

Friday, March 2, 3:00PM Stations of the Cross
Need Volunteers for Servers and Audio

Saturday, March 3, 5:00 PM
Reader: Larry Olek, Marcy Olek
Eucharistic Minister: Betty King, Amy Oliveros, Christine Russell
Server: Carlie Jezeskie, Ronnie Jezeskie
Audio Operator: Ron Jezeskie

Sunday, March 4, 8:00 AM
Reader: Carrie Weaver, David Weaver
Eucharistic Minister: Pam Sabol, Diane Thomas, Peter T. Yanko
Server: Keara Brandon, Sam Grasso
Gift Card: Kara Homan-Gustkey
Audio Operator: Dennis Thomas

Sunday, March 4, 11:00 AM
Reader: Beth Stem, David Wilson
Eucharistic Minister: James Hollis, Lonnie Rietscha, Russ Smith
Server: Damien Byer, Zachary King
Gift Card: Lonnie Rietscha
Audio Operator: Tracy Smith

Sunday, March 4, 5:00 PM
Reader: Rose Batzel, Dixie Lochrie
Eucharistic Minister: Patricia Loughlin, Vi Najjar, Pat Roth
Server: James Sandoval, Eli Updyke
Audio Operator: Matthew Updyke

Family Ritual

As we mark February as the month of LOVE there are so many things we can do not only for the ones we LOVE but for all. Here are a few:

- ♥ Close the door of hatred and open your heart to love all people of the world.
- ♥ Call an elderly person. Laugh, tell stories or just listen to them.
- ♥ Talk to the person in front and behind you at the grocery store— don't forget the checkout person!
- ♥ Pray and ask Jesus to fill your heart with LOVE just as He loves us.

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