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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

You believe in me, Thomas,
because you have seen me, says the Lord;
Blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe!



Sunday, April 8, - Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday

Readings: Acts 4:32-35/ 1 John 5:1-6/ John 20:19-31

8:00 am: George Najjar (Wife, Children, & Grandchildren)

11:00 am: Stephen Omasta, Jr. (Joe Omasta)

5:00 pm: Paul DePola, Birthday Remembrance

(Wife, Kathy, Rick & Janet Sanders)

Monday, April 9, - The Annunciation of the Lord

Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10/ Hebrews 10:4-10/ Luke 1:26-38

7:00 am: Saint Anne Society

12:05 pm: Joann Nagrant (Donna Unger)

Tuesday, April 10, - Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 4:32-37/ John 3:7-15

7:00 am: Victor C. Heptner (Christine Mraz)

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

Wednesday, April 11, - Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

Readings: Acts 5:17-26/ John 3:16-21

7:00 am: Kathleen Grady (Bob & Karen Fink)

12:05 pm: Rita M. Bailey, Birthday Remembrance (Joyce & Jerry Karafa)

Thursday, April 12, - Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 3:31-33/ John 3:31-36

7:00 am: Dr. John E. Leppert (Diane E. Leppert)

12:05 pm: Peter Yanko (Sylvia Michnya)

Friday, April 13, - Easter Weekday, Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr

Readings: Acts 5:34-42/ John 6:1-15

7:00 am: Stephen Omasta, Sr. (Joe Omasta)

12:05 pm: Todd Mabon, Birthday Remembrance (Marion Wakefield & Family)

Saturday, April 14, - Easter Weekday

Vigil Readings: Acts 6:1-7/ John 6:16-21

8:00 am: Vince O'Donnell (Dick & Janet Grady)

5:00 pm: Elizabeth Jane Hammer (Jeff Hammer)

Sunday, April 15, - Third Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/ 1 John 2:1-5/ Luke 24:35-48

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

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

5:00 pm: Eileen Wehner (Pat Lambert)

From Father Crookston . . .

Saint Croix, We Return! Thanks to your generous support Dave Harteis, Ray Ritter, and Fr. Jim travel Monday (April 9) to our Sister Parish in Santa Cruz, Jamaica. While on the island, they will renew our parish's faith friendships with Sisters Hellen, Rose Cathrine, Juliet, and Agnes and the faith community of Saint Croix parish. Since last April, Father Thomas Ngigi exchanged parishes with Father Boniface Orji who is now at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Christiana, Jamaica. Father Thomas has invited the team to make the parish rectory their home.

On Sunday, April 15, at Santa Cruz and Braes River, travelers and hosts will celebrate Harvest Masses at the two parish churches. Our Saint John Gualbert team will meet our sister parish's parishioners and those to whom they minister. During the week they will participate in a Tuesday morning prayer meeting, visit the homebound, lend a "sprucing up" hand where it is needed at the medical clinic and church buildings, and put together a small, one-room house.

Yes, the team will its way to the beach and enjoy the 90-degree daytime warmth. April 16 is the return home date.

2018 Catholic Ministries Drive is off to a great, generous start. Our first report shows that eighty-eight households have advanced \$21,093 to reach our Cathedral target. We are at sixty percent of our goal.

Your Catholic Ministries gift supports our Cathedral parish and diocesan ministries. Our parishioners benefit from many diocesan ministries: Camp Zacchaeus, Diaconal Formation, Campus Ministry, Christian Initiation, Lay Ministry, Catholic Charities and diocesan-wide support for our St John Gualbert Cathedral.

Our Cathedral project is simple: To reach and surpass our target. Should we exceed our target, we will add all to the \$11,000 we retained from our successful 2017 Drive and assigned to the replacing the crumbling limestone pillars at the front entrance of the Cathedral. In eight consecutive years, your generous sacrifices have pushed us beyond our target. Should you choose to match or increase your gift over the amount contributed to previous Catholic Appeals and Drive, our parish family will be most grateful. We most assuredly welcome first-timers to this annual drive.

We have seen that a friendly reminder makes the difference. Over the next months, we will be doing some reminding using the bulletin, a home mailing, and a single friendly phone call. The captains will make their friendly phone reminders in later May and early June. They will contact those who have yet to give to this year's Catholic Ministries Drive, especially parishioners who have given in the past.

With everyone's help, we will exceed our diocesan target of \$34,783. Please consider a gift that reflects your gratitude for the many blessings that God has entrusted to you. If you cannot make a financial gift, please pray for the success of this year's Catholic Ministries Drive and return your pledge showing that you cannot give at this time; we will see that you do not receive a second request or one of our friendly phone reminders.

A Catholic Ministry Picture: Your gift supports fourteen ministries like **Youth Ministry!** In 2017, more than 6,709 children and teens benefitted from Youth Ministry programs that were made possible by your support of the Catholic Ministries Drive.

The Youth Ministry programs offer spiritual education and enrichment programs that are both family-based and parish-centered. Religious Education programs for school-age children include sacramental preparation of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation; summer camps (Camp Zacchaeus & Camp Timothy); and retreats like Senior High Youth Convention (SHYCON) and Junior High Youth Day; and Faith Day.

Your support today will empower our youth to live as today's disciples, encouraging them to embrace the personal and spiritual mission of their Catholic faith and to carry it forward tomorrow into the world.

You can mail your gift to Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, P.O. Box 409, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648; place it with a memo in your parish offertory, or click online on



at www.dioceseaj.org

New Altar Minister Schedule Prepared Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Audio Operators, and Gift Card Helpers with email have received the new liturgical schedule for April to the beginning of June. Those ministers who have supplied us with email information also can view their assignments along with the full schedule, a complete roster, and individual profile electronically. Paper copies of the new schedule are in the vesting sacristy for ministers without access to email. Several opportunities exist, particularly for the Ascension Vigil and Ascension Day Masses for ministers to volunteer to help. Volunteers wanting to fill these ministries may either call Fr. Jim (536-0117) or use the Ministry Scheduler Web Terminal on the Internet. We very much appreciate your service at the altar.

FROM OUR PARISH

RCIA News – During the Easter Vigil, five persons were received as fully initiated members of the Catholic church. They had been preparing for months by attending Sunday morning sessions that covered the teachings of the Church and ways to pray. In addition, Bishop Bartchak conducted a Retreat for them on Palm Sunday.

Each of the candidates has a sponsor who very generously gave of his/her time by attending all the sessions with them.

The candidates are:

Stephen Cotchen who was sponsored by Dr. Lonnie Luna,
Alec Koontz sponsored by James Bumbernick,
Christopher Miller sponsored by Savannah Gerber,
Kristy Otero sponsored by Adriana Oortgiese,
Geoffrey Stumpo sponsored by Kathy Jaskula.

A Toast to Our St. Croix Mission Wine Tasting Social, Benefits St. John Gualbert travelers to our Sister Parish in Jamaica. Saturday, April 21st, 6-9 PM at St. John Gualbert Activity Center, 110 Adams St., Johnstown, PA. Advanced tickets \$20 per person \$25 at the door. Ticket includes admission to Wine Tasting and Vendor events. Event featuring several Wineries and Vendors, delicious Hors D'oeuvres, Souvenir Glass, Basket Raffle, 50-50 and lots of fun. Tickets can be purchased before and after weekend Masses, at the Rectory during the week or by calling Amy at 814-341-1934. Must be at least 21 years of age to attend. Tickets limited. Please order early.

FROM OTHER PARISHES & THE COMMUNITY

ULTREYA - Please join the Johnstown West Ultreya Group for our gathering on Thursday, April 12th from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Oratory located at Eighth Ave. and Chestnut Street in Cambria City. All are welcomed.

Bishop McCort Catholic High School presents Fiddler on the Roof at the Guzzi Performing Arts Center at Bishop McCort Catholic High School on Thursday, April 12th, Friday, April 13th and Saturday, April 14th at 7:00 PM each evening. Cost is \$10 for Adults and \$5 for Students. All are welcome!!!

The Church of the Transfiguration will be having a **Fish Fry** Dinner on Friday, April 13, 2018 from 3:30PM to 6:30PM at the Church Hall, 201 Third St. Conemaugh, PA. Come join us for a nice meal! Dinner is \$10.00, Fried or Baked Fish either with French Fries, Mac & Cheese or Haluski and Apple Sauce or Cole Slaw and Desert. Take-Outs are available by calling the Church Hall at 535-2698.

St. Anthony of Padua, Windber Gnocchi Dinner, Take-out Only! Saturday, April 14 from 5:00-6:30pm and Sunday, April 15 from 9:00am-1:00pm. Pasta & 2 meatballs - \$7.00, Salads (\$2) and Cake (\$1). Offered by the Ladies Guild

BASKET PARTY: The Divine Mercy Catholic Academy PTO Basket Party will be held Sunday, April 15th at the St. Andrew Hall in Benscreek. Doors open at Noon and drawings begin at 2:00pm. Donation is \$10 and includes lunch, dessert, beverage, and 25 chances. All admission tickets are sold in advance and are now available at all 3 campuses: DMCA East Campus: 2306 Bedford Street, Johnstown, PA 15904; DMCA West Campus: 430 Tioga Street, Johnstown, PA 15905; DMCA Middle School (Bishop McCort): 25 Osborne Street, Johnstown, PA 15905

The Carmelite Community of the Word invites you to our 16th Annual Hands & Hearts Haiti Fêt (Paschal Festival), on Sunday, April 22, 2018, at Our Lady of Loretto Hall, 279 St. Elizabeth St., Loretto, PA 15940. Please join us for an afternoon focusing on the culture of Haiti, particularly, the music and cuisine. The meal will feature Haitian dishes prepared by Chef Gina Tusing. A portion of the afternoon will include a few Haitian songs performed by a small choral group who has studied and practiced the music of the Little Sisters of the Incarnation of Haiti for this event. Doors open at 1:45 p.m.; Dinner and Silent Auction at 2:30 p.m. followed by entertainment. Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$15 for children under 13. In addition, each participant is asked to contribute new underwear or socks for children, infant to teen sizes, girls or boys. Contact the CCW Incarnation Center at 814-886-4098 for tickets or for more information. Ticket deadline is April 16, 2018. All proceeds will help us continue our ministry in Haiti.

Cursillo Weekends are being offered this spring. The men's weekend will begin the evening of April 19 through April 22. The women's weekend will begin the evening of April 26 through April 29. The retreats are offered at St. Anne's in Ebsenburg. Cursillo retreats have transformed lives all over the world and are an excellent follow up or prelude to the Alpha course. Enrich your faith this Easter by participating in one of these meaningful weekends. For information contact Mike and Juanita Kissell at mjkissell73@gmail.com

Join us at St. Benedict Parish, Johnstown for "Life in Christ: Mission, Mass & Mary". In this dynamic three – night mission, Catholic author and retreat director Thomas Smith will begin by sharing how we can embrace our baptismal mission to share the faith with others. Next we will reflect on the Mass as the source of our strength, a model for personal prayer and an invitation to intimacy. On night three, we will explore the indispensable role of Mary as a model disciple, powerful intercessor and protector. The parish mission will be held April 22-24th, 7 PM nightly at St. Benedict Parish, 2310 Bedford Street, Johnstown. This event is open to all in the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese. Tickets are not required. A love offering will be taken. For more information please contact Deacon Michael Russo at (814) 288-3036 or michael.russo@atlanticbb.net.

COLLECTION: 04/01/2018

Collection – envelopes	\$4,522.00
Second collection	\$540.00
Maintenance	\$542.00
Easter - envelopes	\$6,622.05
Easter - cash	\$1,293.59
Easter Flowers	\$99.00
Holy Thursday	\$671.00
Holy Thursday - cash	\$291.01
Good Friday - envelopes	\$794.00
Good Friday - cash	\$350.00
Rice Bowl - envelopes	\$196.00
Rice Bowl - cash	\$345.00
Mother's Day	\$35.00
New Year's Day	\$5.00
Candlemas	\$5.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$29.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$20.00

Total \$16,359.65

Thank you for your Stewardship

Families and the Gospel: John 20:19-31

In today's gospel Jesus teaches, "Blessed are those who have not seen and believe." Accepting someone as they are, without demanding they prove themselves or meet our expectations, creates a rich relationship. Without acceptance a home is only a house and a family is just a group of house mates.

Liturgical Reflection... We stand with Thomas today to make one of the greatest professions of faith in scripture to Jesus Christ, "My Lord, and my God!" Thomas comes face to face with the Risen Christ. The celebration of the Christian funeral brings hope and consolation to the living. When a Christian dies we proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ with certainty and witness to Christian hope in the resurrection. The funeral rites recall God's mercy and judgment and meet the human need to turn always to God in times of crisis. Death has lost its power. We live in the mercy of God, in the risen life of the Easter Jesus.
Order of Christian Funerals, 1998/1989, Number 7.

***This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. ~ Psalm 118:24
Lord, you have trusted us with freedom and rescued us from our sins.
May we live now freely and fully!***

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**Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers,
CCA GiftCards and Audio Operators, April 14-15**

Saturday, April 14, 5:00 PM

Reader: Larry Olek, Marcy Olek
Eucharistic Minister: Russ Gramlich, Elizabeth Gramlich,
Patricia Loughlin, Elizabeth King,
Betty King
Server: Carlie Jezeskie, Ronnie Jezeskie
Audio Operator: Ron Jezeskie

Sunday, April 15, 8:00 AM

Reader: Christine Brothers, David Weaver
Eucharistic Minister: Carmen Grasso, Sam Grasso,
Pam Sabol, Irene Ott, Rich Ott
Server: Hayden Gates, Nate Gates
Gift Card: Kara Homan-Gustkey
Audio Operator: Rose Eckenrod

Sunday, April 15, 11:00 AM

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

Sunday, April 15, 5:00 PM

Reader: Michael Stuck, Dixie Lochrie
Eucharistic Minister: Charlotte Amenti, Pat Roth,
James Sandoval,
Justin Zierer, Vi Najjar
Server: Mattie Updyke, Eli Updyke
Audio Operator: Monica Updyke

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