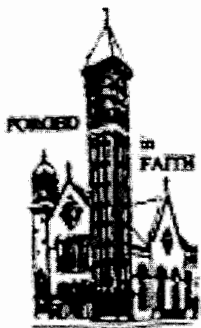


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### SUNDAY LITURGY

#### 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

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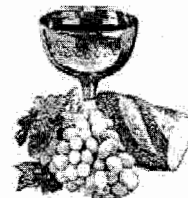
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# Saint John Gualbert Cathedral Parish

I am the living bread that came down from heaven,  
says the Lord;  
whoever eats this bread will live forever.



### Sunday, August 12, - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 1 Kings 19:4-8/ Ephesians 4:30—5:2/John 6:41-51

8:00 am: Bob King (Rich & Janet Horvath)

11:00 am: *For the Intentions of the Television Ministry*

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

### Monday, August 13, - Weekday, Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

Readings: Ezra 1:2-5, 24-28c/ Matthew 17:22-27

7:00 am: Doug Siehl (Theresa Golias)

12:05 pm: Dolores Murin (Helen Picklo & Family)

### Tuesday, August 14, - Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Readings: Ezra 2:8—3:4/ Matthew 18:1-5,10, 12-14

7:00 am: Saint Anne Society

12:05 pm: Anna Mae Cicon (Daughter, Melanie)

6:00 pm: Joan Nagrant (Donna Unger)

### Wednesday, August 15, - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings: Revelation 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab/ 1 Corinthians 15:20-27/ Luke 1:39-56

7:00 am: Robert Crookston, Birthday Remembrance (Family)

12:05 pm: Frances Sacerino (Sister, Lois & Mom)

6:00 pm: Rose Concannon (Denny & Diane Thomas)

### Thursday, August 16, - Weekday, Saint Stephen of Hungary

Readings: Ezra 12:1-12/ Matthew 18:21—19:1

7:00 am: Carol Vogel (Charles E. Huffman)

12:05 pm: Loretta Klug (Dot & Carol Butler)

### Friday, August 17, - Weekday

Readings: Ezra 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/ Matthew 19:3-12

7:00 am: Joseph & Ronnie Kmetz (Kay Kmetz)

12:05 pm: Jack Higgins (Jean)

### Saturday, August 18, - Weekday; BVM

Readings: Ezra 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32 / Matthew 19:13-15

8:00 am: Corita Huffman (Husband, Charles & Family)

5:00 pm: William Wilcox & Parents (Patricia Pawliske)

### Sunday, August 19, - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Proverbs 9:1-6/ Ephesians 5:15-20/ John 6:51-58

8:00 am: Louis McCawley (Sister Honora)

11:00 am: Rosalind & Andrew Csarak (Family)

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

## From Our Pastor . . .



Life today is extremely challenging! Jesus doesn't expect us to deal with everything alone. Come, and be part of Arise! Come and See the goodness of the Lord!

Is your heart longing to love and be loved? Do you feel an aching deep inside? Are you sick and tired of all the negativity in the world and wish to do something about it? ARISE is here to help you!

ARISE Together in Christ is about people, just like you, coming together in groups of six to eight, for ninety minutes, for six weeks in the Fall, and then, again, for six weeks in Lent. We will pray, read scripture, reflect on the scripture, tell stories from our own lives, share refreshments, and reach out in loving service to others.

ARISE enables people to develop a closer relationship with Jesus, grow closer together with our faith community, and be the heart and hands of Jesus in our world today.

Sign-up Weekends are August 25/26 and September 1/2. Arise team members will be here before and after all weekend Masses to provide information and help you join a faith sharing group.

**Nearing Our Target** – At 97% of our target, we are under nine hundred dollars of meeting our parish's share of the Catholic Ministries Drive. Now is the opportunity for the gathering of many late summer gifts to complete our efforts in support of the annual appeal successfully.

What would be an appropriate gift to complete the Catholic Ministries Drive for this year? That is between you and God, the provider of all that we have. For those looking for a gift amount, prayerfully consider either of these suggestions: 1) double your usual monthly support of our Cathedral parish and give that amount as your special gift to the appeal or 2) match your past most generous gift to this annual appeal. Our parish family will be most grateful for your generous commitment. We most assuredly welcome first-time donors to the Catholic Ministries Fund Drive.

When we exceed our target, we will add all to the over the goal funds that we retained from our successful 2017 Drive and assigned to the replacement of the crumbling limestone piers at the front entrance of the Cathedral.

Please consider a gift that reflects your gratitude for the many blessings that God has entrusted to you. Thank you.

**Parish Picnic: Come One Come All!** Mark your calendars. Our annual parish family picnic takes place next Sunday, August 19 at the Saint John Activity Center. Folk may gather following the Proclaim! TV Mass for the early afternoon lunch. The menu includes hamburgers, hotdogs, all the fixings, potato salad, baked beans, corn on the cob, cake. You may bring a dessert to share. We will serve the second meal near 4:00 P.M. with the same delicious menu. Between we will play "winner take all" bingo (2:00 - 3:00 P.M.), have children's activities, listen to and dance with - if you like - DJ music. All free.

**Interested in Becoming Catholic?** Late August marks the first part of the process of becoming Catholic. A first meeting will occur Sunday, August 26 at 9:30 AM in the St John Activity Center located at the corner of Railroad and Adams Streets.

We will begin the period known as Inquiry. This beginning period of the Christian Initiation process helps people feel at ease with the Holy Spirit's attracting them to our faith community. During this time of searching into God's prompting, asking questions, and the inquirers' touching the inner movement of faith, seekers hear and reflect upon the stories of our Catholic community. The inquiry team members also share the faith they have found in Christ, the scriptures, Catholic belief, parish ministry and their life experiences. We welcome interested, 'looking-into-becoming-Catholic' adults, youth and children to these sessions. We will have a separate group for adults and a separate group for children and youth. Participants in the younger group are children within families considering becoming Catholic and baptized Catholic children who are past second grade and have yet to celebrate First Penance and First Communion.

Those wanting to hear more about Catholicism and those wanting to help welcome them – persons interested in being members of the Christian Initiation Team – may talk to Father Jim or the Christian Initiation team members: Sister Honora, Rose Eckenrod, Lonnie Rietscha, Valerie Wilson, Dave Wilson, Christine Brothers, Marge Bevans, Elizabeth Gramlich, or Patricia Loughlin.

## FROM OUR PARISH

**A Blue Mass:** honoring first responders for their service at 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 9th at St John Gualbert Cathedral, Johnstown. This event is open to all police, law enforcement, public safety, firefighters, and EMTs and their families.

The Blue Mass celebration will be open to the general public and honors those who serve our community in a most outstanding way as first responders.

Anyone wishing to attend, plus those seeking further information, can contact (814) 659-6240 or [evyanz@hotmail.com](mailto:evyanz@hotmail.com)

**Day of Holy Obligation:** This week we observe of the Solemnity of the Assumption, Mary's being lifted into God's kingdom. Masses celebrating of Mary's going where we hope to follow are Tuesday evening, August 14, at 6:00 PM, and Wednesday, August 15, at 7:00 AM, 12:05 PM, and 6:00 PM.

## FROM OTHER PARISHES & THE COMMUNITY

**Religious Education:** \* 11th Grade Candidates you have a Confirmation Session 11 A - Rite of Confirmation, on Saturday, August 18- 10:00 am to 11:30 am or Sunday, August 19 - 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. The session will be held at the St. John Paul II Building at St. Benedict's. This session does not include parents and is for ALL 11th grade students both Public and those who attend Bishop McCort.

\*Registration for Religious Education will be held on August 18/19 and Aug 25/ 26 before and after all masses. Forms can also be found on the parish website. If you have a child entering a sacramental year (2nd grade & 9th grade) they must register for Religious Education even if they go to Bishop McCort. Sacramental prep is Parish based. Religious Education Classes begin on Sunday, Sept. 9 at 9:00 am at the Parish Center. Forms printed from the website can be mailed or dropped at the Parish Center or dropped in the collection basket.

\* All Confirmation candidates (9th, 10th and 11th grade) we will have a mandatory meeting to go over Confirmation requirements, and the schedule for retreats and sessions on Sunday, Sept. 9th at 9:00 am in Oratory Hall. At least one parent or guardian must attend the meeting with the student.

**Local Artist is having an Art Show!** Paul Cubeta's paintings and drawings will be on display at **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church hall** Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, from 11am – 6pm and Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> from 12pm – 6pm.

**Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office** cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, 55, and 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2018 (and their families) to attend the **Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy.** Couples may attend Sunday, Sept. 9 in ALTOONA at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, Sept. 16 in JOHNSTOWN at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00 p.m. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families. **Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Tuesday Aug. 21.**

**Bible Study Resumes:** The weekly Bible study will resume on August 25 at 9:30 AM in the Music Room of the school. Sessions are from 9:30 – 11:30. Deacon Michael will continue the discussion on St. Paul's letter to the Romans. The weekly schedule is as follows: August 25; September 1, 15, 22, 29; October 13, 27; November 3, 17; December 1, 8, 15, 22. Handouts will be given. All are welcome!

In case of snow, the Bible Study is canceled. Please contact Deacon Michael if you have questions or need additional information: 288-3036 or [Michael.russo@atlanticbb.net](mailto:Michael.russo@atlanticbb.net).

**St. John's Church Annual Picnic** Sunday, August 26th at the New Germany Grove Chicken and Ham Dinner with Homemade Soup from 11:30am - 3:30pm. CRUISE-IN, 2-4 pm at the Church parking lot across from the picnic grounds. Entertainment: 12pm-3pm Music by "Johnstown Button Box", 3pm-4pm Dance by "Le Dance Academie", 4pm-7pm That Oldies Band (Music of the 50's & 60's), Games for Young and Old - Dancing, Bingo, Food, Music, Theme Baskets. All are welcome!!

**The Church of the Transfiguration** will be having a **Spaghetti Drive-By** on Sunday, August 26, 2018 at their School Hall, 201 Third St., Conemaugh from 10:30am to 1:30pm. Cost is \$7.00/meal.

**AARP Smart Driver Refresher (UPDATE) Course** - This 4 hr class will be Wednesday, August 29, 2018 from 1:30pm - 5:30pm. You must have already taken the original 8 hr course to take this class. Completing this class qualifies you for a discount on your car insurance for the next 3 yrs. (Contact your insurance agent for specific details) The cost is \$15 for AARP members / \$20 for non-AARP members. Please call (814)442-1648 to register. Course will be located at The Church of the Transfiguration Hall, 201 Third Str. Conemaugh, PA.

**COLLECTION: 08/05/2018**

Collection – cash	\$ 1,157.35
Collection – envelopes	\$ 5,123.98
Second Collection	\$ 309.53
Maintenance	\$ 520.00
Flush Fund	\$ 55.00
Assumption	\$ 40.00
Food Collection	\$ 20.00
Catholic Register	\$ 10.00
St. Croix	\$ 10.00

Total \$7,245.86

Thank you for your Stewardship

**Families and the Gospel: John 6:41-51 – “Stop murmuring”**

Jesus told the disciples in today’s gospel. Complaining is a dead-end and constant complaining is nagging. We might feel better but others feel bitter. Silence or grumbling will not resolve the problem. Address differences honestly and respectfully. Don’t make them personal attacks.

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**Liturgical Reflection...** The Church continues to prefer the practice of burying the bodies of the deceased. The reason is that this ancient Christian custom shows a greater esteem towards the deceased. Nevertheless, cremation is not prohibited, unless it is chosen for reasons contrary to Christian doctrine. In the absence of motives contrary to Christian doctrine, the Church after the celebration of the Funeral Mass or Funeral Liturgy outside Mass, accompanies the choice of cremation. The relevant liturgical rites are provided. And care is to be taken to avoid any appearance of religious indifference.

Instruction, Ad resurgendum cum Christo, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 2016, Number 4.

2018, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648

**Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers,  
CCA Gift Cards and Audio Operators, August 18-19****Saturday, August 18, 5:00 PM**

**Reader:** Patricia Loughlin, Larry Olek  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Elizabeth Gramlich, Russ Gramlich, Marcy Olek, Elizabeth Rhoades, Terry Rhoades  
**Server:** Keara Brandon, Jason Harris  
**Audio Operator:** Michael Stoskey

**Sunday, August 19, 8:00 AM**

**Reader:** Fred Oliveros, Brigid Starchok  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Carmen Grasso, Sam Grasso, Irene Ott, Rich Ott, Gloria Stephens  
**Server:** Hayden Gates, Nate Gates  
**Gift Card:** Lisa Leckey  
**Audio Operator:** Rose Eckenrod

**Sunday, August 19, 11:00 AM**

**Reader:** Lonnie Rietscha, Mary Jane Verbiar  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Esperanza Bair, James Hollis, Gene Podratsky, Russ Smith, David Wilson  
**Server:** Hannah Rietscha, Hayleigh Rietscha  
**Gift Card:** Brian King  
**Audio Operator:** Tracy Smith

**Sunday, August 19, 5:00 PM**

**Reader:** Christine Brothers, Vi Najjar  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Charlotte Amenti, Pat Roth, James Sandoval, Justin Zierer, Request a minister  
**Server:** Eli Updyke, Mattie Updyke  
**Audio Operator:** Monica Updyke

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