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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

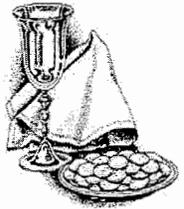
3:00 pm - Cathedral

Thursday before First Friday

3:00 pm - Cathedral

Saint John Gualbert Cathedral Parish

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.



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*

Monday, August 20, - Saint Bernard, Abbott & Doctor of the Church

Readings: Ezra 24:15-24/ Matthew 19:16-22

7:00 am: Saint Anne Society

12:05 pm: Herb Delawder, Birthday Remembrance (Dana & Dylan)

Tuesday, August 21, - Saint Pius X, Pope

Readings: Ezra 28:1-10/ Matthew 19:23-30

7:00 am: Joseph Novak (Sister, Helen Yuhás)

12:05 pm: Frances Hasenstab, Anniversary (Daughter, Dorothy)

Wednesday, August 22, - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings: Ezra 34:1-11/ Matthew 20:1-16

7:00 am: Carol Matevish (Martha Washovich)

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

Thursday, August 23, - Weekday, Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin

Readings: Ezra 36:23-28/ Matthew 22:1-14

7:00 am: Eric Blackner (Ralph & Barbara Havener)

12:05 pm: Julius Kovach, Wedding Anniversary 8/21 (Wife, Jeanne & Family)

Friday, August 24, - Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

Readings: Revelation 21:9b-14/ John 1:45-51

7:00 am: James Hecker (Janet Sanders)

12:05 pm: Kylie Gindlesberger (Juanita C. Burkhart & Family)

Saturday, August 25, - Weekday, Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest; BVM

Readings: Ezra 43:1-7ab/ Matthew 23:1-12

8:00 am: Leonard & Maria Naylor, 45th Wedding Anniversary

5:00 pm: Sophie Rutledge (Grandchildren)

Sunday, August 26, - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/ Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/ John 6:60-69

8:00 am: Frank Knapp, Anniversary (Gene & Irene Ritter)

11:00 am: Sara T. Connors-O'Shea (Dianne O'Shea)

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

From Our Pastor . . .



Life today is extremely challenging! Jesus does not 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, September 1/2, September 8/9. Arise team members will be here before and after all weekend Masses to provide information and help you join a faith sharing group.

Important, "Be Present" Meeting about Confirmation Process– Parents and students in grades 9-11 (Bishop McCort and Public Schools) must attend the Parent/Candidate meeting Sunday, September 9, 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM, St Rochus Oratory, at the corner of Chestnut Street and Eighth Avenue, Cambria City. The Oratory is the former St Rochus Church. Father Jim will review the full schedule of Confirmation sessions, retreats, and activities for Confirmation candidates, grades 9-11.

Nearing Our Target – At 98% of our target, we are under six 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. 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! Our annual parish family picnic takes place this 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.), 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

Christian Life and Service is having a Baby Shower for Birthright on September 15 & 16 - Thank you so much for supporting Birthright's pro-life mission! Most needed items are diapers in the following sizes – Size Newborn, Sizes 1, 2, and 6, baby wipes and gifts of financial support. Gift gathering will be at the entrance ways of our cathedral. All gifts are to be unwrapped. If making a monetary donation by check, please make the check payable to Birthright. All gifts will be greatly appreciated

FROM OTHER PARISHES & THE COMMUNITY

Religious Education: Registration for Resurrection 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 Resurrection parish website. Resurrection 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) will join the St. John Gualbert Confirmation meeting announced on page 2 of this bulletin, at 9:30 am in the upstairs oratory. At least one parent or guardian must attend the Confirmation meeting with the student.

* Families attending religious education at St Benedict (266-9718), St Clement (255-4422), or St Gregory (536-6818) should contact the respective parish office to register. Please call our parish office (536-0117), if you need contact information.

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. 8th, from 11am – 6pm and Sept. 9th from 12pm – 6pm.

Bible Study Resumes: The weekly Bible study will resume on August 25 at 9:30 AM in the Music Room of St Benedict 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.

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.

HIGH SCHOOL juniors or seniors and their families are invited to Get Acquainted Day **Open Houses at Saint Vincent College, Latrobe**, on Saturdays, Sept. 22 and Oct. 20, and Sunday, Nov. 11. On Sept. 22 and Oct. 20, the Get Acquainted Day Open House event will begin with registration from 8:30 to 9 a.m. in the Fred M. Rogers Center and will conclude at noon. On Sunday, Nov. 11, the Get Acquainted Day Open House event will begin with registration from 10:30 a.m. to noon and will conclude at 3 p.m. Each day, the presentation will include an introduction to Saint Vincent College and a student panel. Find out more about this top-ranked Catholic, Benedictine, liberal arts college. Listen to financial aid and admission presentations, meet faculty, administrators and coaches and take a campus tour. For information or reservations, phone 1-800-782-5549, e-mail admission@stvincent.edu, or register online at www.stvincent.edu.

COLLECTION: 08/12/2018

Collection – cash	\$ 1,052.50
Collection – envelopes	\$ 3,173.65
Second Collection	\$ 401.61
Maintenance	\$ 82.00
Assumption	\$ 71.00

Total \$4,780.76

Thank you for your Stewardship

Families and the Gospel: John 6:51-58 - In today's gospel Jesus speaks of eating his flesh and blood. Parents can identify with this, for they often feel devoured by all the demands of family life. This is unavoidable for children grow in the soil of sacrificial love. Parenting is not part time work. It is a consuming lifetime commitment.

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Stewardship Reflection: In his letter to the Ephesians, Saint Paul reminds us that as Christian stewards we imitate God though our kindness, compassion, and forgiveness. Let us be as generous in our actions as our gratitude is for the love of God. Parish Life Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

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.**

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**Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers,
CCA Gift Cards and Audio Operators, August 25-26**

Saturday, August 25, 5:00 PM

Reader: Heather Jezeskie, Dixie Lochrie
Eucharistic Minister: Elizabeth Gramlich, Russ Gramlich, Betty King, Elizabeth King, Christine Russell
Server: Carlie Jezeskie, Ron Jezeskie
Audio Operator: Ronnie Jezeskie

Sunday, August 26, 8:00 AM

Reader: Dave Harteis, Brigid Starchok
Eucharistic Minister: Carmen Grasso, Sam Grasso, Anthony Kamnikar, Susan Kamnikar, Pam Sabol
Server: Lorenzo Favor, Rich Ott
Gift Card: Neil Lecky
Audio Operator: Dennis Thomas

Sunday, August 26, 11:00 AM

Reader: Terry Johnson, Beth Stern
Eucharistic Minister: Esperanza Bair, Jodi Hall, James Hollis, Gene Podratsky, David Wilson
Server: Damien Byer, Rachel Hall
Gift Card: Brian King
Audio Operator: Brian Vuletich

Sunday, August 26, 5:00 PM

Reader: Charlotte Amenti, Patricia Loughlin
Eucharistic Minister: Vi Najjar, Pat Roth, Justin Zierer, Request two ministers
Server: Eli Updyke, Mattie Updyke
Audio Operator: Matthew Updyke

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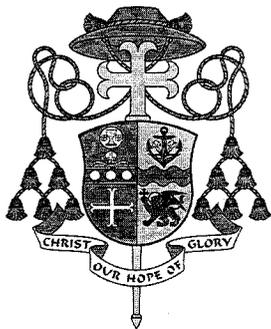
*God, give me Gentleness that I may tenderly
care and respond to the needs of others.*

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August 16, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Troubled, saddened, shocked, dismayed, ashamed, and angry. These are some of the words that I have heard this week as another state grand jury investigation was made public. There is nothing wrong with those words or the feelings that they represent.

As they came to my own mind, I also began to think of other words; salt and light.

In the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:13-16) Jesus says: "You are the salt of the earth and the light of the world." Jesus reminds us that salt enhances the flavor of food and it also helps preserve its goodness. And Jesus asks an important question, "What happens when salt loses its flavor?"

Then Jesus says to us: "You are the light of the world." Jesus reminds us that light dispels the darkness of sin and evil. Jesus asks another important question, "What happens when someone hides the light under a basket?"

You know the answer to these questions. An opportunity is lost and a greater good may never be realized. That brings me to some other words that came to mind this week. They are words from Pope Francis during the Angelus prayers on January 6, 2018:

"Every community must pay special attention to the small and the great opportunities for goodness that the Lord offers to us, allowing us to be involved in his dynamics of love, of welcome, and of mercy toward all. The authenticity of the Church's mission (being salt of the earth) is not measured by success or the gratification of results, but by going forward with the courage of trust and the humility of abandonment to God (which means not hiding the light under a basket)."

Significant progress has been made in our diocese since we experienced the publication of a state grand jury report and the memorandum of understanding with the U.S. attorney that followed. Those revelations of darkness allow us to recognize the light of the world. And the reprimands and expectations for reform accepted by me on behalf of our diocese remind us that we need to be careful that we do not discard the salt of the earth.

As we look to what is ahead of us, think about the words, salt and light. You are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Keep reminding yourselves and me of that important truth. And think about the words of Pope Francis.

This is a moment of small and great opportunities for goodness. What we must be about is not to be measured by success or the gratification of results. It is to be measured by going forward with the courage of trust and the humility of abandonment to God.

We must work together to be involved in the dynamics of Christ's love, welcome, and mercy toward all. That includes victims and their families, those in the pews and those who are not coming to Church these days, and all of our neighbors.

If keeping the faith seems to have lost its flavor, find the seasoning that only Christ can provide. And if the candle blows out, borrow the flame of faith from someone and light another candle. There cannot and will not be any going backward for us and especially for those who have been suffering without that salt and light. We must go forward with humility and the courage of trust in God.

Sincerely in Christ,

+ Mark L. Bartchak

Most Rev. Mark L. Bartchak
Bishop of Altoona-Johnstown