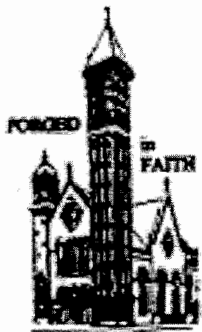


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### SUNDAY LITURGY

*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 FirstFriday

3:00 pm - Cathedral

# Saint John Gualbert Cathedral Parish

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life;  
you have the words of everlasting life.



## 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*

## Monday, August 27, - Saint Monica

Readings: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 11-12/ Matthew 23:13-22

7:00 am: Saint Anne Society

12:05 pm: Joann Kelly (Darlene Holtzman)

## Tuesday, August 28, - Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Readings: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17/ Matthew 23:23-26

7:00 am: Carole Vogel (Mary & Jerry Hauger)

12:05 pm: Frances Mikesic, Wedding Anniversary (Mr. & Mrs. Jon Billow)

## Wednesday, August 29, - The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

Readings: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18/ Mark 6:17-29

7:00 am: Clara Mulkey (Dan & Vanessa Hummel)

12:05 pm: Bob King (Larry & Barbara Goetz)

## Thursday, August 30, - Weekday

Readings: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9/ Matthew 24:42-51

7:00 am: Living & Deceased Members of 1<sup>st</sup> Catholic Slovak Ladies

12:05 pm: Charles Corson, Wedding Anniversary (Aunt Lois)

## Friday, August 31, - Weekday

Readings: 1 Corinthians 1:17-25/ Matthew 25:1-13

7:00 am: Stephanie Boyles (Lenore Meketa)

12:05 pm: Tim Obringer (Diane Keafer)

## Saturday, September 1, - Weekday; BVM

Readings: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31/ Matthew 25:14-30

8:00 am: Roger Stoy (Stoy Girls)

5:00 pm: Kathleen Grady, Birthday Remembrance (Dick & Janet Grady)

## Sunday, September 2, - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8/ James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/ Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

8:00 am: Betty L. Sweeney, Birthday Remembrance (Children & Families)

11:00 am: Stephen J. Molnar (Wife & Children)

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 99% of our target, we are within one 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 Appreciation** Delighted picnic goers enjoyed a fun afternoon, good luck winning bingo, and wonderful, delicious summer meals this past Sunday afternoon. Bright, smiling appreciation to our Service Group coordinated by Janet Swanhart, members of the Christian Life and Service Committee and DJ Lou Aust for making our picnic a special treat for all.

**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)



**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 forms for Resurrection Religious Education can be printed from the parish website. Please return forms as soon as possible. They can be mailed or dropped off at the Parish Center. Religious Education will begin on Sunday, Sept. 9th, at 9:00 am at the Parish Center. The Parish Center is located at 408 Eight Ave.

\*All Confirmation candidates (9th, 10th and 11th grade) there will be a 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 with the student.

**The Friar's Nook Gift Shop is OPEN.** The Friar's Nook Gift Shop located at **793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg** is not closing and getting all stocked up for Christmas! Please stop in to see our large selection of sacrament gifts, jewelry, home décor and much more! Our shop hours are Monday-Saturday: 10:00AM-4:00PM, and please feel free to call with any questions at 814-695-3802.

**Fish Fry is back!** St. Francis of Assisi will be sponsoring a Fish Fry on Friday, September 14 from 11:00Am until 6:00PM at the

Activity Center, corner of D Street and Barron Avenue. Gobs will be available as well as bake sale. We offer Fried and Baked Fish as well as Shrimp. Dinners include 2 sides and a roll. A Special which includes Fish Sandwich and French Fries for \$7.50 is available all day. A complete menu can be viewed on our website: [www.stfrancisfrancisofassisijohnstown.com](http://www.stfrancisfrancisofassisijohnstown.com).

**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](mailto:admission@stvincent.edu), or register online at [www.stvincent.edu](http://www.stvincent.edu).

**BLOOD SCREENING:** Resurrection Church in conjunction with Chan Soon-Shiong Medical Center at Windber is holding a Community Lab Blood Screening on Saturday, September 29 from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM at Resurrection Church Hall, 324 Chestnut Street. The cost is \$30.00. Additional tests offered: PSA, \$20.00; Hemoglobin A1C, \$20.00 and Vitamin D level, \$35.00. Please call 814-467-3739 to schedule an appointment. A 12 to 14 hour fast is recommended. You do not need to be a patient of a Windber Physician to participate; patients of any physicians are welcome. No Physician order is needed. Walk-ins welcome!

Once again, it is time to hold our **special celebration for Columbus Day** in conjunction with a time of prayer. The affair will be held at the **St Michael the Archangel Basilica in Loretto, PA** on October 7, 2018. Rosary will be recited at 1:45pm, and Bishop Bartchak will celebrate Mass at 2:00pm. Immediately following Mass, a dinner will be held in the Community Hall. Knights along with their family members, friends and all parishioners are invited to this social celebration. The cost of the dinner is \$15.00 for adults and \$7.50 for children 12 years and younger. **Reservations must be made in advance! No money transactions will be made at the door the evening of the banquet.** Those wishing to attend should submit their names with a check to: William Stasko, CPA, 8 Entrance Drive, Johnstown, PA 15905. In order to prepare name tags in advance, names should be submitted singly rather than as Mr. and Mrs. The deadline for reservations is September 29, 2018.

**COLLECTION: 08/19/2018**

Collection – cash	\$ 1,270.56
Collection – envelopes	\$ 3,517.91
Second Collection	\$ 440.53
Maintenance	\$ 40.00
Assumption - envelopes	\$ 965.02
Assumption - cash	\$ 742.18

Total \$6,976.20

Thank you for your Stewardship

**Families and the Gospel: John 6:60-69**, Even though many found the teachings of Jesus “difficult,” He did not back down. In our families it is important to say what is difficult to hear, to speak the truth with kindness, to correct with love and guide with understanding.

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**Liturgical Reflection...** The faithful departed remain part of the Church, made up of the living and the dead. The reservation of the ashes of the departed in a sacred place ensures that they are not excluded from the prayers and remembrance of their family or the Christian community. It prevents the faithful departed from being forgotten or their remains from being shown a lack of respect when the immediate subsequent generations have too passed away. Tombs are holy places respecting the dignity of deceased Christians. Instruction, Ad resurgendum cum Christo, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 2016, Number 5. 2018, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.

**Stewardship Reflection:** Can you embrace Joshua’s choice as your own: “As for me and household, we will serve the Lord” (Jos. 24:15)? Christian stewards eagerly decide to serve the Lord, and strive to not let the destructive “gods” of society; materialism, relativism, individualism, and consumerism control their lives. Parish Life Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

**Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers,  
CCA Gift Cards and Audio Operators, Sept. 1-3**

**Saturday, September 1, 5:00 PM**

**Reader:** Christine Brothers, Karen Pavlosky  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Elizabeth Gramlich, Russ Gramlich, Marcy Olek, Elizabeth Rhoades, Terry Rhoades  
**Server:** Keara, Brandon, Jason Harris  
**Audio Operator:** Kevin Slonka

**Sunday, September 2, 8:00 AM**

**Reader:** Carrie Weaver, David Weaver  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Irene Ott, Rich Ott, Gene Podratsky, Rose Ann Schellhammer, Valerie Wilson Pam Sabol  
**Server:** Hayden Gates, Nate Gates  
**Gift Card:** Kara Homan-Gustkey  
**Audio Operator:** Rose Eckenrod

**Sunday, September 2, 11:00 AM**

**Reader:** Mary Jane Verbiar, David Wilson  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Esperanza Bair, Jodi Hall, James Hollis, Russ Smith, Request a minister  
**Server:** Levi Giffin, Rachel Hall  
**Gift Card:** Lisa Leckey  
**Audio Operator:** Ray Ritter

**Sunday, September 2, 5:00 PM**

**Reader:** Rose Batzel, Vi Najjar  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Charlotte Amenti, Patricia Loughlin, Pat Roth, Justin Zierer, Request a minister  
**Server:** Namita Gallo, James Sandoval  
**Audio Operator:** Monica Updyke

**Monday, September 3, 9:00 AM Labor Day**

**Reader:** Mary Jane Verbiar, David Wilson  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Carmen Grasso, Sam Grasso  
**Server:** Vi Najjar, Request a server  
**Audio Operator:** Request an audio operator

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