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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

God has called us through the Gospel  
to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.



## **Sunday, September 23, - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Readings: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20/ James 3:16—4:3/ Mark 9:30-37

8:00 am: Frank Pagano (Dee Dee Osborne)

11:00 am: Joanne Stoy, Birthday Remembrance (Family)

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

## **Monday, September 24, - Weekday**

Readings: Proverbs 3:27-34/ Luke 8:16-18

7:00 am: Eric Blackner (Sharon Kurtz)

12:05 pm: Sophie Wegrzyn (Son, John)

## **Tuesday, September 25, - Weekday**

Readings: Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13/ Luke 8:19-21

7:00 am: Saint Anne Society

12:05 pm: Mary Rosey, Birthday Remembrance (Cookie & Bill Antesberger)

## **Wednesday, September 26, - Weekday**

Readings: Proverbs 30:5-9/ Luke 9:1-6

7:00 am: Olga Gritzer (Niece, Nancy)

12:05 pm: Mary Ann Prestipino, Birthday Remembrance (Sister, & Brothers)

## **Thursday, September 27, - Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest**

Readings: Ecclesiastes 1:2-11 / Luke 9:7-9

7:00 am: Tim Obringer (Diane Keafer)

12:05 pm: Frank Cekada, Sr. (Kizzira Cekada-Dietz)

## **Friday, September 28, - Weekday**

Readings: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 / Luke 9:18-22

7:00 am: Clara Mulkey (Rosalie & Vincent Saccone)

12:05 pm: Joann Nagrant (Brother, Jim)

## **Saturday, September 29, - Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels**

Readings: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelations 12:7-12ab / John 1:47-51

8:00 am: Carol Vogel (Kevin & Cindy Houghton)

5:00 pm: Mary Ann Sabo (Edna Powell)

## **Sunday, September 30, - Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Readings: Numbers 11:25-29/ James 5:1-6/ Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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

11:00 am: Carol Matevish (Jean Westrick)

5:00 pm: Michael & Carmella Serafin, Wedding Anniversary

(Jim & Michele Serafin)

## From Our Pastor . . .

**Prayer for Catechists:** O God, our Heavenly Father, you have given us the gift of these catechists to be heralds of the Gospel to our parish family. We lift them up to you in thanksgiving and intercede for them concerning their hopes and needs. May we be attentive to the presence of your Word in them, a Word that lifts and affirms, calls forth and challenges, is compassionate and consoles. We pray that our parish family will always be blessed with those who have responded to the call to share in Christ's prophetic mission as catechists. May we too be open to the universal call to service that Christ addresses to all his disciples, contributing our gifts to the communion of faith, the Church. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

**A Best Practice: Accompaniment** Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel* has made the word "accompaniment" popular. There, he urged the entire church to learn and practice this important "art" (no. 169), which he described as the way the Church must evangelize (and catechize) today. Accompaniment is a process of interpersonal relationship-building that moves at a gradual pace. Key to developing a relationship rooted in trust, respect, and love is that the witness or (companion) be a credible one. He or she must live the faith, not just talk about it! Finally, accompaniment has a definite trajectory: it aims at initial and then more profound conversion for all involved. This is not about commiseration or process for the sake of process. When we accompany others, we are going somewhere: in and through the Church, to the heart of Christ.

Accompaniment arises from the reality that interpersonal relationships are integral to evangelization and catechesis. Trust begets a more in-depth, personal sharing of faith experiences which opens the way to a formal articulation of the faith (catechesis).

What is critical here is that the companion be a credible witness; that is, he or she is already living the faith they profess. Credibility and authenticity are critical to evangelizing/catechizing anyone, especially the Nones—people who do not affiliate with any organized religion. They often consider themselves to be spiritual but not religious.

Accompaniment also includes several actions and attitudes the companion must cultivate. The most essential and fundamental action is "going out." This can mean "going somewhere" or "going out of one's comfort zone." We cannot encounter people if we do not go out to them.

A personal example of going out is the time when I decided to pray over my children at Mass. After communion, I placed my hands on our oldest son (Mikey's) head, saying "Lord, let Mikey know how much you and I love him. Amen." This gesture inspired Mikey who spontaneously turned to Ben (the next oldest son) and put his little hands on Ben's head, saying "Lord, can you remind Ben to play with just his toys!" Ben, in turn, put his hands on our youngest son (Jo Jo's) head, saying "Pancakes, pancakes, pancakes!" He was five at the time.

There were two people in the pew behind us observing our family prayer. One had a smile on her face and tears in her eyes. She thought it was beautiful to watch. The other woman had her arms folded and brow furrowed, glowering at me. Seeing her, I felt that God was calling me to "go out" to this woman and find out what was behind the mean look. After Mass, I introduced myself and asked if I had upset her in any way. She told me I was distracting her with all the "commotion" we were making. I then found myself going way out of my comfort zone, inviting her to coffee and donuts with my family. She accepted the invitation reluctantly.

Five minutes into our conversation, the woman tells my family that her husband passed on a year ago and that her oldest son had left the Catholic Church. Praying with my kids at Mass had stirred up these strong memories and feelings in her. She felt guilty about her son's break with the Church, and she needed to talk about it. Had I not "gone out" to her, she might be carrying around her guilt and frustration longer than necessary.

As catechists, pray for the desire to develop intentional relationships with those you catechize. Help them to trust the Christ in you. Don't just teach them that Jesus loves them. Show them you love them, too! Encounter them, share your own faith experiences, and allow them to do the same. Then, with deeper roots of companionship in place, articulating the faith (catechesis proper) will take more readily because it comes from a trusted source. Taken from *Going Out to the Peripheries: Accompanying the 'Nones'* Dr. Matthew W. Halbach, Ph.D.

**Our Delicious Roast Beef Dinner** is Sunday, October 7, at the Activity Center at the corner of Adams and Railroad Streets. Serving our Roast Beef Dinner with Salad Bar starts at 11 AM and continues until 2 PM. Adults: \$10.50; Children (5-10): \$6.00; Children (under 5): free. Look also in the mail for our Fall Raffle Ticket. Thank you in advance for your patronage and your participation in the Fall Raffle.

## FROM OUR PARISH

**Requesting Delicious Sweets:** Calling all our good bakers, we welcome your cakes for the Roast Beef Dinner. Please bring your sweet treats to the Activity Center on October 7.

### Religious Education

- Resurrection Religious Education classes 9:00 am -10:15 am  
K-8 grade classes are held in the Parish Center, 9th and 10th grade in Oratory Hall and 11th grade in the Oratory.

### Up Coming Events:

- Sept. 30th - Confirmation sessions 9A, 10A, & 11B. This is your first opportunity to attend the sessions. They are held in the St. Johns Paul II building at St. Benedict's. The sessions are from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.
- SHYCON-STRONG AND COURAGEOUS - Sunday, Oct. 28th at St. Francis University, for youth grades -12. The keynote for this event is Paul J. Kim. Students can get registration form at Religious Education classes.

**Blood Screening:** Saint John Gualbert Parish in conjunction with Chan Soon-Shiong Medical Center at Windber is holding a Community Lab Blood Screening on Saturday, October 20th from 6:30 AM to 10:00 AM in the St. John Gualbert Activity Center. 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!

## FROM OTHER PARISHES & THE COMMUNITY

**The Church of the Transfiguration is having a Spaghetti Drive-By** on Sunday, Sep. 23rd from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Church/School Hall, 201 3rd Street, Conemaugh, PA. The meal includes spaghetti & meatballs, tossed salad, dinner roll and dessert at \$7.00/per meal. Drive-thru directions: Enter on 3rd Street. Stop at the first station and place your order and pay. By the time you get to the next station your order will be ready to take home and enjoy!"

**The Gabriel Project at St. Francis of Assisi Church** in Johnstown's West End is currently serving 36 babies and their families. Urgently needed are diapers sizes 1-4, baby wipes, and cash donations in order to provide car seats or Pack & Plays for a safe place for baby to sleep. Please call 539-0155 for information.

**The Annual Prayer Chain for Life** will be held Sunday, October 7, 1-2pm on Broad Street in Cambria City. Meet in front of the former St. Columba Church. Signs will be provided. Please join in this one hour of peaceful prayer and witness for the sacredness of human life from before birth to natural death. For information call Gale (539-0155).

Plan to join **Holy Family Parish** at 509 Caldwell Ave., Portage for a **Basket Party** on Sun., Oct. 7 in the Parish Hall. Doors open at noon. No tickets will be sold after 2:15pm. Drawings start at 2:30pm. \$5 donation will get you 25 basket chances and a door prize chance. Chances on larger baskets will be available. To purchase your chances in advance, please call Barb at 736-3367.

There will be a **Healing Mass** on Monday, October 8, 2018 at 7:00pm, at the **Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament**. Fr. Bill Keil, from the Diocese of Greensburg, will be the main celebrant. All are welcome, especially those in need of physical, emotional, or spiritual healing, and those who support and care for them as well. Music for the Mass will be led by the Cathedral Prayer Group Ministry. For more information, please call 814-941-3832.

**Resurrection Church** will host a **First Aid/C.P.R. Certification Class** on Tuesday, October 9 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the Oratory Hall located at the corner of 8th Avenue and Chestnut Street in Johnstown. The class will be taught by members of the West End Ambulance Service. For more information or to register please call Faith at (814) 479-2062.

**The Church of the Transfiguration** will be having a **Fish Fry Dinner** on Friday, October 12, 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.

**Public Outdoor Rosary**, 101<sup>st</sup> Year Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima Rosary, Saturday, October 13th – Noon, St. Clement Church Parking Lot, bring a friend and a chair. Rain or shine. Please join us in praying the Rosary for our Church, families and country as Our Lady requested.

**St. Patrick Catholic Church**, 609 Park Avenue, Johnstown, PA will hold a **Fall "Basement" Sale** Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm each day. Antiques & Collectables, Holiday Items, Books, CD's, Records and Much More... No Early Sales! For more information about this upcoming event, please contact the parish office at (814) 539-2186.

**Basket Party to support Birthright's** pro life work on Sun. Oct. 28 at the Richland Fire Hall from 11 am – 2 pm. Drawing @ 1. \$10 includes 25 chances and luncheon. Big prize table and loads of gift baskets. Call Mary Kay @ 535-8231 for tickets.

It is absolutely necessary, both for our advancement and the salvation of others, to follow always and in all things the beautiful light of faith. - *St. Vincent de Paul*

**COLLECTION: 09/16/2018**

Collection – cash	\$ 920.26
Collection – envelopes	\$ 3,632.80
Second Collection	\$ 242.00
Maintenance	\$ 250.00
St. Croix	\$ 482.00
Retired Priests Medical	\$ 10.00
Assumption	\$ 22.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 10.00
Father's Day	\$ 10.00
Catholic Register	\$ 123.00

Total \$5,702.06

Thank you for your Stewardship

**Families and the Gospel: Mk 9:30-37** - Disagreements are common in families. But what would you say if Jesus posed the same question, "What are you arguing about?" Is it silly and petty? Is it an attempt to impose your will and control on another? Today Jesus tells us and his disciples to give it up. We are meant to serve each other, not control.

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**Liturgical Reflection...** There are occasions and circumstances that sometimes make it impossible for the body to be present for the Funeral Mass. When extraordinary circumstances make cremation of a body the only feasible choice, pastoral sensitivity must be exercised by priests, deacons, and others who minister to the family of the deceased. Such circumstances are seen as exceptions to the general practice of the Church which is to have the body of the deceased present for the Vigil of the Deceased and the Funeral Mass.

Order of Christian Funerals, Cremation, 1998, Number 415.  
2018, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.

**Stewardship Reflection...** Faith with work is alive! We Christian stewards collaborate with God in the work of creation and cooperate with Him in the work of redemption. Let us be the true and faithful servant leaders Jesus has called us to be.

Parish life office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

**Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers,  
CCA Gift Cards and Audio Operators, Sept. 29-30**

**Saturday, September 29, 5:00 PM**

**Reader:** Christine Brothers, Karen Pavlosky  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Betty King, Elizabeth King, Patricia Loughlin, Elizabeth Rhoades, Terry Rhoades  
**Server:** Keara Brandon, Jason Harris  
**Audio Operator:** Michael Stoskey

**Sunday, September 30, 8:00 AM**

**Reader:** Carrie Weaver, David Weaver  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Irene Ott, Rich Ott, Rose Ann Schellhammer, Valerie Wilson, Peter T. Yanko  
**Server:** Hayden Gates, Nate Gates  
**Gift Card:** Kara Homan-Gustkey  
**Audio Operator:** Rose Eckenrod

**Sunday, September 30, 11:00 AM**

**Reader:** Mary Jane Verbiar, David Wilson  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Esperanza Bair, Jodi Hall, Rachel Hall, James Hollis, Lonnie Rietscha  
**Server:** Hannah Rietscha, Hayleigh Rietscha  
**Gift Card:** Lisa Leckey  
**Audio Operator:** Brian Vuletich

**Sunday, September 30, 5:00 PM**

**Reader:** Rose Batzel, Vi Najjar  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Charlotte Amenti, Pat Roth, James Sandoval, Request two ministers  
**Server:** Request two servers  
**Audio Operator:** Matthew Updyke

We must love our neighbor as being made in the image of God and as an object of His love. – *Saint Vincent de Paul*

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