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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

If we love one another, God remains in us  
and his love is brought to perfection in us.



## Sunday, October 7, - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Genesis 2:18-24/ Hebrew 2:9-11/ Mark 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

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

11:00 am: Mary Clare (Ludwig) Incardona (Patricia (McCaffery) Kesslak)

5:00 pm: Robert F. Crookston (Family)

## Monday, October 8, - Weekday

Readings: Galatians 1:6-12/ Luke 10:25-37

7:00 am: Saint Anne Society

12:05 pm: George Najjar (Wife, Children and Grandchildren)

## Tuesday, October 9, - Weekday, Saint Denis, Bishop and Companions, Martyrs;

Saint John Leonardi, Priest

Readings: Galatians 1:13-24/ Luke 10:38-42

7:00 am: Mary & Joseph Kuzmiak (Granddaughter, Nancy)

12:05 pm: Kathleen Grady (Dick & Janet Grady)

## Wednesday, October 10, - Weekday

Readings: Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14/ Luke 11:1-4

7:00 am: Bob King (Rich & Janet Horvath)

12:05 pm: Stephanie Caddy & Margaret Sefcik (Family)

## Thursday, October 11, - Weekday, Saint John XXIII, Pope

Readings: Galatians 3:1-5/ Luke 11:5-13

7:00 am: Veronica Burgo (Loving Daughter, VMB)

12:05 pm: Robert Yuhas, Birthday Remembrance (Wife, Helen)

## Friday, October 12, - Weekday

Readings: Galatians 3:7-14/ Luke 11:15-26

7:00 am: Shari Kohan (The Serwinski Family)

12:05 pm: Rose Concannon (Mary Rita & Rose Eckenrod)

## Saturday, October 13, - Weekday, BVM

Readings: Galatians 3:22-29/ Luke 11:27-28

8:00 am: Loretta Klug (Paula Dabbs)

5:00 pm: Nicholas Marovic (Ron & Anne Cigich)

## Sunday, October 14, - Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Wisdom 7:7-11/ Hebrews 4:12-13/ Mark 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

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

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

5:00 pm: Carole Vogel (Jack & Mary Alice Drummer)

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**From Our Pastor . . .**

**Abortion: Another Look – The Effects** It results in the death of a child. For many mothers, abortion causes severe and long-lasting emotional, psychological, and spiritual trauma. Many women experience overwhelming guilt, shame, and grief. Other effects have also been documented: depression, withdrawal from others, eating disorders, self-punishing behaviors like “cutting,” sexual dysfunction and problems with intimacy, alcohol and drug dependency, problems bonding with other or subsequent children, abortion-related nightmares, and other sleep problems.

Family relationships may suffer as the aborted child’s father, grandparents, or other family members experience their own guilt, grief, or loss. Even if the mother keeps her abortion secret, family members can be distressed by changes in the mother’s behavior and mental or emotional health.

**What the Church Teaches**

The Church has consistently taught that every human life is precious and worthy of protection. Every intentional abortion is gravely wrong. In April 2018, Pope Francis wrote: “Our defense of the innocent unborn . . . needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demands love for each person, regardless of his or her stage of development.”

The Church does not approach difficult pregnancy decisions with a false “either/or” mentality, pitting mother against child. For example, a baby conceived in rape is not an aggressor deserving death by abortion. She is innocent, like her mother. They both deserve compassionate care and support, not more violence. Abortion doesn’t bring healing or peace, but both can be found in the courageous decision to give birth to the baby.

Today, many babies diagnosed prenatally with a disability are aborted. Frightened parents, unsure of their ability to care for such a child, can trust that God gave *them* this child for a reason. Parents raising children with disabilities often write about the unexpected joys and transformative effect on their families.

Even when the disabilities are so severe that the baby is likely to die before or soon after birth, “many parents who carried their children to term say that protecting their baby and honoring his or her natural life, no matter how brief, was profoundly healing.”

Very rarely, continuing a pregnancy may put a mother’s life at risk—for example, because of a tubal pregnancy or aggressive uterine cancer. It is morally licit to remove the threat to the mother’s life by removing the cancerous uterus or the fallopian tube where the child implanted, even though it is foreseeable that the child will die as an indirect and unintended result of such surgery. But abortion—a direct and intentional taking of a child’s life—is never morally permissible.

**What Are We to Do?**

Love them both! Support women who need help during *and after* difficult pregnancies through the work of your diocesan Respect Life office and local pregnancy care centers.

Educate yourself and others about struggles some experience after abortion and find out where to refer those seeking help at [www.hopeafterabortion.org](http://www.hopeafterabortion.org). If you feel called to support your local ministry, contact your diocesan Project Rachel Ministry office for ways you might help.

Stay informed about key federal legislation and the voting records of your elected representatives by visiting [www.humanlifeaction.org](http://www.humanlifeaction.org) and [www.usccb.org/prolife](http://www.usccb.org/prolife). Stay updated on state issues by signing up to receive information from your state Catholic conference or diocesan pro-life office.

Most importantly, pray daily for the end to abortion, that all mothers and children experience the loving support of the Church community, and that all who suffer after abortion find healing and peace.

**New Altar Minister Schedule in Preparation** All Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, and Audio Operators, please complete electronic or postcard updating of your ministry profile by this evening (October 7). We very much appreciate your service at the altar.

**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

### Religious Education News:

• **SHYCON- Strong and Courageous** is taking place on Sunday, Oct. 28th for youth 9-12 at St. Francis University. Our keynote is Paul J. Kim. He is a nationally known speaker and beat box artist. You can pick up registration forms at Religious Education. Please return forms as soon as possible by dropping off at the Resurrection church office.

• Oct. 27th is your first opportunity for the 10th Grade Parables Retreat. The retreat is from 2:30 to 4:30 pm in the school gym at St. Benedict's school gym. Parents are required to attend.

**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 **7:00 AM to 9:00 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!

**Notice from the Cemetery Office:** Owners of plots in either the St. Joseph or the St. John Gualbert Cathedral Cemeteries are asked to remove any and all decorations and floral arrangements by Monday, October 15, 2018. This will aid the cemetery caretaker in preparing the cemeteries for the winter season. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Thank you to the parish family of St. John Gualbert** for your generosity in supporting the prolife work of Birthright. Your many gifts of baby care items and financial gifts are greatly appreciated and will be used to help the women in need who call us for assistance. Thank you! Mary Kay Clark, Executive Director, Birthright of Johnstown, Inc.

## FROM OTHER PARISHES & THE COMMUNITY

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.

**Fish Fry is back!** St. Francis of Assisi will be sponsoring a Fish Fry on Friday, October 12 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).

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.

**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.

**Public Outdoor Rosary**, 101<sup>st</sup> Year Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima Rosary, Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> – 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.

**The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto**, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the **Fatima Devotions** on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel. The singing will be led by St. John the Evangelist of Lakemont and the sermon will be delivered by Fr. Anthony Francis Spilka, OFM Conv. of Saint Francis of Assisi Church in Johnstown. We would like to extend a cordial welcome to all.

**St. Anne's Christian Mothers** (533 Woodland Avenue, Johnstown) will be holding their annual **Penny Pie & Basket Social** on Sunday Oct 14th from 1 - 4PM in the church basement. Everyone is welcome!! We hope to see you there!

**Basket Party** at St. Patrick's Church on Sunday, Oct. 21, 625 Park Ave, from 1 pm – 4 pm. Doors open at noon. Tickets \$8 includes 25 chances. Themed baskets, vendor sales, lottery tickets, 50/50, door prizes, and a hot meal. For more information call (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.

**COLLECTION: 09/30/2018**

Collection – cash	\$ 947.64
Collection – envelopes	\$ 5,606.93
Retired Priests Medical - cash	\$ 305.61
Maintenance	\$ 35.00
Retired Priests Medical - envelopes	\$ 582.00
Rosary/Altar	\$ 5.00
World mission Sunday	\$ 10.00
All Souls	\$ 5.00
Catholic Register	\$ 65.00

Total \$7,562.18

Thank you for your Stewardship

**Families and the Gospel: Mk 10:2-16** - In today's gospel Jesus encourages married couples to throw away the marriage rule book. Rules are for those with "hardened hearts." Married couples are called to be a sacramental reflection of God's faithful and selfless love... a place where people live and love beyond rules and formulas. - Reprinted with permission from: *A Family Perspective* by Bud Ozar

**Liturgical Reflection...** The cremated remains of a body should be treated with the same respect given to the human body from which they come. This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition. The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum. The practice of scattering cremated remains or keeping the cremated remains in the home of a relative or friend are not the reverent disposition the Church requires. Whenever possible, appropriate means for recording with dignity the memory of the deceased should be adopted, such as a plaque or stone which records the name of the deceased Christian.

Order of Christian Funerals, Cremation, 1998, Number 417.2018, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.

**Stewardship Reflection...** Today's readings remind us that God is the Origin of life itself. Thank Him throughout your life by serving others with your time, talent, and treasure. - Parish life office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

**Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, CCA Gift Cards and Audio Operators, Oct. 13-14**

**Saturday, October 13, 5:00 PM**

**Reader:** Larry Olek, Marcy Olek  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Russ Gramlich, Elizabeth Gramlich, Elizabeth Rhoades, Terry Rhoades, Christine Russell  
**Server:** Rylee Russell, Randy Russell  
**Audio Operator:** Michael Stoskey

**Sunday, October 14, 8:00 AM**

**Reader:** Brigid Starchok, Carrie Weaver  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Carmen Grasso, Sam Grasso, Anthony Kamnikar, Irene Ott, Rich Ott  
**Server:** Nate Gates, Hayden Gates  
**Gift Card:** Neil Leckey  
**Audio Operator:** Patrick McClain

**Sunday, October 14, 11:00 AM**

**Reader:** Christine Brothers, Rachel Hall  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Esperanza Bair, Jodi Hall, Gene Podratsky, Lonnie Rietscha, David Wilson  
**Server:** Damien Byer, Levi Giffin  
**Gift Card:** Brian King  
**Audio Operator:** Jim Horner

**Sunday, October 14, 5:00 PM**

**Reader:** Dixie Lochrie, Patricia Loughlin  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Charlotte Amenti, Louise Aust, Vi Najjar, Pat Roth, Request a Minister  
**Server:** Namita Gallo, Eli Updyke  
**Audio Operator:** Mattie Updyke

Having more is never enough. Being more is paramount.  
 —United States Catholic Catechism for Adults

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**Saint John Gualbert Cathedral  
Pastoral Council Meeting  
Thursday, September 6, 2018**

- I. Opening Prayer** – Lonnie Rietscha proclaimed the Gospel: Mark 7:31-37 (Healing of a Deaf-Mute)  
Council members participated in a *Group Faith Sharing on the Sunday Gospel*.
- II. Roll Call** – *In attendance*: Taylor Harris, Fred Oliveros, Dixie Lochrie, Mary Jane Verbiar, Pat Cuthbert, Pat Loughlin, Beth Stem and Russ Smith.  
*Ex Officio in attendance*: Fr. Crookston, Fr. Bridges and Senior Deacon John Concannon.  
*Guest in attendance*: Lonnie Rietscha
- III. Vision and Mission Statements** – recited by Council Members.
- IV. Review of the Minutes** – The minutes of June 7, 2017 were reviewed and approved.
- V. Committee Reports**
- ❖ **Liturgy** – Senior Deacon John Concannon reported on upcoming special Masses that will be held at the Cathedral. Our annual Blue Mass that recognizes all first responders will be held on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM. Our annual Anniversary Mass recognizing married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries will be held on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM. There will be a Mass celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Restoration of the Permanent Diaconate on Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. The next Liturgy Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.
  - ❖ **Education** – Fr. Crookston reported that there are 69 youth of our parish in grades K-12. There are 38 enrolled in Catholic schools and 31 enrolled in public schools, of which 12 are seniors slated for graduation in the spring of 2019. CCD classes are held at the desecration of the family at either St. Clement, Saints Gregory and Barnabas, St Therese, or Resurrection. Valarie Wilson is the Christian Initiation instructor for three children joining the Catholic faith. There are currently three families in our parish attending Pre-Jordan classes. ARISE sign-ups are currently in progress and sessions begin in October. The next Education Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.
  - ❖ **Christian Life and Service** – Dixie Lochrie reported that the Father's Day Lunch that our parish sponsors and serves at Saturday's Kitchen was well attended. The Saint Anne Triduum that was held in July was very successful. There will be a Baby Shower for Birthright held before and after all Masses on the weekend of September 15/16. Our annual parish Fall Roast Beef Dinner will be held on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM at the Activity Center. Our parish in conjunction with Chan Soon-Shiong Medical Center will hold a Community Lab Blood Screening on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 AM – 10:00 AM at the Activity Center. The cost for the blood screening is \$30.00. A Victorian Christmas High Tea is planned for Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at the Activity Center. Sister Agnes, ASN will be in attendance at the High Tea. A Spaghetti Dinner to benefit our Mission Traveler's is planned for Sunday, March 3, 2019 at the Activity Center. Our Mission Traveler's will be visiting our sister parish during the dates of April 29<sup>th</sup> through May 6<sup>th</sup> in 2019. The next Christian Life and Service Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM.

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- ❖ **Maintenance** – Fred Oliveros reported that pre-cast banisters are being considered for the front porch of the Cathedral. The showers in the rectory are currently being replaced. There is an unwanted tree and plants growing on the lower bell tower of the Cathedral that needs removed. The next Maintenance Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.
- ❖ **Cemetery** – Russ Smith reported that there is a good response to the Holy Ground Project by way of generous Holy Ground Gifts. The addresses of surviving family members of those interred in either of our parish's cemeteries are still needed. The Saint Joseph Cemetery wall along Bedford Street needs repointed. The next Cemetery Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.
- ❖ **Finance** – Fred Oliveros reported that during the last meeting the 2017/2018-year end fiscal budget was reviewed. There is currently a small reserve of monies for both the banister replacement and the sewage upgrade. The next Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled for sometime during the week of November 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.
- ❖ **Youth** – Council is currently seeking youth nominees for Pastoral Council.
- ❖ **Proclaim! TV** – Fr. Bridges reported that due to the expanded viewing area of The Cornerstone Faith and Family Channel into the New York, West Virginia and Ohio markets that our Live Mass telecast is seen by more people than ever before. The Proclaim! team is still seeking to add another First-Class FCC Broadcast Licensed Engineer to join the team. New volunteers are always needed to replace those that graduated and moved on for higher education.

**VI. Old Business** – Fr. Crookston reported that our annual Parish Picnic, that was held at the Activity Center, was well attended and a good time was had by all. Involvement with our diverse neighbors – Hope 4 Johnstown; The Spaghetti Dinner that was held at Meadowvale School on Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup> was underwritten by our Cathedral parish.

**VII. New Business** – There was no new business reported.

**VIII. Next Meetings** – Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 6, Feb. 7, Mar. 7, Apr. 4, May 9, June 13.

**IX. Closing Prayer** – Fr. Bridges

**X. Adjournment** – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Russ Smith*

Russ Smith – Pastoral Council Secretary

# St. John Gualbert Cathedral

IN CONJUNCTION WITH



Chan Soon-Shiong  
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## Community Lab Blood Screen - \$30

CBC (Hematocrit, Hemoglobin, MCV, MPV, Platelets, RBC, WBC, Differential) Albumin, Alk. Phosphatase, Bilirubin, Direct & Total, BUN, Calcium, Chloride, Cholesterol, CO<sub>2</sub>, Creatinine, Free T<sub>4</sub>, GFR, GGT, Glucose, HDL, Iron, LDH, LDL, Phosphorus, Potassium, ALT, AST, Sodium, Total Protein, Triglyceride, TSH, Uric Acid

**Additional Tests Offered:** PSA - \$20 • Hemoglobin A1C - \$20 • Vitamin D Level - \$35

- **Saturday, October 20, 2018 • 7-9 a.m.**
- 110 Adams St. – Activity Center
- 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 physician are welcome.

**NO PHYSICIAN ORDER IS NEEDED! WALK-INS WELCOME!**