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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

Our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed death
and brought life to light through the Gospel.



Sunday, October 28, - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Jeremiah 31:7-9/ Hebrews 5:1-6/ Mark 10:46-52

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

11:00 am: Paul Depola (Wife, Kathy)

5:00 pm: Bob King (Mr. & Mrs. Tony Stumpo)

Monday, October 29, - Weekday

Readings: Ephesians 4:32-5:8/ Luke 13:10-17

7:00 am: Saint Anne Society

12:05 pm: Walter & Sophia C. Wegrzyn, 80th Wedding Anniversary (Family)

Tuesday, October 30, - Weekday

Readings: Ephesians 5:21-33/ Luke 13:18-21

7:00 am: Joseph W. Quinn (Friends A. C.)

12:05 pm: Loretta Klug, Birthday Remembrance (Carol & Marty Malek)

Wednesday, October 31, - Weekday

Readings: Ephesians 6:1-9/ Luke 13:22-30

7:00 am: Souls in Purgatory (Butch Huffman)

12:05 pm: Florence E. Eckenrod, 7th Anniversary (Denny & Pat Heptner)

6:00 pm: Anna Partsch Heinrich (Dianne O'Shea)

Thursday, November 1, - All Saints

Readings: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14/ 1 John 3:1-3/ Matthew 5:1-12a

7:00 am: George & Pauline Klug (Children & Grandchildren)

12:05 pm: Nora & Walter Vonau (Herdman Family)

6:00 pm: Roger Stoy (Stoy Girls)

Friday, November 2, - The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

Readings: Wisdom 3:1-9/ Romans 5:5-11 or Romans 6:3-9/ John 6:37-40

7:00 am: Eileen Wehner (Mr. & Mrs. Herb Wehner)

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

Saturday, November 3, - Weekday, Saint Martin de Porres, Religious; BVM

Readings: Philippians 1:18b-26/ Luke 14:1, 7-11

8:00 am: Jim Yuhas, Anniversary (Family)

5:00 pm: Leoda & Samuel Johncola, Anniversary (Nancy & Nunzio Johncola)

Sunday, November 4, - Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Deuteronomy 6:2-6/ Hebrews 7:23-28/ Mark 12:28b-34

8:00 am: Anna Ritter (Sons)

11:00 am: Dr. John A. Leppert (Diane E. Leppert)

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

From Our Pastor . . .

A Perfect Gift Soon after the birth of my son Charlie, who has Down syndrome, a visitor asked whether he was “mild, moderate, or severe”—referring to his level of cognitive impairment. I knew the terminology, but the question shocked me. In my arms, I held my beautiful baby boy, who defied easy categorization. Clinical labels may describe some aspects of an individual’s “functioning,” but they do not tell the whole story. Labels could not describe how Charlie’s smile lit up a room or how the sweetness of his soul had captured our hearts so completely.

Relationship Changes Everything I have since come to understand that clinical categories also miss another essential dimension of personhood: we are created to be in relationship with others. As Pope Saint John Paul II said in his encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* (The Gospel of Life), “Within the family each member is accepted, respected and honored precisely because he or she is a person; and if any family member is in greater need, the care which he or she receives is all the more intense and attentive.”

Charlie does well because we love him and attend to him out of that love. We make accommodations to compensate for the challenges that arise, and his strengths become more apparent. He plays an integral role in our family’s happiness. For example, he is our most empathetic child—the first to notice and offer comfort when we are hurt.

People often say, “I could never handle a child with a disability.” However, the beauty of parenting is that you are not given a child with a disability. You are given your child with a disability. Your child enters the world in a relationship with you, and that changes everything. You are not called to “handle” a disability. You are called to love a particular person and to the care for him or her that grows out of that love. The challenges that come with his diagnosis make up only a small part of life with our beautiful little boy.

Stained Glass I once read an article in which a woman discussed the reasons for aborting her child with Down syndrome. The deal-breaker was watching a boy with Down syndrome at a restaurant with his parents: they had to hand-feed him a slice of pizza and wipe his face with a napkin.

This hit home for me. We weaned Charlie off a feeding tube when he was seven, spoon-feeding him and often wiping his face afterward. I wonder how many people saw us and decided a life like his is not worth living. Had anyone asked, I would have said, “It might look a little crazy from the outside, but he is an amazing little boy, and it is a good life.”

It is like looking at a stained-glass window from the outside: the colors look dark, and you cannot quite make out the figures. From the inside, however, with the sun shining through it, the effect can be brilliant. From inside our family, love illuminates our life with Charlie. What may seem dreary to others, perhaps even unbearable, is filled with beauty and color. We know, for instance, that Charlie worked hard to gain basic feeding skills that most people take for granted, and we are so proud of his valiant efforts.

A Fundamental Truth Perhaps therefore so many families of children with disabilities, despite difficulties, often radiate joy. When I meet another parent of a child with Down syndrome, there is usually a moment of instant recognition and understanding. Our eyes meet, and we smile conspiratorially, as if we are in on the same secret: the fundamental truth that every life is a good and perfect gift.

Thanksgiving Offering Begins This Weekend Throughout November, we will invite your offerings of non-perishable food and monetary gifts for local needy families. To give you specific ideas about needed items and a satchel for your gifts, this week we are distributing grocery bags and an attached ‘Needs List.’ You may return the filled grocery bags to our “entranceway” needy bins on any November weekend. At our Thanksgiving Day Mass, you may choose during the offertory to bring forward your Thanksgiving gift for the needy for placement before the altar. For a cash gift or check, please place either in your own envelope, mark it Thanksgiving Day, and put it into the offering basket. Our Cathedral parish gifts keep the food bank shelves full for December. Thank you for your generous outreach to our neighbors in need.

Champagne Christmas Tea and Handbag-Basket Extravaganza Tickets are now available at the rectory and at all weekend Masses. This fun event features a visit to our parish of Sister Agnes Mwongela, ASN, who visits our parish as she returns from Kenya on her return to our Sister Parish of Saint Croix and its mission church of Christ the King, Braes River.

All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation. See the front page for our Mass times. **All Souls Day** envelopes will rest at the altar throughout November as we pray for and remember our beloved friends and family now born into eternal life.

FROM OUR PARISH

Religious Education News:

* Confirmation sessions: 9th, 10th, and 11th grade Confirmation students you have another opportunity for sessions 9A, 10A and 11B coming up on Sunday, Dec. 2 at St John Paul II Building 3:00 - 5:00pm. Parents are not required to attend.

* Eucharistic Adoration opportunities: The 177 project, Nov. 30 at St. Clement Church. Adoration across the nation 6:45 Rosary and 7:00 Eucharistic Adoration
Adoration for Teens with Bishop Mark Saturday, Dec. 1 -10:00am at Ss. Gregory & Barnabas Parish, pre-registration is required for this event.

Our **St. John Gualbert Cathedral Book Club** is back after a summer hiatus! Just in time for the Holidays, we have chosen two timeless classics to read for our November discussion. They are both short stories and easy reads, so you can choose to read one or both. The first is Truman Capote's The Thanksgiving Visitor, about a pair of misfits, who enjoy the simple joys of Thanksgiving and more as told by a young boy who learns a lesson about kindness, friendship, and love. The second is The Gift of the Magi by O'Henry that tells of selfless love, sacrifice and the power of giving. We will be meeting Monday, November 19, 2018 at 6:00 pm at the Activity Center. Come and share your own Thanksgiving and Christmas memories. We hope to see you. All are welcome.

Thousands of people lost their homes and their places of employment due to the recent hurricanes that have impacted especially Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina. Please be generous in response to a **Special Hurricane Relief Collection** being taken up in all parishes throughout the diocese. All donations will be forwarded to Catholic Charities USA which administers the funds directly to those in most need. Keep the people of those places in your prayers. We will collect donations in the **Second Collection this weekend, October 27/28**. Thank you for your generous response.

If you have **changed your address** in the past year, please notify the Rectory Office so we may update our records.

FROM OTHER PARISHES & THE COMMUNITY

St. Clement Church will hold its **Annual Novena to St. Jude**, Sunday, October 28th; Monday, October 29th; and Tuesday, October 30th at 7:00 PM each evening. Anointing of the Sick will take place at the Monday, October 29th Mass. All are invited to attend!

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.

Resurrection Parish will host their annual **Meat/Turkey Raffle** on Saturday, November 3, 2018 at 6:00 PM in Resurrection Church Hall, located at 4th Avenue and Chestnut Street in the Cambria City neighborhood of Johnstown. There is no admission. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. All are welcome!

The Church of the Transfiguration will be going to **Rocky Gap** on November 8, 2018. Bus will leave the School Hall located at 201 Third Street, Conemaugh at 9:00 AM and we will be leaving Rocky Gap at 6:00 PM. Cost is \$30.00 and you will receive \$30.00 in Free Play. For more information please contact Sharon Santichen at (814)536-1732.

Divine Mercy 2nd Annual Turkey Raffle – SAVE THE DATE! Please join us at St Benedict School Cafeteria for the 2nd Turkey Raffle benefiting the DMCA Athletic Association. The event will be held on Saturday Nov 10 with doors opening at 6:00 PM. The event is \$15.00 admission which includes beverages, soda, beer and full meal along with chances to win in the Super Drawings. We will have Basket Raffle, Qualifiers, Money and Turkeys. Lots and Lots of Turkeys!!! Please contact the DM East 814-266-3837 x 201 or DM West campus at 814-539-5315 offices for tickets. We would love to see you there!

Mom's House is holding a **Purse Party** (featuring Vera Bradley purses and accessories) on **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11 @ 1:00** – doors open at 12:00 – at Bishop McCort High School Cafeteria. \$25 admission includes lunch, bingo games, specials, Starbuck's coffee and dessert. For advance ticket information, please call Allegra @ 535-4848. NO tickets will be sold at the door. All proceeds benefit the Mom's House Scholarship Program.

Resurrection Parish Ladies Auxiliary will be sponsoring a **Basket Party** on Sunday, November 11th at Christ the Savior Reception Hall, 307 Garfield Street, Johnstown, PA 15906. Doors open at 12:30pm. Cost \$10 which includes lunch, 25 chances and eligibility for door prizes. For tickets call the Resurrection Parish Office at 539-5788, Ext. #3 and ask for Joan.

Jazzy Jubilation: an Evening of Praise and Prayers, Sunday, November 11th, 7:00pm, at the First Presbyterian Church, Walnut and Lincoln Streets. Including: Spirituals/Jazz Standards & Jammin' - Reception to follow. Free will offering benefits Food Pantry at Franklin St. UMC. Please bring a non-perishable food item.

Easter Seals Western & Central PA will sponsor a **Turkey Bingo** Friday, November 16th at the Richland Fire Hall. Doors open at 5:30pm, Bingo starts at 6:30pm. Tickets \$25. For Tickets and info Contact the Easterseals office at (814)535-5508 or email sroush@eastersealswcpenna.org.

COLLECTION: 10/21/2018

Collection – cash	\$ 873.29
Collection – envelopes	\$ 3,165.62
World missions - cash	\$ 436.00
Maintenance	\$ 20.00
Rosary/Altar	\$ 11.00
All Souls	\$ 220.00
World missions - envelopes	\$ 303.00

Total \$5,028.91
Thank you for your Stewardship

Families and the Gospel: Mk 10:46-52 - When Jesus asked the blind man, "What do you want from me?" he asked for sight. If Jesus asked you the same question, what would you say? Okay, that is your prayer. - *Reprinted with permission from: A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar*

Liturgical Reflection... The Church through its funeral rites commends the dead to God's merciful love and pleads for the forgiveness of their sins. At the funeral rites, especially at the Funeral Mass, the Christian community affirms and expresses the union of the Church on earth with the Church in heaven in the one great communion of saints. Though separated from the living, the dead are still at one with the community of believers on earth and benefit from their prayers. The Church recognizes the spiritual bond that still exists between the living and the dead. In addition, the Church proclaims its belief that all the faithful will be raised up and reunited in the new heavens and new earth, where death will be no more.

Order of Christian Funerals, 1998, General Introduction, Number 6. - 2018, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.

Holy Day Liturgical Reflection...

This Thursday, November 1, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Catholics are expected to participate at Mass on the Solemnity of All Saints. The Church celebrates with all the men, woman, and children who have entered the kingdom of God and are seated as saints in glory. It is our humble prayer that someday this will also be our feast day. Check the Mass schedule for Thursday's solemnity. Remember on Friday, November 2, the Church commemorates All Souls Day. - 2018, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, CCA GiftCards and Audio Operators, Nov. 3-4

Saturday, November 3, 5:00 PM

Reader: Larry Olek, Karen Pavlosky
Eucharistic Minister: Elizabeth Gramlich, Russ Gramlich, Betty King, Elizabeth King, Marcy Olek
Server: Keara Brandon, Jason Harris
Audio Operator: Request an audio operator

Sunday, November 4, 8:00 AM

Reader: Irene Ott, Rich Ott
Eucharistic Minister: Melissa Gates, Carmen Grasso, Sam Grasso, Pam Sabol, Rose Ann Scheilhammer
Server: Hayden Gates, Nate Gates
Gift Card: Kara Homan-Gustkey
Audio Operator: Michael Stoskey

Sunday, November 4, 11:00 AM

Reader: Christine Brothers, Geoffrey Stumpo
Eucharistic Minister: Esperanza Bair, James Hollis, Lonnie Rietscha, David Wilson, Justin Zierer
Server: Hannah Rietscha, Hayleigh Rietscha
Gift Card: Brian King
Audio Operator: Jim Horner

Sunday, November 4, 5:00 PM

Reader: Dixie Lochrie, Vi Najjar
Eucharistic Minister: Charlotte Amenti, Patricia Loughlin, Pat Roth, James Sandoval, Request a minister
Server: Eli Updyke, Mattie Updyke
Audio Operator: Matthew Updyke

Living as a trustworthy steward of God's many gifts sometimes places us at odds with secular culture. Take courage, your faith will save you! As a follower of Jesus Christ, be bold in your service to others! - *Parish Life Office, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648*

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