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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

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.



Sunday, December 16, - Third Sunday of Advent

Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-18a/ Philippians 4:4-7/ Luke 3:10-18

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: Frances Sacerino, Birthday Remembrance (Sacerino Family)

Monday, December 17, - Advent Weekday

Readings: Genesis 49:2, 8-10/ Matthew 1:1-17

7:00 am: Ed Herdman, Sr., Birthday Remembrance, Dec. 19th (Family)

12:05 pm: Roger Stoy, Birthday Remembrance (Stoy Girls)

Tuesday, December 18, - Advent Weekday

Readings: Jerimiah 23:5-8/ Matthew 1:18-25

7:00 am: Corita Huffman (Husband, Charles & Family)

12:05 pm: James & Helen Farley (Son, Jimmie)

Wednesday, December 19, - Advent Weekday

Readings: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a/ Luke 1:5-25

7:00 am: Anna Mauthe (Grandson, Charles E. Huffman & Family)

12:05 pm: Leo W. Klug, Jr., 3rd Anniversary (Denny & Pat Heptner)

Thursday, December 20, - Advent Weekday

Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14/ Luke 1:26-38

7:00 am: John D. Kendera, Anniversary (Monica & Angela)

12:05 pm: George Pappas (Gene & Irene Ritter)

Friday, December 21, - Advent Weekday, Saint Peter Canisius,

Priest & Doctor of the Church

Readings: Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a/ Luke 1:39-45

7:00 am: Gabriel Litman, Jr. (Juanita C. Burkhart & Family)

12:05 pm: James Gerber, Anniversary (Dorothy & Family)

Saturday, December 22, - Advent Weekday

Readings: 1 Samuel 1:24-28/ Luke 1:46-56

7:00 am: Saint Anne Society

5:00 pm: Carol Matevich (Ray Matevich Family)

Sunday, December 23, - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Readings: Micah 5:1-4a/ Hebrews 10:5-10/ Luke 1:39-45

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

11:00 am: Joseph & Ronnie Kmetz (Kay Kmetz)

5:00 pm: Debra Murillo, Birthday (Murillo Family)

From Our Pastor . . .

Advent: 'Tis the Season for Reconciliation At least five opportunities remain for your celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the Birth of Our Lord. These are: St. Benedict, Geistown – Sunday, December 16, 5:00 PM; Our Mother of Sorrows, Westmont – Monday, December 17, 6:00 PM; Resurrection, Cambria City – Monday, December 17, 6:30 PM; Visitation, Eight Ward – Thursday, December 20, 5:30 PM; and St. Andrew, Benscreek – Sunday, December 23, 2:00 PM.

Anticipated Seasonal Concert The Greater Johnstown Diocesan Festival Choir and the Greater Johnstown Diocesan Youth Chorale join the Hilltop Chamber Orchestra to present an Advent of Christmas Concert, "What Sweeter Music: The Christmas Choral Works of John Rutter," Saturday, December 22, 7:00 PM at our Saint John Gualbert Cathedral. We invite all and will gather a free will offering.

Graceful Dance Enriches Gaudete Sunday Mass On this Third Sunday of Advent, members of the Le Dance Academie, Anita Lorek - instructor, gracefully announce the joyful light emanating from our Advent wreath. Parishioners and television viewers witness the long-expected light of Christ approaching our horizons and stirring our hearts.

Families, Please Select One Calendar We thank two area funeral directors for sponsoring our religious calendars. Tom Dixon provides the Family Life Office's Family Calendar 2019. The calendar's suggestions of daily family activities enhance the months and liturgical seasons of the New Year. Give your imagination free range to savor each day and record events that your family may revisit in the years to come. Frank Duca furnishes the religious art calendars for 2019. Select one these sacred almanacs to grace your home throughout the year.

Blessing of the Crèche and the Placing of the Christ Child upon Blest Straw The household gathers near the manger scene. Candles may be lit, and flowers placed nearby. A family member prays the blessing:

Bless us, Lord, as we come to Bethlehem where animals and angels, shepherds and seekers together behold your face. Here snow becomes straw and frost becomes flowers as winter melts into everlasting spring. In our holy Christmas give us the riches of your poverty. Show us the wonder of simplicity as we join the angels in proclaiming your praise: Glory in heaven and peace on earth, now and forever. Amen.

The figure of the Christ child is now placed upon some of the blest straw in the manger, and all sing "Joy to the World," "Silent Night" or any favorite carol.

End-of-the-Year Charitable Giving — Benefit our parish and satisfy your tax obligations. Here are two ways to satisfy tax obligations and help our Cathedral Parish:

1. Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA:

If you are over age 70½, you may transfer, tax-free, up to \$100,000 from your IRAs to Saint John Gualbert Cathedral. The gift can satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) each year but does not count as income to you! This tax-free transfer can be a great way to make a gift to Saint John Gualbert Cathedral and enjoy the tax benefits. When the transfer is processed directly to Saint John Gualbert Cathedral, you do not pay taxes on the distribution. The requirements are relatively simple. The charitable distribution must be:

- A distribution from a traditional IRA
- Paid directly from the IRA trustee/custodian to Saint John Gualbert Cathedral- Contact your IRA Trustee or Custodian for paperwork to process this distribution directly to Saint John Gualbert Cathedral
- The IRA owner must be age 70½ or older
- Must be completed now to qualify for 2018 tax benefits for the donor
- If you have already taken your RMD for this year, keep this gifting strategy in mind for next year!

2. Donation of Appreciated Stock or Mutual Funds:

If you have shares of stock or mutual funds that have grown in value over the years, or low basis stock, consider gifting the shares to Saint John Gualbert Cathedral, rather than giving cash. At the time of the donation, you get a tax deduction equal to the fair market value of the stock and avoid paying the capital gains on the shares donated. *To get the process started, please contact our business manager Denny Heptner (536-0117)*

FROM OUR PARISH

Religious Education News:

- **Sunday, Dec. 16** – regular class – 9:00 to 10:15 am
- **Monday, Dec. 17th** – West End Penance Service – Resurrection Church 6:30 pm
- **Sunday, Dec. 23rd** – no class – MERRY CHRISTMAS!
- **Sunday, Dec. 30th** – no class – Happy New Year!
- **Sunday, Jan. 6th** – regular class 9:00 to 10:15 am

Saint John Gualbert Cathedral needs volunteers to help set up the Manger scene on December 23rd, at 6:00pm. This will include bringing up the statues and Christmas trees from the basement and putting up wreaths on all the windows. Please Men, we gals need your help. Many, many Thanks.

2019 Envelopes are available for pick-up near the Clinton Street entrance way.

FROM OTHER PARISHES & THE COMMUNITY

The Friar's Nook Gift Shop – Christmas Happenings

(Phone: 814-695-3802)

Christmas Sale: December 15-22

Finish up (or start) your Christmas shopping by stopping at The Friar's Nook Gift Shop, located at 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg. Save 20% off your entire purchase on all items storewide December 15-22!

Christmas Cookie Sale: December 20

Take the stress out of Christmas cookie prep by stopping at The Friar's Nook Gift Shop's Christmas Cookie Sale on Thursday, December 20th. There will be a variety of ethnic and traditional Christmas cookies, so stop by early while supplies last!

The hours are Monday-Saturday: 10:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Follow us on Facebook for updates and events!

" **Guided Tours 2019** - As part of the Casimir Cultural Center's inaugural year of events, Stella, Property Development and Event Production is excited to offer four Guided Tours in 2019.

May 4 - National Centre for Padre Pio (St. Pio), Barto, Pa.

June 13 - St. Anthony's Chapel and the Strip District, Pittsburgh - St. Anthony's Feast Day Celebration

August 24 - Casimir Cultural Center First Annual Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, Pa.

September 21 - National Shrine and Basilica of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg, MD

These destinations offer spiritual, historical and cultural experiences in a pilgrimage-like setting. The tours are being provided for the rate of \$100 per person, per tour or all four tours can be reserved at a reduced rate of \$375 per person. Tours include: Roundtrip Luxury Motorcoach Transportation; Printed Tour Itinerary and Destination Information; On-board snacks and complimentary coffee/bottled water; Tour Coordinator; Guided Tours at all Destinations; Donation to Shrine; Gratuities; 1 Catered Meal per tour. Each tour is limited to 55 reserved spaces.

Further tour details, pricing and on-line reservation form can be found at stellajohnstown.com/guided-tours/. For more information, email us at stellajohnstown@gmail.com, subject: Guided Tours."

A Christmas Creed

I Believe that Christmas is more than a time for parties and ornaments; it is a time for remembering Christ and the incarnation of God's love in human flesh.

I Believe there are gifts more important than the ones under the Christmas tree; the things we teach our children, the way we share ourselves with friends, and the industry with which we set about reshaping the world in our time.

I Believe that the finest carols are often sung by the poorest voices; from hearts made warm by the wonder of the season.

I Believe in the angel's message that we should not be afraid—that the Child of Bethlehem is able to overcome all anxieties and insecurities.

I Believe in prayer and quietness as a way of appropriating Christmas—that if I wait in silence I will experience the presence of the one born in the manger, for He lives today as surely as He lived then.

I Believe in going away from Christmas as the wise men went "another way." I want to be different when these days are past—more centered, more thoughtful, more caring.

And **I Believe** God will help me. Amen

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The Family Life Office, Altoona-Johnstown Diocese NEWSLETTER

COLLECTION: 12/09/2018

Collection – cash	\$ 953.54
Collection – envelopes	\$ 4,311.29
Second collection	\$ 223.00
Maintenance	\$ 133.00
Christmas	\$ 249.00
Christmas flowers	\$ 373.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 65.00
Immaculate Conception - envelopes	\$ 1,019.00
Immaculate Conception - cash	\$ 430.10
All Saints	\$ 5.00
Retirement for Religious	\$ 427.00
Angel Tree	\$ 35.00

Total \$8,223.93

Thank you for your Stewardship

Families and the Gospel: Lk 3:10-18 - Today's gospel tells us to SHARE! This Christmas resist the pressure to give token gifts. Instead, use those funds to give NECESSITIES to the poor. If our impoverished brothers and sisters are not on our giving list, we've missed the point of Christmas. - Reprinted with permission from: *A Family Perspective* by Bud Ozar

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CCA Gift Cards and Audio Operators, Dec 22-25****Saturday, December 22, 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:** Kevin Slonka**Sunday, December 23, 8:00 AM****Reader:** Carrie Weaver, David Weaver**Eucharistic Minister:** Carmen Grasso, Sam Grasso,
Rose Ann Schellhammer,
Diane Thomas, Valerie Wilson**Server:** Lorenzo Favor, Request one server**Gift Card:** Neil Leckey **Audio Operator:** Patrick McClain**Sunday, December 23, 11:00 AM****Reader:** Beth Stem, Mary Jane Verbiar**Eucharistic Minister:** Esperanza Bair, Jodi Hall, James Hollis
Geoffrey Stumpo, David Wilson,**Server:** Rachel Hall, Zachary King**Gift Card:** Brian King **Audio Operator:** Russ Smith**Sunday, December 23, 5:00 PM****Reader:** Charlotte Amenti, Patricia Loughlin**Eucharistic Minister:** Pat Roth, Request four ministers**Server:** Namita Gallo, Vi Najjar**Audio Operator:** Matthew Updyke**Monday, December 24, 5:00 PM Christmas Eve****Reader:** Dixie Lochrie, Karen Pavlosky**Eucharistic Minister:** Pat Loughlin, Pam Sabol,
Request seven ministers**Server:** Jason Harris, Zachary King**Audio Operator:** Patrick McClain**Monday, December 24 Midnight Christmas Eve****Reader:** Fred Oliveros, Brigid Starchok**Eucharistic Minister:** Esperanza Bair, Jodie Hall,
Amy Oliveros, Russ Smith,
Gloria Stephens**Server:** Rachel Hall, Request one Server**Audio Operator:** Tracy Smith**Tuesday, December 25 8:00 AM Christmas Day****Reader:** David Harteis, David Wilson**Eucharistic Minister:** Carmen Grasso, Gene Podratsky,
Rose Ann Schellhammer, Valerie Wilson
Request one Minister**Server:** Sam Grasso, Request one Server**Audio Operator:** Request an Audio Operator**Tuesday, December 25 11:00 AM Christmas Day****Reader:** Geoffrey Stumpo, Mary Jane Verbiar**Eucharistic Minister:** Esperanza Bair, Jodie Hall,
Request seven Ministers**Server:** Damien Byer, Levi Giffin, Rachel Hall,
Request four Servers**Audio Operator:** Request an Audio Operator**December 25th, Christmas Day - No 5:00PM Mass**