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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 Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor,  
and to proclaim liberty to captives.



## Sunday, January 27, - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/ 1 Corinthians 12:12-30/ Luke 1:1-4; 4: 14-21

8:00 am: Bob King (Sam & Carm Grasso)

11:00 am: Eileen Wehner (Donald Klimek)

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

## Monday, January 28, - St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Readings: Hebrews 9:15, 24-28/ Mark 3:22-30

7:00 am: Saint Anne Society

12:05 pm: Joseph Ritter, Anniversary (Sons)

## Tuesday, January 29, - Weekday

Readings: Hebrews 10:1-10/ Mark 3:31-35

7:00 am: Marion Vavrek (Butch Huffman)

12:05 pm: Jack & Bea Higgins (Jack & Cindy Higgins)

## Wednesday, January 30, - Weekday

Readings: Hebrews 10:11-18/ Mark 4:1-20

7:00 am: Tim Obringer (Diane Keafer)

12:05 pm: Living & Deceased Members 1<sup>st</sup> Catholic Slovak Ladies

## Thursday, January 31, - Saint John Bosco, Priest

Readings: Hebrews 10:19-25/ Mark 4:21-25

7:00 am: Doreen Fisher (Family)

12:05 pm: Louise Gartland (John & Cha Cha Bair)

## Friday, February 1, - Weekday

Readings: Hebrews 10:32-39/ Mark 4:26-34

7:00 am: Mildred Crookston, Birthday Remembrance (Family)

12:05 pm: Catherine Fargas (Ann Marie Apryle)

## Saturday, February 2, - The Presentation of the Lord

Readings: Malachi 3:1-4/ Hebrews 2:14-18/ Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

8:00 am: Henry R. Murillo, Birthday Remembrance (Family)

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

## Sunday, February 3, - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19/ 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13/ Luke 4:21-30

8:00 am: William Mikas, 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Family)

11:00 am: Mass for Consecrated Life with Bishop Mark

*For the Intentions of the Television Ministry*

5:00 pm: Julie Prociak, Birthday Celebration (John & Cha Cha Bair)

## From Our Pastor . . .

**Local Catholic Schools Collection:** This weekend our second collection is specifically for our local Catholic schools. Your donations will help financially qualified students attending our area's Catholic grade schools, middle school or Bishop McCort. Grade-school-age children attend Divine Mercy East, Divine Mercy West, Divine Mercy Middle School, or St. Peter School. If donating by check, please make your check payable to our parish and add the memo "Catholic Education Fund." You may direct your gift to a specific school or several schools. Thank you for your generous response to this scholarship collection!

Catholic Education - HOPE FOR THE FUTURE - draws from the opening speech Pope Francis gave at the Synod on Young People in October 2018. Our Holy Father stated, "We need to rediscover the reasons for our hope and, above all, to pass them on to young people who are thirsting for hope. As the Second Vatican Council affirmed: 'We can justly consider that the future of humanity lies in the hands of those who are strong enough to provide coming generations with reasons for living and hoping'" (*Gaudium et Spes*, 31). We find hope for our young people in Catholic education because it:

- Offers an education that combines Catholic faith and teachings with academic excellence.
- Prepares students to be productive citizens and future leaders.
- Emphasizes moral development and self-discipline.
- Instills in students the value of service to others.
- Uses technology effectively to enhance education.
- Partners with parents in the faith formation of their children
- Sets high standards for student achievement and helps them succeed.
- Provides a safe and welcoming environment for all.

**From Politics to Real Life** (This was my homily last weekend that favors the "new wine" of dialogue.) They were at the same rally — but for different reasons.

Joe Weidknecht was there, wearing the signature *Make America Great Again* baseball cap, to support the president he believed in. Amina Amdeen was a student at the University of Texas. A Muslim, she wears the traditional hijab. She was at the rally to protest administration policies.

At one point, Amina saw this guy, Joe, surrounded by a group of angry, threatening marchers, who were all wearing masks. One grabbed Joe's *Make America Great Again* hat and was about to set it on fire. As Amina describes it, something "snapped inside of me because I wear a Muslim hijab. And I've been in situations where people tried to snatch it off my head." Amina rushed toward Joe, screaming at his attackers to leave him alone. She tried, unsuccessfully, to rescue Joe's hat.

The incident gave the two a chance to talk about their lives and discovered that they had much in common: Amina was born in Baghdad and moved to the United States when she was ten; as a Muslim girl in Middle School, she stood out in almost every way you can. Joe was home-schooled as a youngster and found the transition to public high school difficult and isolating. His political views have cost him friends, as well.

Joe says, "I don't think we could be any further apart as people. And yet, it was just kind of this common that's-not-OK moment." Amina is "genuinely the only Muslim person I know. It's not that I've actively avoided [others], it's just, I've never been in a position where I can interact for an extended period." Until their unexpected meeting, Joe says his view of the Muslim community was based on what he saw on the news.

Amina responds: "I feel like a lot of times in the media you don't see the normal Muslims, the ones who listen to classic rock, like I do. You don't meet that Muslim . . . I'd like for this moment to encourage other people to engage in more conversations with people you don't agree with." [NPR StoryCorps, September 28, 2018.]

In an unexpected time and place, two very different people experience a new insight and understanding of the other's life. They become much more than the stereotypes and labels which others assign to them. They have gone from the "water" of anger and distrust to the "new wine" of empathy and respect. Jesus' changing simple water into choice wine is a fitting first sign of what Jesus has been sent by God to do: to transform our world from the brokenness of sin and the deadness of despair into God's banquet table of generosity, hope and healing. In Christ, the "watered-down wine" of fear and self-centeredness is replaced with the "new wine" of compassion and gratitude for the life God has given us, of honor and respect for every human being as a child of God, of the justice, mercy and peace of God, the Host of the great Wedding Feast.

Comment: The path that Joe and Amina walked together blazes the way forward for us who viewed the multiple social media videos of those who faced each other at the Lincoln Memorial following the March for Life.

## FROM OUR PARISH

### Religious Education News:

- **Sunday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>** – Regular class – 9:00 -10:15am
- **Sunday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>** – regular class – 9:00 – 10:15am
- **Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Grade 9 – Baptism Retreat – If you have not attended this retreat this is your last opportunity. Baptism Retreat – 2:00 to 4:30pm at the St. Benedict's school gym. Parents are required to attend.

**St. John Gualbert's Mission Travelers to St. Croix and the Christian Life and Service Committee are asking for your help** in donating baskets worth \$25 dollars or more for our Spaghetti Dinner/Basket Party to be held March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11:00am to 2:00pm. There will be a sign-up sheet inside both entrances to the church for those who would like to donate. Your help and support in making our Spaghetti Dinner/Basket Party a success is greatly appreciated.

### IT'S TIME TO ARISE TOGETHER IN CHRIST!

We are delighted to offer, once again, a beautiful small group faith-sharing experience, called ARISE. Season Two is called, CHANGE OUR HEARTS, and will encompass our Lenten journeys. Sign-up weekends at St. John Gualbert Cathedral will be February 16 & 17 and February 23 & 24, at all Masses. Our small faith-sharing groups will begin on March 7th and will end on April 17th. Plan on making your Lent extra special this year. We would love to share this time with YOU. Feel free to bring a friend!

- Mondays, Joan Gianotti – Activity Center – 6:00-7:30
- Tuesdays, Lonnie Rietscha – Activity Center 6:00-7:30
- Wednesdays, Pat Loughlin – Activity Center 1:30-3:00
- Wednesdays, Larry & Marcy Olek – 175 Spring Street - 6:00-7:30
- Thursdays, Fr. Jim Crookston - Rectory – 1:00-2:30
- Fridays, Charlotte Amenti - Activity Center - 3:30-5:00

**2019 Envelopes** are available for pick-up in the Rectory.

**Verification of Contributions made to St. John's in 2018:** Verification of contributions may be picked up at the Rectory upon request by calling 539-2611 during normal business hours.

"Faith will tell us Christ is present,  
when our human senses fail." – *Thomas Aquinas*

## FROM OTHER PARISHES & THE COMMUNITY

**Ss. Gregory & Barnabas Parish, Daisytown is having Fish Fry(s)** on February 1<sup>st</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup> from 4pm – 7pm, at 120 at Boltz Street, Johnstown, PA 15902. Icelandic Haddock (Fried or Baked). Shrimp and Crab Cakes. Take-outs are available.

**The final 2019 Conemaugh Valley Youth League sign up** will be held February 2nd from 9am to 12pm at the Conemaugh PNA. Registration is \$5.

Co-ed TEE Ball ages 4-6, Little League Baseball ages 7-12, Girls Softball ages 7-15. For more information visit [www.cvyyl.com](http://www.cvyyl.com) or call 243-4153 or 421-2632.

**St. Anthony of Padua, Church, Windber,** is having a Rigatoni Dinner, Take-Out Only! Sunday, Feb. 17, from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. Pasta - 2 meatballs - salad – cake - \$8.00.

**St. Francis of Assisi MARDI GRAS** will take place on Saturday, February 23, 2019! Tickets are \$20.00 and include Turkey Dinner, soda and eligibility for Grand Prizes. Music by the Flood City Brass. You may also reserve at table for eight (8) for \$10.00. A Cash Bar will be available along with games of chance and chances on baskets. There will be a \$7.00 cover charge for beer if desired (21 years and older); NO OUTSIDE drinks permitted. For tickets please contact the Parish Office at 539-1632. Monday thru Thursday from 9:00AM until 3:00PM.

**Catholic War Veterans is sponsoring an Afternoon Bingo with the Atrium** on Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup> from 1 pm to 3 pm, 128 Jackson Street, Johnstown, Pa 15901. There will be Paper Bingo with a variety of Bingo Games, Cash prizes, and Raffle Prizes. Snacks provided by the Atrium. For more information call 814-535-5347.

**Saint Vincent College, Latrobe,** will host the ninth annual Faith and Reason summer program from Sunday, June 9, through Friday, June 14. Students age 15 and older are invited to apply for admission to the program, which introduces young minds to the rich intellectual tradition of the Roman Catholic faith and is designed to prepare students for college-level education. Housing in a college residence hall and three daily meals in the college dining hall are included in the cost (\$495). Limited scholarship funding is available. For further information, contact Dr. Michael Krom at 724-805-2844, or [michael.krom@stvincent.edu](mailto:michael.krom@stvincent.edu). Students may register online at [www.stvincent.edu/faithandreason](http://www.stvincent.edu/faithandreason).

**COLLECTION: 01/20/2019**

Collection – cash	\$ 699.85
Collection – envelopes	\$ 2,595.40
Second collection	\$ 207.00
Maintenance	\$ 50.00
Candlemas	\$ 45.00

Total \$3,597.25

Thank you for your Stewardship

**Families and the Gospel... Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21** - In today's gospel Jesus was "praised by all" except at home in Nazareth where the "eyes of all were intently on him." Acceptance can be hard to find at home due to unreal expectations. Jesus challenges us to "proclaim liberty" to anyone "oppressed" or "captive" by our expectations.

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**Liturgical Reflection ...** For several centuries, the traditional Forty Hours Devotion has been celebrated in parishes as a time of renewal and prayer. In the early 1500s at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Milan, Italy, Forty Hours Devotion began probably as a commemoration of the forty hours that Christ's body lay in the tomb between his death and resurrection. By the 1700s the form of the devotion was codified for the churches of Rome. Forty Hours Devotion was first approved for the diocese of Baltimore in 1857 and extended to all the dioceses of the United States in 1868. The Second Vatican Council encouraged the practice of solemn annual exposition in every parish. Order for the Solemn Exposition of the Holy Eucharist, 1993, Introduction, Number 1.

*2019, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648*

**Stewardship Reflection...**In today's first reading, the ancient Israelites are asked to rejoice in the Lord for his abundant food, and to give a portion to those who had nothing. As Christian stewards, we are called to do the same. - Parish life office 925 South Logan Boulevard Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

**Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers,  
CCA Gift Cards and Audio Operators, Feb 2-3**

**Saturday, February 2, 5:00 PM**

**Reader:** Sarah Bell, Patricia Loughlin  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Elizabeth Gramlich, Russ Gramlich, Betty King, Elizabeth King, Christine Russell  
**Server:** Randy Russell, Rylee Russell  
**Audio Operator:** Michael Stoskey

**Sunday, February 3, 8:00 AM**

**Reader:** Carrie Weaver, David Weaver  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Carmen Grasso, Sam Grasso, Susan Kamnikar, Gene Podratsky, Rose Ann Schellhammer  
**Server:** Irene Ott, Rich Ott  
**Gift Card:** Need a volunteer  
**Audio Operator:** Brigid Starchok

**Sunday, February 3, 11:00 AM**

**Reader:** Beth Stem, Mary Jane Verbiar  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Esperanza Bair, James Hollis,  
**Server:** Damien Byer, Levi Giffin, Rachel Hall, Addison King, Zachary King, Hannah Rietscha, Hayleigh Rietscha  
**Gift Card:** Need a volunteer  
**Audio Operator:** Tracy Smith

**Sunday, February 3, 5:00 PM**

**Reader:** Christine Brothers, Dixie Lochrie  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Charlotte Amenti, Vi Najjar, Pat Roth, Request two Ministers  
**Server:** James Sandoval, Eli Updyke  
**Audio Operator:** Mattie Updyke

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