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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

Let the peace of Christ control your hearts;
let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.



Sunday, December 29, - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Readings: Sirach 3:2-6,12-14/ Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/ Matthew 2:13-15

8:00 am: Esther Prieto, Birthday Remembrance (Cha Cha & John Bair)

11:00 am: John Kucenski (Sandy Jones)

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

Monday, December 30, - Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Readings: 1 John 2:12-17/ Luke 2:36-40

7:00 am: Living & Deceased Members 1st Catholic Slovak Ladies

12:05 pm: Frances Hasenstab, Birthday Remembrance (Dorothy Gerber)

Tuesday, December 31, - Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, Saint Sylvester I, Pope

Readings: 1 John 2:18-21/ John 1:1-18

7:00 am: Sophie Roman (Bucky & Mary Christ)

12:05 pm: Eleanor Heider (Cha Cha & John Bair)

6:00 pm: Eugene F. Ritter (Anne Stasner)

Wednesday, January 1, the Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Readings: Numbers 6:22-27/ Galatians 4:4-7/ Luke 2:16-21

9:00 am: Florence Eckenrod, Birthday Remembrance (Denny & Pat Heptner)
Robert F Crookston (Family)

Thursday, January 2, Saints Basil the Great & Gregory the Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

Readings: 1 John 2:22-28/ John 1:19-28

7:00 am: Saint Anne Society

12:05 pm: Mark Stem (Marge Blough & Family)

Friday, January 3, Christmas Weekday, Holy Name of Jesus

Readings: 1 John 2:29-3:6/ John 1:29-34

7:00 am: Ronald Vogel (Irene Rok)

12:05 pm: Deacon John Concannon (Larry & Jeanne Wehner)

Saturday, January 4, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Readings: 1 John 3:7-10/ 1:35-42

8:00 am: Jack Leonard (Wife & Children)

5:00 pm: Herdman Family, Gerri, Tom, Eddie, & Linda (Patricia Pawliske)

Sunday, January 5, - Epiphany of the Lord

Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6/ Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6/ Matthew 2:1-12

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: Mary Riligio, Month's Mind (Rilla Manno)

From Our Pastor...

Ministries Make Yuletide Glorious Our voices, along with piano, organ, brass, wind, and percussion, are wonderfully uplifting our Christmas worship. The musical splendor evokes glee, and exuberant, spiritual joy. Evonne Yanzetich-Homway directs choral and instrumental excellence and enlivens our praise of God. The Greater Johnstown Diocesan Festival Choir and Youth Chorale bring warm, brilliant coloring to beloved Christmas hymns and inspiration echoing the heavenly angelic chorus.

The artistic efforts of Patricia Loughlin, Elizabeth Gramlich, and many others magnificently embellish our cathedral windows and sanctuary.

Church custodian, John Molnar, gives sparkle to pew, wall, and floor. Ushers and altar ministers also help create an uplifting atmosphere for our worship of the Christ who has come to dwell among us.

Also, the highly appreciative assemblage for our Advent of Christmas Concert continues to share with friends their joyous memories of the exquisite musical offerings by the Greater Johnstown Diocesan Festival Choir and Greater Johnstown Diocesan Youth Chorale, and our Chamber Orchestra.

Holy Day of Obligation This week, we observe the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Masses celebrating Mary's Blessed Motherhood are Tuesday evening, December 31 at **6:00 PM**, and Wednesday morning, January 1, at **9:00 AM**.

Pope Francis: Excerpts the World Day of Peace Message 2020 Hope keeps us moving forward. Describing peace as "a great and precious value, the object of our hope and the aspiration of the entire human family," Pope Francis says it is a goal towards which to strive despite seemingly insurmountable obstacles. He recalls the scars of war and conflict borne in "the memory and in the flesh" of humanity and says they "affect especially the poor and the vulnerable," perpetrating humiliation and exclusion, sorrow and injustice.

Fraternity generates dialogue and trust. A part of the Message is dedicated to the issue of mistrust and fear which, the Pope says, "weaken relationships and increase the risk of violence, creating a vicious circle that can never lead to a relationship of peace." "Even nuclear deterrence can only produce the illusion of security," he says. The only way to break down the current dynamic of distrust, the Pope continues, is by pursuing "a genuine fraternity based on our common origin from God and exercised in dialogue and mutual trust." The desire for peace, he reiterates, "lies deep within the human heart, and we should not resign ourselves to seeking anything less than this."

The challenge is in overcoming personal and political interests. "Setting out on a journey of peace," Pope Francis says, "is a challenge made even more complex because the interests at stake in relationships between people, communities and nations, are numerous and conflicting." Hence he appeals to "people's moral conscience and to personal and political will," because "peace emerges from the depths of the human heart and political will must always be renewed, so that new ways can be found to reconcile and unite individuals and communities."

Recognize each other as brothers and sisters. Pope Francis goes on to urge all men and women of goodwill to "renounce the desire to dominate others" and exhorts us to learn to look at each other "as persons, sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters". Only by choosing the path of respect, he says, "can we break the spiral of vengeance and set out on the journey of hope." Learning "to live in forgiveness, we grow in our capacity to become men and women of peace," he says, noting that true peace can only be obtained through a more just economic system, "marked by quotas of gratuitousness and communion."

Ecological conversion: a new way of looking at life. Recalling his Encyclical Letter, *"Laudato si"*, the Pope invokes an ecological conversion as a constructive and just response to "the consequences of our hostility towards others, our lack of respect for our common home or our abusive exploitation of natural resources – seen only as a source of immediate profit, regardless of local communities, the common good and nature itself." He says the journey undertaken by the recent Synod on the Amazon moves us to commit to the renewal of "a peaceful relationship between communities and the land, between present and past, between experience and hope." The Pope describes it as "a journey made of listening and contemplation of the world that God has given us as a gift to make our common home." "The ecological conversion for which we are appealing will lead us to a new way of looking at life, as we consider the generosity of the Creator who has given us the earth and called us to a share it in joy and moderation," he writes. The Pope notes that for Christians, it requires that "the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them."

FROM OUR PARISH

Resurrection Religious Education News:

- Sunday, December 29 - no class - Happy New Year!!
- Sunday, January 5 - regular class
- All 11th grade Confirmation Candidates please turn in ALL your sponsor information and your Confirmation name by January 26th.

The Christian Life and Service Committee will be conducting their **Annual Yellow Ribbon Campaign** in support of pro-life before and after all Masses the weekend of January 11 & 12. The monetary donations received will get our fellow parishioners down to Washington, DC for the March for Life to be held on Friday, January 24th. Thank you for your many prayers and generosity in supporting this effort.

FROM OTHER PARISHES & THE COMMUNITY

Christmas Praise and New Year Peace - An afternoon of Scripture, Story and Sounds of the Season! To be held at Saint Clement Church, Sunday, January 5, 2020, at 2:00 PM. Light refreshments & fellowship to follow. All are welcome!!!

St. Francis of Assisi will hold a Fish Fry on Friday, January 10 from 11:00AM until 6:00PM at the Activity Center corner of D Street and Barron Avenue. There will be gobs available. For takeout orders please call 539-3518. No phone orders will be taken after 5:00PM. For a complete menu visit our website at strancisofassisijohnstown.com and click on the Fish Fry tab.

Award-winning contemporary Christian performer Mark Schultz will perform at the Saint Vincent Archabbey Basilica at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 21. Since his debut in 2000, Schultz has released 11 albums, garnered 13 number one singles and sold more than 1.3 million albums. General admission tickets are \$20, while students with a valid school ID will be admitted for free. Tickets can be purchased by calling 724-805-2177 or online at www.saintvincentarts.org.

Have a Blessed and Happy New Year!!!

Family Ritual Celebrate Special Days

On New Year's Day, have a calendar party to mark your new calendar with "special days" —birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, baptismal anniversaries, and other occasions that happen within your family. Write a short prayer and tape it to your calendar. As these special days come up through the year, get out a "special day plate" for the person being celebrated and say the prayer at your family meal.

A New Year Wish

W. R. Hunt

The sun is just rising on the morning of another day, the first day of a new year. What can I wish that this day, this year, may bring to me?

Nothing that shall make the world or others poorer, nothing at the expense of other men; but just those few things which in their coming do not stop with me, but touch me rather, as they pass and gather strength.

- A few friends who understand me, and yet remain my friends.
- A work to do which has real value without which the world would feel the poorer.
- A return for such work small enough not to tax unduly anyone who pays.
- A mind unafraid to travel, even though the trail be not blazed.
- An understanding heart.
- A sight of the eternal hills and un-resting sea and of something beautiful the hand of man has made.
- A sense of humor and the power to laugh.
- A little leisure with nothing to do.
- A few moments of quiet, silent meditation. The sense of the presence of God.
- And the patience to wait for the coming of those things, and the wisdom to know them when they come.

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COLLECTION: 12/22/2019 & Christmas		
Collection – cash		\$1,005.56
Collection – envelopes		\$3,748.18
Maintenance		\$56.00
Second Collection		\$330.05
Retirement for Religious		\$15.00
Angel Tree		\$5.00
All Saints		\$3.00
Catholic Charities		\$10.00
Christmas - envelopes		\$8,350.41
Christmas - cash		\$2,437.33
Christmas Flowers		\$57.00
New Year's		\$55.00
Immaculate Conception		\$73.00
Total \$16,145.53		
Thank you for your Stewardship		

Families and the Gospel *Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23*

Today's gospel says Joseph "made his home in Nazareth." A "home" is built on the foundation of love, commitment and a shared history and is decorated with forgiveness, acceptance, rituals, discipline and mutual support. The Holy Family challenges us today: Don't live 'anyplace', live at HOME!

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Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, and Audio Operators, Dec. 31 – Jan. 5

Tuesday, Dec. 31, 6:00 PM
Reader: Dixie Lochrie, Pat Loughlin
Eucharistic Minister: Betty King, Elizabeth King, Geoffrey Stumpo,
Request two additional ministers
Server: Request two servers
Audio Operator: Request an Audio Operator

Wednesday, Jan 1, 9:00 AM
Reader: Mary Jann Verbiar, Request a reader
Eucharistic Minister: Elizabeth Gramlich, Carmen Grasso, Sam Grasso, Rose Ann Schellhammer
Server: Vi Najjar, Request one server
Audio Operator: Request an audio operator

Saturday, January 4, 5:00 PM
Reader: Sarah Bell, Karen Pavelosky
Eucharistic Minister: Elizabeth Gramlich, Russ Gramlich, Betty King, Elizabeth King, Pat Loughlin
Server: Keara Brandon, Jason Harris
Audio Operator: Kevin Slonka

Sunday, January 5, 8:00 AM
Reader: David Harteis, Brigid Starchok
Eucharistic Minister: Anthony Kamnikar, Susan Kamnikar, Irene Ott, Rich Ott, Pam Sabol
Server: Lorenzo Favor, Nate Gates
Audio Operator: Patrick McClain

Sunday, January 5, 11:00 AM
Reader: Mary Jane Verbiar, David Wilson
Eucharistic Minister: Esperanza Bair, Jodie Hall, Rachel Hall, Geoffrey Stumpo, Justin Zierer
Server: Levi Giffin, Zachary King
Audio Operator: Ray Ritter

Sunday, January 5, 5:00 PM
Reader: Charlotte Amenti, Lou Aust
Eucharistic Minister: Louise Aust, Pat Roth, James Sandoval, Request two ministers
Server: Vi Najjar, Eli Updyke
Audio Operator: Matthew Updyke

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