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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

Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
the love of God is truly perfected in him.



Sunday February 23 Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

Readings: Leviticus 19:1-2 / 1 Corinthians 3: 16-23 / Matthew 5:38-48

8:00 am: John McInchok (Daughter Nancy & Family)

11:00 am: John Kucenski (Wife, Mary Ann)

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

Monday February 24 Weekday

Readings: James 3:13-18 / Mark 9:14-29

7:00 am: Salvador Carrizales, Jr Birthday Rembr (Sister, Juanita Burkhart)

12:05 pm: Charlene Tarnowsky (Cha Cha & John Bair)

Tuesday February 25 Weekday

Readings: James 4:1-10/ Mark 9:30-37

7:00 am: Eileen Rengh (Charlotte Ecklund)

12:05 pm: Christopher & Regina Florina (Charles, Brenda, & Marcus Florina)

Wednesday February 26 Ash Wednesday

Readings: Joel 2:12-18 / 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2 / Matthew 6:1-6

7:00 am: Otilia Markferding (Loving Grandson, Jeff)

12:05 am: Anna C. Greene 12th Anniversary (Denny & Pat Heptner)

6:00 pm: Eileen Wehner (Anthony & Rita Piro)

Thursday February 27 Weekday

Readings: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 / Luke 9:22-25

7:00 am: St Anne Society

12:05 pm: Joseph Scaletta (Dee Dee Osborne & Pete Vizza)

Friday February 28 Weekday

Readings: Isiah 58:1-9a / Matthew 9:14-15

7:00 am: Robert Crookston (Family)

12:05 pm: Donald E. Behe, Sr. 4th Anniversary (Wife, Dorothy)

Saturday February 29 Saturday BVM

Readings: Isiah 58:9b-14 / Luke 5:27-32

8:00 am: Carson Kitner (Family)

5:00 pm: Frances Mills Birthday Rembr (Jeanne, Marlene, & Families)

Sunday March 1 First Sunday of Lent

Readings: Genesis 2:7-9/Roman 5:12-19 / Matthew 4:1-11

8:00 am: Virginia Ramos (Brother, Fred & Oliveros Family))

11:00 am: Mary Ann Prestipino (Mother)

5:00 pm: Tom Herdman Birthday Remembrance (Family)

From Our Pastor...

Pope Francis' Ash Wednesday Message "A richness to be shared, not kept for oneself" Putting the paschal mystery at the center of our lives means feeling compassion towards the wounds of the crucified Christ present in the many innocent victims of wars, in attacks on life, from that of the unborn to that of the elderly, and various forms of violence. They are likewise present in environmental disasters, the unequal distribution of the earth's goods, human trafficking in all its forms, and the unbridled thirst for profit, which is a form of idolatry.

Today too, there is a need to appeal to men and women of goodwill to share, by almsgiving, their goods with those most in need, as a means of personally participating in the building of a better world. Charitable giving makes us more human, whereas hoarding risks making us less human, imprisoned by our own selfishness. We can and must go even further and consider the structural aspects of our economic life. For this reason, during Lent this year, from 26 to 28 March, I have convened a meeting in Assisi with young economists, entrepreneurs and change-makers, to shape a more just and inclusive economy. As the Church's magisterium has often repeated, political life represents an eminent form of charity (cf. Pius XI, *Address to the Italian Federation of Catholic University Students*, 18 December 1927). The same holds true for economic life, which can be approached in the same evangelical spirit, the spirit of the Beatitudes.

I ask Mary Most Holy to pray that our Lenten celebration will open our hearts to hear God's call to be reconciled to himself, to fix our gaze on the paschal mystery, and to be converted to an open and sincere dialogue with him. In this way, we will become what Christ asks his disciples to be: the salt of the earth and the light of the world (cf. Mt 5:13-14).

Today is Commitment Sunday for the Catholic Ministries Drive, Ignite Your Faith for Christ's Mission. Your sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure will make an immediate impact on ministries that care for the poor, strengthen family life, nurture our youth, and provide leadership development for clergy and laity.

The Catholic Ministries Drive supports fourteen ministries that provide programs and services beyond the resources of any single parish. The programs of our local parishes are essential because much of the work of the Church takes place at the local level. By having the Diocese coordinate programs, we eliminate the duplication of services and save both time and money. It would be impossible for any individual parish to duplicate the scope of these ministries; we must all share the responsibility.

If you did not bring your Commitment Card to Mass this weekend, please bring it next weekend, or you may make an online gift at www.dioceseaj.org/giving. We will use all donations received beyond our parish target amount of \$30,590 for the sewer project and sidewalk repair upon the completion of the sewer project. 100% of your gift goes directly to these ministries!

Lenten Journey Starts on Wednesday Help your resolve for a spiritually beneficial Lent with acts of prayer, fast, and charity. Our Ash Wednesday and the non-designated second collections on the weekend during Lent and at the weekday noontime Masses are alms for our sister parish of St. Croix in Santa Cruz, Jamaica. See other bulletin details about Lenten practices. We have Rice Bowl materials at the entranceways to the cathedral. Learn more about your Rice Bowl at crsricebowl.org/families.

Prepare yourself for the purifying gift of Christ's Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our Lenten Penance Service is Thursday, April 2, at 6:30 PM. Journey with God's love through this Lenten Spring.

Lenten Fast and Abstinence-Wednesday, February 26, is Ash Wednesday when the Church begins the forty-day journey with the annual discipline of fasting, praying, and giving alms. Ash Wednesday (February 26) and Good Friday (April 10) are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays of Lent (February 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3) are days of abstinence. FASTING refers to only one full meal, with two small meals and no eating otherwise for the day. ABSTINENCE refers to not eating meat at all during the day. All those who have reached their 14th year are obliged to ABSTAIN. The Church directs the holy FAST to all those in their 18th year until their 60th year. The ancient practice of fasting and abstaining can occur throughout the other days of Lent. These added days are not obligatory and can take a variety of forms distinct from food.

FROM OUR PARISH

Religious Education News:

*Sunday, Feb. 23- Junior Discipleship Retreat (9:00 am to 7:00 pm). Students attending the retreat should meet at 9:00 am promptly in the school gym. You will be attending 9:30 Mass as a group.

*Saturday, March 7- Grade 10 -Gifts of the Holy Spirit Retreat 2:00 to 4:30 pm. The retreat will be held in the St. Benedict's school gym.

*Sunday, March 15 - Junior High Youth Day 2020 - Bishop Carroll High School. This event is open to all Diocesan youth grades 6-8. Registration forms are due February 29. Please join us for a day of fun, faith and friendship. Parents are required to attend.

*Saturday, March 21, 2020- Grade 9 Baptism Retreat- 2:00- 4:30 pm. Please be aware this is your **last** opportunity for this retreat.

*Sunday, March 22, 2020, Confirmation Sessions- 9B, 10B and 11C, - 9:00 -11:00 am. Sessions are held in the St. John Paul II Building at St. Benedict's. Please be prompt and no leaving early.

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, February 29th 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. A 12 to 14-hour fast is recommended. You do not need to be a patient of a Windber physician to participate; no physician order is needed. Walk-ins welcome!

Please call 814-467-3739 to schedule an appointment.

FROM OTHER PARISHES & THE COMMUNITY

FISH FRY: Immaculate Conception Parish, Summerhill, PA @ the New Germany Hall every Friday starting Feb.28, including Good Friday. Dinner served from 4:00-7:00 PM. Adults \$12, Children \$6, Children 5 under free. Take-outs available until 6:00 PM by calling **(814) 495-4298**.

FISH FRY: St. Francis of Assisi Church fish fries will begin on Ash Wednesday, 2/26 from 11:00 am until 6:00 pm. Take-outs available by calling 539-3518 before 5:00 pm. See complete menu @ (stfrancisofassisijohnstown.com). Gobs and baked goods will also be available. Fish Fries will be held March 6, 13, 20 & 27, April 3. Note: There will **NO** Fish fries on Friday, Feb. 28 or April 10. *Hope to see you there!*

St. Therese Lenten Piroghi Sale – Home-made potato and cheese piroghi made fresh each week during Lent. Call in orders every Monday starting Feb 24th until March 30th from 9AM to 11AM (539-7633). Cost is \$7.00 dozen (with or without onions). Pick up your order on Fridays from 9AM -2PM at our Social Hall, Upper Decker Avenue. No orders will be taken during Holy Week. Watch for our ad in the Tribune Democrat on Mondays.

Wine & Food Paring to benefit Catholic Charities. The Holiday Inn, downtown Johnstown, Thursday, Feb. 27. Doors open 5:30 pm, tastings begin 6:00 pm. Tickets: \$50

Lenten Journey Series at St. Bernardine Monastery - "From Ashes to Alleluia" - Join the Friars at St. Bernardine Monastery, 768 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg, for a time of reflection, prayer, and fellowship during this Lenten season. Wednesdays – 03/04, 03/11, 03/18, and 04/01 from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM. Lunch is included and a free-will offering will be taken. Registration is necessary by calling the Monastery office by Feb. 28th at 814-695-3802.

CHRISTIAN PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY - St. Patrick School, Johnstown, Deacon Michael Russo, Tuesdays: 6:30-8:30 PM March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; April 7, 14, 21. Faith development of every person is a lifelong journey. These classes are for everyone who wants to grow in faith, and love God. Make plans to join us. For more information contact Marybeth at (814) 361-2000 or visit us online at www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry/. All are welcome.

Healing Mass @ Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona, PA. Monday, March 16, 2020 @ 7:00 pm. Celebrant, Very Rev. Alan Thomas. **ALL ARE WELCOME !!**

UNPLANNED, What She Saw Changed Everything, will be shown Sunday, March 8, 2020 at 1:30 pm at St. John Gualbert Activities Center on Railroad and Adams St. Free event sponsored by Citizens Concerned for Human Life. All are welcome! *See you there.*

FISH FRY: Visitation Parish Lenten fish fries will begin on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26 and continue every Friday (*Except Good Friday*) from 11:00 am until 6:00 pm. Delivery is available within a 5 mile radius by calling **418-5017**. Cost is \$10.00 *Come join us.*



COLLECTION: 02/02/2020	
Collection – envelopes	\$ 3,064.55
Collection – cash	905.46
Maintenance	275.00
Second Collection	262.25
Candlemas	10.00
Ash Wednesday	25.00
Total \$4,542.26	
Thank you for your Stewardship	

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, and Audio Operators, Feb. 29 – March 1

Ash Wednesday, February 26, 7:00 AM

Reader: Dave Harteis, Gloria Stephens
 Eucharistic Minister: Carmen Grasso
 Server: John Werzyn
 Audio Operator: Volunteer requested

Ash Wednesday, February 26, 12:05 PM

Reader: Mary Jane Verbiar, Volunteer requested
 Eucharistic Minister: David Wilson, Valerie Wilson
 Server: James Sandoval, Vi Najjar
 Audio Operator: Brian Vuletich

Ash Wednesday, February 26, 6:00 PM

Reader: Dixie Lochrie, Elizabeth Rhoades
 Eucharistic Minister: Path Roth
 Server: Marge Bevans, Volunteer requested
 Audio Operator: Jim Horner

Stations of the Cross, Friday, Feb. 28, 3:00 PM

Servers: Marge Bevans, Pat Loughlin, Dixie Lochrie
 Audio Operator: Volunteer requested

Saturday, February 29, 5:00 PM

Reader: Heather Jezeskie, Beth Stem
 Eucharistic Minister: Elizabeth King, Betty King, Christine Russell
 Servers: Jason Harris, Randy Russell
 Audio Operator: Michael Stoskey

Sunday, March 1, 8:00 AM

Reader: Carrie Weaver, David Weaver
 Eucharistic Minister: Don Yokitis, Pam Sabol, Anthony Kamnikar
 Servers: Rich Ott, Lorenzo Favor
 Audio Operator: Brigid Starchok

Sunday, March 1, 11:00 AM

Reader: David Wilson, Rose Batzel
 Eucharistic Minister: Justin Zierer, Esperanza Bair, Geoffrey Stumpo
 Server: Eli Updyke, Rachel Hall
 Audio Operator: Russ Smith

Sunday, March 1, 5:00 PM

Reader: Charlotte Amenti, Volunteer requested
 Eucharistic Minister: Vi Najjar, Pat Loughlin, Pat Roth
 Servers: John Werzyn, James Sandoval
 Audio Operator: Volunteer requested

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Join Fr. Brian Saylor April 21 – May 2, 2021 on a tour of England. Visit Liverpool, the home of the Beatles, and spend three nights in the Georgian town of Bath with its 2000-year-old Roman spas. Explore the monastic ruins of Glastonbury Abbey and the mystical, ancient Stonehenge. See the sights of London with a local guide and savor a traditional English roast. Cost: \$4,499 (Double) includes Round trip Air from Pittsburgh, taxes and fees/surcharges, hotel transfers. For information or a brochure please call/email Fr. Brian at 814-944-8509/bsaylor@dioceseaj.org or Collette 844-218-2148 (refer to Booking #987192)

Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, will host the 10th annual Faith and Reason summer program from Sunday, June 21, through Saturday, June 27. 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. Students may register online at www.stvincent.edu/faithandreason.

Giving the shirt off your back, turning the other cheek or walking / driving the extra mile is normal stuff in families. We do that for one another. Today's gospel reminds us all people, even those we don't like, are our brothers and sisters. Our family should prepare us to be FAMILY to others.

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