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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

Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world;
give me living water that I may never
thirst again.



Sunday March 15 Third Sunday of Lent

Readings: Exodus 17: 3-7 / Romans 5: 1-2
8:00 am: Peter L. Greene (*Denny & Pat Heptner*)
11:00 am: Paul O'Shea Anniversary (*Dianne O'Shea*)
5:00 pm: Anna Mae Hecker Birthday Rmbr (*Daughter & Family*)

Monday March 16 Lenten Weekday St Frances of Rome, Religious

Readings: 2 Kings 5: 1-15b / Luke 4: 24-30
7:00 am: Tom M. Komar (*Father, Thomas A. Komar*)
12:05 pm: Olga Gritzer (*Brother, Mike & Niece, Nancy*)

Tuesday March 17 Lenten Weekday St Patrick, Bishop

Readings: Daniel 3:25 / Matthew 18: 21-35
7:00 am: Butch Huffman Month's Mind (*Denny & Pat Heptner*)
12:05 pm: Joe & Ronnie Kmetz (*Kay Kmetz*)

Wednesday March 18 Lenten Weekday St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop

Readings: Deuteronomy 4: 1 / Matthew 5: 17-19
7:00 am: Corita Huffman (*Husband, Charles & Family*)
12:05 am: Patricia Nagrant (*James Nagrant*)

Thursday March 19 Lenten Weekday St Joseph, Spouse of BVM

Readings: 2 Samuel 7: 4-5a / Romans 4: 13 / Luke 2: 41-51a
7:00 am: St Anne Society
12:05 pm: Ed Herdman Anniversary (*Family*)

Friday March 20 Lenten Weekday

Readings: Hosea 14: 2-10 / Matthew 12: 28-34
7:00 am: Deborah Diane Hammer (*Brother, Jeff*)
12:05 pm: Jack Brady Anniversary (*Brady Family*)

Friday March 20 Stations of the Cross 3:00 pm

Saturday March 21 Lenten Weekday BVM

Readings: Hosea 6: 1-6 / Luke 18: 9-14
8:00 am: Mark Stem (*Loretta & Jim Myers*)
5:00 pm: Evelyn Mikas 18 Anniversary (*Family*)

Sunday March 22 Fourth Sunday of Lent

Readings: Exodus 17: 3-7 / Romans 5: 1-2
8:00 am: Pauline Pappas (*Family*)
11:00 am: Joseph Hart III (*Daughter, Mary Alyse Newnam*)
5:00 pm: People of the Parish

Coronavirus and the Diocese's and Our Local Response

(The adapted message from Bishop Mark to Pastors)

Dear Brothers in Christ,

The precautions I announced in the media advisory issued earlier today regarding the coronavirus are to remain in effect and should be brought to the attention of all people in your parishes for their safety and well-being. They are matters of plain, common sense.

It is extremely important for everyone to act in a responsible way. The following directions may seem at first to be difficult, challenging, and having some negative consequences. That is understood. However, as information continued to come to light during the course of today, it has become clear, even by public announcement, by the World Health Organization, and public health officials in our own country that the reality of the coronavirus is now considered to be a pandemic. It cannot be taken lightly. With all of that in mind, it is prudent to take additional steps for the safety and well-being of all our people and anyone who is impacted by the ministry and life of the Church.

The following are practical concerns that have been brought to my attention. I wish to address them based on current information concerning the pandemic. Changes may be necessary according to developing circumstances of this health crisis (e.g. increased number of cases, further precautionary recommendations from public health officials, etc.).

The normal Sunday Mass schedule –

Continue as usual

(As noted earlier in the media advisory, the obligation for all has been suspended. **It is essential to remind the faithful that they are not obligated to attend Mass if they are sick. We ask anyone who is not feeling well to please stay home.** (Our 11:00 AM Sunday Mass is broadcast live on ABC 23 WATM – Channel 12 on local Atlantic Broadband and rebroadcast Sunday at 9:00 PM on Channel 9 on local Atlantic Broadband) During this time, it is also a good idea to avoid shaking hands with clergy and others before and after Mass and at church functions

Weekday Masses – Continue as usual

Purifying Vessels and Other Precautions – Extra care must be given to cleaning any sacred vessels including the chalice and ciborium following each Mass. **Priests, deacons, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are to wash their hands prior to the distribution of Holy Communion and immediately following.** Our Cathedral Eucharistic Ministers are to enter the vesting sacristy as we pray the

Our Father at Mass and thoroughly wash their hands using antibacterial soap and hot water. After the distribution of Holy Communion, they again thoroughly wash their hands using antibacterial soap and hot water.

Distribution of Holy Communion to the Sick/Homebound

– Please note that healthcare institutions, including hospitals and nursing homes, are likely to refuse to allow non-essential persons entry into their facilities. Directives of these institutions must be respected and observed by everyone, especially because they are caring for persons who are most vulnerable if exposed to coronavirus. *One area nursing home called to say this is their procedure for now. The same home did a temperature screening before I celebrate the Last Rites for a person in her last stages of cancer.*

Similarly, except in danger of death, regular visits to the sick for the distribution of Holy Communion should be curtailed. This is intended to safeguard the sick and the elderly who are at greater risk of the harmful effects of coronavirus. If it is necessary to visit the sick, every precaution should be taken for their well-being by using a mask, gloves, and washing of hands. At the same time, the pyx used to bring Communion must be cleaned after each use. *Until this health danger subsides, the helping Eucharistic Ministers and I are suspending our monthly Communion visits. Do call Father Jim (934-9605) should your nurses or you know that "now is the time to call the priest."*

Stations of the Cross – Continue as usual. *Prudence suggests that participants maintain a safe social distance – we have lots of pews open in the front of the Cathedral.*

Religious Education Classes – When the school districts in your area close due to coronavirus concerns, religious education classes are to be cancelled. If coronavirus is detected among any religious education students, their families, or religious education teachers/staff, religious education classes are to be cancelled immediately and parents and others should be notified immediately.

Communal Penance Services – It is understood that the penance services are an important practice during the season of Lent. People have come to rely on the availability of additional confessors and are necessary in order to have enough confessors to serve the needs of the people. With that in mind, unless it is determined otherwise, Communal Penance Services may continue. However, be advised that you may receive other directions based on information coming from public health officials.

Regularly Scheduled Confessions – Continue as usual

Special Note Concerning Confessions – It often occurs during Communal Penance Services that the faithful will approach a priest from behind and kneel behind the priest in a pew or behind the priest in his chair. This arrangement often occurs when people want to go to confession anonymously. In order to be heard, even at a whisper, the penitent often has his or her face within inches of the priest. This presents a situation in which the virus could be transmitted, especially as described by public health officials, from the mouth. It is understood that the right of the penitent to confess anonymously should be safeguarded. Prudence suggests that the health and well-being of the priest should also be safeguarded, especially during this current concern of the coronavirus. With that in mind, some arrangement should be made to have a cloth that would separate the priest and the Penitent while allowing for the penitent to confess in a soft voice, which is not easy in the open setting of a church.

Novenas/Missions/Triduums, etc. – We have already received word that some parishes have cancelled these types of spiritual activities. Keeping in mind the question of whether it is necessary or not amid this serious public health threat, prudence would suggest that these spiritual activities be cancelled. At the same time, parishes should make every effort to provide people with the usual worship aids to pray the novena at home, especially for those who are at risk or have already been harmed by this health crisis. *The special evening Masses for the Saint Joseph Triduum as well as the Saint Joseph Table gathering are cancelled. The praying of Triduum Prayers, along with the placing of petitions, and the lighting of Saint Joseph Candles will be part of the 12:05 Mass on March 17, 18, and 19.*

Fish Lunches/Dinners/Other Social Activities – Until further notice, none of these activities should take place in parish facilities. *Currently we are inviting people to "save the date" for our April 18 Wine Fest. By April 1, we will announce whether we have postponed this event.*

Chrism Mass/Triduum/Easter – Keeping in mind the dispensation from the obligation concerning Mass attendance, it is necessary for the good of the Church for the holy oils to be blessed. Likewise, the celebrations of Holy Week, especially the Mass of the Lord's Celebration on Holy Thursday, Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, and the Masses of Easter – are preminent in the life of the Church. Unless it is determined otherwise, based on circumstances of the coronavirus, these liturgical celebrations will take place.

Holy Water Fonts – Holy Water fonts are to be emptied immediately and are not to be replenished until further notice. At the Easter Vigil Mass in each parish, a enough Holy Water should be blessed for the Sprinkling Rite and for Baptisms that will be celebrated at the Vigil. Pastors may bless additional Holy Water for home use as requested by parishioners. After the Easter Vigil, pastors may continue to bless Holy Water on an as-needed basis.

Confirmation – The Bishop's schedule for the Sacrament of Confirmation remains in effect until further notice. Any circumstances due to the coronavirus that require a change in the Confirmation schedule will be communicated as soon as possible. If parents choose to not have their son or daughter confirmed as a precaution, their names should be submitted to the Bishop's Office. If necessary, other arrangements will be made for the young people to receive the sacrament.

If you have any remaining questions or concerns about these measures, you are welcome to contact me. At the same time, I ask that you consider the seriousness of what we are facing. In listening to your questions and concerns, I want to be fair in advising you that there is a grave responsibility that we have for the good of our people. *If you have a "Saint John Gualbert parish question, contact Fr. Jim. The italicized portion reflects our Cathedral applications of Bishop Mark's message.* Sincerely in Christ, Most Rev. Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop of Altoona-Johnstown

Lent: Our Penitential Season Our Diocesan Reconciliation Service is Thursday, April 2, 6:30 PM. Bishop Mark and many area priests will be here for the celebration of the Lord's merciful forgiveness.

Additional celebrations of the Sacrament of Reconciliation opportunities exist for your preparation for the Triduum of Our Lord. Transfiguration, Conemaugh, Wednesday, March 26, 5:30 PM; St Anthony of Padua, Windber, Thursday, March 26, 6:00; St Clement, Upper Yoder, Thursday, March 26, 7:00 PM; Our Mother of Sorrows, Westmont, Monday, March 30, 6:00 PM; Visitation, Eighth Ward, Tuesday, March 31, 5:30 PM; and St Benedict, Geistown, Monday, April 6, 5:00 PM.



COLLECTIONS: 3/8/2020	
ENVELOPES	\$ 4,650.65
CASH	1,183.69
MAINTENANCE	112.00
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CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES	25.00
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**Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers
Audio Operators, March 21-23**

Stations of the Cross, March 21, 3:00 PM

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

Saturday, March 22, 5:00 PM

Readers: Karen Pavlosky, Dixie Lochrie
Eucharistic Ministers: Elizabeth King, Betty King,
Pat Loughlin
Servers: Jason Harris, Keara Brandon
Audio Operator: Michael Stoskey

Sunday, March 22, 8:00 AM

Readers: Gloria Stephens, Christine Brothers
Eucharistic Ministers: Pam Sabol, Sam Grasso,
Carmen Grasso
Servers: Rich Ott, Volunteer needed
Audio Operator: Rose Eckenrod

Sunday, March 22, 11:00 AM

Readers: Beth Stem, Geoffrey Stumpo
Eucharistic Ministers: Lonnie Rietscha, Russ Smith
David Wilson
Servers: Levi Giffin, Eli Updyke
Audio Operator: Tracy Smith

Sunday, March 22, 5:00 PM

Readers: Charlotte Amenti, Lou Aust
Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Roth, 2 Volunteers needed
Servers: Makaylee Duvall, John Werzyn
Audio Operator: Volunteer needed



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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..

