

Saint John Gualbert Cathedral Parish

Saint John Gualbert
Cathedral
PO Box 807
Johnstown
15907-0807



Office
539-2611
536-0117
Cemetery
536-0117
FAX
536-6771

sjgcathedral@outlook.com

Most Rev Bishop
Mark L. Bartchak, JDC

Rector & Pastor
Very Rev James Crookston

Parochial Vicar
Father Clarence S. Bridges

In Residence
Father Sean K. Code

SUNDAY LITURGY

**Cancelled until further
notice**

DAILY MASS

**Cancelled until further
notice**

CONFESSION

**Cancelled until further
notice**

Go and teach all nations,
says the Lord;
I am with you always,
until the end of the world.



Sunday 11:00 Mass Televised Live from St. John's

All other Masses/Liturgies to be said privately by the Priests

Sunday May 17 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 8:5-8 / 1 Peter 3:15-18 / John 14:15-21
Joe & Ronnie Kmetz (*Kay Kmetz*)
Carmella Serafin Birthday Remembrance (*Jim & Michele*)
Helen Yuhas (*Cha Cha & John Bair*)

Monday May 18 St John I, Pope & Martyr

Readings: Acts 16:11-15 / John 15:26—16:4a
Corita Huffman (*Family*)
Edward Mauthe (*Family*)

Tuesday May 19 Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 16:22-34 / John 16:5-11
St Anne Society
Deacon John Concannon (*Mick & Joyce Muto*)

Wednesday May 20 St Bernardine of Siena, Priest

Readings: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1 / John 16:12-15
Living & Deceased Members of 1st Catholic Slovak Ladies
Anna Heinrich O'Shea Anniversary (*Dianne O'Shea*)

Thursday May 21 The Ascension of the Lord

Readings: Acts 1:1-11 / Ephesians 1:17-23 / Matthew 28:16-20
Eugene F. Ritter (*Nellie Drosjack*)
Dante Todaro Anniversary (*Wife, Marissa*)

Friday May 22 St Rita of Cascia

Readings: Acts 18:9-18 / John 16:20-23
Robert F. Crookston (*Family*)
Henry & Mary Murillo Wedding Anv (*Cha Cha & John Bair*)

Saturday May 23 Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 18:23-28 / John 16:23b-28
Charles "Butch" Huffman (*Beak & Ginny Horvath*)
John Kucenski (*John & Mary Stright*)

Sunday May 24 Seventh Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 1:12-14 / 1 Peter 4:13-16 / John 17:1-11a
Charlene Tarnowsky (*Cha Cha & John Bair*)
TV Ministry
People of the Parish

Sixth Sunday of Easter

"The Father will give you another Advocate to be with you always . . . he remains with you and will be in you . . .

"Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me."

John 14: 15-21

A day to "bear the beams of love."

An extraordinary day - a while ago that we pray might happen once more:

The family has gathered at the hospital to welcome its newest member. The proud, bleary-eyed mom and dad are cradling their hours-old daughter, Claire Cecelia. The aunt, the new mother's godmother, beams with delight to meet her new niece. The baby's little rosebud of a mouth reminds her of her own daughter's birth 12 years before.

Later that day, she brings her elderly mother to the hospital so she can see her first great-grandchild, who shares her name, Cecelia. The great-grandmother kisses the newborn's forehead with gentle commitment.

It is also Great-Grandma's birthday. So, the entire clan gathers that evening at the aunt's house. A nephew arrives, wearing the neck brace he has had on for two months now, since the car accident. Someone crossed the center line and hit them. His wife was severely injured and is still recovering; her father was killed. Nevertheless, he is here, back from the brink—a walking miracle.

A family friend rings the doorbell. She started chemo the day before for lung cancer. Hard times lie ahead - but tonight, she is here to party.

Candles are lit, the cake is served, gifts are given, memories are shared. Moreover, of course, everyone talks about the baby. It is an extraordinarily beautiful day in the life of this family.

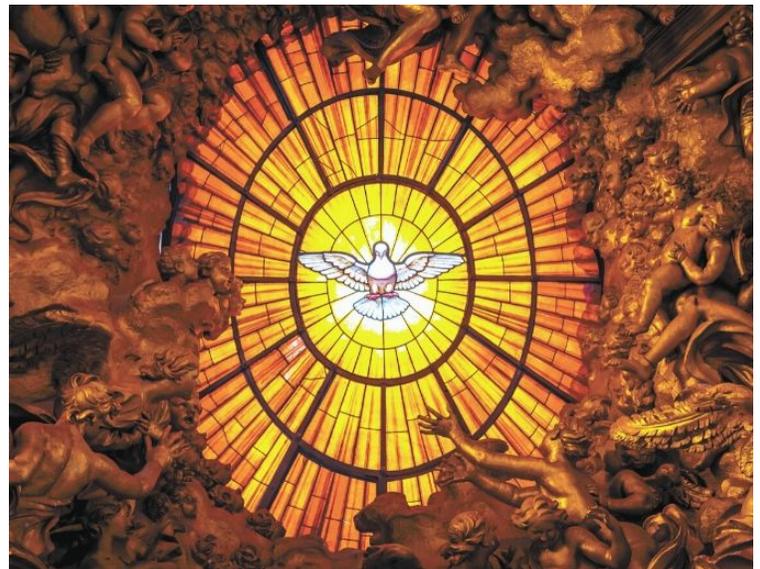
The aunt-godmother and host of the party, Catherine O'Connell-Cahill, writes about it in **At Home with Our Faith** [March 2008]:

"Now and then - maybe a handful of times throughout a lifetime, maybe more if you are lucky - you have a day like this yourself. The bones of life poke through the fluff that otherwise preoccupies you year in, year out. You hold someone's hand as they approach death. You pick up a newborn babe. You fall in love. You are truly forgiven. Someone you love is saved from death. You marvel at the

goodness of God. Claire Cecelia's first day of life was such a day. Maybe poet William Blake put it best:

*"And we are put on earth a little space
That we may learn to bear the beams of love."*

In the simplest, everyday celebrations and expressions of love, God is present. The "Advocate" that Jesus promises is the Spirit of God that opens our hearts and spirits in gratitude for days like the day this family experiences and that we all experience, even if not as often as we would like. God is in our midst in the love of a spouse holding the hand of his or her dying spouse, in the love of a new mom feeding her baby, in the love of two friends walking the beach. In the joy of the Easter season, may the Advocate enable us to "bear the beams of love" and mirror that love in our compassion and care for one another.



The Holy Spirit-Advocate Bearing God's Love

Pastoral Care Anointing of the Sick for those in grave danger, contact Fr. Jim, 934-9605. Individual confessions contact the rectory, 536-0117.

Cathedral Open for Private Prayer. Saint John Gualbert Cathedral is open (Mon-Sat: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm; Sun 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm) for a maximum of twenty-five persons at a time. Please sit at one of the available chairs/pew end seats next to the chairs. Observe safe social distancing and always wear a mask as we do our part to help everyone keep safe from the coronavirus.

COLLECTIONS: 5/10/2020

Envelopes	\$ 4,220.62
Easter	237.00
Easter Flowers	5.00
Holy Thursday	30.00
Mother's Day	140.00
Rice Bowl	40.00
Catholic Home Missions	10.00
Good Friday	30.00
Maintenance	640.00
Ascension	65.00
Cemetery	325.00
Communications	65.00
Total	\$ 5,807.62

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Envelope offerings, Catholic Ministry Drive gifts, Mass stipends, you may mail these or place them in the rectory mail slot. You also may give online. Please go to Dioceseaj.org, click on the "Giving" icon, select the appropriate "Make a Donation" rectangle, then enter select a recurring or one-time gift before continuing to enter your gift information. Thank you for your generosity in these challenging times. Mass requests and stipends are by postal mail or rectory mail slot.

Mass for Widows and Widowers

Remember your loved ones on **Sunday, May 31, 2020** with the televised Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark Bartchak at **11:00 am on WATM ABC 23** and will be rebroadcast that night at 9:00 pm on Atlantic Broadband channel 9.

All persons who have lost a spouse through death throughout the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to register by contacting the Family Life Office by calling **814-317-2647** or **814-317-2643** or email familylife@dioceseaj.org to have your spouse acknowledged and remembered at Mass.

When registering, please give your name, address, phone number and the name of your spouse who passed away. Deadline to register is May 20, 2020.

St. Rita of Cascia *Feast day, May 22*

St. Rita is the patroness of impossible causes, difficult marriages, infertility and parenthood. She is a very powerful intercessor, especially known for her help through difficult situations. Pray for her intercession.

Faith Reflection for this day

"Our own Liturgy of the Word, in which we listen to the Scriptures and reflect upon what these passages might mean for our contemporary circumstances, is a direct fruit of the Jewish people's resilience during a time of crisis and unfailing reliance on God's ability to continue to sanctify the community, even without access to the temple."

"What the first Christians can teach us about missing the sacraments and still growing in faith" Michael Bayer, *Ameri* Apr123, 2020.

PICKING-TREECE-BENNETT

Mortuary, Inc.

921 Menoher Blvd.

814-255-4040

Caring, Compassionate Service Since
1909

The Area's Most Spacious and Accessible
Funeral Home

Thomas L. Dixon, Supervisor
PTBMORTUARY.COM

Frank Duca Funeral Home, Inc.

Westmont Chapel East Hills Chapel & Crematory
1622 Menoher Blvd 404 Walters Avenue

Frank Duca, *Funeral Director*

Bradley Duca, *Supervisor* Alexis Mueller, *Supervisor*
255-DUCA (3822) 266-DUCA (3822)

Traditional Burial and Cremation
Funeral Services

www.ducafuneralhome.com

LAW OFFICES OF

DAVID J. WEAVER, ESQUIRE

515 Main
Street

Johnstown, Pennsylvania 15901

Telephone (814) 535-5571

Email: dweaver@djweaverlaw.com