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SUNDAY LITURGIES

Saturday Evening
5:00 pm

Sundays
8:00 am
11:00 am
5:00 pm

OUTDOOR COMMUNION

Sundays
12:30-1:00 pm
St John Activities Center

DAILY MASS

Monday through Friday
7:00 am
12:05 pm

Saturday
8:00 am

CONFESSION

Thursday before 1st Friday 3:00 pm
Saturday 3:00 pm @ the Cathedral

Saint John Gualbert Cathedral Parish

ALL MASSES ARE NOW OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
CALL THE RECTORY TO SECURE A WEEKEND SEATING LOCATION

Jesus proclaimed the
Gospel of the kingdom
and cured every disease
among the people.



Sunday

Readings:
8:00 am
11:00 am
5:00 pm

August 16 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 / Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 / Matthew 12:21-28
Anna Mae (Oblinsky) Ansier (*Mike & Christine Brothers*)
Sara T. Connors Anniversary (*Dianne O'Shea*)
James & Helen Litvin (*Veronica Litvin*)

Monday

Readings:
7:00 am
12:05 pm

August 17 Weekday

Ezekiel 24:15-23 / Matthew 19:16-22
Victor & Mary Heptner Wedding Anniv. (*Denny & Pat Heptner*)
Joe & Ronnie Kmetz (*Kay Kmetz*)

Tuesday

Readings:
7:00 am
12:05 pm

August 18 Weekday

Ezekiel 28:1-10 / Matthew 20:1-16
Corita Huffman (*Huffman Family*)
Christopher Mauro (*Agnes & Eileen Malysko*)

Wednesday

Readings:
7:00 am
12:05 pm

August 19 Weekday

Ezekiel 34:1-11 / Matthew 18:15-20
Sean Lill (*Ms. Y*)
Sister M. Terence Spenger (*Tom & Nancy Sigmund*)

Thursday

Readings:
7:00 am
12:05 pm

August 20 St Bernard

Ezekiel 36:23-28 / Matthew 22:1-14
Herb Delawder Birthday Remembr (*Wife, Cathy and Jensen*)
Martha Irene C. Lara (*Sister, Juanita Burkhart*)

Friday

Readings:
7:00 am
12:05 pm

August 21 St Pius X, Pope

Ezekiel 37:1-14 / Matthew 22:34-40
Special Intention (*Margaret Brlansky*)
Father Chuck Bridges (*John Werzyn*)

Saturday

Readings:
8:00 am
5:00 pm

August 22 Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ezekiel 43:1-7AB / Matthew 23:1-12
Stanley Pilot (*Barry Rummel*)
Rita Bailey (*Joyce & Jerry Karafa*)

Sunday

Readings:
8:00 am
11:00 am
5:00 pm

August 23 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 22:19-23 / Romans 11:33-36 / Matthew 16:13-20
People of the Parish
Our Lady of Knock (*Brothers of AOH Cambria Cnty Div 1*)
Charles Molnar (*Patricia Black & Family*)

The Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

A Canaanite woman of the district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon.

"Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters."

Matthew 15: 21-28

Isabella's mothers

Isabella was born in Hanoi and left for adoption. A single American woman adopted her and brought her to this country.

Growing up, Isabella's background and culture made it difficult for her to fit it not only with American students but with Asian students as well. So, when Isabella was 16, her mother proposed a trip to Vietnam to learn more about where she came from. Isabella reluctantly agreed.

Arriving in Hanoi, Isabella and her mom visited the retired director of the orphanage where she was placed. Dr. Quy welcomed them to her home with tea and fruit. Dr. Quy pulled out notebooks that contained information on every baby brought into her care. When she saw the photo of her infant self, Isabella felt at ease.

The next day, Isabella met the midwife who delivered her. She, too, remembered Isabella: It was the only time, she explained through the translator that a mother had given birth at the clinic, only to disappear, leaving her baby behind. "Does she know I am here?" Isabella asked. The midwife explained gently that her birth mother had been found, but she refused to meet Isabella. Isabella struggled to hold back tears. The midwife showed Isabella the room in which she was born: no medical equipment, no air conditioning in the sweltering heat. Isabella could hardly imagine women delivering their babies in such a place.

Later that evening, Isabella and her mother went to the tiny Claudia Hotel, where they had stayed during the adoption process. There they were welcomed by Mrs. Thuy, the proprietor of the small inn, who greeted them both with warm hugs. She remembered the two women. Isabella was shocked not only that she remembered her but had followed her growing up on her mom's Facebook page.

In an essay in **The Boston Globe** [November 29, 2019], Isabella Bonapace, now a college student at Cortland State (NY) University, remembers:



"I returned to our hotel room that night feeling complete. My encounter with these three women, who ushered me on my journey from bleak maternity room to my life in America, had finally replaced my 'otherness' with oneness. At some point, each of these women had been my mother. Their caring in the early months of my life was the bridge to the life I know now. We are not related, but we have a bond that can only be shared by family."

Every one of us wants to belong, to connect with a family or community, to replace our "otherness" with oneness. In our universal search for God in our lives, that search for meaning and purpose transforms "strangers" into a "family" and community committed to the good of all. Both Isabella and the Canaanite woman in today's Gospel seek what we all seek: to know that our lives matter, to be respected as a child of God, to be welcomed as a sister and brother to all. In honoring the goodness and love of the Canaanite mother, Jesus opens our perspectives and illuminates our vision enabling us to see one another as God sees us.

Senior Priest Settles in at John Paul II Manor

Father Chuck Bridges, resides now at John Paul II Manor, (856 Cambria Street, Cresson, PA, 16630) lovingly managed by the Sisters of the Sacred Heart. The pandemic prohibits visits. You may drop Father Chuck a line or card addressed to John Paul II Manor. His sister, Mary Lou Wyandt, requests you send gifts for Father Chuck in her care at 103 Frankstown Road, South Fork, PA, 15956.

COLLECTIONS: 8/9/2020

Cash	\$ 553.73
Envelopes	3,588.00
Maintenance	325.00
Assumption	95.00
Total	\$ 4,561.73

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Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, and Audio Operators August 22-23

Saturday August 22 5:00 pm

Readers: Christine Brothers
Dixie Lochrie
Eucharistic Minister: Elizabeth Gramlich
Server: Randy Russell
Audio Operator: Michael Stoskey

Sunday August 23 8:00 am

Readers: Carrie Weaver
Sub requested
Eucharistic Minister: Gloria Stephens
Server: Lorenzo Favor
Audio Operator: Rose Eckenrod

Sunday August 23 11:00 am

Readers: Heather Jezeskie
Beth Stem
Eucharistic Minister: David Wilson
Server: Levi Griffith
Audio Operator: Ray Ritter

Sunday August 23 5:00 pm

Readers: Pat Loughlin
Vi Najjar
Eucharistic Minister: Pat Roth
Server: John Werzyn
Audio Operator: Matthew Updyke

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BISHOP MARK and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, 55, and 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2020 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend Sunday, September 13 in Altoona at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, September 20 in Johnstown at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each Cathedral begin at 2:00 PM. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Reservations must be made through your parish by **Friday, August 21**.

“It’s a Boy . . . It’s a Girl”

Please help support Birthright of Johnstown by participating in our annual “*Baby Shower for Birthright*” the weekend of September 19th and 20th.

This year there is a dire need for cash donations only. Checks are to be made out to Birthright. Birthright is completely dependent upon the donations of its supporters because it does not receive any government funds.

Their mission of love and compassion saves babies lives by offering their mothers guidance and support up to a year after the birth of their child to avoid abortion.

Because of the Covid-19 virus this year, donations may also be dropped off during the week at the rectory or mailed to...

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Our Christian Life & Service Committee “thanks you” for your generosity in supporting this effort.



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“Let us not say that things are harder today; they are simply different. But let us also learn from the saints who have gone before us, who confronted the difficulties of their own day. So, I propose that we **pause** to **rediscover** some of the reasons which can help us to **imitate** them today.” Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel* (2014)

Fall Classes The Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry has announced the following classes for the 2020 Fall Schedule: ***Heart of Faith, Old Testament, New Testament, Wisdom Literature and Psalms.***

For a description of classes, locations, times, registration forms and to learn more about our programs visit www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry/ or contact Marybeth at (814) 361-2000. **All are welcome!**

Nominations for Pastoral Council We are looking for persons willing to have their names placed on August 30 in the selection pool for our parish pastoral council. We have council several seats open for selection. Current council members have started conversations that seek your engagement in parish servant-leadership. Your contact with Father Jim or any of the council members is helpful and welcome. Current members are Charlotte Amenti, Dixie Lochrie, Pat Loughlin, Fred Oliveros, Geoffrey Stumpo, Russ Smith, Beth Stem, Mary Jane Verbiar, David Wilson, John Wise, and Father Jim Crookston. We especially thank Dixie and Mary Jane for their six years (two full terms) of service to our parish family.