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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

I wait for the Lord;
my soul waits
for his word.



- Sunday August 9 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Readings: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a / Romans 9:1-5 / Matthew 14:22-33
8:00 am People of the Parish
11:00 am Richard Flynn *10th Anniversary (Daughter, Beth Stem)*
5:00 pm John Kucenski *(Wife, Mary Ann)*
- Monday August 10 St Lawrence, Martyr**
Readings: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10 / John 12:24-26
7:00 am John McInchok *Birthday Remembrance (Daughter, Nancy)*
12:05 pm Mary Panchik *(Family)*
- Tuesday August 11 St Clare, Virgin**
Readings: Ezekiel 2:8—3:4 / Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
7:00 am St Anne Society
12:05 pm Barbara Regula *(Tom & Heather Newcomer)*
- Wednesday August 12 Weekday**
Readings: Ezekiel 9:1-7; 10:18-22 / Matthew 18:15-20
7:00 am Virginia R. Ramon *(M/M Lawrence Giannone)*
12:05 pm Sophia Wegrzyn *Birthday Remembrance (Son, John)*
- Thursday August 13 Weekday**
Readings: Ezekiel 12:1-12 / Matthew 18:21—19:1
7:00 am Helen Yuhas *(Mike & Diane Mitchell)*
12:05 pm Kristi Kitsko *(Rich & Carol Yeager)*
- Friday August 14 Weekday**
Readings: Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63 / Matthew 19:3-12
7:00 am Father Chuck Bridges *(Terry & Elizabeth Rhoades)*
12:05 pm Carlton Haselrig *(Pete Vizza & Dee Dee Osborne)*
- Saturday August 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Readings: Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab / 1 Cor 15:20-27 / Luke 1:39-56
8:00 am Robert F. Crookston *Birthday Remembrance (Family)*
5:00 pm People of the Parish
- Sunday August 16 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Readings: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 / Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 / Matthew 12:21-28
8:00 am Anna Mae (Oblinsky) Ansier *(Mike & Christine Brothers)*
11:00 am Sara T. Connors *Anniversary (Dianne O'Shea)*
5:00 pm James & Helen Litvin *(Veronica Litvin)*

The Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" Matthew 14: 22-33

"You did great — now lower the gun."

In her book **Pay Attention, for Goodness' Sake**, psychologist Sylvia Boorstein tells the story of a friend who was walking home late one night through a dangerous part of the city. Suddenly, a man jumped out from behind a building, obviously very high on drugs, waving a gun. "I am going to kill you," the assailant shouted. "Give me what you have."

The friend immediately handed over his wallet. The wallet contained a lot of money — six hundred dollars — but there was no question of surrendering it.



Nevertheless, the nervous thief kept the gun at the friend's chest, waving it back and forth. "I'm going to kill you, I'm going to kill you," he kept repeating. The friend could see that the man was baffled — he seemed to be saying, "I'm going to kill you" repeatedly in order to work up the nerve to do it. The friend was terrified.

"Wait!" the friend said. "Stop! I will give you something perfect." The robber stopped, and the friend gave him his watch. However, he continued his nervous rambling, "I am going to kill you."

The friend said as quietly and calmly as he could, "Listen to me! You did very well. You did great! You have no idea how much money is in that wallet. Furthermore, that watch is worth a lot. When you go home, your friends are going to be so proud of you. They are going to think you did wonderfully. Now go home." The robber lowered his gun and turned and left.

When the friend told his terrifying story, the listener asked, "How did you know what to say?" "I do not know. It just came out of me . . . The thought passed through my mind that unconditional appreciation — *You did great!* — is probably the universal, lifesaving password for human connection."

In this dangerous situation, the victim of a robbery survives by putting aside his fear and recognizing the fear of his assailant. He mirrors Jesus in today's Gospel, reaching out to the terrified, drug-addled thief and saves both from a horrible tragedy. Yeah, the friend was out six hundred bucks and his watch — but both realized a greater good. Despite the storms that batter our boats as we navigate life's stormy seas, Christ promises to be that calming presence, that steadying hand, if we keep faith in him who is both our guiding star and our destination. May we, in turn, find within ourselves the trust in that presence to be the outstretched hand of Christ for others.

Senior Priest Settles in at John Paul II Manor

Father Chuck Bridges, arrived this past week at John Paul II Manor, (856 Cambria Street, Cresson, PA, 16630) lovingly managed by the Sisters of the Sacred Heart.

Father Chuck, good and faithful priest, and "simply the best director" of the Proclaim! TV Mass, we pray that you rest well from your active Cathedral ministry, and on Sundays at 11:00, may you join the many viewers of the live Saint John Gualbert Cathedral Mass that is the outstanding fruit of your labor and guidance.

An occasion to offer our gratitude to Father Chuck for all the blessings that he has brought to our parish and the viewing audience of the Proclaim! TV Mass will occur once he gets settled, and the pandemic diminishes.

Meanwhile, please direct your cards of appreciation for Father Chuck and the Proclaim! TV Ministry to the cathedral rectory or to his new residence.

Assumption Obligation Lifted Because the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary occurs on Saturday, the Holy Day of Obligation does not apply.

COLLECTIONS: 8/2/2020

Cash	\$ 403.00
Envelopes	3,818.50
Maintenance	302.00
Assumption	83.00
Flush Fund	5.00
Total	\$ 4,611.50

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Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, and Audio Operators August 15-16

Saturday August 15 5:00 pm

Readers: Dixie Lochrie
Pat Loughlin
Eucharistic Minister: Russ Gramlich
Server: Marge Bevans
Audio Operator: Michael Stoskey

Sunday August 16 8:00 am

Readers: Brigid Starchok
Gloria Stephens
Eucharistic Minister: Don Yokitis
Server: Rich Ott
Audio Operator: Rose Eckenrod

Sunday August 16 11:00 am

Readers: Mary Jane Verbiar
Sub requested
Eucharistic Minister: James Hollis
Server: Damian Byer
Audio Operator: Brian Vuletich

Sunday August 16 5:00 pm

Readers: Charlotte Amenti
Lou Aust
Eucharistic Minister: Pat Roth
Server: Makaylee Duvall
Audio Operator: Mattie Updyke

St. Francis of Assisi Parish FISH FRY IS BACK!

There will be a Fish Fry held at St. Francis of Assisi Activity Center on Friday, August 14 from 11:00AM until 6:00PM. Orders will be TAKEOUT ONLY. Please place your order by calling the Activity Center at 539-3518 on THURSDAY, AUGUST 13 from 8:00AM until 11:00AM. Orders will be taken on Friday morning from 8:00AM until? **Wearing of a mask is required** for entrance and pick up and social distancing protocols will be in place. We're looking forward to seeing you once again!

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Update on Diocesan Directives for Health and Safety During the Coronavirus Pandemic

A Message from Bishop Mark – August 6, 2020

By now you have heard about a person who tested positive for the Coronavirus and attended Mass last weekend at Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, Johnstown. Public notice was made with due regard for the teaching and discipline of the Church concerning the necessary balance between the fundamental right of a person's privacy and the common good of others (Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 2491-2492). That person did the right thing in notifying the Church so that others could be made aware and take any precautions.

This occurrence prompted me once again to think about what Christ and the Church teach us concerning life and our spiritual, physical, mental, and emotional health. They are precious gifts entrusted to us by God. Each one of us must take care of our personal health and well-being. In doing that, we should consider the needs and the common good of others (Catechism, n. 2288).

Awareness and care for ourselves and others has been in the forefront of messages like *#we are in this together*, that have been repeated over the last few months.

Our spiritual well-being is nurtured through prayer, the Word of God, and the sacraments. The Holy Eucharist which we celebrate at Mass, is central to our spiritual health. The Sunday celebration of the Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of the life of the Church. It is not an individual thing, even as each person receives the Body and Blood of Christ. The Holy Eucharist is all about the Church, the holy people of God being made into and renewed together as one.

When it comes to the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, we are in this together. And in order to be in it together with and for each other, we need to be mindful of more than our individual, personal needs or desires. We need to be in it together for the common good; the well-being of everyone.

I want to remind everyone in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown that all the Directives for coming together for the celebration of Mass and the reception of the sacraments during this time of the Coronavirus pandemic remain in effect.

That means masks are not optional when you come to church. I know that in some parishes people are not wearing masks. No one likes wearing them. But we need to do it for our individual good and the good of others. Wearing masks applies to everyone, including the bishop; all priests and deacons; readers; altar servers; ushers, and all the people. I have heard health experts say that wearing a mask is the single most effective means of stopping the spread of the Coronavirus.

Using hand sanitizer is also a must. No one complained when I had to repeatedly sanitize my hands when I celebrated the Ordination of our new deacons or new priests for the Franciscans. There are not to be any missalettes or hymnals in any churches. But I have heard that in some places the books are still there. They need to be put away immediately until further notice.

I love music and singing in church. The directives now in place are to have a cantor/song leader and no choirs. But there are places where choirs are still being used. That needs to stop.

There is to be proper physical distancing. For the most part people are seated according to the plan adopted in each church. However, there are churches where people are not keeping a distance when they come forward to receive Holy Communion. And in some places the people are stopping in the back of church or in the vestibule to speak with one another and their pastor; and everyone has already removed their masks before they are outside and away from others. There should be no gathering in groups inside a church during this time.

I think you get the picture. But once again, I am urging you to complete the picture. There are gaps and people are telling me about them. They have every reason to be concerned. In making me aware of their concerns, they are always thinking about the common good.

Without our best, conscious effort, we could be facing closed churches again. Let's not go there, please! So, if you need to refresh your memory, all of the Diocesan Directives for churches, sacraments, etc. are still available on the diocesan website.

I am proud of what has been accomplished thus far in parishes and schools in our diocese during this Coronavirus pandemic. Thank you for your efforts. I urge everyone to remind yourself each day that you have a part in this. We are in this together!