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Minute-A-Month Mass: August 23, 2020

Celebrants & Homilists for August

Sunday, August 2 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:1-3 / Romans 8:35, 37-39

Matthew 14:13-21

Fr. James Crookston - Main Celebrant & Homilist

Sunday, August 9 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a / Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:22-33

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Sunday, August 16 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 / Romans 11:3-15, 29-32

Matthew 15:21-38

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Sunday, August 23 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 22:19-23 / Romans 11:33-36

Matthew 16:13-20

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Sunday, August 30th 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20:7-9 / Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 16:21-27

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Operations Manager Becomes Esteemed Viewer

Father Chuck Bridges affectionately known as the "TV Priest" -- formerly a Parochial Vicar at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown and Operations Manager of the Proclaim! TV Mass broadcast -- is recovering from some health setbacks. He received a pacemaker and is completing skilled rehabilitative care. This all comes as Father Chuck was already preparing to retire from ministry effective August 1, 2020

Senior Priest, Father Chuck is moving to John Paul II

Manor (856 Cambria Street, Cresson, PA, 16630), a personal care home operated by the Sister Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Tony DeGol, Secretary for Communications, provides this review of our new, esteemed viewer's gifts to us as he has served the Lord. "Father Chuck is a beloved priest in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown who is recognized not only for his 25 years of dedicated service to the Saint John Gualbert faith community but also for his pioneering efforts in expanding the parish's TV Mass ministry over that time.

"He was ordained a priest in 1988. Before his appointment to Saint John Gualbert in 1995, he was assigned as Parochial Vicar at Saint Benedict Parish in Johnstown from 1988-1993 and then Hospital Chaplain in Altoona with residence at Saint Mary Parish in "Dutch Hill," for two years.

"Before his priestly formation, Father Chuck worked for 25 years in the broadcast industry in Johnstown, serving as news director for the former WARD TV and the morning news editor of WJNL AM and FM radio.

"Father Chuck pulled on his previous broadcasting expertise to enhance significantly the Proclaim! TV Mass broadcast with substantial equipment upgrades and satellite expansion. He is also the former host and producer of Proclaim!, a 30-minute show highlighting Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown news and information. The show airs every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. on WATM ABC 23, followed by the live Mass.

"As a DJ, he was about the music," Father Crookston, pastor of Saint John Gualbert Cathedral, commented. "As a broadcaster, he was about bringing the news. As the director of Proclaim! TV, he added bringing the Mass to the delivery of the news of our diocese. As a priest, Father Chuck brought the mercy of Christ to penitents. Through amusing and practical sermons that included snippets of his very Catholic grandmother's faith and his one-liner Mass announcements, he brought us the Gospel. Central to his priesthood, Father Chuck brought the Lord to Cathedral parishioners and visitors in the Eucharist. A thousand grateful hosannas for Father Chuck."

After Father Chuck recuperates, the Saint John Gualbert Cathedral family and the diocese plan to recognize Father Chuck and his outstanding legacy. In the meantime, prayers for Father Chuck's health and restful retirement are most welcome.

Minute-A-Month Ministry

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A Prayer to St. Anne for Fr. Chuck Bridges

O Good Saint Anne, so justly called the Mother of the infirm, the health of those who suffer from disease, look kindly upon the sick person for whom we pray. Alleviate his sufferings, cause him to sanctify them by patience, and by complete submission to divine will. Finally deign to obtain health for him and with it the firm resolution to honor Jesus, Mary and yourself by the faithful performance of his Christian duties. Amen.

Viewer Thank You Notes

Please send me the **Proclaim!** newsletter.

I am handicapped and I have been a "participant" of the Sunday Mass on TV for years. I thank God everyday for this privilege.

Mrs. Dolores A. Holzer, Altoona

Dear Rev. Chuck,

Thank you for the Sunday TV Mass. Due to my weak heart I am home bound.

Yours truly, *Ron Sandor*

Dear Fr. Crookston,

Since I do not attend Mass at our church, I have been enjoying your Sunday Mass. It is the best solution for me. I am impressed as all are wearing masks and you explain how communion will be distributed. Consequently, I have enclosed a check for the Cathedral. I pray you are doing well and I shall continue to follow your Mass on Sunday.

Viewer in Lock Haven

Thank you for telecasting Sunday Mass each Sunday. It has truly been a "Godsend" during this inability to attend Mass in person. God bless you,

K. Pasch

Thank you for Sunday Mass on TV. Don't know what we would do without it.

*Martin & Sandra Shedlock
SS Peter & Paul, Philipsburg*

During these COVID-19 times, my husband and I watch the 11:00 am Mass and enjoy the celebration with Fr James Crookston. The cantors, lectors and organist also make the Mass a wonderful Liturgical experience. God bless all of you for being faithful servants. Sincerely,

Jim & Patsy McAllister

Proclaim St. John's Cathedral for the Sunday Mass on TV. With God's blessing please continue to serve the Lord for us who are homebound. Prayers for Father Bridges's recovery. Would like to contribute more but we support Holy Family Church in Portage, too.

God Bless.

Wanda & Tony Farren

Thank you. I am grateful to hear Mass on Sunday morning. I am in my mid 90's so loving that this is available to me. Thanks again,

Mrs Dorothy Price

Dearest Christian friends of the Proclaim TV Ministry, Many thanks for all the inspiring, helpful Masses, rosaries and other religious programs – such a precious time of the day! Just know all are in my daily prayers. Prayers for Father Bridges on his way to recovery and good health in his retirement years..

Love-Prayers-Hope-Peace and Grace.

Your friend in Christ,

Margaret Rose Sutor

Home Visits, Outdoor Communion, Complement Our Live Broadcast.

Proclaim! TV broadcast area pastors and Eucharistic ministers are accompanying the return to public Masses with in-person opportunities to receive Holy Communion. During Communion visits, shut-ins say how appreciative they are of our live Masses that spiritually bring God's Word and the Word Made Flesh into their homes and apartments. The protection of residents' health in nursing care homes currently prevents communion call visits.

Please contact your home parish to learn when a home Eucharistic visit might occur and what opportunities exist for the outdoor reception of Holy Communion.

The Cathedral Communion distribution station is at the parking lot of the St John Gualbert Cathedral Activities Center (110 Adams Street) from 12:30 to 1:00 PM. Father Jim Crookston and Eucharistic Ministers with help by greeters will be ready for vehicle drivers and their passengers. They enter from Adams Street, the Holy Communion drive-through lane, receive instructions, move to the in-vehicle Holy Communion station, receive the Eucharist, offer a short prayer, and exit onto Railroad Street.

Walk-up communicants proceed to the gate at the walkway of the Activity Center from Adams Street. Dozens of area Catholic come to Communion after watching our Proclaim! TV Mass.