

# Proclaim! TV Newsletter

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Minute-A-Month Mass: February 7, 2021

## Celebrants & Homilists for February

February 7, Consecrated Life Mass

*Job 7:1-4, 6-7 / 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23*

*Mark 1:29-39*

Bishop Mark L. Bartchak

Main Celebrant & Homilist

February 14, 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Times

*Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 / 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1*

*Mark 1:40-45*

Fr. James Crookston - Main Celebrant & Homilist

February 21, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

*Genesis 9:8-15 / 1 Peter 3:18-22*

*Mark 1:12-15*

Bishop Mark L. Bartchak

Main Celebrant & Homilist

February 28, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

*Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 / Romans 8:31b-34*

*Mark 9:2-10*

Fr. James Crookston - Main Celebrant & Homilist



**Reverend Monsignor Philip P Saylor (1929-2021)** Through Monsignor Saylor's – rector of Saint John Gualbert Cathedral from 1987 to 1993 – "influence and the assistance of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and Cablevision, the 11:00 AM Sunday Mass telecast started on September 11, 1988. Mass became available to all home-bound and hospital patients. Immediately people all over the city of Johnstown were tuning into Channel 9 to hear Monsignor Saylor's homilies. He was an avid reader and an eloquent speaker. He never used a note, but his words flowed effortlessly and freely. This gift was also apparent in the articles he penned while Editor of the Catholic Register, the diocesan newspaper." (*Forged in Faith: The History of Saint John Gualbert Cathedral*)

**Bishop Mark Celebrates Significant Liturgies on Proclaim! TV.** Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life in 1997. These vowed religious reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. In honor of the *World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life*, Bishop Mark will celebrate the *Proclaim! TV Mass* on February 7.

On the First Sunday of Lent, persons becoming Catholic at the next Easter Vigil typically gather at both the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona and Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown. With them, we celebrate the *Rite of Election* for unbaptized catechumens and *the Call to Continuing Conversion* for baptized Christians that seek full communion in the Catholic Church. These rituals are the high point of their preparation leading into Lent.

The pandemic has moved the rituals to parishes this year. The candidates and catechumens will still be acknowledged as Bishop Mark will celebrate the *Proclaim! TV Mass* on February 21 and offer a special message to the candidates and catechumens in his homily.

**Father Chuck Condolences Mary Lou Wyandt**, Father's sister and principal representative, died unexpectedly of a heart attack on January 21. Father Chuck con-celebrated her funeral with Fathers Dave Peles and Jim Crookston on January 25. You may address your consolations to him at the Forest Hills Personal Care Home, 313 Humbert Road, Sidman, PA 15955.

# Minute-A-Month Ministry

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## Viewer Thank You Notes

Dear Proclaim,

Thank you for the TV Ministry. In this time of Covid, when we feel unsure of ordinary routine, we thank you for the comfort of Mass every Sunday and Christmas. We enjoy Fr. Crookston's sermons and their messages in these difficult times. Sincerely,

*Louie & Mary Ehrensberger St. Marys, PA*

Dear Father,

We truly appreciate participating in your Sunday Masses. Would it be possible to send us a packet of the chalk blessing? Please accept his donation with our thanks. Stay safe and healthy, God Bless. Sincerely,

*Elizabeth Wilt Lilly, PA*

Dear Proclaim/Cathedral of St. John Gualbert,  
*Thank you for providing Sunday Mass for us 80 year old shut-ins every Sunday. May the Blessed Trinity, The Holy Family, all of the Archangels, Angels, Souls, Saints, and loved ones in Heaven watch over and protect you all and keep you all in their very special care forever.*

The above letter was written by our mother, Diane. She passed away on 12/23/2020 before she had the chance to mail it. The enclosed donation is made in her memory. Mom intended to send a donation before her passing and my Dad wanted to make sure it was sent.

*Melissa Long Ringkamp Hollidaysburg, PA*

Thank you for televising the Sunday Mass. We are lucky to have it during this pandemic! Enclosed is a check for \$25.00 to help.

*Suzanne Kittell*

Dear Father Crookston,

Thank you for the Sunday Mass and the Christmas Mass. I am home bound. Yours truly,

*Ron Sandor Johnstown, PA*

Thank you for the Christmas Eve Mass.

*N. Solomon*

Proclaim TV Ministry,

Thank you for your Sunday Mass on ABC channel 23 every week at 11:00 am.

*William Mark*

Father Charles Rager, now deceased, always reminded his parishioners of St. John the Evangelist in Everett that "he who sings prays twice". I so look forward to the vocal and instrumental music, it adds so much to the Mass.

*Martha Helsel*

Thank you for the wonderful televised Mass and the thought provoking homilies. Keep up the great work.

*Tim McNellis State College, PA*

Dear Father,

My husband and I go to church in our livingroom to see you celebrate Mass. We appreciate your kindness and your thoughtfulness. We have been part of your TV parish for 2 years. God bless you,

*Bonnie & Bob Decker Altoona, PA*

Please accept this donation in appreciation for making the Mass available during these difficult times.

*Alice Mosser Altoona, PA*

To all St. John Gualbert staff,

Thank you for sharing your weekly Mass with all those like myself and my family who are uncomfortable in attending in person.

*Gary & Sharon Frisco Glasgow, PA*

Dear Proclaim,

We are members of St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Du Bois, PA. My husband is 89 and I am 85. Due to the pandemic we haven't been going to church, but we watch it every Sunday on TV at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. We are so thankful we can do this. Enclosed is a little donation to help with the costs. We thank you very much. God bless you. Love and prayers...

*Ed & Beverly Stoey Du Bois, PA*

Hi Father Crookston,

A few words to say "Thank You" for the great explanation-story of the three wise men on the "Feast of the Magi" Sunday 1-3-2021. It was the best I've ever heard and hope you use this in all your young people programs. What teachable moments! The music was so well done also. I am a St. John's Lutheran Church member in my small village but due to Covid, I have been cooped-up and try to get your Sunday messages. Best wishes for a safe and healthy new year.

*Joan Whetsell Addison, PA*

*Happy Valentine's Day*

# Who was St. Valentine...



A common hagiography describes Saint Valentine as a priest of Rome or as the former Bishop of Terni, an important town of Umbria, in central Italy. While under house arrest of Judge Asterius, and discussing his faith with him, Valentinus (the Latin version of his name) was discussing the validity of Jesus. The judge put Valentinus to the test and brought to him the judge's adopted blind daughter, Julia. If Valentinus succeeded in restoring the girl's sight, Asterius would do whatever he asked. Valentinus, praying to God, laid his hands on her eyes and the child's vision was restored. Immediately humbled, the judge asked Valentinus what he should do. Valentinus replied that all of the idols around the judge's house should be broken, and that the judge should fast for three days and then undergo the Christian sacrament of baptism. The judge obeyed and, as a result of his fasting and prayer, freed all the Christian inmates under his authority. The judge, his family, and his forty-four member household of adult family members and servants were baptized. Valentinus was later arrested again for continuing to evangelize and was sent to the prefect of Rome, to the emperor Claudius Gothicus (Claudius II) himself. Claudius took a liking to him until Valentinus tried to convince Claudius to embrace Christianity, whereupon Claudius refused and condemned Valentinus to death, commanding that Valentinus either renounce his faith or he would be beaten with clubs and beheaded. Valentinus refused and Claudius' command was executed outside the Flaminian Gate February 14, 269. Before he was killed, Valentine wrote a last note to encourage Julia to stay close to Jesus and to thank her for being his friend. He signed the note: "From your Valentine." That note inspired people to begin writing their own loving messages to people on Valentine's Feast Day, February 14th, which is celebrated on the same day on which Valentine was martyred.

## Minute-A-Month Ministry

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