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## LITURGIES

*Saturday Evening*  
6:00 pm

*Sundays*  
7:00 am  
11:00 am  
5:00 pm

## DAILY MASS

*Monday thru Friday*  
7:00 am

*Tuesday-Wednesday-  
Friday*  
12:05 pm

*Saturday 8:00 am*

## CONFESSION

*Thursday before 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 3:00 pm*  
*Saturday 8:30AM*  
*Sunday 3:00 pm @ the Cathedral*

# Saint John Gualbert Cathedral Parish

I am the living bread that  
came down from heaven,  
says the Lord; whoever  
eats this bread will live forever.



- Sunday August 8 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Readings: 1Kings 19:4-8 / Ephesians 4:30—5:2 / John 6:41-51  
7:00 am George Najjar (*Wife, Children, & Grandchildren*)  
11:00 am Proclaim TV Mass  
5:00 pm People of the Parish
- Monday August 9 Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time**  
Readings: Deuteronomy 10;12-22 / Matthew 17:22-27  
7:00 am All deceased members of the Sabo Family (*Family*)  
12:05 pm **No Mass**
- Tuesday August 10 St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr**  
Readings: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10 / John 12:24-26  
7:00 am John McInchok *Birthday Rmbr* (*Daughter-Nancy & Family*)  
12:05 pm Mary Panchik *Anniversary* (*Family*)
- Wednesday August 11 St. Clare, Virgin**  
Readings: Deuteronomy 34:1-12 / Matthew 18:15-20  
7:00 am Walter Blucas, Jr. (*Babalonis Family*)  
12:05 pm Barbara Regula (*Family*)
- Thursday August 12 Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time**  
Readings: Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17 / Matthew 18:21—19:1  
7:00 am St. Anne Society  
12:05 pm **No Mass**
- Friday August 13 Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time**  
Readings: Joshua 24:1-13 / Matthew 19:3-12  
7:00 am George & Eileen Wehner (*The Children*)  
12:05 pm Irene Yanko (*Mick & Deb Keytack*)
- Saturday August 14 St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr**  
Readings: Joshua 24:14-29 / Matthew 19:13-15  
8:00 am Peter Yanko (*Peter T. & Sharon Yanko*)  
6:00 pm People of the Parish
- Sunday August 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
Readings: Revelations 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab / 1 Corinthians 12:20-27 / Luke 1:39-56  
7:00 am Sophie Roman *Birthday Rmbr* (*Family*)  
11:00 am Our Lady of Knock *Celebratory Mass*  
5:00 pm Robert F. Crookston *Birthday Rmbr* (*Family*)

## From the Rector:

Thank you to everyone who's called so far about Religious Education and Catholic School Memorandums. I really appreciate those of you who aren't waiting until the last minute! We had a few more meetings this week, and I'm happy to share some new plans moving forward for some things at our parish.

First, we've just finished a few maintenance projects that had been in the works before I arrived. We just recently completed the repointing of the rear wall of the Cathedral. I understand that there had been some leaks there in the past. Now that it's been repointed, the back wall should be good for a few years to come. He managed to finish up a little bit early and had a little bit of time left, so he also redid the outside steps on the right rear emergency exit just outside the music area. The total for the work was right around \$7,500. With that in mind, one thing I've heard from so many of you about our second collection is that you'd like to know what it's going towards. At the same time, sometimes work has to be done when the people are available. Beginning this weekend, our Second Collection will go toward putting the money back into our account from the work repointing the back of the Cathedral. Each week, you should see that total get a little bit closer to the goal. Once we've reached the goal, from that point on, the second collection will go towards the next project. It's our hope that by sharing with you some of the costs and helping us see our contributions go towards those goals, that you as the parishioners will feel more like a part of the process.

We also have some larger projects in the works. As I'm sure you're aware, just like your homes, our sewers will need to be pressure tested and are going to require some work, both for the Cathedral and Rectory, as well as our activity building. We're in the process of getting those bids in order, and I hope to be able to give some updates soon.

Our young people should all be getting letters in the mail with registrations for religious education and sacramental prep this week. The packets should explain all the information about how Religious Education and Sacramental Prep will work this year. For those of you without children who won't be getting a letter, this year we're partnering with 5 other parishes for religious education, St. Patrick, Sts. Gregory & Barnabas, Resurrection, and St. Clements. Families from any of the participating parishes will be able to participate at programs at either the Resurrection or St. Clement site. We're going to be looking for catechists and aids who are interested in teaching at either site. If you would be interested in teaching, please call the parish office, we'd

love to have you join us.

Similarly, I'm beginning to hear from some families interested in becoming Catholic. If you know anyone interested in becoming Catholic, or someone who never finished their confirmation when they were a teenager, please let us know! We're currently meeting and forming our RCIA program for the fall.

Finally, I have two big requests for you. In just two weeks, we'll resume the Sunday Obligation. If you know of anyone who has been away from the Church for the last few months, or even if they've been away longer, please help us and make conscious effort to invite them to join us again beginning Sunday August 15<sup>th</sup>! It's amazing what a difference just one phone call from you to someone you know can really mean. Simply ask them to come to mass with you next Sunday. It really can be that simple, and yes, many might turn you down, but isn't it worth asking? What if it was your invitation that brought that person back into relationship with our faith and our God. Wouldn't that be wonderful?

My last request though is a big one. Fr. Crookston had a wonderful ministry to the sick where he would spend nearly two weeks straight every month in the car taking communion to the sick. He would visit just around 230 people a month between our two parishes. Sadly, with my work with the prison and as we get more activity at St. Patrick's, it's not physically possible for me to visit that many people every month by myself and I need help! If you're a confirmed Catholic in good standing with a little bit of time, would you consider becoming a Eucharistic Minister to visit the homebound? It would involve stopping by to visit with just a couple of our parishioners each month, getting to know them each month, and bringing them the greatest gift imaginable, Jesus himself. I'll be holding a training in the next few weeks for those interested. It's my hope that we would be able to find enough laypeople to visit the same 4-6 people in the same part of town around once a month, and then knowing that those people were already receiving the Eucharist, I would be able to work my way through 10-12 people each week offering them confession and anointing of the sick. I can't begin to say how much this ministry means to those who receive it! If you'd like to volunteer, just let us know in the office. Please, help me bring Jesus to our parishioners!

God Bless You

-Fr Matt

## **Bishop Announces Date for Restoring the Sunday Mass Obligation; Extends Warm Invitation for the Faithful to Return to the Lord's Table**

Bishop Mark has announced the return of the Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligation in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown beginning August 15, 2021. Local Catholics have not been obligated to attend Mass since March of 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Bishop made the announcement in a July 15, 2021, pastoral letter to the faithful of Altoona-Johnstown. In the letter, Bishop Mark shared heartfelt sentiments from parishioners with whom he has spoken. The Bishop reminded the faithful that our parish churches are our spiritual home, and extended a warm invitation for everyone to start anew.

### **Religious Education News –**

After multiple meetings with parishes in the area, we are in the process of working on a combined religious education program for this Fall. Details will be mailed out to families in the next few days. For most families, little will change from the previous year. **There will be a joint meeting for all parents/students in religious education of both St. John's & St. Patrick's on Saturday Aug 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:30PM in the St. Patrick School Cafeteria.** We ask that all families with children in Public School as well as those in Catholic School with children in grades 2, 9,10 & 11 make their best effort to have at least one parent attend.

## **Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy**

Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating **1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years of marriage in 2021** (and their families) to attend the ***Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy***. Couples may attend Sunday, **September 12<sup>th</sup> in ALTOONA** at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, **September 19<sup>th</sup> in JOHNSTOWN** at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00 pm. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be available after mass for anniversary couples and their families as COVID safety measures permit.

**Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Annual DMCA Golf Classic**

**Berkley Hills Golf Course – Saturday, September 25, 2021**  
**Registration begins at 12:00 pm – Shotgun Start: 1:00 pm**

Registration is now open for our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual DMCA Golf Classic. Just \$75 per golfer or \$300 per foursome. Proceeds benefit DMCA PTO and DMCA Extracurricular Association (formerly the Athletic Association) programs. For info call 814-961-3622 (DMCA) to register. **Golfer registrations are due by September 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

### **Family Ritual**

It seems as though summer is slipping by. Did you get everything done that you wanted to? Don't drift from one moment to the next. Be intentional about life. Make a list of what you want to get done this summer and decide when you're going to do it. Make sure to include prayer time and time spent with loved ones. Actually, put those at the top of your list and then plan everything else around those.

**In Christ, Andre McCarville**

Family Life Office

Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

**Cantors, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Servers & Audio**

Saturday August 14 6:00 pm

Cantor: Ryan Kucera  
 Readers: Dixie Lochrie  
 Elizabeth Rhoades  
 Eucharistic Minister: Russ Gramlich  
 Server: John Werzyn  
 Audio Operator: Michael Stoskey

Sunday August 15 7:00 am

Cantor: Maxwell Varljen  
 Readers: Volunteer Needed  
 Fred Oliveros  
 Eucharistic Minister: Susan Kamnikar  
 Server: Nathan Gates  
 Audio Operator: Patrick McClain

Sunday August 15 11:00 am

Cantor: Kevin & Kelli Slonka  
 Readers: Beth Stem  
 Mary Jane Verbiar  
 Eucharistic Minister: James Hollis  
 Server: Levi Giffin  
 Audio Operator: Jim Horner

Sunday August 15 5:00 pm

Cantor: Kristen Caddy  
 Readers: Charlotte Amenti  
 Dennis Montanti  
 Eucharistic Minister: Vi Najjar  
 Server: Eli Updyke  
 Audio Operator: Mattie Updyke

**Ushers Needed**

Ushers needed for the Saturday 6:00 pm Mass. If you are interested in helping, please call the rectory 814-536-0117.

**Remembering a Proclaim TV volunteer...**

"A long-time camera operator at St. Johns, Ernest M Coby, age 90, passed on October 23 2020 surrounded by family in Colorado. Graveside services will be held for him at St. Joseph's cemetery on Saturday, August 21, 1:00 PM."

**SECOND COLLECTION INFO:**

The window project was \$7,200.00. Second collection for this project so far is \$443.00 leaving a balance of \$6,757 to go.

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**COLLECTIONS: 8/1/2021**

Cash	\$ 924.00
Envelopes	2,930.00
Second Collection	268.60
Maintenance	254.00
Food Collection	20.00
Assumption	35.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,431.60</b>