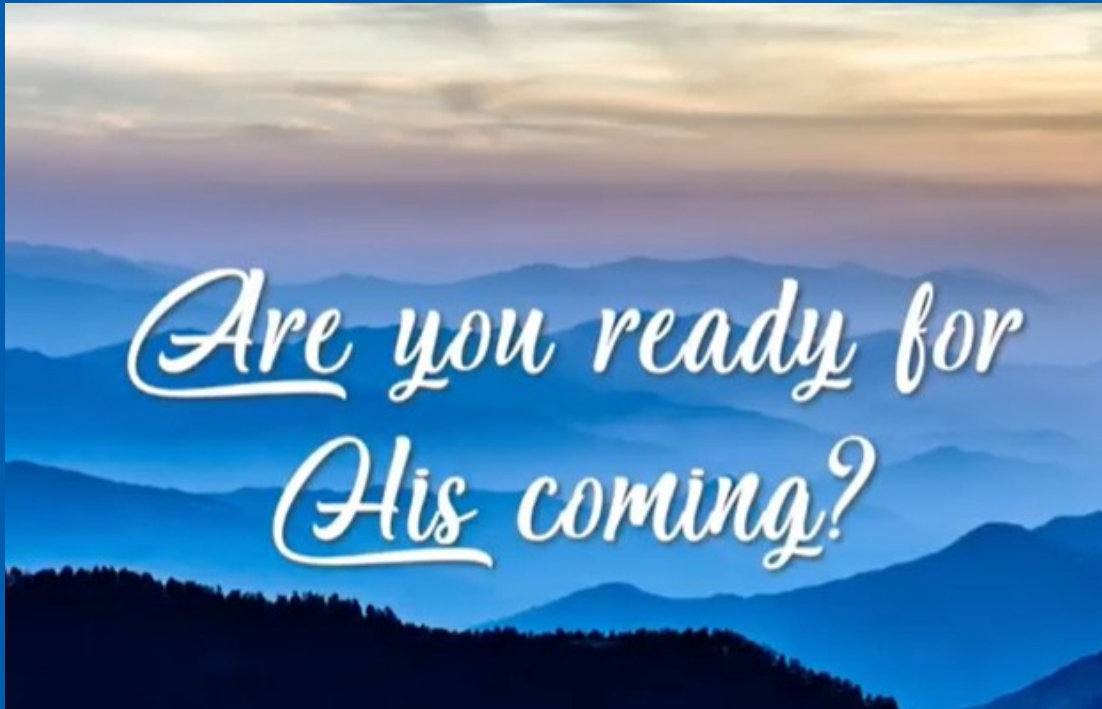


NOVEMBER 30, 2025 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Saint John Gualbert Cathedral

PO Box 807 Johnstown, PA 15907-0807
Office: 814-536-0117 <http://www.stjohngualbert.org>
johnstowncathedral@dioceseaj.org

Most Rev Bishop Mark L Bartchak, JCD
V. Rev Matthew Baum, Rector
Fr. Canice McMullen, OSB
Deacon Rick Messina



Mass Times: Saturday 6PM
Sunday 7AM, 11AM, 5PM
Weekday Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 7AM Sat 8AM
Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 12:05PM
Confessions: 8:30AM Sat & 3PM Sun
3PM Thurs before 1st Friday

Saint Patrick Church

P.O. Box 806, Johnstown, PA 15907-0806
Office: 814-539-2186 <http://stpatrickjtown.com>
stpatrickjtown@dioceseaj.org

V. Rev Matthew Baum, Pastor
Fr. Canice McMullen, OSB
Deacon Rick Messina



Mass Times: Saturday 4PM
Sunday 9AM
Thursday 8AM
Rosary: 30 minutes before all Masses
Confessions: Saturday 3PM



Week of November 30, 2025



1st Reading:
Isaiah 2:1-5

2nd Reading:
Romans 13:11-14

Gospel:
Matthew 24:37-44

ST JOHN GUALBERT

Saturday 8:00AM Nov 29th 34th Week in Ordinary Time
St. Anne Society

6:00PM **Vigil—First Sunday of Advent**
Edward A. Yingling (Cindy & Tom Westrick)

Sunday 7:00AM Nov 30th First Sunday of Advent
People of the Parish
11:00AM Michael & Mary Ellen Leonard *Anniversary* (Sharon & Family)
5:00PM Anna Ritter *Great Grandma's Anniversary* (Ray & Andrea Ritter)

Monday 7:00AM Dec 1st First Week of Advent
Joan Heinlein (Daughter: Rose Ann Schellhammer)
12:05PM **No Mass**

Tuesday 7:00AM Dec 2nd First Week of Advent
Larry M. Gianotti *Birthday Remembrance* (Family)
12:05PM Dan Weaver (Brigid Starchok, Monica & Angela Kendera)

Wednesday 7:00AM Dec 3rd First Week of Advent
Patricia Barclay *Birthday Remembrance* (Daughter: Stacie Holsinger)
12:05PM Ann Edwards (Tim Heptner)

Thursday 7:00AM Dec 4th First Week of Advent
No Mass
12:05PM Rene Vavrek (Family)

Friday 7:00AM Dec 5th First Week of Advent
Fr. John Brezovec (Dr. Eric & Susan Wieczorek)
12:05PM Jeanne Kovach (Mary Ann Burgess)

Saturday 8:00AM Dec 6th First Week of Advent (St. Nicholas)
St. Anne Society

6:00PM **Vigil—Second Sunday of Advent**
Mary O'Donnell (Son: Ed)

Sunday 7:00AM Dec 7th First Sunday of Advent
Walter C. Weaver (David & Carrie Weaver)
11:00AM Elizabeth & Bill Pawcio (Family)
5:00PM People of the Parish



Dec 1st at St. Peter in Chains Parish, behind the walls of SCI Somerset:
Lauren A *Successful Surgery* (Family)

ST PATRICK

Saturday 4:00PM Nov 29th Vigil—First Sunday of Advent
Ray Cassidy, Sr. (Ray & Connie Cassidy)

Sunday 9:00AM Nov 30th First Sunday of Advent
George Sr. & Verna Licastro (George Jr., Melanie & Family)

Thursday 8:00AM Dec 4th First Week of Advent
Gene Podrasky (Samantha Podrasky)

Saturday 4:00PM Dec 6th Vigil—Second Sunday of Advent
Charles E. Gojmerac (Wife: Rose Marie)

Sunday 9:00AM Dec 7th Second Sunday of Advent
Michael Benyacko, Jr. *Birthday Remembrance* (Mr. & Mrs. Steve Glover)

Parish Staff & Volunteers

Finance: Gerald Foust gfoust@dioceseaj.org
Secretary: Brigid Starchok bstarchok@dioceseaj.org
Cemetery: Kristen Caddy kcaddy@dioceseaj.org
St. John Gualbert Music: Evonne Yanzetich-Homway (814)659-6240
St. Patrick Music: Jean Arcurio (814)241-9972
St. John Maintenance: Mike Amenti (814)536-0117 ext. 207
St. Patrick Maintenance: Dan Schofield (814)792-5891

Faith Formation /Sacramental Prep

Christine Babik—Resurrection Parish
(814)539-5788 / cbabik@dioceseaj.org

RCIA

Lonnie Rietscha: (814)244-6681
Harry Mangus: (814)525-9943

Prayer Chain

Dr. Joyce Werner: (814)288-1186

Catholic Outreach

St. Vincent de Paul
John Gualbert SVdP - (Mon or Fri) 814-421-4344
SVdP Human Needs Office - (Tues - Thurs) 814-535-8521
SVdP Family Kitchen: 814-539-7811

Catholic Charities

Altoona: 814-944-9388 Johnstown: 814-535-6538

Crisis Pregnancy/Pro-Life:

Birthright of Johnstown: 814-535-8231
Gabriel Project- Gail Bala: 814-418-1813
Rachel's Vineyard: 1-877-467-3463
Website - www.RachelsVineyard.org -
the world's largest ministry for healing after abortion.

Diocesan Family Life Office: 814-695-5579
Diocesan Website: www.dioceseaj.org

Physical locations:

St. John Gualbert Cathedral
117 Clinton Street
Johnstown, PA 15901

St. Patrick Church
609 Park Avenue
Johnstown, PA 15902

COLLECTIONS

Collection St John Gualbert 11/23/2025	
Weekly Envelopes	\$3,085.60
Cash	1,062.12
Online	205.00
Maintenance	758.00
SVdP	145.00
Catholic Charities	724.00
Christmas Flowers	80.00
Total	\$6,059.72

St. John Gualbert



St. Patrick



Collection St Patrick 11/23/2025	
Envelopes	\$2,361.00
Cash	217.00
Children's Envelopes	12.00
Online Donations	35.00
Maintenance	20.00
Fuel & Air	40.00
SVdP	55.00
All Souls Day	10.00
All Saints Day	20.00
Votives	64.00
Catholic Charities	40.00
Christmas Flowers	105.00
Total	\$2,979.00

Shared Parish Information:

Office Hours: Monday through Friday 9AM - 3PM.

Parishioner Registration: If you would like to join either of our parishes, please contact the rectory/church office. Registration, the practice of stewardship and regular participation in the sacraments, indicates that a person is an active member of the parish and is eligible to act as a godparent or a sponsor. As a church community seeking to be faith-filled disciples and good stewards, the sacrifice of our time, talent, and treasure is essential for the common good.

Moving or joining a different parish: Please remember to notify us if you have a change of address or will be leaving either of our parishes so we can update our records and notify the diocese of the change.

Anointing of the Sick: Upon request for the sick or homebound.

Infant Baptism & Christian Initiation of Adults: Call the church office, (814)536-0117.

Marriage: 9-month notice; pre-marital preparation required.

Mass Intentions: ALL mass intentions are handled through the St. John Gualbert office. If you would like to have a mass offered, please fill out the form in the churches or available on the parish website, put it in an envelope with the mass donation (\$10) and drop it off in the collection basket or at the parish office. A copy of the rules and policies for Mass intentions are also available in the churches.

Do you know anyone who can't make it to mass? If you have a family member who is sick or infirmed and unable to attend mass, please let us know. Father makes periodic rounds to visit the sick. In time, we would also like to find Eucharistic Ministers to do the same. If there is ever an emergency, call the parish number and leave a message for Fr. Matt. It is very important that those who are seriously ill or in danger of death are able to receive the sacraments, but we don't know unless you tell us. Don't be afraid to call.

Weekly Contributions: If you would like your cash gifts to be reflected on your giving statement, please *use an offering envelope*. Be sure to write your **name and the amount given** clearly on the offering envelope to insure proper credit. If you attend at another parish, please use your envelopes as they will be returned to us.

Taking up the Gifts: If the mass intention is for your family and you would like to take up the gifts at that mass, please let the ushers know about 10 minutes before mass. We have had a few families ask at the last minute and we would rather not ask someone to take up the gifts and then tell them not to because the family of the mass intention has just showed up.

Daily Mass Missals—If you would like a copy of "the Word Among Us" daily missal that includes daily mass readings, antiphons, and reflections, please stop or call the St. John parish office. A subscription costs \$20 per person per year.

Bulletin Deadline: ALL submissions for the bulletin need to be submitted no later than Tuesday 12:00 PM in order to be listed in the following Sunday edition and must include the name of the submitter. **Also, when there are multiple layers to an event, bulletin announcements need to be coordinated through the primary event planner to prevent conflicting submissions.**

Flocknote: Flocknote enables us to send large group emails and text messages. If you would like to receive the general notices and reminders about upcoming events in the parish, requests for help/volunteers, the bulletin published to the website, and other updates, use these instructions to sign up if you have not already done so.

Catholic Ministries Drive - 2025			
St. John Gualbert	Goal:	\$32,300.00	
	Receipts	16,032.00	
St. Patrick	Goal:	\$24,900.00	
	Receipts	16,527.00	

Keep in touch with us!

TEXT SJGC TO 84576

OR CONNECT WITH US ONLINE AT:

stjohngualbert.flocknote.com



Religious Education
Questions - contact DRE - Christine Babik at
814-539-5788, or email cbabik@dioceseaj.org.

Sunday, November 30: NO CLASS- Happy Thanksgiving!

Sunday, December 7: Religious Education 9:00-10:15 am
Resurrection Parish Center and Confirmation Mentor meeting
Oratory and Oratory Hall. **Confirmation Mentor meetings and
Rite of Blessing for St. John Gualbert Confirmation Candidates at
the 11:00 am mass at St. Johns.

Sunday, December 14: Religious Education 9:00-10:15 am
Resurrection Parish Center and Oratory Hall.

Sunday, December 21: Religious Education 9:00-10:15 am
Resurrection Parish Center and Oratory Hall.

Sunday, December 28: No class - Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!!

OCIA/Basics of Faith

Sunday, November 30: OCIA NO CLASS - Thanksgiving!

Sunday, December 7: OCIA - Protoevangelium of James

Sunday, December 14: OCIA - The Last Things

Anyone interested in being a Sponsor for Candidates
please contact Lonnie Rietscha (814)244-6681, or Harry Mangus
(814)525-9943.

St. Vincent de Paul Conference of St. John Gualbert Cathedral: Update from 10-15-2025 through 11-15-2025

Number of Calls received on our 3CX Line = 15
Individuals receiving assistance = 47
Adult Female = 14 Ranging in age from 21 to 72
Adult Male = 12 Ranging in age from 22 to 72
Children Female = 13 Ranging in age from 1 to 16
Children Male = 8 Ranging in age from 2 to 19

Assistance Details:

Eviction/Rent = 10.	\$1,880.50
Water Shut Offs = 3.	\$485.48
Electric Shut Offs = 1.	\$200.00
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Assistance given out =.	\$2,565.98
Contributions =	\$2,035.00
Saint John's and Saint Patrick's Total =	\$1,435.00
Anonymous donor gave	\$600.00

Conference Members: served lunch at the SVDP Family Kitchen
on 10-21, attended a resource discussion meeting on 10-23,
went to a meeting with Catholic Charities on 10-23, and attended
a Utility Wise Conference on 10-29, and finally, several members
helped with the Saint John's Spaghetti dinner on 11-2.

Anyone interested in joining our conference is welcome to
attend our next meetings: Saturday December 6, 2025 at 9:00
AM and/ or Thursday December 18, 2025 at 6:00 PM.
Our meetings are held at the Saint John's Activity Center in the
Saint Joseph's room lower level.

THANK YOU for your continued financial support and prayers.

"Let us allow God to act, He brings things to completion when we
least expect it."
Saint Vincent de Paul

Christian Life & Service: **At SJG**

Angel Tree:

The fall leaves are on the ground and Christmas will soon
be upon us! So get ready for our Angel Tree
Project. This year we will be collecting
donations of gift cards for the Cambria County
Children & Youth Services for Christmas. You
can purchase gift cards from any of the local
businesses, such as Walmart, Sheetz, Dollar
General, or any local grocery store. If you are
unable to pick up a gift card, you can also give a cash donation
and we can make the purchase of a gift card for you.

Donations will be accepted at all the masses again, this
weekend, November 29 & 30th.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

-St. John Gualbert Christian Life & Service

At SPJ

St. Patrick's Angel Tree:

We will once again be collecting gifts for The
Gabriel Project and Birthright this year. Ornaments will
be available on the Christmas tree at the front of the
church again this weekend of November 29th & 30th.
Please return your gifts no later than December 7,
2025, so we can distribute them to these wonderful
programs in time for the holidays.

Thank you for your generosity and for
remembering these important ministries during the Christmas
season!

-St. Patrick Christian Life & Service



Fr. Canice's Thoughts:

Dear parish families, it is truly a joy to begin serving in
these parishes. I feel so blessed to be with you and I look forward
to getting to know you more in the days to come. As we begin this
new season of Advent, I'd like to share with you a quote from
Pope Benedict that resonates in my heart and hope it resonates in
yours as well:

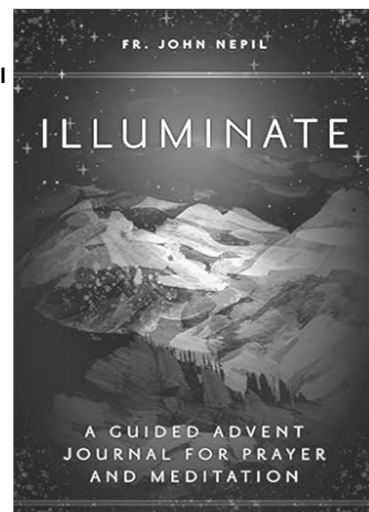
*"Advent's intention is to awaken the most profound and
basic emotional memory within us, namely, the memory of the
God who became a child. This is a healing memory; it brings
hope. The purpose of the Church's year is continually to rehearse
her great history of memories, to awaken the heart's memory so
that it can discern the star of hope."*

Blessings, Fr. Canice

Deacon Rick's Corner

Book:

-by Fr. John Nepil



MINISTERS SCHEDULES:

ST JOHN GUALBERT CATHEDRAL **Second Sunday of Advent**

Sat Dec 6th, 6:00PM Mass

Reader	Joe Mazarella
Reader	Elizabeth Rhoades
Eucharistic Minister	Pat Loughlin
Server	Steve Molnar
Audio Operator	Michael Stoskey
Sacristan	Steve Molnar
Cantor	Brigid Starchok

Sun Dec 7th, 7:00AM Mass

Reader	David Weaver
Reader	Carrie Weaver
Eucharistic Minister	Rich Ott
Eucharistic Minister	Rose Ann Schellhammer
Eucharistic Minister	Melissa Gates
Server	Dave Harteis
Audio Operator	Patrick McClain
Sacristan	Rich Ott
Cantor	Rose Eckenrod

Sun Dec 7th, 11:00AM Mass

Reader	Beth Stem
Reader	Mary Jane Verbiar
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Rick Messina
Eucharistic Minister	Geoffrey Stumpo
Eucharistic Minister	Pam Sabol
Server	Charlotte DeArmitt
Server	Mason Dekrines
Server	Synthia Barber
Audio Operator	Kevin Slonka
Sacristan	Lonnie Rietscha
Cantor	Deb McGraw

Sun Dec 7th, 5:00PM Mass

Reader	Charlotte Amenti
Reader	Dixie Lochrie
Eucharistic Minister	James Sandoval
Servers	Bella, Ryder, Tenley Ascherl
Audio Operator	Evonne Yanzetich
Sacristan	Charlotte Amenti
Cantor	Sydney Petro

Immaculate Conception Holy Day

Mon Dec 8th, 7:00AM

Reader	Christine Brothers
Reader	Gloria Stephens
Eucharistic Minister	Carmen Grasso
Server	Dave Harteis
Audio Operator	Peter T. Yanko
Sacristan	Gloria Stephens
Cantor	Rose Eckenrod

Mon Dec 8th, 12:05PM

Reader	Mary Jane Verbiar
Reader	Fred Oliveros
Eucharistic Minister	Elizabeth Rhoades
Server	James Sandoval
Audio Operator	Brian Vuletich
Sacristan	James Sandoval
Cantor	Deb McGraw

Mon Dec 8th, 6:00PM

Reader	Heather Jezeskie
Reader	Rose Batzel
Eucharistic Minister	Jim Hollis
Server	Steve Molnar
Audio Operator	Tracy Smith
Sacristan	Steve Molnar
Cantor	Namita Gallo

ST PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH **Second Sunday of Advent**

Sat Dec 6th, 4:00PM Mass

Cantor	Ed Herdman
Server	Sydnee Dixon
Eucharistic Minister	Cindy Stofko
Eucharistic Minister	Kathy Kristofko
Eucharistic Minister	Connie Cassidy
Sacristan	Cindy Stofko
Reader	Lisa Stofko

Sun Dec 7th, 9:00AM Mass

Cantor	Eric Ecklund
Server	Rita Redden
Eucharistic Minister	Joyce Werner
Eucharistic Minister	Charlotte Ecklund
Eucharistic Minister	Mary Jo Podratsky
Sacristan	Rita Redden
Reader	Mary Ann Craig

Immaculate Conception Holy Day

Mon Dec 8th, 6:00PM

Cantor	Volunteer Needed
Server	Sydnee Dixon
Eucharistic Minister	Cindy Stofko
Eucharistic Minister	Harry Mangus
Eucharistic Minister	Connie Cassidy
Sacristan	Marianna Glover
Reader	Kathy Getzey


***** ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR BOTH PARISHES *****

Parish Council Meetings - there are NO MEETINGS in December for either parish due to Penance Service attendance by priests.


"Called by Name" Diocesan Vocations Campaign: Step 2

DIOCESE OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN
VOCATIONS APPEAL

PRIESTS FOR THE FUTURE



It's widely known that our diocese needs more priests. The good news is that we have an excellent plan to increase our number of seminarians! Will you financially support our efforts to inspire young men to discern the priesthood?



Please give at
ajvocations.org

Small Group Discussion:

The St. Patrick Small Group Discussions - based on the readings for the following Sunday, continues on Monday, December 1st, **off Monday Dec. 8th for the Holy day**, and has a final session on Dec. 15th. Both start at 6:30PM in the REC room of the Park Street Rectory. Any questions, please contact Harry Mangus at 814 525-9943. Everyone from either parish is welcome. You may attend any sessions you want.

Cemetery Calendar Tickets Available: These tickets make the best stocking stuffers for Christmas! They keep on giving for all 365 days of 2026 and we still have them available..... Simplify your Christmas gift list and pick one up for your family and friends.

Stop by the rectory office on Clinton Street to pick some up or call the rectory office (814)536-0117 and we can put some back for you.

St John Gualbert Cemetery 2026 Calendar Tickets \$25-\$250 per day for 2026

January 2026						
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March 2026						
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June 2026						
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July 2026						
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August 2026						
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September 2026						
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Tickets are \$25/each

Call the St John Gualbert Parish Office

814-536-0117

The Catholic Ministries Drive:

Please prayerfully consider making a gift to the Catholic Ministries Drive. Every dollar stays within our diocese and directly supports the ministries that touch lives every day. Together, we can build a stronger, more vibrant Church rooted in faith, hope, and love.

Do You Have an End of Mass Announcement?

Many times parishioners ask to have some important event, notification, etc. announced at the end of weekend Masses following the prayer after Communion. Making sure that this happens with all the busy staff comings and goings, phone calls and so forth can be challenging. In order to make this process better, it has been suggested that all requests of this nature be handled as follows:

1. We need to have the announcement submitted to the rectory **no later than 12 noon Wednesday - no exceptions.**

2. Please email them to eyanzetich@dioceseaj.org as she organizes these items along with the petitions for both parishes.

Ministers of the Word:

The new 2026 workbooks have arrived for all those at both parishes who act as readers for the Mass. Please pick up the copy with your name on it in the Sacristy at both parishes.

iGiveCatholic - 2025:

About Giving Day - Celebrated annually since 2015 on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving, #iGiveCatholic on GivingTuesday kicks off the charitable season and brings the Catholic community together to "Give Back and Give Catholic".

As the first-ever giving day created to celebrate our unique Catholic heritage, #iGiveCatholic on GivingTuesday inspires faithful stewards to express their generosity in support of and gratitude for their beloved faith community and ministries on this global day of giving.

Over the past 4 years, we've raised over \$410,000 for our parishes, schools and ministries with the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown! As a donor, you can designate your donation to any charitable cause within the Diocese and/or your parish so that you direct exactly how the funds are distributed. For example, some give to Proclaim, others to St. Vincent de Paul, etc. At St. John Gualbert Cathedral this year, the iGive Catholic donations will be accepted toward the maintenance of the Cemeteries so that we can show the proper respect and care of our beloved dead.

Giving Tuesday is the Tuesday following Thanksgiving. The goal of this giving day is to inspire the Catholic community to come together as faithful stewards and to "Give Thanks, Give Back and Give Catholic" on GivingTuesday, a global day dedicated to inspiring generosity.

Word Among Us:

It is that time again, the end of the year, when those who subscribe to the Word Among Us Magazine need to renew their subscription for 2026. The cost is \$20.00 - half the price of an individual subscription. Checks need to be payable to your respective parish, cash works too, and there are envelopes at both churches that can be used to remit your payment. Please include your name, phone number and just drop the envelopes in the collection basket.



Stewardship Reflections for November 30, 2025 – 1st Sunday of Advent:

Today we begin the beautiful season of Advent. It is a season meant for preparation – but for what exactly are we preparing? Two things actually – the celebration of our Savior's birth and the anticipation of His second coming. These are weighty tasks that have eternal consequences. So, let us Christian stewards make the words of the Prophet Isaiah our motto for the season: "Come, let us climb the Lord's mountain to the house of the God of Jacob, that He may instruct us in His ways and we may walk in His paths."

How can we Christian stewards prepare ourselves and our families for a holy celebration of Jesus' birth on Dec 25 and for his certain second coming at a date we do not know? We can push back against the world's pressure to have the 'perfect Christmas.' Scale back on the material kind of gift-giving, the complicated menus, and the unessential trappings of the season so that we have more time for spiritual preparation: confession, weekday Mass, adoration, family prayer time, lighting the Advent wreath, and performing acts of kindness.

It may feel like a mountain to climb, but in the end, we will be prepared to celebrate a truly meaningful Christmas, we will have become more like our Savior, and we will be ready for Him to come again. Let's go climb the Lord's mountain.

St. John Gualbert Current Events:

12-2 6PM SJG Christian Life & Service; AC-SA
12-3 7PM SJG Choir; Cathedral
12-4 3PM SJG 1st Friday Confessions; Shrine
12-4 3PM SJG Eucharistic Adoration; Shrine
12-5 SJG Wreaths delivered; AC-SJ
12-5 1PM-11:30PM Private Rental; ACH
12-6 9AM SVdP Meeting; AC-SA
12-6 & 12-7 St. Nicholas Candy in shoes, all Masses

Christmas Wreath Fundraiser: Mark your calendar!

The **PICKUP DATE** for your wreaths will be on **Sunday, Dec. 7, 2025.**

Someone will be at the Activities center **DURING** the following time slots only:



- ⇒ 8AM - 9AM
- ⇒ 12PM - 1PM
- ⇒ 6PM - 7PM

Our volunteers will be available at the times listed above, **ONLY. The wreaths may not be picked up outside those time slots.** We thank you for your adherence to their schedules and for supporting our Christmas Wreath fundraiser.

St. Patrick Church

Current events:

12-1 6:30PM SPJ Small Group Discussion; REC
12-3 4:30PM SPJ Christian Life & Service; REC
12-4 3PM 1st Friday Confessions at SJG; Shrine
12-4 3PM Eucharistic Adoration at SJG; Shrine
12-6 9AM SVdP Meeting; AC-SA
12-6 & 12-7 St. Nicholas Candy in shoes, all Masses

Blessing Bags Drive – Donations Needed by Dec. 14, 2025:

We're preparing our annual Blessing Bags for Women's Help Center to bring comfort and care to those in need this season. We need your help! Please consider donating any of the following items:

- Cozy throws or blankets
- Body wash
- Women's deodorant
- Hair conditioner
- Toothbrush/toothpaste

Donation boxes are located at the back of the sanctuary. All items will be collected through Sunday, December 14, 2025. Let's come together to share warmth, creativity, and kindness—one Blessing Bag at a time.

St. Patrick Small Group Discussions:

St. PATRICK small group discussions, based on the readings for the following Sunday, will continue on Monday, December 1st, in the Rec Room of the Rectory at 6:30pm. Due to the holy Day - Immaculate Conception on Dec. 8th the meeting will be cancelled and then we will have our last session on December 15th. Any questions, please contact Harry Mangus at 814 525-9943. Everyone is welcome.



***** Around the Area *****

DECEMBER 2025 COMMUNITY BREAKFAST:

In lieu of hosting a December breakfast, the St. Benedict Breakfast committee will be collecting donations to support the St. Benedict Knight of Columbus Food Pantry and The St. Vincent de

Paul Johnstown Food Pantry at 927 Franklin Street (separate from the soup kitchen), as well as the food pantry at St. Clements.

Area food pantries, including our own Knights of Columbus Pantry, are seeing more requests for help. With the uncertainty surrounding SNAP benefits and an increase in the costs of groceries and basic essentials, many families struggle to put food on the table and are in need of our support.

As we approach Thanksgiving and Christmas, many of us will gather around tables filled with family, friends, faith, fellowship and a delicious meal, while some people in our community may be without a meal this holiday season due to food insecurities. Let us do our best to provide meals and hope to those in need. Remember, joy comes not from what we have, but from what we give. Please prayerfully consider what you can give to help.

All proceeds (based on need) will go directly to:


- St. Benedict Church Knights of Columbus Pantry
- St. Vincent de Paul Johnstown Food Pantry
- St. Clements Food Pantry

You can make a difference—there are numerous ways to help:

- Scan the QR code or visit <https://saint-benedict-church-breakfast.square.site/#items>.
- Share this information with your family and friends!





Thank you for your generous support in helping our brothers and sisters in need!




PUBLIC ROSARY

Lifting our prayers for
KEEPING CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11TH
6:30 PM
St. Clement Church
 Lindberg Avenue & Goucher Street



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH
NOON
St. John Gualbert Cathedral, Downtown Johnstown
 St. Anne Shrine

Divine Mercy Prayer Group:

- ◆ Our NEXT Service Project is - Christmas Caroling at Arbutus Park Manor, 207 Ottawa St. Johnstown 15904, on Wednesday Dec. 3rd, 6:30pm

***Join Us in spreading Christmas Spirit (no need to be a member) We'd love to have YOU sing with us!!

- ◆ Our regular Divine Mercy Prayer Group get together will be Wed. Dec. 10th at 3pm and 6:30pm. Learn how Jesus' Divine Mercy can bless your Advent Season and Christmas with the Gifts that ONLY He can give! Come join us and bring a Friend! You'll be glad you did!

For more info call: Cathy 814-288-1126 or Lolly 814-659-8717



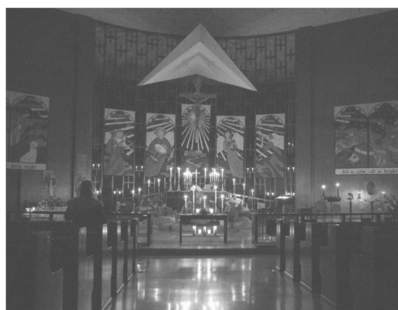
Our Lady Queen of Angels Monthly Bingo!



Please join us at the Our Lady Queen of Angels Activities Center (738 Sunshine Avenue, Central City, PA 15926) for Bingo on Sunday, December 7, 2025. Doors open at 11:30am and games start at 1:00pm. Entrance is \$25. Games of chance and food/snacks will be available for purchase. Wear something Christmas to be eligible to win a Bingo gift certificate.

Rorate Masses are Back:

Three Johnstown parishes will host a beloved Advent tradition once again this year over three consecutive Saturday mornings.



Rorate Masses are traditional Votive Masses celebrated during Advent in honor of the Blessed Mother.

They happen in the pre-dawn darkness, illuminated only by candlelight, with the church gradually brightening as sunrise occurs, symbolizing the coming of Christ as the Light of the

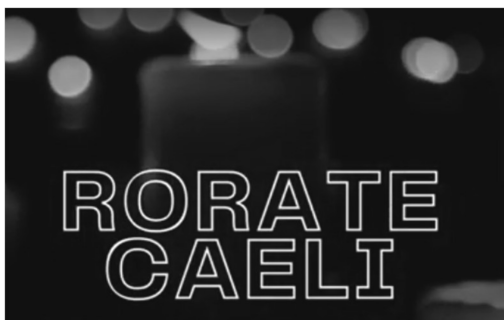
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Locally, Rorate Mass will be celebrated on December 6 at Resurrection Parish 324 Chestnut St. in Johnstown.

Then, Saint John Gualbert Cathedral will host one on December 13 at 117 Clinton St. in Johnstown,

Saint Andrew Parish 1621 Ferndale Ave. in Johnstown will be the site of the third Rorate Mass on December 20.

All three Masses will be at 6:30 a.m., and each will include beautiful sacred music.



Upcoming Penance Services in Cambria County:

Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel, Loretto
Wednesday, December 10 at 7PM

Saint Augustine, Dysart
Sunday, November 30 at 6:00 PM

Holy Name, Ebensburg
Wednesday, December 10 at 6:30 PM
Wednesday, December 17 at 6:30 PM

Saint Mary, Nanty Glo
Tuesday, December 16 at 7:00 PM

Our Lady of the Alleghenies, Lilly
Tuesday, December 23 at 6:00 PM

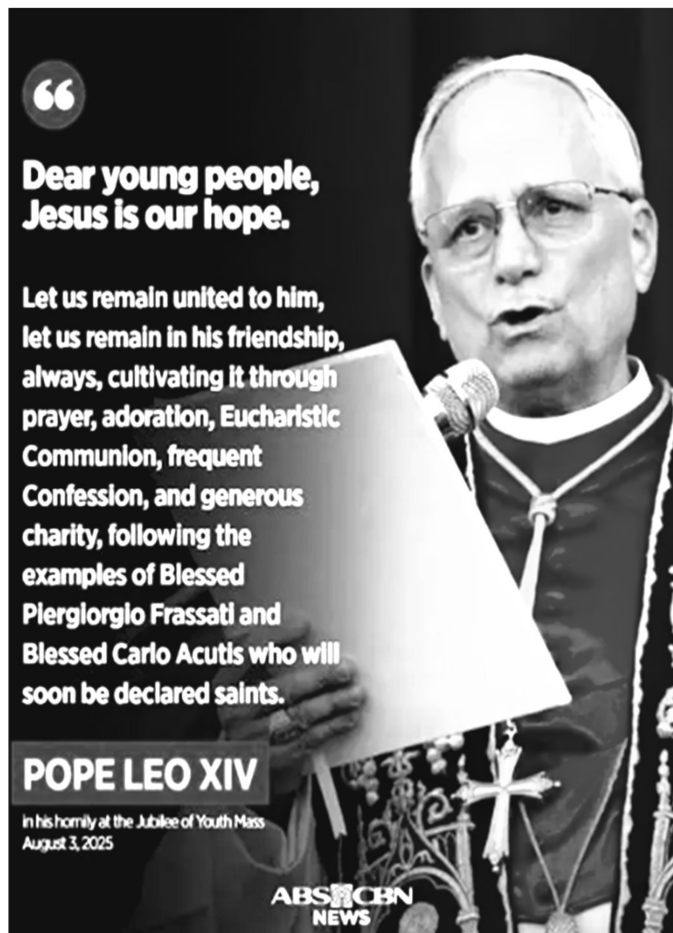
Holy Family, Portage
Wednesday, December 10 from 6:00 PM-7:00 PM (Just Confessions)
Monday, December 15 at 7:00 PM (Penance Service)

Our Mother of Sorrows, Johnstown
Monday, December 15 from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Tuesday, December 16 from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

*****Saint John Gualbert Cathedral, Johnstown*****
Sunday, December 14 at 2:00 PM

Saint Michael, Saint Michael
Sunday, December 14 at 6:00 PM

*******Saint Patrick, Johnstown*******
Monday, December 22 at 6:00 PM





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November 30th, 2025

Dear Friends,

I'm writing to you today with encouraging news: Our diocese is renewing its efforts to foster vocations to the priesthood! Fr. Peter Crowe, our Vocation Director, has developed a strategic plan to inspire future priests, and we're excited about the path ahead.

Here is an update on how our diocese is working to cultivate vocations:

- We've formed a dedicated team of priests focused on vocation promotion, who are actively meeting in person with young men considering the priesthood.
- These priests have been leading Discernment Small Groups, with dozens of young men already participating.
- Fr. Brian Norris has been appointed Vocation Recruiter to assist Fr. Peter Crowe (Vocations Director) and the Vocation Team to expand their outreach.
- Our "Called by Name" campaign held earlier this month has already been bearing fruit, allowing the Vocation Team to connect with many faithful young men.
- We've planned a **Calendar of Discernment Events** designed to help young men deeply explore their calling, while building much needed community.

We pray these efforts will help inspire the future priests of our diocese.

Therefore, I respectfully request your assistance with our Vocations Appeal. The appeal will be conducted during all Masses on the weekend of December 6-7. Your support will directly empower the Vocation Office's mission to guide and empower the young men in our diocese who are discerning their vocations.

With your help, and by God's grace, we will continue to form holy priests to serve the people of God in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Mark L. Bartchak
Bishop of Altoona-Johnstown

From the Rector/Pastor:

I remember growing up, my dad used to work for WTAJ in Altoona back when the station just went on the air. He used to tell me about all the staff who had just graduated school, moved into the area, worked a few years to get some experience and then moved on to bigger markets. He said they had a nickname for it, "WTAJ School of Television." In talking to our old timers from the Proclaim TV Crew, there was a similar experience here in Johnstown.

In many ways, that's a bit what I feel like at our parishes in the last year or so, but at the same time that role has allowed us to meet some amazing priests. When I first arrived here, Father Matthias Rendon, a Holy Land Franciscan, had recently retired from military service and joined us for about a year or so. Then, he accepted an appointment to St Peter and Paul in Philipsburg as a Pastor.

Just as he was moving out we welcomed Justin Treon, who was then ordained a deacon and became Deacon Justin, and at last a priest. We celebrated with him, as he moved off into campus ministry and now serves as a Pastor in Chest Springs and Ashville.

As Fr Justin moved out, we welcomed Deacon Rick Messina who is now with us, and then we welcomed Fr Savarimuthu Simon. I want to thank everyone who helped Fr Simon acclimate to the United States and to ministry here. Now, in the last few weeks Fr Simon has moved up to St Benedicts where he will serve as the 5-day hospital chaplain, and yet again, we've welcomed another priest in a stage of transition.

I've known Fr Canice for many years, and it is wonderful to have him join us as he begins a process of discernment to potentially leave the Benedictine Order and join this, his home diocese as diocesan priest. Father Canice brings with him a great deal of pastoral experience, campus ministry experience and retreat experience. It's very exciting to have him with us for a while.

As I reflect on all of our past assistants in the last few years, after this Thanksgiving holiday, I'm very thankful for the niche we have found

ourselves in here at St John Gualbert and St Patrick. Historically, in days gone by, both parishes had been places where many, many assistant priests have passed through. I remember hearing stories from some of our older priests about how they enjoyed their time as an assistant at St Patrick, including our Neighbor, Fr John Slovickovski, who for a time had a little office in the convent where he worked on much of his doctoral work. At St John's, I can't count the stories of our current priests who have spent time here, learning the ropes. Fr Dave Peles, now at St Benedict, Fr George Gulash, now at Resurrection, Fr Alan Thomas, now our Vicar General, and many more. I'll never forget stories that Fr Bob Hall would fondly tell of his days as an assistant at St John's under Msgr. Davis, and countless times when Msgr. Philip Saylor as a retired priest would take me out for breakfast to tell stories about St John's and his many assistants.

Thinking of those stories, I'm thankful that our parishes can continue to serve in that role for the diocese and that we have an opportunity to shape the experiences of both a few newly ordained priests, as well as priests in various stages of transition who come to us. I think we will all love our latest assistant, and I hope you will join me in giving him a warm welcome, as he shares with us his experience and he too has an opportunity to share his experience of God's love and mercy with us.

As we begin this new Liturgical Year with Advent, let's take some time to thank God for all of the wonderful priests who have passed through our parishes over the years, and pray that we might have the openness and the wisdom to receive all that the Lord has put on their hearts to share.

God Bless,
Fr Matt



SJG - ST JOHN GUALBERT
 ACH - ACTIVITIES CENTER HALL
 AC-SA, AC-OLM, AC-SJ
 ACT. CTR DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOMS NEXT TO GREEN
 AC-U - ACTIVITIES CTR UPSTAIRS
 RDR - RECTORY DINING ROOM

SPJ - ST PATRICK
 GR - GREEN ROOM
 REC - REC ROOM

December 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>7 ACH Christmas Wreath Pickup: 8am-9am; 12pm-1pm; 6pm-7pm</p> <p>2nd Collection both parishes for Priest Vocations</p> <p>SJG Candy in Shoes for St. Nicholas at all Masses</p> <p>9am SPJ Candy in Shoes for St. Nicholas</p> <p>9am Religious Ed.; Resurrection</p> <p>11am Confirmation Rite of Blessing at Proclaim</p> <p>6:30pm OCIA; AC-SJ</p>	<p>1</p> <p>6:30pm SPJ Small Group Discussion; REC</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6pm SJG Christian Life & Service; AC-SA</p>	<p>3</p> <p>4:30pm SPJ Christian Life & Service; REC</p> <p>7pm SJG Choir; Cathedral</p>	<p>4</p> <p>3pm SJG Eucharistic Adoration; Shrine</p> <p>3pm SJG 1st Friday Confessions; Shrine</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1pm-11:30pm Private Rental with setup/cleanup; AC-H</p>	<p>6 Wreath Delivery, Sorting & Setup; AC-H</p> <p>2nd Collection both parishes for Priest Vocations</p> <p>9am SVdP MTG; AC-SA</p> <p>4pm SPJ Candy in Shoes for St. Nicholas</p> <p>6pm SJGC Candy in Shoes for St. Nicholas</p>
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<p>21 Christian Life & Service Straw Distribution both Parishes all Masses</p> <p>9am Religious Ed; Resurrection</p> <p>10am SPJ Assemble/deliver blessing bags</p> <p>1pm SPJ Decorate the Church</p> <p>6:15pm SJG Decorate the Cathedral</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6pm SPJ Penance SVC; Church</p> <p>7pm SJG Choir;</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>4pm SPJ Christmas Vigil Mass</p> <p>4pm SJGC Christmas Vigil Mass - Proclaim TV</p> <p>11:30pm SJG Christmas Carols before Midnight Mass; Cathedral</p>	<p>25 12AM SJG Midnight Mass at the Cathedral</p> <p>7AM SJG Mass of Christmas Day; Cathedral</p> <p>9AM SPJ Mass of Christmas Day; Church</p> <p>No Other Masses</p>	<p>26</p> <p>12:30pm Private Rental Table Setup</p>	<p>27</p> <p>8am Private Rental all day</p>
<p>28 Christmas Vacation for Religious Ed & OCIA!</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>6pm SJG Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary Holy Day - New Years Eve</p>	<p>January 1st, 2026</p> <p>12:05pm SJG Solemnity of Mary Holy Day Mass; Cathedral</p> <p>6pm SPJ Solemnity of Mary Holy Day Mass; Church</p>		

St. John Gualbert & St. Patrick Advent Christmas

Immaculate Conception

Monday, Dec 8

St. John
7AM, 12:05 PM, 6PM

St. Patrick
9AM & 6PM



Rorate Mass



Saturday, Dec 13
6:30 AM St. John

Penance Services



Sunday, Dec 14
2 PM St. John

Thursday, Dec 22
6 PM St. Patrick

Advent Concert



Saturday, Dec 20
7:30 PM St. John

Wednesday, Dec 24

St. John **St. Patrick**
4 PM (TV Mass) **4 PM**

Thursday, Dec 25



St John
Midnight
7AM

St. Patrick
9 AM

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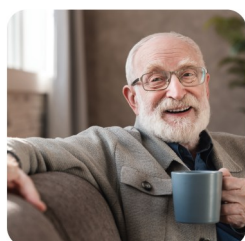
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