JULY 20, 2025 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Anointing Mass 1:30 PM Sunday 7/20/2025 St. John Gualbert Cathedral

> 117 Clinton St, www.stjohngualbert.org

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 Rev. Savarimuthu Simon, HGN 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 Rev. Savarimuthu Simon, HGN Deacon Rick Messina



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



Week of July 20, 2025

1st Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a

2nd Reading: Colossians 1:24-28

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42



ST JOHN GUALBERT

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Saturday 8:00AM	July 19 Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time Charles Petak (Margaret Goch Family)	Saturday 4:00PM	July 19 Vigil—Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Joseph Sinoply (Cindy & Dave Graffius)
Vigil— 6:00PM	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time People of the Parish	Sunday 9:00AM	July 20 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mary Kay Sax (Friend: Maria Naylor)
Sunday 7:00AM	July 20 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Patricia Petak (Margaret Goch Family)	Thursday 8:00AM	July 24 Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time Linda Burns (Bob & Kathy Getzey
11:00AM 1:30PM	St. Anne Society Anointing Mass Georgia Farabaugh (Dolly & Wayne Templeton)	Saturday 4:00PM	July 26 Vigil—Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Deceased Members of the Beckman & Knox Families (Mary Beckman Knox)
5:00PM	Eugene Petak (Margaret Goch Family)	Sunday 9:00AM	July 27 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Constance Koontz (Sister: Mary Pannone)
Monday 7:00AM	July 21 Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time St. Anne Society	3.00AW	
12:05PM Tuesday 7:00AM 12:05PM Wednesday	No Mass July 22 Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time Pat Gonsman (Joe & Linda DelGrosso) Tom Baker (Lisa & Gregg Michelone) July 23 Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time	St.	Parish Staff & Volunteers Finance: Gerald Foust gfoust@dioceseaj.org Secretary: Brigid Starchok bstarchok@dioceseaj.org Cemetery: Kristen Caddy kcaddy@dioceseaj.org Music: Evonne Yanzetich-Homway 814-659-6240 John Maintenance: Mike Amenti 814-536-0117 ext. 207 t. Patrick Maintenance: Dan Schofield 814-792-5891
7:00AM 12:05PM	Carol Boland (Sue Hainsey) Ethel Cassidy (Ralph & Sue Miller)		Faith Formation /Sacramental Prep Christine Babik—Resurrection Parish
Thursday 7:00AM 12:05PM	July 24 Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time No Mass Georgia Farabaugh (Kim Hill)		814-539-5788 / cbabik@dioceseaj.org RCIA Lonnie Rietscha: 814-244-6681
6:00PM Friday	Vespers for St. Anne Triduum July 25 Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time		Harry Mangus: 814-525-9943 <u>Prayer Chain</u> Dr. Joyce Werner: 814-288-1186
7:00AM 12:05PM 6:00PM	Charles Petak (Margaret Goch Family) Rod George (Margaret Goch Family) St. Anne Society (St. Anne Triduum)		Catholic Outreach St. Vincent de Paul John Gualbert SVdP - (Mon or Fri) 814-421-4344
Saturday 8:00AM	July 26 Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time St. Anne Society	SV	dP Human Needs Office - (Tues - Thurs) 814-535-8521 SVdP Family Kitchen: 814-539-7811
Vigil—	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Last Night of the St. Anne Triduum		Catholic Charities Altoona: 814-944-9388 Johnstown: 814-535-6538
6:00PM	Nicholas Snyder <i>Birthday Remembrance</i> (Laurie Snyder)		<u>Crisis Pregnancy/Pro-Life:</u> Birthright of Johnstown: 814-535-8231 Gabriel Project- Gail Bala: 814-418-1813
Sunday 7:00AM 11:00AM	July 27 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Chip Pegg (Barb & Matt Feist) George E. Shuman, Jr. <i>1st Anniversary</i> (Family &		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
5:00PM	Friends) People of the Parish		Diocesan Website: www.dioceseaj.org <u>Physical locations</u> :
Somerset:	t. Peter in Chains Parish, behind the walls of SCI ne Society	117	Gualbert Cathedral St. Patrick Church Clinton Street 609 Park Avenue stown, PA 15901 Johnstown, PA 15902

COLLECTIONS

Collection St John Gualbert 07/13/2025				
Weekly Envelopes	\$2,768.00			
Cash	1,088.80			
Second Collection General Maintenance	470.00			
Online Donations	200.00			
Maintenance	90.00			
St. Vincent de Paul	105.00			
Mother's Day	10.00			
Father's Day	20.00			
Total	\$4,816.80			

St. John Gualbert







Collection St Patrick 07/13/2025		
Envelopes	\$3,641.00	
Cash	117.75	
Children's Envelopes	11.00	
Special Project: Furnace	670.75	
Online Donations	25.00	
Maintenance	170.00	
Fuel & Air	398.00	
SVdP	91.00	
Peter's Pence	10.00	
Ascension	5.00	
Votives	50.00	
Total	\$5,189.50	

St. Patrick Special	Projects:	Furnace
Goal:	\$20,000.00	
YTD Receipts	\$18,845.19	

Catholic Ministries Drive - 2025					
St. John Gualbert	<i>Goal:</i> Receipts	\$32,300.00 12,590.00			
St. Patrick	<i>Goal:</i> Receipts	\$ <i>24,900.00</i> 9,612.00			

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.

<u>Weekly Contributions:</u> 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 <u>must include the name of the submitter</u>. 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.

Kee	p in touch	with us!	
TEXT	SJGC	TO 84576	
OR CONNE stjo			

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

Sunday, August 10, 2028: A First Communion Parent Meeting will be held in <u>Resurrection Parish Oratory</u>, starting at 12:30pm. This meeting is for ALL parents who have children entering the 2nd grade in the fall; this is for both public and catholic school students.

Sunday, August 24,2025: A CONFIRMATION STUDENT / PARENT MEETING will be held in Resurrection Parish Oratory starting at 12:30pm. This meeting is for the STUDENTS WHO APPLIED for Confirmation in the spring 2026.

We will introduce the mentors to the students at this meeting and give more details on the new process.





OCIA/Basics of Faith Questions, contact Lonnie Rietscha (814)244-6681 or Harry Mangus (814)525-9943.

The RCIA process is now called OCIA, reflecting a closer translation of the process by which adults are initiated into the Catholic faith. The Second Vatican Council reinstated what was referred to in the early Church as the "catechumenate," a process of initiation for adults that culminates in baptism. Initially this was called in English by the acronym RCIA, standing for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is composed of five distinct periods (evangelization, pre-catechumenate, catechumenate, purification and enlightenment, and mystagog), marking the progress of an adult converting to the Catholic faith. However, in November 2021, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops approved a new translation of the name of this process, now calling it OCIA, the "Order of Christian Initiation of Adults.

While it may seem like a small change, many see this as a new turning point. According to Meloy for the Detroit Catholic, "rites are still part of the order but the new structure is meant to invite candidates and catechumens into a continuous process of spiritual formation as opposed to fixed checkpoints on the path to baptism, first Communion and confirmation."

Furthermore, "by making the entire process an 'order,' the candidate or catechumen understands the rites received in church or at the parish are just one part of the ongoing journey of discipleship that will culminate with baptism and confirmation — usually during the Easter Vigil — but will continue throughout their lives."

Classes will start back up in the fall on <u>Sundays at</u> <u>6:30PM</u> in the St. John Gualbert Activities Center, Lower Level St Joseph Room — for anyone wishing to become Catholic and/or existing Catholics who want to learn more about or refresh their knowledge of the Faith. All are welcome!

Christian Life & Service: <u>At SJG</u>

Jared Box Project: All boxes are due back this weekend, thanks.

Calling All Bakers!

We are asking our wonderful parish bakers to make some of their delicious cookies for the Cookie Table Social that will follow the St. Anne Triduum liturgy next Saturday, July 26th. The cookies can be dropped off at the rectory during office hours this week, thank you so much!

-St. John Gualbert Chrístían Lífe & Servíce

At SPJ

Time to Make the Gobs:

We are slowly getting closer to our gob sale and we need to have them ready and waiting for our eager customers. We are asking for donations of flour, Crisco, Blue Bonnet Margarine, and powdered sugar. The donations need to be turned in no later than August 3rd. We thank you in advance for your generosity and help with this time honored tradition!

Gob ladies, we will be assembling gobs for our future sale on Saturday, August 9th at 9AM in the rectory basement. As always, your help is greatly appreciated. Many hands make the work disappear quickly and we could not do it without you. -St. Patrick Christian Life & Service Members

St. Vincent de Paul Conference of

St. John Gualbert Cathedral - Mission Statement: Organized locally, Vincentians bear witness to God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice. The Society collaborates with other people of goodwill in relieving need and addressing its causes, making no distinction in those served because, in them, Vincentians see the face of Christ. Our St. Vincent DePaul conference and volunteers will assist individuals who require physical, financial, and spiritual assistance.

St. Vincent de Paul Conference of St. John Gualbert Cathedral Activity Update Through June 17, 2025:

SVDP DUCK DROP RESULTS FOR 7-12-2025

Over 1,100 ducks were sold for this event. Our conference sold close to 200 ducks. Two of the top four prize winners were sold from our conference. Winning numbers were:

1st Prize \$1,000.00 #0519 2nd Prize \$500.00. #0398 (A parishioner from St.John's won) 3rd Prize \$300.00. #0992 4th Prize \$200.00. #0799 (A parishioner from St. John's won)

God has truly blessed our conference with Good Luck! Thanks again for participating in this event.

Anyone interested in joining our conference is welcome to attend our next meeting, on Saturday, August 2, 2025 at 9:00 AM. Our meetings are held at the St. John's Activity Center, in the St. Joseph's Room lower level.

Thank You for your continued financial support and prayers.



MINISTERS SCHEDULES:

ST JOHN GUALBERT CATHEDRAL Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thur July 24th, 6:00PM Vespers - St. Anne Triduum

Reader Server Server Audio Operator

Fred Oliveros Kaleb Krawczyk Matthew Krawczvk **Evonne Yanzetich**

Fri July 25th, 6:00PM Mass - St. Anne Triduum

Reader **Eucharistic Minister** Eucharistic Minister Servers Audio Operator Cantor

Elizabeth Rhoades Fr. Savarimuthu Simon Lonnie Rietscha 2 Volunteers Needed **Russ Smith** Valerie Plachy

Sat July 26th, 6:00PM Mass - St. Anne Triduum

Reader Reader **Eucharistic Minister** Server Audio Operator Sacristan Cantor

Khloe Babyak Susan Kamnikar Anthony Kamnikar Steve Molnar Kevin Slonka Steve Molnar Kelli Slonka

David Weaver

Carrie Weaver

Peter T. Yanko

Gloria Stephens

Patrick McClain

Gloria Stephens Rose Eckenrod

David Harteis

Rose Batzel

James Hollis

Ron Jezeskie

Kristen Caddy

Lonnie Rietscha

Volunteer Needed

Pam Sabol Kaleb Krawczyk

Beth Stem

Roseann Schellhammer

Fr. Savarimuthu Simon

Sun July 27th, 7:00AM

Reader Reader Eucharistic Minister Eucharistic Minister **Eucharistic Minister** Server Audio Operator Sacristan Cantor

Sun July 27th, 11:00AM

Reader Reader Eucharistic Minister Eucharistic Minister **Eucharistic Minister** Server Server Audio Operator Sacristan Cantor

Sun July 27th, 5:00PM

Reader Reader **Eucharistic Minister** Servers Audio Operator Sacristan Cantor

Charlotte Amenti Dixie Lochrie Matthew Krawczyk Bella, Ryder, Tenley Ascherl Evonne Yanzetich Matthew Krawczyk Namita Gallo

ST PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat July 26th, 4:00PM Cantor Server **Eucharistic Minister Eucharistic Minister Eucharistic Minister** Sacristan Reader

Sun July 27th, 9:00AM Cantor Server **Eucharistic Minister** Eucharistic Minister Eucharistic Minister Sacristan Reader

Jean Arcurio Jerry Stofko Connie Cassidv Harry Mangus Pat Burns Pat Burns Mary Ann Craig

Eric Ecklund Rita Redden Charlotte Ecklund Jovce Werner Mary Jo Podratsky Rita Redden **Michelle Chase**

Deacon Rick's Corner: Quote:

"The monastic vow of Stabilitas refers to the art of not walking away from those vows and from what you say you have committed yourself to ...its persevering in the intention to bloom where you have been planted....to stick with it...to stand ready for what is asked of you here and now." -Wil Derkse



A Blessed Life

Book:

A Blessed Life: Benedictine Guidelines for Those Who Long for Good Days by Wil Derkse

Fr. Simon Says: PAIN

From pain we find purpose; from pain we get inspired; from pain we learn; from pain we grow; from pain we evolve; only pain teaches the best lessons for life.

Hence, embrace it, accept it and become the person you love to be with the help of it.

*** ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR BOTH PARISHES

2025 Envelopes:

Everyone should have their envelope boxes for 2025 giving. Unfortunately we are still seeing multiple uses of envelopes from 2024 at both parishes.

If you need a current 2025 box, please call the rectory at 814-536-0117 and we can assist you. The envelope numbers are not always the same from one year to the next and we do not want to record donations to the wrong parishioner. We ask for your cooperation with this matter.

Anointing Mass:

Just a reminder that the 2025 Anointing Mass at St. John Gualbert Cathedral will take place this Sunday, July 20th, 1:30PM at the Cathedral.

James 5:14 - Is any man sick among you? Let him bring in the priests of the church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick man. And the Lord shall raise him up: and if he be in sins. they shall be forgiven him....

All are welcome regardless of parish affiliation. There is a handicap entrance to the Cathedral through the St. Anne Shrine between Zion Lutheran Church and St. John's. Seating will be setup with an empty pew between each row of participants so that the priests can pray over and anoint everyone who attends. Please join us and be healed in the will of God the Father!

Deacon Rick's Class is Back!

The Chosen Class. Season 2 with Video and discussion will be starting up on Thursday. August 7th at 6:30PM.

Sessions will be held in St. Patrick's Parish basement gathering room, (609 Park Ave.) you can park in the lot behind the Church and the door to the meeting is adjacent to the parking lot. All are welcome!

St. John Gualbert **Current Events:**

07/19 & 07/20 SJG CLS Jared Boxes returned. All Masses: Shrine 07/20 1:30PM SJG Anointing Mass; Cathedral 07/23 6PM Theology on Tap; Boulevard Grill 07/24 3PM SJG Eucharistic Adoration; Shrine

St. John Gualbert Current Events continued:

07/24 6PM SJG St. Anne Triduum Vespers; Cathedral 07/25 6PM SJG St. Anne Triduum ; Cathedral 07/26 6PM SJG St. Anne Triduum ; Cathedral

Jared boxes!

The filled boxes will be due back the weekends of the 19th and 20th

If you would like to learn more on The Jared Box Project, you may visit thejaredbox.org. Thank you again for your generous support.

-In God's Love, SJG CL&S Group

ACH Progress:

The vendors were here this week to install the new doors and lock on the Activities Center so that we no longer need to chain the doors shut, YAY! All access codes have been transferred over and <u>should</u> open the new lock, however if you type your existing door code into the lock and it does not open, just contact the office at 814-536-0117 and we will get the issue rectified.

Also, when using our new round tables at functions, if you are taking them down, it is very important that they be stored so that the white round tops face each other and the legs face each other as they are loaded onto the storage carts, to prevent scratches to the white finish on the tabletops. As always, we appreciate your cooperation.

St. Patrick Church Current events:

07/20 1:30PM Anointing Mass as SJG; Cathedral

St. Pat's Basement Sale Donations accepted: We are

accepting donations for our Annual Basement Sale! We ask that you look around, find those items that you would like to get rid of and bring them to the church where they can repurposed into someone else's treasure! We are now taking donations for our sale which will take place on September 12th & 13th.

Our policy regarding all donations is the same as prior years : in addition to computers and televisions, we cannot/ will not accept textbooks or encyclopedias, clothing, used child or baby car seats, large appliances, large furniture, auto parts, paint, chemicals or electronics - including printers.

We ask that you **PLEASE reach** out to Dan Schofield at 814-792-5891 to schedule a drop off time at St. Patrick's Church.

*******<u>Around the Area</u> ********

Summer Outdoor Masses:

The faithful of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown are invited to outdoor Masses at the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine, 321 St. Mary's St, Loretto, PA 15940 every Sunday evening at 7PM, continuing through this weekend and concluding on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend (August 31). Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel. Questions call 814-472-8551.

<u>Special Masses this Summer...</u> July 20 Bishop's Mass for Married Couples August 3 Bishop's Mass for Young People – Return to College, Work, Military

The historic Prince Gallitzin Chapel House, next to the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine, will be open on the following Sunday afternoons from 3:00 – 6:00 PM for self-guided tours, pilgrimages and visits: June 1, 29, July 20, August 3, 17, 31.

MINISTERING TO THE POOR: Be An Ambassador of Hope!

Pope Francis started this Jubilee 2025 as the 'Year of Hope.' It is to be a sacred time for us to rest, rejuvenate, restore relationships, and to spread hope to all.

Pope Leo continues this Jubilee year and asks us how we can be Ambassadors of Hope in our parish communities.

Please consider attending a workshop on 'Ministering to the Poor.' Topics include: the causes of poverty; what poverty looks like in your parish community; boundaries and learning about programs that are available to assist those struggling financially.

This opportunity will provide tips and tools for parishes to create or enhance existing ministries and social justice efforts. For more information, contact Cindy O'Connor, coconnor@dioceseaj.org or by calling (814) 317-2621. In-Person Workshops

Tuesday, 8/26/2025 9:00 am – Noon - (Cambria) Catholic Charities office, 110 Maple Avenue, Johnstown, PA 15901

Tuesday, 8/26/2025 1:30 am – 4:30 pm - (Cambria) Catholic Charities office, 110 Maple Avenue, Johnstown, PA 15901

Thursday, 8/28/2025 9:00 am - Noon - Diocese Pastoral Center (Blair), 2713 W Chestnut Ave, Altoona, PA 16601

Thursday, 8/28/2025 1:30 am – 4:30 pm - Diocese Pastoral Center (Blair), 2713 W Chestnut Ave, Altoona, PA 16601

On-line Workshops

Tuesday, 9/09/2025 9:00 am – Noon Link will be provided

Tuesday, 9/23/2025 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Link will be provided To register online, please use this link: https://forms.office.com/r/UkPK2GJw0d







6 PM EachNight

July 24 Vespers

July 25 Mass



July 26 Mass Fr. Basil Cole OP Guest Homilist

Reception after Mass on July 26 St. John Gualbert Activity Center



Go to Saint Anne with your needs

TRIDUUM in HONOR of SAINT Anne

Thursday, July 24th, 6:00PM - Vespers

Friday, July 25th, 6:00PM - Mass Fr. Basil Cole, OP - Guest Homilist

Saturday, July 26, 6:00PM - Mass Fr. Basil Cole, OP - Guest Homilist

Mark appropriate box/boxes, bring to Novena, or mail. Petition will be placed at the altar during the Triduum.

Thanksgiving Happy Death
 Poor Souls

Peace of Mind Good Health

Employment

Holy Father Financial Help
 Priests/Religious
 Happy Marriage
 Parish Family
 Return to Sacraments
 World Peace
 Happy Family
 Respect for Life
 Special Intention

Recovery from Illness

Other Intentions:

NAME

Mail to: St John Gualbert Cathedral PO Box 807 Johnstown, PA 15907

The Saint Anne candles on the altar will be \$7.00 _____ Payment included (we will light the candles)

Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown (2025 Women's Conference

Strength in Christ Joy in the Mess

Join us for our 4th Annual DAJ Women's **Conference hosted at Mount Aloysius College** at the Bertschi Center on September 20th, 2025 9:00am-4:00pm

Featuring Megan Hjelmstad

Check-in Begins at 7:30am Mass with Bishop Mark at 9:00am more information to follow

To register please scan the QR code or go to ajdiocese.org/giving or check with your local parish for a registration form

For questions please call Brittany Boland at the office of Stewardship & Development - 814-695-5579



Bus Trip St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine and National Shrine Grotto

50th Anniversary of our first American-born saint Join St. John the Evangelist Parish in Altoona

Thursday, August 28, 2025

7:15am-8:30pm

(Meet at center circle in front of the church)



Total payment enclosed: _____ Cell/Home Phone #:

Email:

> Seeker-Servant-Saint Founder of Sisters of Charity Started Catholic Education



> Lived a life of prayer and service Mass at the Basilica at 1:00pm (optional)

Cost: \$70 (Checks payable to St. John's)

Historic Home Tour: \$5 (optional) Dinner: Self pay

For more information go to: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zs1wMZ9AR64 Please return bottom portion to St. John's Parish Office at 309 Lotz Avenue. Altoona, PA 16602 or call 814-942-5503 before July 27, 2025

Boxed Lunch: \$18 (optional) Name: # Attending:____ Choose one: Turkey, Ham or Veg Sandwich \$70 per person=__ Choose one: Side salad or Mediterranean Pasta Boxed Lunch-\$18 each:____ Chips, cookie, and water included

OR BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH

Wounded Witness

With Author, Dr. Michel Therrien, STL, STD

- Was Jesus a Charismatic? A Traditionalist? Neither? Both?
- Do certain Catholic subcultures leave you frustrated or confused?



Move beyond the tribal divisions in today's Church.



Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes, and the Shrines of Spain!

Deacon Nelson and Shelley Lowes, from Resurrection and St. Clare of Assisi parishes, warmly invite you to join them on a spiritual journey through some of Europe's most sacred sites. This unforgettable pilgrimage will take place May 7-19, 2026, and includes visits to:

Lisbon • Fátima • Santiago de Compostela • Lourdes • Montserrat • Barcelona

The total cost is approximately \$4,600 per person, which includes the base trip price, round-trip airfare, transfer fees, and taxes. Most meals are included.

We currently have 44 spots available, and 29 have already signed on — we only need 30 to make the trip official!





Don't miss this incredible opportunity to deepen your faith, experience rich history, and enjoy the beauty of Spain,



<u>Pilgrimage to Washington, DC</u> <u>Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on</u> <u>October 17, 2025, - Important Notice:</u>

We are beginning to take reservations for the Buses traveling to Washington DC for the Jubilee 2025 Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shine of the

Immaculate Conception on **Tuesday, July 15th at 10:00 AM.** The cost of the Bus is \$50.00 per person and includes the tip for the bus driver. The bus will depart at EXACTLY 6:30 AM from the HOME DEPOT parking lot, Galleria Extension Drive in Johnstown. <u>ONLY 3 BUSES with 150 SEATS are available.</u>

Reservations will be taken on a first come first serve basis. To reserve a seat(s) and make payment to Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, please call Catherine Bennett, Secretary at 814-536-6110, x1. You are advised to <u>CARPOOL</u> to the HOME DEPOT because of limited parking.

More information and an itinerary for the day will be distributed closer to the event.

Please call as soon as possible because seats will fill up fast and these are the only buses reserved for the Johnstown

area.

From the Rector/Pastor:

A Great Big Thank You!

I want to thank everyone who was involved in any way with our fourth annual Eucharistic Procession last weekend. I remember 5 years ago, when I first started here. I had just joined the group praying the rosary at Central Park. One of the organizers approached me and said, "Do you think Bishop Mark would ever hold a Eucharistic Procession in Johnstown again?" and I guickly responded. "No, but if someone organized a Eucharistic Procession and invited him, I'll bet he would come." To their credit, a number of them took that challenge up. Who could have believed that 3 years later we would be a site hosting the National Eucharistic Procession on it's way to the National Eucharistic Congress. Yet, as amazing of an event as that was last year, in some ways this past Sunday was even more special. One of the hopes of that National Pilgrimage was to rekindle our faith in the Eucharist and help us grow in sharing that faith. It would be easy to say, "well, the 3 year revival is over, now it's time to get back to normal." The fact that we still organized and still had a wonderful turnout down to Central Park, that we incorporated new ideas like having the procession accompanied by Bagpipes, and we welcomed two of our new candidates for the diaconate as servers shows that the faith is still alive. So let me say again, thank you for continuing to renew your faith in the Eucharist, and for all the hard work of so many, as well as all of the positive comments we've received about the procession.

Cemetery Business

I'm also happy to share that finally, after quite the ordeal, it's good to see our Cemeteries getting back into working order. I would like to give a special thank you to our new vendor C&N Landscaping. They are currently looking for more residential clients. If you know of someone in need of landscaping, their contact info is in one of the ads on the back of the bulletin. Please support them. At the Cemetery, We are now preparing our annual newsletter and hope to mail it in the next week or so. As we have done in the past few years, we are asking families to assist us where they can with at least \$25 per grave to help cover the increased costs of grasscutting. At the same time, if you, or anyone you know is interested in purchasing a plot at St Joseph's, please call the office or email our cemetery manager Kristen Caddy at kcaddy@dioceseaj.org. Thank you again for the patience of so many as it really did take us a while to get things back into good order.

Demolition

Over at St Patrick's, it's the end of an era. As I'm writing this, the convent is nearly gone. As one of the demolition contractors said to me, "I have the best job in the world, we get to knock stuff down all day." They have done a wonderful job of taking down a very large building in record time. If you ever are in need of Demo Work, I can't recommend G&R Excavating enough. They have done a great job and are pleasant to work with. As I look out at the empty lot, it has opened up and brightened up the property so much. Over the next couple weeks, they'll be cleaning up the debris and ultimately dropping topsoil and planting grass. Hopefully by next summer, when we have our parish picnic, we'll be able to set up some of our tents and tables in the new grassy area. Please check it out, but keep your distance until they have finished their work.

The Activities Center

As if we didn't have enough going on, we are finally starting to get some things cleared for work at the Activities Center. We are actively working with our insurance so that we can do the needed repairs soon, particularly the Air Conditioning. I am happy to report that the new doors were installed this week. Along with those new doors, we were able to install a new electronic lock. This means that all those who previously had codes will have their codes working again. Of course, nothing is ever easy and errors do happen, so if your code doesn't work, please just call the office and we'll work on getting it fixed. With the new electronic lock in place, now we should be able to start using the building again normally.

Anointing Mass

This Sunday at 1:30PM is our annual anointing mass. As we have done in the past, if you know of anyone who is in need of the sacrament of the sick, but are able to attend, please encourage them to join us this Sunday at 1:30PM

St Anne Triduum

Finally, this week we will celebrate our Annual St Anne Triduum. It has been many years since we have welcomed an honest-to-goodness parish mission speaker. This year we will be joined by Fr Basil Cole, OP. Fr Basil recently retired from the faculty of the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, DC. For many years he travelled the country doing parish missions, particularly preaching about St Anne. Then, for the last few dozen years, he has served on faculty of the Dominican Seminary in Washington, DC. He's the author of many books and more awards and honors that we can count. As a little preview, Fr Basil will be joining us for all the weekend masses this weekend, July 19th & 20th, and then will be preaching our St Anne Triduum on Thursday through Saturday July 24, 25, & 26. Please come join us. For our Young Adults, he will be speaking an extra night for Theology on Tap this Wednesday July 23rd at the Boulevard Grill.

In the time that I have been here, and especially as I have gotten to know a number of the St Anne Sisters better, there is some very real grace through continuing a more than century old devotion to one of the great saints who helped prepare the way for our Lord. Imagine, being the grandmother of Jesus, seeing your daughter, who you raised, grow up to do incredible things, to say yes to the angel and ultimately find herself as Queen of Heaven. Yet, St Anne, with her husband Joachim, were simply good people working to do the best they could in a difficult world. They're real people like us, who found themselves in incredible situations. Please join us this week as we sign the praises of the great St Anne, as we pray for her intercession, and as we take real time to grow closer to her grandson, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

God Bless you all,

Fr Matt



