

August 17, 2025
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint John Gualbert Cathedral

PO Box 807 Johnstown, PA 15907-0807
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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
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stpatricktowntown@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 August 17, 2025



1st Reading:
Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

2nd Reading:
Hebrews 12:1-4

Gospel:
Luke 12:49-53

ST JOHN GUALBERT

Saturday **Aug 16 19th Week in Ordinary Time**
8:00AM Dan Patrick (Magdalene Sank)

Vigil—20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
6:00PM Dan Weaver (Brigid Concannon Starchok, Monica Concannon Kendera & Angela Kendera)

Sunday **Aug 17 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
7:00AM Dan Weaver *Birthday Remembrance* (Family)
11:00AM Jennifer Schrift *Month's Mind* (Bishop McCort High School Band)
5:00PM People of the Parish

Monday **Aug 18 20th Week in Ordinary Time**
7:00AM Corita Huffman (Family)
12:05PM **No Mass**

Tuesday **Aug 19 20th Week in Ordinary Time**
7:00AM St. Anne Society
12:05PM Kay Klaum *Birthday Remembrance* (Family)

Wednesday **Aug 20 20th Week in Ordinary Time**
7:00AM Juanita Canary (Threse Baywood)
12:05PM Mitch & Gloria Kempisty *70th Wedding Anniversary* (Son: Raymond Kempisty)

Thursday **Aug 21 20th Week in Ordinary Time**
7:00AM **No Mass**
12:05PM Fr. Jack Brezovec (Philip Brezovic)

Friday **Aug 22 20th Week in Ordinary Time**
7:00AM St. Anne Society
12:05PM Mary Schuster (Brigid & Philip Starchok)

Saturday **Aug 23 20th Week in Ordinary Time**
8:00AM Deceased Members of the Beckman & Knox Families (Mary Beckman Knox)

Vigil—21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
6:00PM People of the Parish

Sunday **Aug 24 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
7:00AM Walter C. Weaver (David & Carrie Weaver)
11:00AM Lonnie & Melanie Rietscha *25th Wedding Anniversary* (Lonnie Rietscha)
5:00PM St. Anne Society

ST PATRICK

Saturday **Aug 16 Vigil—20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
4:00PM Constance Koontz (Sister Mary Panone)

Sunday **Aug 17 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9:00AM Deceased Members of the Beckman & Knox Families (Mary Beckman Knox)

Thursday **Aug 21 20th Week in Ordinary Time**
8:00AM Linda Burns (Martha Blankenhorn)

Saturday **Aug 23 Vigil—21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**
4:00PM Ernie & Agnes Trofino *Anniversary* (Daughters & Families)

Sunday **Aug 24 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9:00AM Anita Bishof *Birthday Remembrance* (Family)

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
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

Aug 18th at St. Peter in Chains Parish, behind the walls of SCI
Somerset: **No Mass**

COLLECTIONS

Shared Parish Information:

Collection St John Gualbert 08/10/2025	
Weekly Envelopes	\$3,975.50
Cash	989.00
Second Collection	585.27
General Maintenance	
Maintenance	200.00
St. Vincent de Paul	119.00
Assumption	65.00
Communications	10.00
Total	\$5,943.77

St. John Gualbert



St. Patrick



Collection St Patrick 08/10/2025	
Envelopes	\$2,718.00
Cash	117.00
Children's Envelopes	5.00
Special Project: Furnace	558.00
Online Donations	25.00
Maintenance	75.00
Fuel & Air	344.00
Assumption	20.00
Total	\$3,862.00

St. Patrick Special Projects: Furnace

Goal: \$20,000.00
YTD Receipts \$19,575.44

Catholic Ministries Drive - 2025

St. John Gualbert	Goal:	\$32,300.00
	Receipts	13,015.00
St. Patrick	Goal:	\$24,900.00
	Receipts	10,247.00

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.

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, August 17, 2025:

A First Communion Parent Meeting will be held in *Resurrection Parish Oratory*, 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.

Sunday, September 7: Religious Education Classes will start at the Resurrection Parish Center and Oratory **9:00 to 10:15 am**. Registration forms can be found in the back of church, in the Shrine, and on the Parish website.

OCIA/Basics of Faith

Questions, contact Lonnie Rietscha (814)244-6681 or Harry Mangus (814)525-9943.

Classes will start back up in the fall on **Sundays at 6:30PM** 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!

St. Vincent de Paul Conference of St. John Gualbert Cathedral:

Novena Prayer to Saint Vincent de Paul

O gracious Saint Vincent de Paul, the mention of your name suggests a litany of your virtues: Humility, Zeal, Mercy, and Self Sacrifice: It also recalls your many Foundations: Works of Mercy, Congregations, and Societies. The church gratefully remembers your promotion of the priesthood.

Inspire all charitable workers, especially those who minister, to both spiritually and materially poor.

O Lord give us the grace that you bestowed upon, your servant, St. Vincent de Paul, to relinquish the temptation of material things, in our holy effort to minister to the poor. Amen

"The poor are your masters, you are their servants".

Saint Vincent DePaul

Anyone interested in joining our conference is welcome to attend our next meeting scheduled for, Thursday, August 21, 2025 at 6 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 for our conference.

Christian Life & Service: At SJG

Coming in September:

SJG Christian Life and Service will have the annual Birthright Yellow Ribbon Campaign 2025 & also the Baby Shower for Birthright - **stay tuned for more details!**

-St. John Gualbert Christian Life & Service

At SPJ

Volunteers are needed to help with our upcoming Basement and Food Sale happening on September 12-13. Volunteer sign-up sheets are now available in the vestibule of the church—this is a wonderful way to support our community by sharing your time and talents. Please stop by, choose an area where you can lend a hand, and sign up. Thank you for your generosity and support!

Basket Party: Get ready for a wonderful celebration! It is coming up on October 19, and we'd love your support to make it a great success.

-St. Patrick Christian Life & Service

OUR 2025 MISSION COOPERATIVE APPEAL

The Propagation of the Faith office of our archdiocese has invited the Diocese of Kumbakonam, India to participate in the Mission Cooperative Appeal in our parish this year. Here is an overview of the missionary assets, activities, challenges and the needs of the Diocese of Kumbakonam. **Bishop Jeevanandam Amalanathan will speak about this on the week end of Sept. 6/7.**

This Diocese, started in 1899 in the state of Tamil Nadu, India has an area of 7824 sq.km and a Catholic population of 2,13,000(6% of the population), living in 94 parishes and 610missions, served by 224 diocesan and 79 religious priests, 620 nuns, 12 trained catechists and 330 untrained lay catechists and two social service centres.

These are the most pressing missionary needs:-

Establishing 8 more new parishes, each with a new church and rectory. The large missions need to be made independent parishes with the resident priest for better pastoral ministry. But the people are unable to give financial support.

Providing the 136 Catholic schools and 22 orphanages in the missions with better facilities, building, infrastructure, educational and technical tools, children's Bibles, a projector, catechetical materials in the form of videos, pictures, text-books and workbooks to improve the quality of religious and faith formation of Catholic and non-Catholic students in mission-schools. Schools are our main means of ushering in progress at all levels. Education is a main means of evangelization and boosting the future prospects of the youth.

Enabling 480 nuns and 4955 Catholic Teachers in charge of catechetical, educational, medical and social ministries throughout this rural diocese, to educate the children and adults in the Catholic faith and to help the people, particularly the poor and the marginalized for their integral development, through annual seminars on Scripture and Catechetics.

Projecting the healing touch and loving care of the Divine Healer through our diocesan hospitals for lepers, home and school for hearing impaired children, children of HIV patients and the many rural medical clinics, staffed by nuns.

Education of more young men in the seminary since the diocese abounds in vocation to priesthood and religious life so that some could be sent as missionaries to missions abroad where there is a shortage of priests.

Note: Every year an average of 120 young men and women go from this diocese to other missions and religious orders in India and abroad as missionaries.

Educating 4800 very poor or orphan children, from families of single mothers and widows, and of addictive and abusive fathers by providing them with free board & lodge, in order to eradicate child labor. Such children are forced to tend cattle, work in hazardous conditions in factories, hotels or farms in order to eke out a living for the family.

All the above mission projects are 80% dependent on MCP funds. Due to acute poverty of 65% of the Catholics the diocese depends mostly on funds from annual mission appeal for the pastoral, educational, medical, and socio-economic emancipation of the marginalized and poor converts.

Your Christ-like intervention and sacrifice of:

1. \$20 will feed a poor child or an orphan for a month. (\$200 annually).
2. \$500 will educate a physically challenged child (annually).
3. \$600 will pay the bill for healthcare & family maintenance of a leprosy patient for a year.
4. \$50 will enable a single mother or widow feed her family of 3 for a month.
5. \$900 will provide a grocery store, and employment to feed a family of 10 with elderly parents and grandparents.
6. \$100 for monthly pay for a catechist
7. \$250 will provide 4 goats to maintain a family of four.
8. \$700 will fix the roof of a poor man's hut.
9. \$800 will provide a cow to feed an entire family of 5 or more.
10. \$1000 for treatment and rehabilitation of a leper.
11. \$2000 to sponsor a seminarian for a year.
12. \$6000 for a home a family.
13. \$25000 will build a mission chapel.

Such a manifold ministry through mission school, clinic and orphanage for boys and girls, mostly non-Christians, trying to mirror God's love for the poor and forsaken, is made feasible mainly through Mission Appeal and Propagation of Faith in U.S. and Rome. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

MINISTERS SCHEDULES:

ST JOHN GUALBERT CATHEDRAL Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Aug 23rd, 6:00PM Mass

Reader	Khloe Babyak
Reader	Elizabeth Rhoades
Eucharistic Minister	Anthony Kamnikar
Server	Steve Molnar
Audio Operator	Michael Stoskey
Sacristan	Steve Molnar
Cantor	Ryan Kucera

Sun Aug 24th, 7:00AM

Reader	Irene Ott
Reader	Christine Brothers
Eucharistic Minister	Carmen Grasso
Eucharistic Minister	Rose Schellhammer
Eucharistic Minister	Rich Ott
Server	David Harteis
Audio Operator	Peter T. Yanko
Sacristan	Rich Ott
Cantor	Rose Eckenrod

Sun Aug 24th, 11:00AM

Reader	Beth Stem
Reader	Geoffrey Stumpo
Eucharistic Minister	Jim Hollis
Eucharistic Minister	Matthew Krawczyk
Eucharistic Minister	Pam Sabol
Server	Kaleb Krawczyk
Server	Alex Reed
Server	Synthia Barber
Audio Operator	Kevin Slonka
Sacristan	Matthew Krawczyk
Cantor	Kelli Slonka

Sun Aug 24th, 5:00PM

Reader	Charlotte Amenti
Reader	Deb McGraw
Eucharistic Minister	James Sandoval
Server	Paige Titus
Audio Operator	Evonne Yanzetich
Sacristan	Charlotte Amenti
Cantor	Marcy Olek

ST PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Aug 23rd, 4:00PM

Cantor	Lisa Stofko
Server	Sydney Dixon
Eucharistic Minister	Harry Mangus
Eucharistic Minister	Jean Arcurio
Eucharistic Minister	Kathy Kristofko
Sacristan	Harry Mangus
Reader	Kathy Getzey

Sun Aug 24th, 9:00AM

Cantor	Eric Ecklund
Server	Kevin Malloy
Eucharistic Minister	Marge Sindler
Eucharistic Minister	Rita Redden
Eucharistic Minister	Joyce Werner
Sacristan	Marge Sindler
Reader	Mary Jo Podratsky

If you are not available for your scheduled time, please reach out ASAP.

For Ministry scheduling questions contact:
At SJG - Evonne Yanzetich - (814)659-6240
At SPJ - Charles Holtzman, Jr. (814)532-0199
 Jean Arcurio - (814)241-9972

Deacon Rick's Corner - Quote:



Book Recommendation:

The Forgotten Way The Saint James Master Plan

-by Matthew Kelly

Fr. Simon Says: LIVE

Time is always on the move and every second is a step closer to death. During this brief journey of life, we need more time to live, we need more time to experience, and we need more time to explore. This limited time should inspire you to make a bold move.

Without the whispers of your minds and the judging of your brain, we need to fully indulge in the beauty of life. Rather than worrying about things that didn't go as per your plan, you can give your energy towards helping you learn and improve from it. We need to get out of our heads and feel through the senses.

What's happening around me? What makes it beautiful? What is it trying to teach me? We have to be now. **Live now and truly experience the joy of living this beautiful life.**

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

Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgies:

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 2025 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy.

Couples may attend Sunday, September 21 in ALTOONA at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, September 28 in JOHNSTOWN at St. John Gualbert Cathedral.

Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00 p.m. Most Rev. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families. Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Friday, September 12th.

The registration form on page 6 needs to be signed by the Pastor. You can fill it out and drop in in the collection for signing. We will forward them to the Diocesan Family Life Office for you. The deadline is rapidly approaching, don't forget to sign up!



Announcements for Both Parishes Continued:

1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years of marriage in 2025

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY RESERVATION

Please print or type names as they will appear on the certificate

Husband's First Name _____ Wife's First Name _____ Last Name _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Marriage Date _____ Anniversary: _____
Present Parish Name and Town _____

Will attend in: (circle one location)

Altoona 9/21/2025

Johnstown 9/28/2025

I certify that the above-mentioned couple belongs to this parish and are in good standing.

Mail form to:

Family Life Office
2713 W. Chestnut Ave., Altoona, PA 16601
Phone: 814-317-2643
Fax: 949-8234

Parish

Priest _____

Please return to the Family Life Office

by Friday, September 12th.

I recommend this couple as _____ readers _____ gift bearers _____ altar dressers Couple's phone number _____

This couple has a family member that would serve as an _____ usher or _____ altar server

Name _____ Phone Number _____

(If chosen by our office, we will ask this couple to help at the liturgy. Please do not ask them ahead of time.)

Cemetery News:

We will have a public townhall cemetery meeting on Monday, August 24th at 7PM at the St. John Gualbert Activities Center, 110 Adams St. for all family members of those who are buried at either St. Joseph Cemetery, or St. John Gualbert Cemetery to discuss all concerns. See the add on the back cover.

Coming Soon:

Our Fr. Simon's birthday is coming up on August 23rd - let us all pray for his continued good health, for his priesthood and his path, i.e. to follow the will of God the Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, with inspiration from the Holy Spirit.

May he receive every grace and blessing from above!

The Chosen Class is Back:

The Chosen Class, Season 2 with Video and discussion will continue on Thursday, August 21st 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:

08-17 11AM Our Lady of Knock Mass @ Proclaim; Cathedral
08-17 12:30PM 1st Communion Planning MTG; Resurrection Oratory Hall
08-19 5:30PM Catholic Daughters; AC-H
08-21 3PM Eucharistic Adoration at SJG; Shrine
08-21 6PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting; AC-SA
08-24 11AM St. Vincent de Paul Induction at Proclaim Mass
08-24 12:30PM Confirmation Meeting; Resurrection Oratory Hall
08-24 7PM Public Cemetery Townhall Meeting; AC-H

Altar Servers Training Session:

All new altar servers and anyone interested in becoming an altar server at St. John Gualbert Cathedral, please come to the **Training** Session which will be held this Sunday, August 17th at 6PM at the Cathedral, 117 Clinton Street.

St. Patrick Church

Current events:

08-17 12:30PM 1st Communion Planning MTG; Resurrection Oratory Hall
08-19 6PM SPJ Liturgy Committee; REC
08-20 9AM to 1:30PM SPJ CLS cooking at the Rectory
08-20 6PM SPJ Parish Council
08-21 3PM Eucharistic Adoration at SJG; Shrine
08-21 6PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting; AC-SA
08-24 11AM St. Vincent de Paul Induction at Proclaim Mass
08-24 12:30PM Confirmation Meeting; Resurrection Oratory Hall
08-24 7PM Public Cemetery Townhall Meeting; AC-H

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. *****The last day for donations is August 25th.**

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.

Please contact Dan Schofield 814-792-5891 to schedule basement sale donations, thank you.

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

Special 2025 Jubilee Year 40 Hours Devotion - at a Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown designated Pilgrim Site. Join us at:



OUR LADY OF THE ALLEGHENIES
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH
609 MAIN STREET
LILLY, PA 15938

Sunday thru Tuesday - September 7, 8, 9

Solemn Vespers each evening at 7:00PM

Our special guest Homilist,
EWTN Personality:
Father Leo Patalinghug - the cooking priest.



Canonization Celebration

On September 7th, Pope Leo will elevate Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati to sainthood. To celebrate this much anticipated occasion, the Frassati Laurel Highlands Group will be hosting a canonization celebration on September 20th at the Quemahoning Family Recreation Area. Some of the activities will include a picnic lunch and an outdoor mass celebrated by Fr. Dave Peles. Kayaks and paddle boards will be available. Please watch the bulletin for more information. All are welcome. We hope to see you there!

"I would spend entire days on the mountains contemplating in that pure air the Greatness of the Creator." - Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati



Jubilee 2025 News:

The **Jubilee 2025 Pilgrim's Passport** used by many persons and families during this Jubilee year, need to be returned, or postmarked by September 8 and sent, to the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Pastoral Center, 2713 West Chestnut Avenue, Altoona PA 16601 to be eligible for prizes that were listed on the inside cover of the Passport: An overnight stay in Washington DC the weekend of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Pilgrimage, October 17, an overnight stay in Pittsburgh, or the monetary amounts, and various gift cards.

You still have some weeks to travel and visit Holy Sites in our five deaneries!

The Washington, DC Pilgrimage:

Visitation Church is still taking reservations for the Buses traveling to Washington DC for the Jubilee 2025 Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

The trip will take place on **Friday, October 17th**. The cost of the bus ticket is \$50.00 per person and included the tip for the bus driver. The bus will depart at EXACTLY 6:30AM from the Home Depot parking lot, Galleria Extension Drive, Johnstown.

To reserve a seat(s) and make a payment to Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, please call Catherine Bennett, Secretary at (814)536-6110, ext.1.

We suggest that you carpool to the Home Depot because of limited parking.



Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

2025 Women's Conference

*Strength in Christ
Joy in the Mass*


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)

- 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**



Name: _____ **Boxed Lunch: \$18 (optional)**

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

Total payment enclosed: _____ ***OR BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH***

Cell/Home Phone #: _____

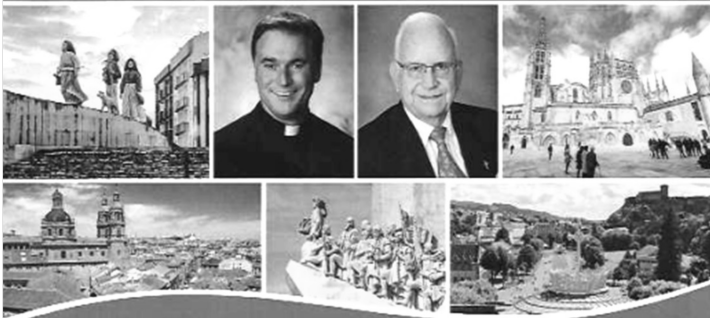
Email: _____

www.ecatholic.com/mytrip Tour = LP26 Date = 041326 Code = R ID = 57761

Pilgrimage to Fatima & Lourdes

with Fr. Dave Peles and Deacon Michael Russo


April 13 - 22, 2026



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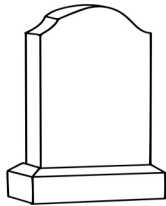
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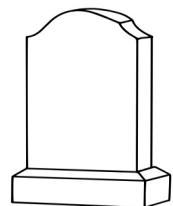
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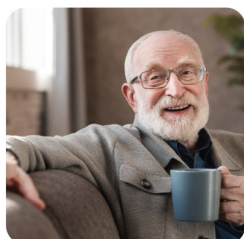
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