

September 21, 2025
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Parable of the Unjust Steward

Saint John Gualbert Cathedral

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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 September 21, 2025



1st Reading:
Amos 8:4-7

2nd Reading:
1 Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel:
Luke 16:1-13

ST JOHN GUALBERT

Saturday **Sept 20 24th Week in Ordinary Time**
8:00AM David Wilson (Wife: Valerie Wilson)

Vigil—25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
6:00PM People of the Parish

Sunday **Sept 21 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
7:00AM Irene Feist *Anniversary* (Family)
11:00AM John Pencola (Wife: Palma Pencola)
5:00PM Helen Luberto (Carol Watson)

Monday **Sept 22 25th Week in Ordinary Time**
7:00AM St. Anne Society - Fr. Simon
12:05PM St. Anne Society - Fr. Matt
No Mass

Tuesday **Sept 23 25th Week in Ordinary Time**
7:00AM Fr. John Brezovec (Luci Ann Brezovec)
12:05PM Jeanne Kovach (Tim Heptner)

Wednesday **Sept 24 25th Week in Ordinary Time**
7:00AM St. Anne Society
12:05PM Sophie Wegrzyn (Son: John Wegrzyn)

Thursday **Sept 25 25th Week in Ordinary Time**
7:00AM **No Mass**
12:05PM Mary C. Rosey (Cookie & Bill Antesberger)

Friday **Sept 26 25th Week in Ordinary Time**
7:00AM Kae"son Thomas Gordon *3rd Anniversary* (Jeff Hammer)
12:05PM Michelle Levanduski (Cousin Barbara)

Saturday **Sept 27 25th Week in Ordinary Time**
8:00AM Jeanne Kovach (Janet Hammett)

Vigil—26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
6:00PM People of the Parish

Sunday **Sept 28 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
7:00AM Ralph Havener, Jr. (Larry & Jean Wehner)
11:00AM Elizabeth & William Pawcio (Family)
5:00PM Joseph Gregorchik (MaryAnn Lapina)

ST PATRICK

Saturday **Sept 20 Vigil—25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
4:00PM Francis Kinley (Connie & Ray Cassidy)

Sunday **Sept 21 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9:00AM Joseph Sinoply *1st Anniversary* 9/8 (Wife Myra Sinoply)

Thursday **Sept 25 25th Week in Ordinary Time**
8:00AM Deceased Members of the Beckman & Knox Families
(Mary Beckman Knox)

Saturday **Sept 27 Vigil—26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
4:00PM Mary Kay Sax (Judy Jacobs)

Sunday **Sept 28 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9:00AM John Pencola (Wife: Palma Pencola)

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



COLLECTIONS

Collection St John Gualbert 09/21/2025	
Weekly Envelopes	\$4,809.50
Cash	936.20
Online	355.00
Maintenance	160.00
St. Vincent de Paul	30.00
Mission Co-operative	2,811.45
Retired Priests Medical	165.00
Exaltation of the Holy Cross	499.00
Total	\$9,766.15

St. John Gualbert



St. Patrick



Collection St Patrick 09/21/2025	
Envelopes	\$3,831
Cash	170.00
Children's Envelopes	12.00
Online Donations	25.00
Maintenance	96.00
Fuel & Air	262.00
SVdP	75.00
Assumption	10.00
Retired Priests' Medical	75.00
Catholic University	260.00
Mission Co-operative	2,360.02
Votives	99.00
Total	\$7,275.02

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	14,047.00	
St. Patrick	Goal:	\$24,900.00	
	Receipts	14,967.00	

Keep in touch with us!

TEXT SJGC TO 84576

OR CONNECT WITH US ONLINE AT:

stjohngualbert.flocknote.com



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

Sunday, September 21: Catechetical Sunday, Religious Ed.
9:00-10:15 am Resurrection Parish Center and Oratory Hall

Sunday, September 28: Religious Education 9:00-10:15 am
Resurrection Parish Center and Oratory Hall **SHYCON**
registration forms due.

Sunday, October 5: Religious Education 9:00-10:15am
Resurrection Parish Center, Confirmation Mentor Meeting in the
Oratory for the students who applied for Confirmation.

Sunday, October 12: Religious Education 9:00-10:15 am
Resurrection Parish Center, Respect Life Presentation 9th thru
11th grade in the Oratory Hall. All are welcomed .

Sunday, October 19 – SHYCON at the Stokes Center of St. Francis University. The day includes mass with Bishop Mark, keynote address and concert from Joe Melendrez, lunch, and free give aways. Registration deadline is Sunday, September 28. Forms are available at Religious Ed., the back of church or from your Catholic School campus minister.

OCIA/Basics of Faith

Sunday, Sept. 21 - OCIA 6:30PM St. Joseph Room of the ACH.

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

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

St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive

Brown paper shopping bags are available this weekend for our St. Vincent DePaul food drive. If you haven't already done so, please take a bag home with you and place non perishable food items inside. (There is a list of items needed on the outside of the bag.) Please return your bag on September 27th or 28th. St. Patrick's parishioners can return their bags to the vestibule of the church. St. John's parishioners can return their bags to St. Anne's shrine.

God Bless your generosity toward those whose lives are far less fortunate than yours.

Anyone interested in joining our conference is welcome to attend our next meetings scheduled for Saturday October 4, 2025 at 9:00 AM and Thursday October 16, 2025 at 6:00 PM. Our meetings are held at St. John's Activity Center, in the St. Joseph's Room lower level.

"We should spend as much time in thanking God for his benefits as we do in asking him for them".

Saint Vincent de Paul



Christian Life & Service: At SJG

This Weekend:

Annual **Baby Shower for Birthright** - Please support "Birthright of Johnstown" by participating in our 2025 event, at all Masses this weekend, September 20th and 21st. Birthright receives NO government funding. The Birthright missions of love and compassion save babies lives by offering the mothers an alternative to abortion by giving the moms both guidance and support for up to a year after the birth of their child. Some of the most needed items are wipes, diapers, hooded bath towels, onesies, baby bottles and of course, cash donations. Birthright of Johnstown and your CL&S committee thanks you for your generosity in supporting this effort.

See page 5 for SJG Basket Party/ Spaghetti Dinner Details!

-St. John Gualbert Christian Life & Service

At SPJ

Bosco's Friends Helping Friends is Back!

Tickets are now on sale. Please help support St Patrick's and have some fun shopping! Tickets are \$5.00 and you receive an all-day discount shopping pass for October 22, 2025 from 8AM to 11PM at Boscov's. Tickets will be available at the fall festival and before and after Mass for the next several weeks. Contact Lois Dipko at 814 288-2516 for further information.

Basket Party is Coming! St Patrick's Annual Basket Party will be held **Oct 19, 2025** at St John's Activity Center 110 Adams St. Tickets are \$10.00 and include lunch. Please contact St John's office or Lolly Kennedy at 814 659-8717 for your tickets. We are also looking for volunteers to help with set up and to work the event. Please sign up in the front of the church to volunteer your time at this fundraiser event. We hope to see you there.

-St. Patrick Christian Life & Service

Deacon Rick's Corner

Quote:

“When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people....”


-(GIRM, #29) - i.e. *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*

New Lector Training:

Deacon Rick will have training for new lectors, at St. John Gualbert Cathedral, Monday, September 22nd at 6:30pm. We welcome anyone who is interested in becoming a Minister of the Word (i.e. lector!).

Fr. Simon Says: YOU DID IT AS PER THE DIVINE'S PLAN

Stop blaming yourself. You gave your level best. Even if you don't feel it, that's the truth. Maybe the situation didn't turn out as per your expectations, you may have failed, but don't hurt yourself for that. It's a part of the divine plan, and just thinking and dwelling on those thoughts of the past will never change what happened. But one thing is true: *"You acted the way that the Lord wanted, so never worry about it."*



Instead, take the result as a gift from the Lord. Turn blaming into a blessing. Remember, everything happens for a reason. You may not know it now, but you will know it for sure.



MINISTERS SCHEDULES:

ST JOHN GUALBERT CATHEDRAL **Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sat Sept 27th, 6:00PM Mass

Reader	Dixie Lochrie
Reader	Pat Loughlin
Eucharistic Minister	Matthew Krawczyk
Server	Kaleb Krawczyk
Audio Operator	Kevin Slonka
Sacristan	Matthew Krawczyk
Cantor	Ryan Kucera

Sun Sept 28th, 7:00AM

Reader	David Harteis
Reader	Christine Brothers
Eucharistic Minister	Carmen Grasso
Eucharistic Minister	Rich Ott
Eucharistic Minister	Melissa Gates
Server	Hayden Gates
Audio Operator	Peter T. Yanko
Sacristan	Rich Ott
Cantor	Deb McGraw

Sun Sept 28th, 11:00AM

Reader	JoAnn Kopco
Reader	Heather Jezeskie
Eucharistic Minister	Dcn. Rick Messina
Eucharistic Minister	Geoffrey Stumpo
Eucharistic Minister	Lonnie Rietscha
Servers	Cora, Ileana & Sophie Messina
Audio Operator	Ron Jezeskie
Sacristan	Lonnie Rietscha
Cantor	Kids Choir

Sun Sept 28th, 5:00PM

Reader	Kristen Caddy
Reader	Charlotte Amenti
Eucharistic Minister	James Sandoval
Servers	Bella, Ryder & Tenley Ascherl
Audio Operator	Evonne Yanzetich
Sacristan	Charlotte Amenti
Cantor	Namita Gallo

ST PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH **Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sat Sept 27th, 4:00PM

Cantor	Lisa Stofko
Server	Jerry Stofko
Eucharistic Minister	Connie Cassidy
Eucharistic Minister	Kathy Kristofko
Eucharistic Minister	Jean Arcurio
Sacristan	Connie Cassidy
Reader	Kathy Getzey

Sun Sept 28th, 9:00AM

Cantor	Eric Ecklund
Server	Rita Redden
Eucharistic Minister	Cindy Stofko
Eucharistic Minister	Mary Jo Podratsky
Eucharistic Minister	Kevin Malloy
Sacristan	Rita Redden
Reader	Mary Ann Craig

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

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

The Chosen Class Continues:



The Chosen Class, Season 2 with Video and discussion will resume this Thursday, Sept. 25 at the regular 6:30PM time. Sessions are held in the 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!

Diocesan Second Collections in September:

September 27th & 28th - the second collections at all Masses for both parishes will be for the Retired Priests' Medical Collection. There are envelopes in everyone's packets for this cause.

JUBILEE 2025 Pilgrims of Hope Ecumenical Choral Concert

You, your family and your friends are invited to Saint John Gualbert Cathedral, Johnstown on Sunday, October 5th for a Jubilee Expression of Music at 2:00 p.m.

The choirs featured will be: Diocesan High School Choir: featuring students from Bishop Carroll, Bishop Guilfoyle and Bishop McCort; Westmont Presbyterian Choir, Greater Johnstown Community Choir and Greater Johnstown Diocesan Festival Choir.

Before and following the concert In the Zion Lutheran Hall next door, you can view the Expressions of Hope Art and Photo display and refreshments.

Stewardship Reflections:

After today's readings, we can't say we have not been warned about the dangers of mixed-up priorities. God's Word is so very clear today on the necessity of putting Him first in all areas of our lives.

What can we learn from the curious parable to help us avoid the worldly thinking condemned in our First Reading, and give ourselves away as Jesus did as is described in our Second Reading? We know this 'bad steward' was clever and energetic. He put thought, prudence, and creativity into the plans he made for his self-serving ends and carried out his plans with great success.

What if we put that kind of effort into our own tasks as good stewards of all God's gifts to us? Into our ministries, into the ways we could make more time for prayer as individuals, as couples, as families, and as a parish? What if we got as creative as the 'bad steward' in the use of our finances so that we could give more generously to the poor and the advancement of God's kingdom on earth? That's our lesson and our challenge.

St. John Gualbert

Current Events:

09-20 & 21 SJG CLS Baby Shower at all Masses
09-21 9AM Religious Ed at Resurrection
09-21 6:30PM OCIA Class; AC-SJ
09-22 6:30PM SJG Training for New Lectors; Cathedral
09-23 6:30PM SJG Cemetery Committee; RDR
09-24 2PM Mass at Hilltop Heights for the Residents
09-24 6PM Theology on Tap/Young Adults Group; Boulevard Grill
09-24 7PM SJG Choir Practice; Cathedral
09-25 3PM SJG Eucharistic Adoration; Shrine
09-25 6:30PM Chosen Class with Deacon Rick at SPJ; REC
09-27 6PM Installation of Acolyte with Bishop Mark; Cathedral
09-27 & 28 All Masses 2nd Collection is for Retired Priests' Medical; Cathedral
09-27 & 28 All Masses St. Vincent de Paul food drive; Cathedral
09-28 9AM Religious Ed at Resurrection
9-28 2PM Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass; Cathedral
09-28 6:30PM OCIA Class; AC-SJ

St. John Gualbert CLS Spaghetti Dinner & Basket Party:

This year our Spaghetti Dinner & Basket Party Fundraiser will be held on **Sunday, November 2nd, 2025** at the St. John Gualbert Activities Center. The doors will open at 11AM and we will serve the dinners until 3PM. The cost is: Adults \$10.00. Kids

ages 4-12 \$7.00, those 3 and under are served free! We do have take outs available, *but you should stay for the basket party fun* - lots of prizes with the baskets and 50/50 tickets all for sale at the party that day but you do not need to be present to win!

For event tickets, you can reach out to Gloria Stephens at (814)418-0270, Charlotte Amenti at (814)322-2168 or the rectory office (814)536-0117.

We are planning to make this even more successful than last year's event. These are the ways that you can assist in our plans:

1. We need all our wonderful bakers to donate chocolate and vanilla cakes for our dessert table at the dinner.
2. Volunteers are needed to assist in the kitchen, as well as serve dinners at the tables, wipe up as needed, etc. This is an excellent opportunity for students who need service hours.
3. Last and most important - we need donations of baskets and prizes of various price ranges to give to the winners at the party. Put your great ideas into a basket and donate it for our church fundraising event. We also need some larger gifts for the larger drawings.

Donations can be dropped off at the rectory during regular office hours, or you can contact the co-chairs of the event, Gloria Stephens at (814)418-0270, and Charlotte Amenti at (814)322-2168.

We thank you in advance as we know that we can always count on the generosity of our parish to assist us. Thanks again!

Cemetery Cleanup is Coming Soon!

Fall Cemetery cleanup at St. John Gualbert & St. Joseph Cemeteries plus the St. Joseph Mausoleum will take place on October 11, 2025 (rain date is October 18, 2025).

We will start at 9AM & work until completion. Volunteers to help are welcome. We ask that you please remove all decorations by October 10th. Anything that has not been claimed will be removed. Decorating can resume October 25th. We thank you for your cooperation with this project.

St. Patrick Church

Current events:

09-21 9AM Religious Ed at Resurrection
09-21 6:30PM OCIA Class; AC-SJ
09-24 6PM Theology on Tap/Young Adults Group; Boulevard Grill
09-25 3PM Eucharistic Adoration at SJG; Shrine
09-25 6:30PM Chosen Class with Deacon Rick; REC
09-27 6PM Installation of Acolyte with Bishop Mark; Cathedral
09-27 & 28 All Masses 2nd Collection is for Retired Priests' Medical; Cathedral
09-27 & 28 All Masses St. Vincent de Paul food drive SPJ Church
09-28 9AM Religious Ed at Resurrection
9-28 2PM Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass; Cathedral
09-28 6:30PM OCIA Class; AC-SJ

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

How You Can Help - Donate to the party; every bit helps—your generosity fuels the fun and festivities. Bring a pre-made basket or gift card; we welcome thoughtfully assembled baskets or gift cards valued at \$25 or more. We truly appreciate every contribution—your kindness and involvement mean the world to us!

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

Pilgrimage to Washington, DC: Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception - October 17, 2025



Important Notice: We are 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 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. Seats are available. 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 CARPOOL to the HOME DEPOT because of limited parking. More information and an itinerary for the day will be distributed closer to the event.

Come to the Novena!

St Therese Church Johnstown will be holding their **Annual Novena in honor of St. Therese of the Little Flower of Jesus** starting Tuesday, September 23rd and will continue for nine (9) days. Masses will be held at 9AM and 7PM except on Saturday and Sunday, which will be Saturday at 9AM, 4PM, & 7PM and Sunday at 7:30AM, 10:30AM and 7PM. The closing of the Novena will be Wednesday, Oct. 1st.



Enrichment Days at St. Bernardine Monastery:

The Franciscan Friars, TOR at St. Bernardine Monastery welcome you to join us for our Wednesday Enrichment Days. Each workshop includes a class on the given topic, Mass, and lunch with Friars.

- Feast of St. Francis – Day of Celebration Saturday, Oct. 4th, featuring a Pet Blessing 9:00 AM, with the Rummage/ Garage Sale and Friar's Nook Gift Shop Fall Fling Sale following Pet Blessing, Food and Baked Goods for Sale, Rain or Shine!

- Oct. 8th: History of the Immaculate Conception Province (register by Oct 3rd)
The Monastery is located at 768 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648. Pre—registration is required and space is limited, so please register early at 814-695-3802.



HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

You are invited to the first in a series of active, inspiring, age-appropriate opportunities:

A guided small group tour of Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament

With Msgr Stanley Carson

Sunday, 10/26/25 from 1:30-2:30

This is a unique opportunity to join Msgr Carson to learn more about our beautiful Cathedral's history, architecture, rich art and stained-glass that together symbolize the presence of God in a different and transformed world. Invite a friend to join you!

RSVP interest by 10/12/25: Reply to your flock note invitation, or akcurtis@verizon.net



ST. CLEMENT PARISH

Rakin' in the Cash Give-a-way
23 chances to win on each ticket!

Grand Prize - \$5,000

2nd & 3rd Prizes - \$1,000

AND...a chance to win 1 of 20
\$100 Cash Prizes

**Top 3 prizes are determined by the
First Pick 3 7:00 PM PA Lottery Drawing
on Friday, Oct. 31st, 2025**

Donation - \$20

For tickets or more information,
Call St. Clement Rectory@**814-255-4422**
M thru F - 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

For more details, see our website:
stclementjohnstown.org and click on
Rakin' in the Cash Give-a-Way under
"Links"

Fall Cemetery Cleanup

St. John Gualbert &
St. Joseph Cemeteries
St. Joseph Mausoleum
OCTOBER 11, 2025
*OCTOBER 18, 2025 (RAIN DATE)

9:00 A.M. UNTIL COMPLETION
VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!

PLEASE REMOVE ALL DECORATIONS BY
OCT. 10TH!
(*ANYTHING NOT CLAIMED WILL BE REMOVED.)

*DECORATING CAN RESUME OCT. 25TH.

St. John Gualbert Cathedral
(814) 536-0117
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Jubilee Year Ecumenical Choir Concert

**Sunday, October 5th
2 PM**

St John Gualbert Cathedral



Choirs featured will be:

Diocesan High School Choir

including students from Bishop Carroll, Bishop Guilfoyle, and Bishop McCort

Westmont Presbyterian Choir

Greater Johnstown Community Choir

Greater Johnstown Diocesan Festival Choir

Sunday, November 2nd, 2025

11AM to 3PM

**St. John Gualbert
Basket Party and ●●●**

Delicious
**Spaghetti
Dinner!**

Adults: \$10

Kids age 4-12: \$7

**Baskets, 50/50,
and more!**

Under age 3: Free

Take-outs available.

**ST. JOHN GUALBERT
ACTIVITIES CENTER
110 ADAMS ST, JOHNSTOWN, PA**

From the Pastor:

Over the years, at the various parishes where I've been assigned, once a year, I like to set a weekend aside for a "Stewardship Sunday" or a sort of "State of the Union" for the parish. It is good to stop once in a while and hear where things are going, to see some of the challenges that aren't always apparent, and to evaluate some of our goals for the future. I've often heard that if you want to know what is important to someone, look at their checkbook and their calendar. With that in mind, this weekend, we're publishing our annual report and budget in this bulletin. As a whole, both St John Gualbert and St Patrick parish are doing reasonably well. Of course, there are always challenges and we never know what the future might bring, but we have good people here supporting each other as part of a good parish.

This past year brought some wonderful things. This year, we welcomed a new priest to our parishes with Fr Savarimuthu Simon, HGN. Although Fr Simon is new to our country, he has quickly learned many of our ways. His English has improved dramatically and he has enjoyed his ministry. Thanks to Fr Simon, our homebound are now being anointed and cared for on a much more consistent basis. Fr Simon has also been assisting as Hospital Chaplain at Conemaugh Hospital. It is a very good thing to see that our sick and homebound are being well cared for and receiving the sacraments on a regular basis. One of his other jobs, along with all 4 of the new Indian Priests, is to cover for priests when they are away, ill, or otherwise unable to cover mass. In years gone by, that job would have been divided among the many priest assistants in parishes, as well as some of our retired priests. Today, our four Indian priests to a large portion of the coverage. For example, in the last few month, Fr Simon has covered at St Gregory, St Barnabas, St Anne, Resurrection, St Michael, Sidman, Immaculate Conception, Dudley, and many other parishes. I cannot begin to say what a help it is to so many of our brother priests who often cannot find coverage to get away for a weekend. Then, of course, it was just a little more than a year ago when I assisted as Temporary Administrator at Transfiguration for about 2 months until their new Pastor was assigned. That would not have been possible without Fr Simon.

In the last year, we've had a number of new things happen. Our St Vincent DePaul Conference has now been fully initiated and is actively helping dozens of people on a monthly basis. I cannot begin to thank the hard work of those involved. We joined St Patrick with two bus trips this year, one to Sight and Sound, and one to tour a number of local Churches as part of the Jubilee. We welcomed a few new families into the Church through RCIA, now renamed OCIA and I'm happy to share that over the course of the last year, we had 67 new parish registrations, and we have around 15 signed up for this year's OCIA Class. Thanks to Deacon Rick, we have adult education programming up and running again, as he is now in his second season of his "Chosen" discussion class. In Religious Education, we are implementing the new Confirmation Process, so that now young people in 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade will be able to sign up in the spring and be confirmed the following spring. This year, we have 15 young people enrolled in our combined confirmation program. With the new program in place, I have already had requests from Adults who never made their confirmation, that next year we might set up an adult version of the new program, so that they too might make their confirmation.

So many of our current events continued and took good directions. We welcome the 3 Fr Josephs to our St Joseph Triduum, Fr Basil Cole, of the Dominicans for our St Anne Triduum. We had First Responders and Medical Professionals for our Blue and White Mass, Veterans for our Veterans Mass, our wedding anniversary and widows mass. We celebrated

another wonderful Eucharistic Procession to Central Park, and we have seen steady growth in our regular Thursday Adoration.

We've recently welcomed a new staff member to our team, with Mr. Mike Amenti, as our new Maintenance Man, and already I've heard people comment on how many things he has fixed, patched, painted, and cleaned up. Another of our existing staff, Christine Babik, our DRE has recently come on full time. She is shared equally between St John Gualbert, St Patrick, Resurrection, and St Claire. With Christine coming on full time, she's busy in the office making sure all of our Youth Protection records are in order.

At Proclaim, we've had some very good news, as this year we spent some of our reserves and recently replaced all of our cameras with new HD Cameras. The existing cameras were nearly 15 years old and in desperate need of an upgrade. We are finally getting a solid training program in place, and have recently been graced with a few new volunteers.

At the Cemetery, we've had our share of struggles as our previous grass-cutter quit suddenly. We finally have a new cutter in place, but we are looking at some serious budget issues, as next year's grass bill will likely go up by at least \$10,000. Thanks to some wonderful donors in our Holy Ground Campaign, we've made it part of the way there. In the next few weeks, we'll be sharing a Cemetery Calendar Ticket. It is my hope to have the ticket out to everyone by October 1st. If you would like to sign up to take some tickets to sell, there will be a sign-up sheet for sellers at the entrances.

Of course, not everything is good news. We've had some significant repairs and expenses this year as well. Last fall, we discovered our rectory furnace was leaking, so that had to be replaced. Similarly, our Activities Center Air Conditioning Unit had failed and needed replaced. Then, just as we had replaced it, we had a fire in the building next to the Activities Center. That fire did roughly \$88,000 damage to our building. It damaged our brand-new air conditioner units. It did some damage to the roof, the doors, and the windows on the second floor. The Air Conditioning has been replaced, but even now, our insurance company is still working with the building's insurance to help resolve the claim. In the Church, I'm sure many of you have noticed the spots on the back wall. We investigated the issue, and determined that water was coming in from the stained glass windows above the altar. After working with Raimondo's of Greensburg, a group that specializes in this kind of work, they determined that the wood around the windows was beginning to rot. They then used aluminum wrapping to wrap and seal those windows properly.

With all those things in mind, this weekend is a time when we typically present our annual finances to the parish. All considered, we are doing reasonably well. Our collections have been slowly moving in the right direction, which alone is incredible as most parishes are experiencing a slow decline. I cannot thank our bookkeeper Jerry Foust enough, he has done some incredible work to make our finances clear and understandable. Thanks to his hard work, I am finally able to present a real financial report and budget for St John Gualbert for the upcoming year.

One of the struggles in presenting a clear budget at St John's has been that we have had a number of significant capital projects since I arrived, as well as a number of bequests from some life-long parishioners who had passed. As each of those are one-time events, it can sometimes make our numbers look radically better (or worse) than they actually are. Last year, we received an estate gift from the estate of Mrs. Rose Ann Sellers, and that gift was applied primarily to the Furnace at the Rectory, the Air Conditioner at the Activities Center, and the Sidewalk on Railroad Street. Those are reflected then, in this past year's budget. This past year we were in the black about \$6,000, which isn't much in a budget that is nearly \$500k. Yet, that also included estate money we had received the previous year.

Looking forward, financially, we have two major challenges. First in staffing, we brought on a maintenance person, and our DRE has come on full time, though shared between four parishes. Second, this year we have a significant increase in our diocesan assessment. Those two combined make our budget a bit tighter than it's been. I think the staffing we can understand, but I wanted to take a minute to explain the assessment increase.

About 10 years ago, as we all know, our diocese had some very bad news. As a result, contributions both to parishes and to the Annual Catholic Appeal decreased dramatically. In the years since, we've made both some progress and some dramatic changes. I have to applaud them in that some very difficult decisions and cuts had to be made. Since that time, the old ACA was revamped and renamed the Catholic Ministries Drive, or CMD. The Diocesan budget was dramatically cut. The Bishop's Mansion was sold as he moved into the Altoona Cathedral, and the former Diocesan Office Buildings were sold, as the offices were then moved into the former Our Lady of Lourdes School. Many of the things we used to take for granted are now run at a fraction of what they once were.

To their credit, this year, in an effort to work towards more transparency, the diocese published their annual budget for the first time in many years. The entire budget is posted in this bulletin. The sad reality is, with donations to the Catholic Ministries Drive going down, they are faced with some very difficult decisions and need our help. The diocesan budget has three main categories. 1st, the Cathedralricum that pays the administrative and operating expenses of the Diocese. These are things that we need, and couldn't really run as a parish. Priests and Laypeople need healthcare, so we have staff managing the health plans. We have employment regulations we have to follow, so we have an HR office, couples need marriage dispensations, annulments and other concerns, so we need a Tribunal. We need a Development and a Communications Office, we need a Building Administrator to manage our insurance policies and claims. All of those offices are paid for by the Cathedralricum. Unfortunately, that assessment needed to increase quite a bit this year to cover the ever increasing staffing costs, as well as new costs not covered by the CMD.

Second, a number of the programs pass through the diocese, like some of the funding for our Catholic Schools, you can see those listed on both the income and expense sides.

And third, the Catholic Ministries Drive pays for any programming we run as a whole Church. After talking with the parish council at St Patrick before writing this article, they suggested that many of the programs with the CMD seem to be geared towards Altoona, rather than Johnstown. Since we are still a little short of our goal, we thought it would be good to hear some of the things that CMD actually does here in town.

- We welcomed Fr Simon with us this year. The CMD funded much of the immigration costs for Fr Simon as well as the other Indians priests who have joined us. Much of their salaries too, come from the CMD.
- Each of our Hospitals have staff chaplains. In most cases, they are funded by the CMD, not by the Hospital. Here at Conemaugh, the CMD pays for 3 chaplains at our own hospital, making sure all Catholics receive the sacraments in the Hospital.
- 6 of the 7 Colleges in our diocese have at least one full-time Campus Minister who is paid by the CMD, including our local UPJ. The only college that does not is St Francis, as they are staffed by the TORs.
- Catholic Charities has an office in Johnstown over at St Claire, where they support all sorts of help for our poor.
- Deacon Rick has been with us the last few years, the CMD pays the costs for the Office of the Diaconate that managed Deacon Rick's training and his ongoing education.
- After a number of years, we finally have a seminarian again in our diocese. The costs for his education as well as the vocation office comes from the CMD.

Of course, those are not the only things supported by the CMD, and all the information about it is both on the diocesan website, in the quarterly magazine and in the materials mailed to every household, but sometimes it is good to hear about what happens locally.

Overall, I want to thank everyone for their support to our parish this past year and for as long as you have been here. Thank you for your support. If you are able to support the Catholic Ministries Drive, we greatly welcome your help to reach our goal. Please keep us in your prayers as we work together to continue to build a healthy Catholic Community here in downtown Johnstown,

God Bless
Fr Matt



2025 Stewardship Reports (St John Gualbert)

St. John Gualbert Cathedral

		Fiscal Year - End 06/30/25 Actual	Fiscal Year - End 06/30/26 Budget
Receipts			
Regular Receipts:			
Regular Offertory Collection	331,128.58	331,000.00	
Special Collections	19,859.71	20,000.00	
Perquisites	2,975.00	3,000.00	
Ordinary Donations	753.68	1,000.00	
Misc. Regular Receipts	5,635.00	6,000.00	
Total Regular Receipts	360,351.97	361,000.00	
Auxiliary Receipts:			
Fundraising Income	4,041.42	4,000.00	
Investment Income	26,814.95	22,000.00	
Rental Income	21,340.00	18,000.00	
Other Auxiliary Receipts	496.25	500.00	
Total Auxiliary Receipts	52,692.62	44,500.00	
Total Ordinary Receipts	413,044.59	405,500.00	
Extraordinary Receipts:			
Parish Campaign Drives	3,000.00	-	
Extraordinary Donations and Bequests	63,499.72	57,000.00	
Total Extraordinary Receipts	66,499.72	57,000.00	
Non-Assessed Receipts:			
Parish Sale of Annual Catholic Appeal	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Mass Stipend Transfer Amount	1,045.00	600.00	
Other	26,596.94	26,800.00	
Total Non-Assessed Receipts	28,641.94	28,400.00	
Total Receipts	508,186.25	490,900.00	
Diocesan and Other Special Collections	27,567.68	-	
Expenditures			
Parish			
Salaries of Resident Clergy	17,863.94	18,300.00	
Extra Services of Clergy	1,400.00	1,400.00	
Lay Salaries	11,487.35	22,500.00	
Sanctuary and Sacristy Expenditures	14,680.72	15,000.00	
Ordinary Repairs	5,350.17	5,000.00	
Votive Candle Expense	74.63	-	
Magazines, Literature, etc.	1,223.33	1,300.00	
Other Incidental Expenses	4,031.98	4,000.00	
Total Parish Expenditures	56,112.12	67,500.00	
Rectory:			
Lay Salaries	75,257.74	87,000.00	
Cost of Provisions	7,503.99	7,500.00	
Furnishings	-	2,000.00	
Ordinary Repairs	2,477.89	2,500.00	
Telephone and Office Expense	26,379.14	26,000.00	
Retreats\Clergy Conferences\Education	1,640.00	1,600.00	
Other Incidental Expenses	2,223.68	-	
Total Rectory Expenditures	115,482.44	126,600.00	
All Other Separate Buildings:			
Ordinary Repairs	3,504.49	8,000.00	
Other Incidental Expense	8,570.91	8,500.00	
Total Separate Buildings Expenditures	12,075.40	16,500.00	
Religious Education:			
Books and Supplies	1,536.25	1,500.00	
Other Incidental Expenses	8,074.70	8,000.00	
Total Religious Education Expenditures	9,610.95	9,500.00	
General Expense:			
Utilities	28,207.06	28,000.00	
Lay Payroll Taxes and Benefits	21,648.25	26,000.00	
Insurance - Property, Liability, Auto and W/C	38,599.00	35,000.00	
Total General Items	88,454.31	89,000.00	
Diocesan Assessments:			
Cathedrarium Assessment	56,217.90	70,000.00	
Education Evangelization Assessment	58,618.00	60,000.00	
Total Diocesan Assessment	114,835.90	130,000.00	
Extraordinary Accounts:			
Extraordinary Repairs and Improvements	84,334.50	-	
Debt - MAP Principal and Interest	21,286.19	21,286.00	
Total Extraordinary Accounts	105,620.69	21,286.00	
Total Expenditures	502,191.81	460,386.00	
Diocesan and Other Special Collections	29,561.32	-	

2025 Stewardship Reports—Diocesan Finances

Diocese of Altoona Johnstown
Annual Operating Budget - Reallocated for Presbyteral Council
Fiscal Year 2025-2026

	Budget July 1, 2025	
	to June 30, 2026	Percent of Budget
Income		
Cathedraticum	5,137,395	51.64%
Donations and Bequests	240,000	2.41%
Endowment Income - ICF	260,000	2.61%
Chaplaincy	241,250	2.42%
Quadrant Parish Scholarship	1,788,800	17.98%
IT Costs Billed to Schools	240,000	2.41%
CMD	1,615,000	16.23%
Program Receipts	129,200	1.30%
Other Income	185,000	1.86%
Investment Earnings	112,500	1.13%
Total Income	9,949,145	100.00%
Expenses		
Labor Costs:		
Wages	1,978,296	19.88%
Payroll Taxes	149,430	1.50%
403(b)	21,213	0.21%
Religious Medical/Retirement	404,200	4.06%
Medical Insurance - Lay	303,492	3.05%
Medical Insurance - Priests/Seminarians	775,050	7.79%
Other Employee Benefits	18,930	0.19%
	3,650,611	36.69%
Program Costs and Services:		
Chaplaincy	316,827	3.18%
Catholic Charities Subsidy	450,000	4.52%
Cathedrals and Shrines	250,490	2.52%
International Priests Program	111,400	1.12%
St. Leonards Home	95,000	0.95%
Diaconate	111,000	1.12%
Proclaim	143,065	1.44%
Youth Camps	55,675	0.56%
Conferences	17,970	0.18%
Jubilee	10,300	0.10%
Vocations	65,000	0.65%
Sacramental Preparation	8,125	0.08%
Campus Ministry	439,984	4.42%
Seminarian Expense	13,740	0.14%
Respect Life/Gabriel Project	7,000	0.07%
Retired Priests Care	8,000	0.08%
Other Program Costs	134,358	1.35%
Quadrant School Subsidies	1,584,140	15.92%
Other School Subsidy	533,860	5.37%
	4,355,934	43.78%
Facilities:		
Building Maintenance and Equipment	286,080	2.88%
Building Rent	67,800	0.68%
Real Estate Taxes	20,700	0.21%
Utilities and Telephone	39,980	0.40%
	414,560	4.17%
Office and Administrative:		
Office Expense	175,000	1.76%
Professional & Consulting Fees	219,000	2.20%
Technology Costs	210,000	2.11%
Travel/Lodging/Meals	43,000	0.43%
Other Administrative Expenses	92,500	0.93%
Automobile Maintenance	11,075	0.11%
* Pension funding	500,000	5.03%
	1,250,575	12.57%
CARA:		
Priests on Leave Expenses	188,365	1.89%
Priests on Leave Medical Insurance	77,100	0.77%
Victim Counseling	12,000	0.12%
	277,465	2.79%
Total Expenses	9,949,145	100.00%
Net Income	0	0.00%

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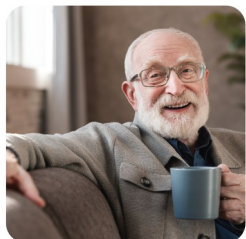
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