

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**

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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)

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**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)

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**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)

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**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](http://www.RachelsVineyard.org) -  
the world's largest ministry for healing after abortion.

**Diocesan Family Life Office:** 814-695-5579  
**Diocesan Website:** [www.dioceseaj.org](http://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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,766.15</b>

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,275.02</b>

## 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



**Religious Education**  
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 Bosco'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:

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**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:**

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**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  
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**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. 31<sup>st</sup>, 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](http://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  
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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**

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**Westmont Presbyterian Choir**

**Greater Johnstown Community Choir**

**Greater Johnstown Diocesan Festival Choir**

**Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**

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## 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 hosted 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 21 new parish registrations, and we have around 15 signed up for this year's OCIA Class, most of which are here at St Patrick's. 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. We held a St Patrick Triduum with Fr Patrick Corrigan who joined us all the way from Ireland, and Fr Simon introduced a few new traditions with a Palm Sunday Procession and presenting the infant Jesus at the altar for Christmas. Just this week we held one of our best run festivals ever, and our annual basket party isn't far behind.

One 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. Meanwhile, St John's finally has a new Maintenance Person, so our Dan has a little more time here to get things cleaned up. In the next few weeks and months, just as Dan had helped over at St John's, Mike will be helping us with some handyman tasks.

Of course, We've also had some significant repairs and expenses this year as well. As I'm sure we've all seen, there's one less building on the property. Thanks to the hard work of so many, the convent is now gone and replaced with grass. Down on the lower level, we've finally wrapped up the last bits of cleanup from the Sewer Project, and now the rooms on our lower level have been carpeted and look great. We have a new furnace in the rectory office, which thanks to your generosity has now been paid off. We have new railings in the sanctuary and we just made some upgrades to our sound system.

We've also had some amazing volunteer help this year with all kinds of different projects. A parish volunteer helped re-cement the front steps, others set up a new flower garden in memory of Pope Francis, others repainted the outdoor flower pots, and many more things around the property.

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, but we have to be cautious. I want to thank everyone who helped with the cost of the furnace, but unfortunately, this year, our regular offertory was down just slightly for the first time in a number of years. Sometimes that can simply mean a few of our contributors have gone to God, as we haven't picked up enough new ones to make up the difference.



Looking forward, financially, we have three upcoming challenges in our budget. First in staffing, this year we brought our DRE on full time, though shared between four parishes, it does give us some increase. Second, we did take on a loan to tear down the convent. While some of that will be covered in decreased utility bills, there will be some increase to our budget. Then third, this year, diocese-wide we have a significant increase in our diocesan assessment. I think the staffing and debt payment 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.

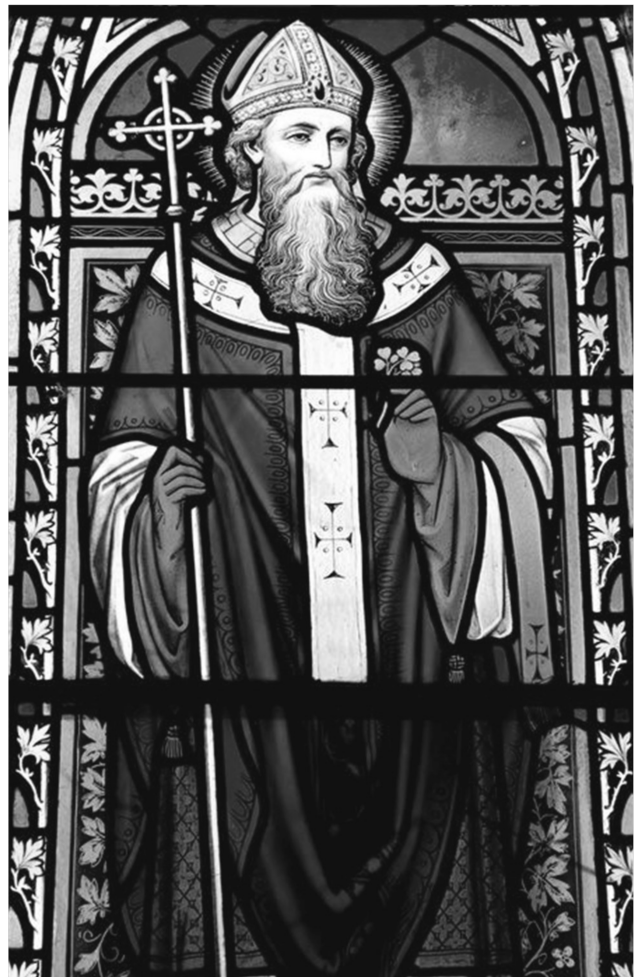
- We welcomed Fr Simon with us this year. The CMD funded much of the immigration costs for Fr Simon as well as the other Indians priests who have joined us. Much of their salaries too, come from the CMD.
- Each of our Hospitals have staff chaplains. In most cases, they are funded by the CMD, not by the 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 Moxham and help build up our parish for the future.

God Bless  
Fr Matt



# 2025 Stewardship Reports (St Patrick)

## St. Patrick Church

	Fiscal Year - End 06/30/25	Fiscal Year - End 06/30/26		Fiscal Year - End 06/30/25	Fiscal Year - End 06/30/26
	Actual	Budget		Actual	Budget
<b>Receipts</b>			<b>Expenditures</b>		
<b>Regular Receipts:</b>			<b>Parish</b>		
Regular Offertory Collection	224,497.23	225,000.00	Salaries of Resident Clergy	11,999.30	12,300.00
Special Collections	18,873.50	19,000.00	Extra Services of Clergy	1,525.00	1,500.00
Perquisites	4,130.00	4,000.00	Lay Salaries	31,203.58	33,000.00
Ordinary Donations	11,109.00	11,000.00	Sanctuary and Sacristy Expenditures	6,173.86	6,000.00
Votive Candles net of Receipts	270.78	300.00	Ordinary Repairs	8,071.30	8,000.00
Misc. Regular Receipts	-	-	Missions and Novenas	275.62	-
<b>Total Regular Receipts</b>	<b>258,880.51</b>	<b>259,300.00</b>	Magazines, Literature, etc.	-	300.00
<b>Auxiliary Receipts:</b>			Other Incidental Expenses	-	-
Fundraising Income	14,010.18	14,000.00	<b>Total Parish Expenditures</b>	<b>59,248.66</b>	<b>61,100.00</b>
Investment Income	1,436.50	1,500.00	<b>Rectory:</b>		
Rental Income	14,150.00	14,000.00	Lay Salaries	25,598.43	27,000.00
Other Auxiliary Receipts	-	-	Cost of Provisions	92.51	-
<b>Total Auxiliary Receipts</b>	<b>29,596.68</b>	<b>29,500.00</b>	Furnishings	211.96	-
<b>Total Ordinary Receipts</b>	<b>288,477.19</b>	<b>288,800.00</b>	Ordinary Repairs	9,754.31	10,000.00
<b>Extraordinary Receipts:</b>			Telephone and Office Expense	9,374.86	9,500.00
Parish Campaign Drives	8,629.94	17,000.00	Retreats/Clergy Conferences/Education	-	-
Extraordinary Donations and Bequests	2,000.00	2,000.00	Other Incidental Expenses	102.44	100.00
<b>Total Extraordinary Receipts</b>	<b>10,629.94</b>	<b>19,000.00</b>	<b>Total Rectory Expenditures</b>	<b>45,134.51</b>	<b>46,600.00</b>
<b>Non-Assessed Receipts:</b>			<b>All Other Separate Buildings:</b>		
Parish Sale of Annual Catholic Appeal	1,000.00	1,000.00	Ordinary Repairs	-	-
Mass Stipend Transfer Amount	20.00	400.00	Other Incidental Expense	-	-
Loan Proceeds	100,000.00	-	<b>Total Separate Buildings Expenditures</b>	-	-
Other	-	36,500.00	<b>Religious Education:</b>		
<b>Total Non-Assessed Receipts</b>	<b>101,020.00</b>	<b>37,900.00</b>	Books and Supplies	1,209.50	-
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>400,127.13</b>	<b>345,700.00</b>	Other Incidental Expenses	1,642.00	500.00
Diocesan and Other Special Collections	19,835.23	-	<b>Total Religious Education Expenditures</b>	<b>2,851.50</b>	<b>500.00</b>
			<b>General Expense:</b>		
			Utilities	19,415.55	17,000.00
			Lay Payroll Taxes and Benefits	15,081.62	19,500.00
			Insurance - Property, Liability, Auto and W/C	32,793.00	29,000.00
			Other General Expense	210.00	-
			<b>Total General Items</b>	<b>67,500.17</b>	<b>65,500.00</b>
			<b>Diocesan Assessments:</b>		
			Cathedrarium Assessment	45,352.66	56,000.00
			Education Evangelization Assessment	47,289.00	46,000.00
			<b>Total Diocesan Assessment</b>	<b>92,641.66</b>	<b>102,000.00</b>
			<b>Extraordinary Accounts:</b>		
			Extraordinary Repairs and Improvements	72,487.08	36,500.00
			Debt - MAP Principal and Interest	3,109.14	12,500.00
			Deposit to Savings	57,000.00	-
			<b>Total Extraordinary Accounts</b>	<b>132,596.22</b>	<b>49,000.00</b>
			<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>399,972.72</b>	<b>324,700.00</b>
			Diocesan and Other Special Collections	19,835.23	-

# 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
<b>Income</b>		
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%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>9,949,145</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
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%
	<b>3,650,611</b>	<b>36.69%</b>
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%
	<b>4,355,934</b>	<b>43.78%</b>
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%
	<b>414,560</b>	<b>4.17%</b>
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%
	<b>1,250,575</b>	<b>12.57%</b>
CARA:		
Priests on Leave Expenses	188,365	1.89%
Priests on Leave Medical Insurance	77,100	0.77%
Victim Counseling	12,000	0.12%
	<b>277,465</b>	<b>2.79%</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>9,949,145</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

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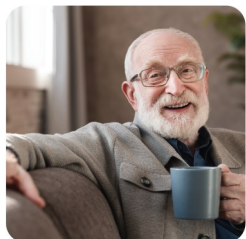
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