

NOVEMBER 09, 2025

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome



Saint John Gualbert Cathedral

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



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

Saint Patrick Church

P.O. Box 806, Johnstown, PA 15907-0806
Office: 814-539-2186 <http://stpatricktjtown.com>
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V. Rev Matthew Baum, Pastor
Deacon Rick Messina



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



Week of November 09, 2025



1st Reading:
Ezekiel 47:1-2,
8-9, 12

2nd Reading:
1 Corinthians 3:9c-11,
16-17

Gospel:
John 2:13-22

ST JOHN GUALBERT

Saturday 8:00AM	Nov 8th 31st Week in Ordinary Time St. Anne Society
Vigil—Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome	
6:00PM	Eugene F. Ritter <i>Anniversary 10/28</i> (Andrea & Ray Ritter)
Sunday	Nov 9th Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome
7:00AM	People of the Parish
11:00AM	John Pencola <i>Birthday Remembrance</i> (Wife: Palma)
5:00PM	Joe, Ronnie & Catherine Kmetz & Ann Lubera (Catherine Kmetz Family)
Monday	Nov 10th 32nd Week in Ordinary Time
7:00AM	Anna Ritter-'Grandma' <i>Anniversary</i> (Andrea & Ray Ritter)
12:05PM	No Mass
Tuesday	Nov 11th 32nd Week in Ordinary Time
	<i>Veterans' Day</i>
7:00AM	Jeanne Kovach (Lois Babik)
12:05PM	Carolyn Concannon <i>Happy Birthday</i> (Brigid & Phil)
Wednesday	Nov 12th 32nd Week in Ordinary Time
7:00AM	Fr. John F. Brezovic (Patricia Baiagusz)
12:05PM	Bruno Policicchio <i>Birthday Remembrance</i> (Son: Ben & Family)
Thursday	Nov 13th 32nd Week in Ordinary Time
7:00AM	No Mass
12:05PM	Betty J. Antesberger <i>Anniversary</i> (Family)
Friday	Nov 14th 32nd Week in Ordinary Time
7:00AM	Thomas M. Komar <i>Birthday Remembrance 10/29</i> (Thomas A. Komar)
12:05PM	Sylvis E. Burns (Victoria Cucciardo)
Saturday	Nov 15th 32nd Week in Ordinary Time
8:00AM	John Brothers (Mike & Christine Brothers)
Vigil—Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time	
6:00PM	Katie Isabella Marie Barron (Mom & Dad)
Sunday	Nov 16th Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00AM	People of the Parish
11:00AM	Rene Vavrek (Family)
5:00PM	Jeanne Kovach (Lois Babik)



Nov. 10 at St. Peter in Chains Parish, behind the walls of SCI Somerset:
St. Anne Society

ST PATRICK

Saturday	Nov 8th Vigil—Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome
4:00PM	Barbara Holtzman <i>Anniversary 11/10</i> (Roberta Holtzman)
Sunday	Nov 9th Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome
9:00AM	Michael Benyacko, Sr. <i>Birthday Remembrance</i> (Marianna Mariskanich)
Thursday	Nov 13th 32nd Week in Ordinary Time
8:00AM	Mary Mastrolembro (Bea Edwards)
Saturday	Nov 15th Vigil— Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00PM	Walter J. & Rose H. Rummel <i>Anniversary</i> (Family)
Sunday	Nov 16th Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00AM	Deceased Members of the Beckman & Knox Families (Mary Beckman Knox)

Parish Staff & Volunteers

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

Faith Formation /Sacramental Prep

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

RCIA

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

Prayer Chain

Dr. Joyce Werner: 814-288-1186

Catholic Outreach

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

Catholic Charities

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

Crisis Pregnancy/Pro-Life:

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

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

Physical locations:

St. John Gualbert Cathedral 117 Clinton Street Johnstown, PA 15901	St. Patrick Church 609 Park Avenue Johnstown, PA 15902
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COLLECTIONS

Shared Parish Information:

Collection St John Gualbert 11/02/2025	
Weekly Envelopes	\$3,714.20
Cash	710.00
Online	425.00
Maintenance	578.00
Hurricane Relief	698.00
SVdP	50.00
World Mission Sunday	2.00
Retirement Fund/Religious	20.00
All Saints	499.00
All Souls	470.00
Food Drive/Thanksgiving	115.00
Private Donation	150.00
New Years	1.00
Ash Wednesday	1.00
Holy Thursday	1.00
Good Friday	1.00
Easter	5.00
Ascension	1.00
Assumption	1.00
Christmas Flowers	125.00
Immaculate Conception	1.00
Christmas	25.00
Total	\$7,593.20

Collection St Patrick 11/02/2025	
Envelopes	\$3,986.25
Cash	268.00
Children's Envelopes	12.00
Online Donations	35.00
Maintenance	339.00
Fuel & Air	70.00
SVdP	74.00
Hurricane Relief	465.00
All Souls Day	332.00
All Saints Day	248.00
Retired Priests' Medical	63.00
Catholic Charities	10.00
Christmas Flowers	10.00
Assumption	13.00
Votives	43.00
Private Donation	3,500.00
Total	\$9,468.25

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

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, November 9: Religious Education 9:00-10:15 am
Resurrection Parish Center and Oratory Hall

Sunday, November 16: Religious Education 9:00 am 10:15 am
Resurrection Parish Center and Oratory Hall, Rite of Blessing for
Confirmation students (those who have applied for Confirmation
in 2026) from Resurrection and St. Clare's at Resurrection
Church 10:30 mass.

Sunday, November 23: Religious Education 9:00-10:15 am
Resurrection Parish Center and Oratory

Sunday, November 30: NO CLASS- Happy Thanksgiving!

Sunday, December 7: Religious Education 9:00-10:15 am
Resurrection Parish Center and Confirmation Mentor meeting
Oratory and Oratory Hall.

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

OCIA/Basics of Faith

Sunday, November 9: OCIA - Mary & the Saints

Sunday, November 16: OCIA - Sponsors & Saints names

Sunday, November 23: OCIA NO CLASS - Rite of Acceptance

Sunday, November 30: OCIA NO CLASS - Thanksgiving!

Sunday, December 7: OCIA - Protoevangelium of James

Sunday, December 14: OCIA - The Last Things

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



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

As Vincentians, we encounter Christ regularly in meeting with
individuals requesting aid, and when we do, we should encounter Him
without considering material attachments; we should not desecrate the
temple of the Father seated before us by reducing the encounter to a
math problem (do we have enough to pay the bill?) rather than a sharing,
foremost, of God's love through our selfless and humble service.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit:

Holy Spirit, set our hearts on fire. Let your light shine through the
works we do in the name of the Father. Lord, let your face shine on us as
we work with joy, always to do your will. Amen

Anyone interested in joining the St. John conference is welcome
to attend our next meetings which are held at the St. John Activity Center
in the St. Joseph Room located on the lower level. Bring a friend and
remember the organization is not for Catholics only:

- ◆ Thursday, November 20 at 6:00 PM
- ◆ Saturday, December 6 at 9:00 PM

"Let us then be merciful and let us exercise mercy towards all in a way
that we will never find a poor man without consoling him.... O Savior, do
not permit that we abuse our vocation. Do not take away from us the spirit
of mercy, because what would become of us if you should withdraw your
mercy from us. Give us, then, that mercy along with the spirit of
gentleness and humility."

— St. Vincent de Paul

Christian Life & Service: At SJG

Spaghetti Dinner/ Basket Party Thank You to All!

Gloria Stephens and the whole St. John Gualbert Christian
Life and Service Group would like to thank all those who came to
participate with the dinner/ basket party as well as all the generous
people who donated baskets, cash etc. and/or volunteered to work
for this fundraiser! It was a roaring success!

Many prizes were given away last Sunday and lots of
people have been at the rectory this past week claiming their
winnings. As the signs promised, the meal was delicious.

We would like to give recognition to the students from
Bishop McCort for assisting with the serving and wiping of tables
as well as guiding the people to their seats, etc. We thank you!

Fr. Simon attended with his charming smile for everyone.
Fr. Matt also attended and acted as the MC to pull the winning
tickets plus tell lots of jokes to keep things lively - the SJG version
of Pat Sajak! We thank you both for your efforts on our behalf.

Again we say thank you to everyone for coming out to
make our 2025 event a SUCCESS!

-St. John Gualbert Christian Life & Service

At SPJ

The Blessing Box:

St. Patrick's Church has a **Blessing Box** available to support our
community. You're invited to help by donating non-perishable food
items—every little bit makes a big difference!

And please remember:

If you or someone you know is in need, the Blessing Box is for
everyone. Take what you need, and give what you can.

Thank you for helping us care for one another!

-St. Patrick Christian Life & Service

Deacon Rick's Corner

Quote:

"From the Eucharist comes
the strength to live the Christian life
and the zeal to share that life with
others."

-Pope Saint John Paul II

Book:

Hungry Souls: Supernatural Visits,
Messages, and Warnings from
Purgatory

-by Gerard J. M. van den Aardweg



Farewell Social for Fr. Simon:

We will be having a farewell social,
given from both St. John Gualbert and St.
Patrick parishes for Fr. Simon, at the St. John
Gualbert Activities Center on Adams Street,
Sunday, November 16th following the 11:00AM
Mass at the Cathedral.

**The social will begin at NOON and
there will be cookies and light
refreshments.** Please join us to wish him well
with his new assignment, and to make sure
that he is completely unable to forget us!



MINISTERS SCHEDULES:

ST JOHN GUALBERT CATHEDRAL Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Nov 15th, 6:00PM Mass

Reader	Joe Mazzarella
Reader	Pat Loughlin
Eucharistic Minister	Dixie Lochrie
Server	Rich Ott
Audio Operator	Michael Stoskey
Sacristan	Rich Ott
Cantor	Ryan Kucera

Sun Nov 16th, 7:00AM Mass

Reader	Christine Brothers
Reader	Fred Oliveros
Eucharistic Minister	Carmen Grasso
Eucharistic Minister	Volunteer Needed
Eucharistic Minister	Rose Ann Schellhammer
Server	Dave Harteis
Audio Operator	Patrick McClain
Sacristan	Dave Harteis
Cantor	Deb McGraw

Sun Nov 16th, 11:00AM Mass

Reader	Heather Jezeskie
Reader	Mary Jane Verbiar
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Rick Messina
Eucharistic Minister	Matthew Krawczyk
Eucharistic Minister	Volunteer Needed
Server	Kaleb Krawczyk
Server	Charlotte DeArmitt
Server	Mason Dekrines
Audio Operator	Kevin Slonka
Sacristan	Matthew Krawczyk
Cantor	Kelli Slonka

Sun Nov 16th, 5:00PM Mass

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

ST PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Nov 15th, 4:00PM Mass

Cantor	Choir
Server	Jerry Stofko
Eucharistic Minister	Cindy Stofko
Eucharistic Minister	Connie Cassidy
Eucharistic Minister	Kathy Kristofko
Sacristan	Cindy Stofko
Reader	Mary Ann Craig

Sun Nov 16th, 9:00AM Mass

Cantor	Eric Ecklund
Server	Sam Correll
Eucharistic Minister	Marge Sindler
Eucharistic Minister	Joyce Werner
Eucharistic Minister	Charlotte Ecklund
Sacristan	Rita Redden
Reader	Rita Redden

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 - Jean Arcurio - (814)241-9972

*** ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR BOTH PARISHES ***

"Called by Name" Diocesan Vocations Campaign Weekend:

At St. John Gualbert Cathedral and St. Patrick Church, participation in the Bishop's Vocations Campaign is being moved due to Proclaim TV's annual recognition of the Veterans in our area, in time for the upcoming November 11th National Holiday.

Both parishes will support Bishop Mark's project to identify candidates for the priesthood on Saturday & Sunday, November 15th & 16th. On that weekend, everyone who attends Mass at either parish will find the card below to use to nominate a potential priest by filling in the details on the back of the ballot. The information will be forwarded to the Diocese for consideration as outlined on the form. ***Your help is desperately needed to decrease the shortage of priests in our area.***



CALLED BY NAME

HONORING FAITHFUL YOUNG MEN

Bishop Mark Bartchak would like to honor young men in the diocese who love Christ and the Church and invite them to consider the priesthood.



Will you submit the names of faithful teens and young men from your parish and school?

Those nominated will receive a personal letter of congratulations from the bishop. In the months ahead, our Vocations Team will invite these men to events, offer personal support, and encourage them as they grow in faith and discern their vocations.




ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN VOCATIONS

"Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name and you are mine." Is. 43:1

Bible Study:

Bible Study Class will continue **on Thursday, November 13th, at 6PM due to the loss of Fr. Simon.** All sessions will be based on the upcoming Sunday Mass readings and will be held in the St. Patrick's Parish basement gathering room, (609 Park Avenue), you can park in the lot **behind** the Church and the door to the meeting is adjacent to the parking lot. This session will be based on: Malachi 3:19-20a, 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12, and Luke 21:5-19. **All are welcome!**

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

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

St John Gualbert Cemetery

2026 Calendar Tickets

\$25-\$250 per day for 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
\$250	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$50
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Tickets are \$25/each

Call the St John Gualbert Parish Office
814-536-0117

Diocesan Second Collection:

The second collection at all Masses for both parishes on Saturday & Sunday, November 15th & 16th will be for Catholic Charities. There is an envelope in the packets for this purpose.

This year has been especially difficult for those with less resources to be able buy the necessities &/or keep up with bills, etc. We ask that you be as generous as possible, thank you.

Stewardship Reflection - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome:

Today's readings challenge us to focus on the "why" of stewardship. Why embrace this challenging way of life when it seems hard enough just to pay the bills, take care of our loved ones, meet the demands of our jobs, and fall into bed at the end of each full day? Because this life is not all there is. We were made for more – for eternal happiness in union with God. While we cannot earn our way into Heaven, what we do now with the life God has given us has eternal consequences. Stewardship living helps us to keep focused on our hoped-for destination in the choices we make each day.

In our Gospel passage from Luke, Christ reminds us very clearly that we were made for more than just this life and that our choices in this life have eternal consequences. In this passage, our Lord corrects some Sadducees for their mistaken notion that there is no resurrection. He instructs that "those who are deemed worth to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead... can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are

the children of God because they are the ones who will rise."

We should embrace the stewardship way of life to thank God for all His gifts to us and so that we may attain the gift of eternal life and the everlasting happiness of Heaven with Him.

St. John Gualbert

Current Events:

11-9 9AM Religious Ed at Resurrection
 11-9 6:30PM OCIA Class; AC-SJ
 11-11 Veterans' Day - the office is closed for the Holiday
 11-12 7PM SJG Choir; Cathedral
 11-13 3PM Eucharistic Adoration; Shrine
 11-13 6PM Deacon Rick's Bible Study at St. Pat's; REC
 11-14 6PM Theology on Tap-Trivia Night; Catholic War Vets
 11-15 & 16 2nd Collection at all Masses-Catholic Charities
 11-16 9AM Religious Ed at Resurrection
 11-16 10:30AM CLS at Saturday's Kitchen
 11-16 11AM Annual Proclaim Veteran's Recognition Mass
 11-16 12PM Fr. Simon's Farewell Social at the ACH
 11-16 6:30PM OCIA Class; AC-SJ

Christmas Wreath Fundraiser: Mark your calendar!

The **PICKUP DATE** for your wreaths will be on **Sunday, Dec. 7, 2025**. Pickup times are as follows:



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

Pickup will be at the St. John Gualbert Activities Center on Adams Street. Thank you for supporting our Christmas Wreath fundraiser.

St. Patrick Church

Current events:

11-9 9AM Religious Ed at Resurrection
 11-9 6:30PM OCIA Class; AC-SJ
 11-11 Veterans' Day - the office is closed for the Holiday
 11-11 7PM SPJ Maintenance Meeting; REC
 11-13 3PM Eucharistic Adoration; Shrine
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Blessing Bags Drive – Donations Needed by Dec. 14, 2025:

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

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

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



St. Patrick's Angel Tree:

We will once again be collecting gifts for The Gabriel Project and Birthright this year. Ornaments will be available on the Christmas tree at the front of the church beginning the weekend of November 15–16. Please return your gifts no later than December 7, 2025, so we can distribute them to these wonderful programs in time for the holidays.

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

St. Patrick Small Group Discussions:

St. PATRICK small group discussions, based on the readings for the following Sunday, will resume on Monday, November 17, 2025 in the Rec Room of the Rectory at 6:30 pm. Meetings will continue through December 15th. Any questions, please contact Harry Mangus at 814 525-9943. Everyone is welcome. You may attend any sessions you want.

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

DECEMBER 2025 COMMUNITY BREAKFAST:

In lieu of hosting a December breakfast, the St. Benedict Breakfast committee will be collecting donations to support the St. Benedict Knight of Columbus Food Pantry and The St. Vincent de Paul Johnstown Food Pantry at 927 Franklin Street (separate from the soup kitchen), as well as the food pantry at St. Clements.

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

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

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

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

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

- Scan the QR code or visit <https://saint-benedict-church-breakfast.square.site/#items>.
- Log into your ParishSOFT account through our website (www.stbenedictchurch.org) and choose "one time gift" then "St. Vincent de Paul" from the dropdown menu.
- Put your donation in an envelope marked December Breakfast Food Insecurities and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory.
- Share this information with your family and friends!

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

Divine Mercy Prayer Group:

Divine Mercy Prayer Group next get together will be Wed. Nov. 12th at 3pm and 6:30pm. This is coming into an exciting time of year with our service projects! Come see how we STRIVE to show Mercy to Others! For more information or questions please reach out to Cathy 814-288-1126 or Lolly 814-659-8717

Young Adult Group (18-39): We are hosting our first Trivia Night on November 14th at 6pm at the Catholic War Vets. We are already scheduling speakers into 2026 including Religious and Diocesan Priests, Laypeople, Religious Sisters, and even an Archbishop! All young adults (18-39) and families with their children are invited to join us for faith and fellowship! For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.



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November 2, 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

As your bishop, one of my greatest responsibilities is to ensure that the faithful of our diocese will always have good and holy priests to shepherd them. And yet, priestly vocations are never the work of one person alone. They arise when the whole Church prays for, encourages, and calls forth those men whom God has chosen.

Nov. 15 & 16 at SJG & SPJ

For this reason, our diocese is launching a special **Called by Name** campaign on ~~November 8-9~~, during which I ask that you help me identify young men who demonstrate faith, generosity, and leadership.

The young men you nominate do not need to have already expressed a desire for the priesthood. Rather, we seek to honor and encourage those who live their faith with integrity, serve generously, and show potential for Christian leadership. Your nomination may be the spark that helps a young man open his heart more fully to God's call.

I ask each of you to prayerfully submit the name of at least one (or several) such young men. You may use the cards provided at Mass or submit names online at ajvocations.org. For those under 18, please include their parents' names as well.

This effort is dear to my heart. With your thoughtful participation, I am confident the Lord will raise up many new shepherds for his people. May this campaign bear lasting fruit for our diocese and for the salvation of souls.

Sincerely in Christ,

+ Mark J. Butchak

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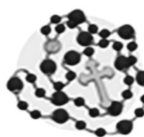
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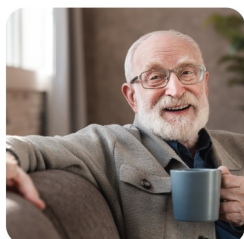
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