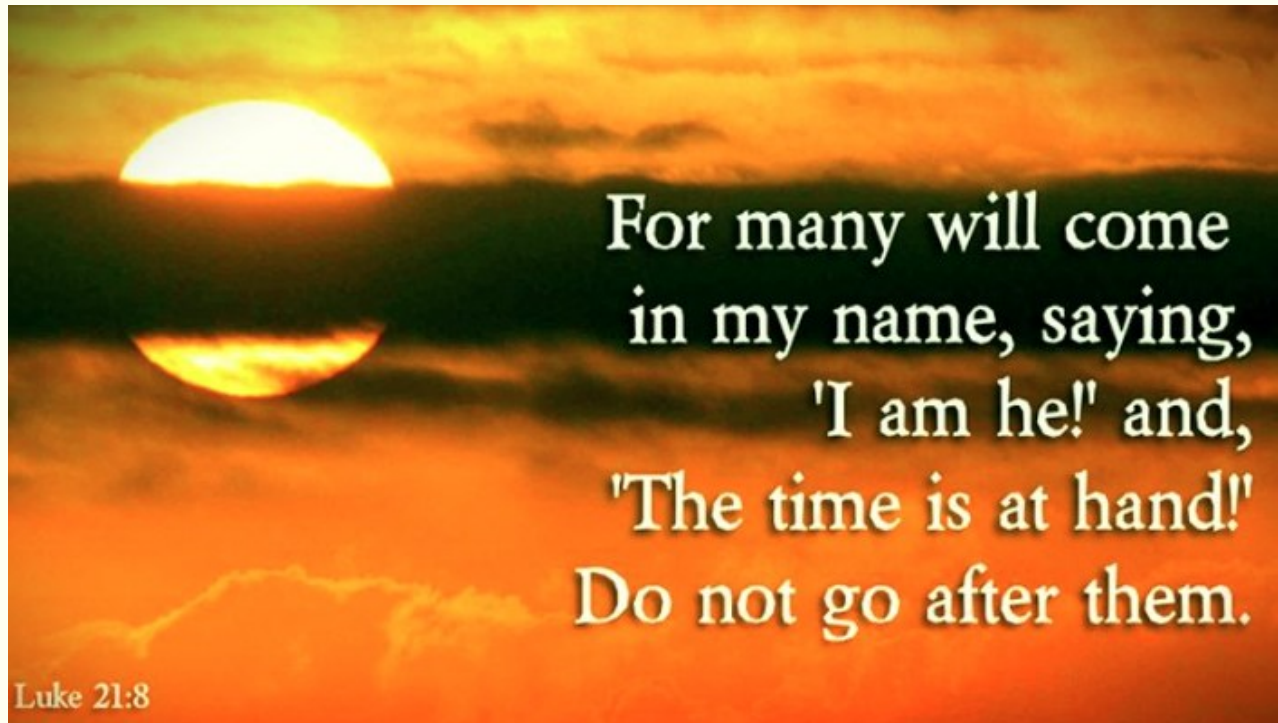


NOVEMBER 16, 2025

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint John Gualbert Cathedral

PO Box 807 Johnstown, PA 15907-0807
Office: 814-536-0117 <http://www.stjohngualbert.org>
johnstowncathedral@dioceseaj.org

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



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

Saint Patrick Church

P.O. Box 806, Johnstown, PA 15907-0806
Office: 814-539-2186 <http://stpatrickjtown.com>
stpatrickjtown@dioceseaj.org

V. Rev Matthew Baum, Pastor
Deacon Rick Messina



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



Week of November 16, 2025



1st Reading:
Malachi 3:19-20a

2nd Reading:
2 Thessalonians
3:17-12

Gospel:
Luke 21:5-19

ST JOHN GUALBERT

Saturday 8:00AM **Nov 15th 32nd Week in Ordinary Time**
John Brothers (Mike & Christine Brothers)

Vigil—Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
6:00PM Katie Isabella Marie Barron (Mom & Dad)

Sunday 7:00AM **Nov 16th Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
People of the Parish
11:00AM Rene Vavrek (Family)
5:00PM Jeanne Kovach (Lois Babik)

Monday 7:00AM **Nov 17th 33rd Week in Ordinary Time**
Leira Policicchio *Birthday Remembrance* (Son: Ben & Family)
12:05PM **No Mass**

Tuesday 7:00AM **Nov 18th 33rd Week in Ordinary Time**
Irena Noonan *Birthday Remembrance* (Betty King)
12:05PM Corita Huffman (Family)

Wednesday 7:00AM **Nov 19th 33rd Week in Ordinary Time**
Bernie Frick *Anniversary 11/10* (Andrea & Ray Ritter)
12:05PM Frances Mondt (Frank & Julie Mondt)

Thursday 7:00AM **Nov 20th 33rd Week in Ordinary Time**
No Mass
12:05PM Fr. John F. Brezovec (Patricia Baiagusz)

Friday 7:00AM **Nov 21st 33rd Week in Ordinary Time**
Michael Czerak (Andrea & Ray Ritter)
12:05PM Jason Andrew Burkhardt *Rest in Peace* (Aunt: Juanita Burkhardt)

Saturday 8:00AM **Nov 22nd 33rd Week in Ordinary Time**
Baby Slebodnick (Sleboznick Family)

Vigil—Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
6:00PM Sylvia E. Burns (Theresa Conway)

Sunday 7:00AM **Nov 23rd Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**
People of the Parish
11:00AM Walter C. Weaver (Dave & Carrie Weaver)
5:00PM Mary Schuster *1yr Anniversary* (Brigid & Philip)



Nov. 17th at St. Peter in Chains Parish, behind the walls of SCI Somerset:
St. Anne Society

ST PATRICK

Saturday 4:00PM **Nov 15th Vigil— Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Walter J. & Rose H. Rummel *Anniversary* (Family)

Sunday 9:00AM **Nov 16th Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Deceased Members of the Beckman & Knox Families
(Mary Beckman Knox)

Thursday 8:00AM **Nov 20th 33rd Week in Ordinary Time**
Donald "Jack" & Esther "Essie" Wilfong (Children & Grandchildren)

Saturday 4:00PM **Nov 22nd Vigil—Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**
Charles Holtzman (Roberta Holtzman)

Sunday 9:00AM **Nov 23rd Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**
Travis Kutchma *Anniversary 11/29* (Family)

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

Collection St John Gualbert 11/09/2025	
Weekly Envelopes	\$3,802.50
Cash	976.00
Online	425.00
Maintenance	812.00
SVdP	20.00
Retired Priests' Medical	20.00
All Saints	47.00
All Souls	5.00
Christmas Flowers	700.00
Total	\$6,807.50

St. John Gualbert



St. Patrick



Collection St Patrick 11/09/2025	
Envelopes	\$4,168.00
Cash	125.00
Children's Envelopes	12.00
Online Donations	35.00
Maintenance	152.00
Fuel & Air	370.00
SVdP	70.00
Hurricane Relief	1,080.00
All Souls Day	55.00
All Saints Day	42.00
World Mission Sunday	10.00
Catholic Charities	50.00
Christmas Flowers	100.00
Votives	30.00
Total	\$6,299.00

Shared Parish Information:

Office Hours: Monday through Friday 9AM - 3PM.

Parishioner Registration: If you would like to join either of our parishes, please contact the rectory/church office. Registration, the practice of stewardship and regular participation in the sacraments, indicates that a person is an active member of the parish and is eligible to act as a godparent or a sponsor. As a church community seeking to be faith-filled disciples and good stewards, the sacrifice of our time, talent, and treasure is essential for the common good.

Moving or joining a different parish: Please remember to notify us if you have a change of address or will be leaving either of our parishes so we can update our records and notify the diocese of the change.

Anointing of the Sick: Upon request for the sick or homebound.

Infant Baptism & Christian Initiation of Adults: Call the church office, (814)536-0117.

Marriage: 9-month notice; pre-marital preparation required.

Mass Intentions: ALL mass intentions are handled through the St. John Gualbert office. If you would like to have a mass offered, please fill out the form in the churches or available on the parish website, put it in an envelope with the mass donation (\$10) and drop it off in the collection basket or at the parish office. A copy of the rules and policies for Mass intentions are also available in the churches.

Do you know anyone who can't make it to mass? If you have a family member who is sick or infirmed and unable to attend mass, please let us know. Father makes periodic rounds to visit the sick. In time, we would also like to find Eucharistic Ministers to do the same. If there is ever an emergency, call the parish number and leave a message for Fr. Matt. It is very important that those who are seriously ill or in danger of death are able to receive the sacraments, but we don't know unless you tell us. Don't be afraid to call.

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	16,032.00	
St. Patrick	Goal:	\$24,900.00	
	Receipts	16,527.00	

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.

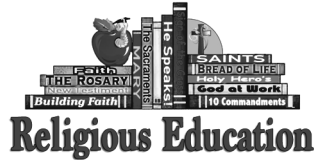
Sunday, November 16: Religious Education 9:00 am 10:15 am
 Resurrection Parish Center and Oratory Hall, Rite of Blessing for
 Confirmation students (those who have applied for Confirmation
 in 2026) from Resurrection and St. Clare's at Resurrection
 Church 10:30 mass.

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 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 members of St. Vincent de Paul further explore the virtues of the
 organization, the following is a reminder of our ministry:

"Brothers and sisters: Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another;
 for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments,
 You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; shall
 not covet, and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed
 up into the saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."
 Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law."
 Romans 13: 8-10

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

Lord, grant us the humility to serve in silence
 the unseen and unknown, except by those
 served and may they come to know you
 through this wordless witness. Amen



Christian Life & Service: **At SJG**

Angel Tree:

The fall leaves are on the ground and Christmas will soon
 be upon us! So get ready for our Angel Tree
 Project. This year we will be collecting
 donations of gift cards for the Cambria County
 Children & Youth Services for Christmas. You
 can purchase gift cards from any of the local
 businesses, such as Walmart, Sheetz, Dollar
 General, or any local grocery store. If you are
 unable to pick up a gift card, you can also give a cash donation
 and we can make the purchase of a gift card for you.

Donations will be accepted at all the masses on the
 weekends of November 22nd & 23rd, and then again November
 29 & 30th.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

-St. John Gualbert Christian Life & Service

At SPJ

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 Christian Life & Service

At Both

Farewell Social for Fr. Simon:

We will be having a farewell social, planned by both St.
 John Gualbert and St. Patrick Christian Life
 and Service Groups on behalf of both
 parishes, for Fr. Simon, at the St. John
 Gualbert Activities Center on Adams Street,
this Sunday, November 16th following the
11:00AM Mass.

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!

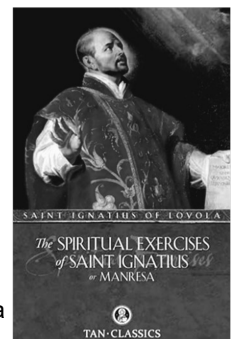


Deacon Rick's Corner

Quote:

"O MY GOD, TEACH ME TO BE
 GENEROUS, TO SERVE YOU AS YOU
 DESERVE TO BE SERVED, TO GIVE WITHOUT
 COUNTING THE COST, TO FIGHT WITHOUT
 FEAR OF BEING WOUNDED, TO WORK
 WITHOUT SEEKING REST, AND TO SPEND
 MYSELF WITHOUT EXPECTING ANY REWARD
 BUT THE KNOWLEDGE THAT I AM DOING
 YOUR HOLY WILL, AMEN."

-Saint Ignatius of Loyola



Book:

The Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola

-by St. Ignatius of Loyola

MINISTERS SCHEDULES:

ST JOHN GUALBERT CATHEDRAL Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Nov 22nd, 6:00PM Mass

Reader	Susan Kamnikar
Reader	Elizabeth Rhoades
Eucharistic Minister	Anthony Kamnikar
Server	Steve Molnar
Audio Operator	Michael Stoskey
Sacristan	Steve Molnar
Cantor	Namita Gallo

Sun Nov 23rd, 7:00AM Mass

Reader	Dave Weaver
Reader	Carrie Weaver
Eucharistic Minister	Gloria Stephens
Eucharistic Minister	Melissa Gates
Eucharistic Minister	Carmen Grasso
Server	Rich Ott
Audio Operator	Peter T. Yanko
Sacristan	Gloria Stephens
Cantor	Deb McGraw

Sun Nov 23rd, 11:00AM Mass

Reader	JoAnn Kopco
Reader	Beth Stem
Eucharistic Minister	Lonnie Rietscha
Eucharistic Minister	Matthew Krawczyk
Eucharistic Minister	Pam Sabol
Servers	Charlotte & Elizabeth Wills
Server	Jaycob Lavelly
Audio Operator	Russ Smith
Sacristan	Matthew Krawczyk
Cantor	Ryan Kucera

Sun Nov 23rd, 5:00PM Mass

Reader	Pat Loughlin
Reader	Dixie Lochrie
Eucharistic Minister	Kristen Caddy
Server	Paige Titus
Audio Operator	Evonne Yanzetich
Sacristan	Kristen Caddy
Cantor	Brigid Starchok

Thu Nov 27th, 9:00AM - Thanksgiving Day

Reader	Mary Jane Verbiar
Reader	Fred Oliveros
Eucharistic Minister	Mathew Krawczyk
Server	Kaleb Krawczyk
Audio Operator	Peter T. Yanko
Sacristan	Dave Harteis
Cantor	Rose Eckenrod

ST PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Nov 22nd, 4:00PM Mass

Cantor	Ed Herdman
Server	Sydnee Dixon
Eucharistic Minister	Connie Cassidy
Eucharistic Minister	Rick Maser
Eucharistic Minister	Cindy Stofko
Sacristan	Connie Cassidy
Reader	Rick Maser

Sun Nov 23rd, 9:00AM Mass

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

*** 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 WAS MOVED TO THIS WEEKEND. Both parishes will support Bishop Mark's project to identify candidates for the priesthood. Everyone who attends Mass at either parish will find the card below to use to nominate a potential priest. Please fill in the details on the back of the ballot. The information will be forwarded to the Diocese for consideration as outlined on the form. As we all know the Holy Spirit works through all of us with promptings of ways to fulfill the wishes of the Father. Let us pray for inspiration to know which young men to nominate. ***Our help is desperately needed to decrease the shortage of priests in our area. Please participate with this effort.***



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
VOICATIONS**

"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 be deferred/ discontinued while the St. Patrick Small Group Discussions - also based on the readings for the following Sunday, starts up on Monday, November 17th, 2025 and occurs each week through December 15th. Sessions start at 6:30PM in the REC room of the Park Street Rectory. Any questions, please contact Harry Mangus at 814 525-9943. Everyone is welcome. You may attend any sessions you want.

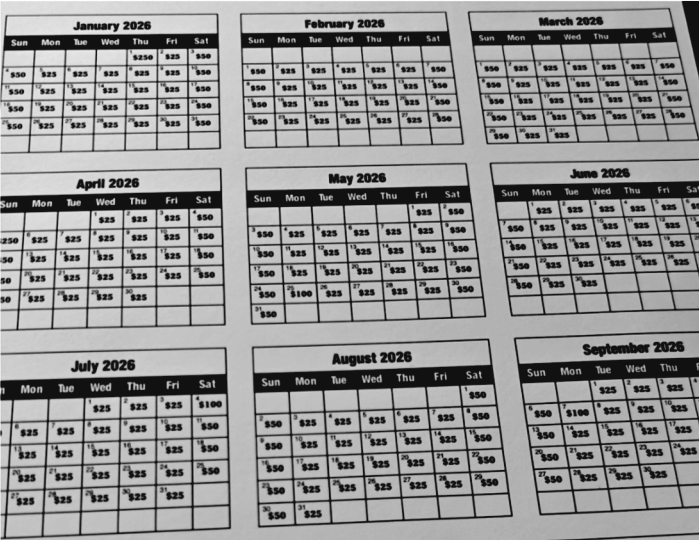
Cemetery Calendar Tickets Available: These tickets make the best stocking stuffers for Christmas! They keep on giving for all 365 days of 2026..... Simplify your Christmas gift list and pick one up for your family and friends.

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



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 this weekend, 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.

Young Adult Group (18-39):

Our next Theology on Tap is Wednesday November 19th at the Boulevard Grill at 6pm with Carrie Weaver speaking on Church Art and Architecture. 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, food, and fellowship! For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.

The Catholic Ministries Drive:

The Catholic Ministries Drive is more than a fundraiser—it's a call to live out our faith through action. Every gift supports vital ministries that bring Christ's love to our neighbors in need. From nurturing vocations and strengthening Catholic education to feeding the hungry and comforting the sick, your generosity fuels the mission of the Church in our diocese.

This year, we invite you to be part of something bigger than yourself. Your donation helps ensure that our parishes, schools,

and outreach programs continue to thrive and serve with compassion. Whether it's a child discovering Christ in a classroom, a future seminarian answering God's vocation call to the priesthood, or a family receiving hope during hardship—you make that possible.

Please prayerfully consider making a gift to the Catholic Ministries Drive. Every dollar stays within our diocese and directly supports the ministries that touch lives every day. Together, we can build a stronger, more vibrant Church rooted in faith, hope, and love.

iGiveCatholic - 2025:

About Giving Day - Celebrated annually since 2015 on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving, #iGiveCatholic on GivingTuesday kicks off the charitable season and brings the Catholic community together to "Give Back and Give Catholic".

As the first-ever giving day created to celebrate our unique Catholic heritage, #iGiveCatholic on GivingTuesday inspires faithful stewards to express their generosity in support of and gratitude for their beloved faith community and ministries on this global day of giving.

Bishop Mark has again approved the Diocese of Altoona – Johnstown's participation in the #iGiveCatholic Giving Day on #GivingTuesday, December 2, 2025 - our 5th year participating in this great campaign. Over the past 4 years, we've raised over \$410,000 for our parishes, schools and ministries with the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown! As a donor, you can designate your donation to any charitable cause within the Diocese and/or your parish so that you direct exactly how the funds are distributed. For example, some give to Proclaim, others to St. Vincent de Paul, etc.

Giving Tuesday is the Tuesday following Thanksgiving. The goal of this giving day is to inspire the Catholic community to come together as faithful stewards and to "Give Thanks, Give Back and Give Catholic" on GivingTuesday, a global day dedicated to inspiring generosity.

Do You Have an End of Mass Announcement?

Many times parishioners ask to have some important event, notification, etc. announced at the end of weekend Masses following the prayer after Communion. Making sure that this happens with all the busy staff comings and goings, phone calls and so forth can be challenging. In order to make this process better, it has been suggested that all requests of this nature be handled as follows:

1. We need to have the announcement submitted to the rectory **no latter than 12 noon Wednesday - no exceptions.**
2. Please email them to eyanzetich@dioceseaj.org as she organizes these items along with the petitions for both parishes.

St. John Gualbert **Current Events:**

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 12PM Fr. Simon's Farewell Social at the ACH

11-16 6:30PM OCIA Class; AC-SJ

11-18 6:30PM Cemetery Meeting; RDR

11-19 6PM Theology on Tap; Boulevard Grill

11-19 7PM Private Bible Study Group; AC-SA

11-19 7PM SJG Choir; Cathedral

11-20 3PM Eucharistic Adoration; Shrine

11-20 6PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting; AC-SJ

11-22 & 11-23 SJG Angel Tree Tags Up at all Masses

11-23 9AM Religious Ed at Resurrection

11-23 9AM Rite of Acceptance - for both parishes at St. Patrick Church

Christmas Wreath Fundraiser: Mark your calendar!

The **PICKUP DATE** for your wreaths will be on **Sunday, Dec. 7, 2025.**

Someone will be at the Activities center DURING the following time slots only:



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

Our volunteers will be available at the times listed above, **ONLY. The wreaths may not be picked up outside those time slots.** We thank you for your adherence to their schedules and for supporting our Christmas Wreath fundraiser.

St. Patrick Church

Current events:

11-15 & 16 2nd Collection at all Masses-Catholic Charities
11-15 & 16 SPJ Angel Tree Tags Up
11-16 9AM Religious Ed at Resurrection
11-16 12PM Fr. Simon's Farewell Social at the ACH
11-16 6:30PM OCIA Class; AC-SJ
11-17 6:30PM SPJ Small Discussion Group; REC

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 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 6:30pm. 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:

Our NEXT Service Project is Christmas Caroling at Arbutus Park Manor

207 Ottawa St
Johnstown 15904
Wednesday Dec. 3rd
6:30pm

***Join Us in spreading Christmas Spirit (no need to be a member) We'd love to have YOU!!
Cathy 814-288-1126 or Lolly 814-659-8717



Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

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Altoona, PA 16601
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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,

+ *Michael J. Butchak*

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