



## NOVEMBER 23, 2025 SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

### **Saint John Gualbert Cathedral**

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

Most Rev Bishop Mark L Bartchak, JCD  
V. Rev Matthew Baum, Rector  
Fr. Canice McMullen, OSB  
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://stpatricktowntown.com>  
[stpatricktowntown@dioceseaj.org](mailto:stpatricktowntown@dioceseaj.org)

V. Rev Matthew Baum, Pastor  
Fr. Canice McMullen, OSB  
Deacon Rick Messina



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



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

**Monday** **Nov 24th 34th Week in Ordinary Time**  
7:00AM St. Anne Society  
12:05PM **No Mass**

**Tuesday** **Nov 25th 34th Week in Ordinary Time**  
7:00AM Judy O'Donnell Anniversary (Husband: Ed)  
12:05PM David Wilson (Wife: Valerie Wilson)

**Wednesday** **Nov 26th 34th Week in Ordinary Time**  
7:00AM Fr. John F. Brezovec (Patricia Baiagusz)  
12:05PM John Barberio 1st Anniversary 11/27 (Family)

**Thursday** **Nov 27th 34th Week in Ordinary Time - Thanksgiving Day**  
⇒ 9:00AM Jodie Hall *Journey back to good health* (Mike & Christine Brothers)  
12:05PM **No Other Mass**

**Friday** **Nov 28th 34th Week in Ordinary Time**  
7:00AM Deceased Members of the Beckman & Knox Families (Mary Beckman Knox)  
12:05PM Jeanne Kovach (Paulette Solomon)

**Saturday** **Nov 29th 34th Week in Ordinary Time**  
8:00AM St. Anne Society

**Vigil—First Sunday of Advent**  
6:00PM Edward A. Yingling (Cindy & Tom Westrick)

**Sunday** **Nov 30th First Sunday of Advent**  
7:00AM People of the Parish  
11:00AM Michael & Mary Ellen Leonard Anniversary (Sharon & Family)  
5:00PM Anna Ritter *Great Grandma's Anniversary* (Ray & Andrea Ritter)



Nov. 24th at St. Peter in Chains Parish, behind the walls of SCI Somerset:  
St. Anne Society

## ST PATRICK

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

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

**Thursday** **Nov 27th 33rd Week in Ordinary Time - Thanksgiving Day**  
⇒ 8:00AM **No Mass at St. Patrick Church**

**Saturday** **Nov 29th Vigil—First Sunday of Advent**  
4:00PM Ray Cassidy, Sr. (Ray & Connie Cassidy)

**Sunday** **Nov 30th First Sunday of Advent**  
9:00AM George Sr. & Verna Licastro (George Jr., Melanie & 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

**St. John Gualbert Cathedral**  
117 Clinton Street  
Johnstown, PA 15901

**St. Patrick Church**  
609 Park Avenue  
Johnstown, PA 15902

Physical locations:

## COLLECTIONS

## Shared Parish Information:

| Collection St John Gualbert 11/16/2025 |                   |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Weekly Envelopes                       | \$5475.50         |
| Cash                                   | 1,178.00          |
| Online                                 | 275.00            |
| Maintenance                            | 165.00            |
| SVdP                                   | 783.00            |
| Catholic Charities                     | 780.93            |
| All Saints                             | 75.00             |
| All Souls                              | 5.00              |
| Christmas Flowers                      | 263.00            |
| Hurricane Relief                       | 130.00            |
| Thanksgiving Food Drive                | 188.00            |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>\$9,318.43</b> |

St. John Gualbert



St. Patrick



| Collection St Patrick 11/16/2025 |                   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Envelopes                        | \$3,094.00        |
| Cash                             | 185.00            |
| Children's Envelopes             | 12.00             |
| Online Donations                 | 35.00             |
| Maintenance                      | 40.00             |
| Fuel & Air                       | 45.00             |
| SVdP                             | 324.00            |
| Immaculate Conception            | 5.00              |
| All Souls Day                    | 30.00             |
| All Saints Day                   | 22.00             |
| Christmas Day                    | 20.00             |
| Catholic Charities               | 531.00            |
| Christmas Flowers                | 328.00            |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>\$4,671.00</b> |

| 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](mailto:cbabik@dioceseaj.org).

**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.

**Sunday, December 21:** Religious Education 9:00-10:15 am  
Resurrection Parish Center and  
Oratory Hall.

**Sunday, December 28:** No  
class - Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year!!



### OCIA/Basics of Faith

**Sunday, November 23:** OCIA NO CLASS

**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: Update, August 18, 2025 through September 16, 2025

Phone calls received on our 3CX Line = 25  
Individuals receiving assistance = 56  
Adult female = 16 ranging in age from 21 to 73  
Adult male = 7 ranging in age from 41 to 60  
Children female = 18 ranging in age from 4 months to 19  
Children male = 15 ranging in age from 2 to 20

#### Assistance details:

2 Electric shut off bills paid = \$401.64  
5 water shut off bills paid = \$991.10  
6 Rent/Eviction notices paid = \$1,076.00  
Paid for 2 nights at the Red Roof Inn for a homeless lady: \$200.00  
2 emergency food boxes were delivered to a family of 7.

Assistance monies given out = \$2,668.74  
Contributions total = \$1,763.00  
St. John's and Saint Patrick's total = \$1,663.00  
One parishioner gave a \$100.00 check in memory of Father Brezovec

Conference members serve lunch at the St. Vincent de Paul family kitchen on  
8-19-25  
Conference members attended a Ministering to the Poor in service on 8-26-25  
at Catholic Charities.  
Conference members attended Resource Discussion with other Charitable  
Organizations on 8-28-25 at the SVDP family kitchen.

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 Activities  
Center in the Saint Joseph's room lower level.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

"Nothing is more useful than prayer."  
Saint Vincent de Paul

### 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

**Bring Shoes for the Children:** This is the 2nd year that  
we will be celebrating December 6th, which is the feast day  
of St. Nicholas. For all children under 18 years of age who  
would like to participate, we ask that you bring an extra pair  
of shoes labeled with each child's name to  
the respective parishes **NEXT WEEKEND -  
NOVEMBER 29TH & 30TH**. Please set  
the shoes along the edge of the Sanctuary  
where the Communion rail is located.

Then, on St Nicholas Day, candy will  
be left in the shoes, which can be retrieved  
at the Masses Saturday, Dec. 6th or  
Sunday, Dec. 7th.



### Deacon Rick's Corner

#### Quote:

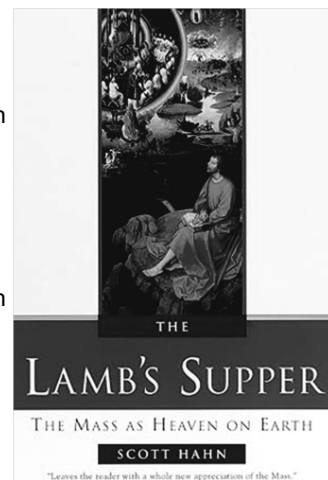
"Where the Eucharist is, there is  
the King. And where the King is,  
there is the Kingdom.

-Scott Hahn

#### Book:

The Lamb's Supper: The Mass as  
Heaven on Earth

-by Scott Hahn





# MINISTERS SCHEDULES:

## ST JOHN GUALBERT CATHEDRAL

⇒ **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     |

## First Sunday of Advent

**Sat Nov 29th, 6:00PM Mass**

|                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Reader               | Elizabeth Rhoades |
| Reader               | Khloe Babyak      |
| Eucharistic Minister | Matthew Krawczyk  |
| Server               | Kaleb Krawczyk    |
| Audio Operator       | Michael Stoskey   |
| Sacristan            | Matthew Krawczyk  |
| Cantor               | Deb McGraw        |

**Sun Nov 30th, 7:00AM Mass**

|                      |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Reader               | Gloria Stephens       |
| Reader               | Christine brothers    |
| Eucharistic Minister | Carmen Grasso         |
| Eucharistic Minister | Rose Ann Schellhammer |
| Eucharistic Minister | Rich Ott              |
| Server               | Dave Harteis          |
| Audio Operator       | Patrick McClain       |
| Sacristan            | Dave Harteis          |
| Cantor               | Rose Eckenrod         |

**Sun Nov 30th, 11:00AM Mass**

|                      |                              |
|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Reader               | Rose Batzel                  |
| Reader               | Rachel Hall                  |
| Eucharistic Minister | Deacon Rick Messina          |
| Eucharistic Minister | James Hollis                 |
| Eucharistic Minister | Geoffrey Stumpo              |
| Servers              | Cora, Ileana, Sophie Messina |
| Audio Operator       | Russ Smith                   |
| Sacristan            | Lonnie Rietscha              |
| Cantor               | Ashley Gregorchik            |

**Sun Nov 30th, 5:00PM Mass**

|                      |                              |
|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Reader               | Charlotte Amenti             |
| Reader               | Dixie Lochrie                |
| Eucharistic Minister | Sue Sandoval                 |
| Servers              | Bella, Ryder, Tenley Ascherl |
| Audio Operator       | Evonne Yanzetich             |
| Sacristan            | Charlotte Amenti             |
| Cantor               | Namita Gallo                 |

## ST PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

**NO MASS ON THANKSGIVING**

## First Sunday of Advent

**Sat Nov 29th, 4:00PM Mass**

|                      |                  |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Cantor               | Lisa Stofko      |
| Server               | Jerry Stofko     |
| Eucharistic Minister | Connie Cassidy   |
| Eucharistic Minister | Kathy Kristofko  |
| Eucharistic Minister | Volunteer Needed |
| Sacristan            | Connie Cassidy   |
| Reader               | Denise Marks     |

**Sun Nov 30th, 9:00AM Mass**

|                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Cantor               | Rita Redden       |
| Server               | Sam Correll       |
| Eucharistic Minister | Charlotte Ecklund |
| Eucharistic Minister | Kevin Malloy      |
| Eucharistic Minister | Marge Sondleri    |
| Sacristan            | Marianna Glover   |
| Reader               | Mary Jo Podratsky |

## \*\*\* ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR BOTH PARISHES \*\*\*

### "Called by Name" Diocesan Vocations Campaign Weekend:

If you have not already done so, everyone who attends Mass at either parish is asked to give prayerful thought and consideration of the young men in the parishes who might have the qualities that would make them candidates to be a priest. You 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 VOCATIONS**

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

### Small Group Discussion:

The St. Patrick Small Group Discussions - based on the readings for the following Sunday, continues on Monday, November 24th, 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 from either parish is welcome. You may attend any sessions you want.

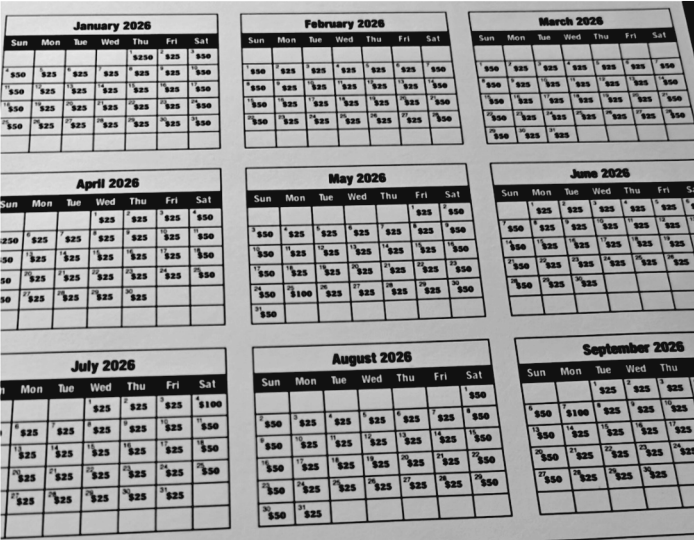
**Cemetery Calendar Tickets Available:** These tickets make the best stocking stuffers for Christmas! They keep on giving for all 365 days of 2026 and we still have them available..... Simplify your Christmas gift list and pick one up for your family and friends.

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

#### 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.

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. At St. John Gualbert Cathedral this year, the iGive Catholic donations will be accepted toward the maintenance of the Cemeteries so that we can show the proper respect and care of our beloved dead.

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 later than 12 noon Wednesday - no exceptions.**
2. Please email them to [eyanzetich@dioceseaj.org](mailto:eyanzetich@dioceseaj.org) as she organizes these items along with the petitions for both parishes.

#### Ministers of the Word:

The new 2026 workbooks have arrived for all those at both parishes who act as readers for the Mass. Please pick up the copy with your name on it in the Sacristy at both parishes.

#### Word Among Us:

It is that time again, the end of the year, when those who subscribe to the Word Among Us Magazine need to renew their subscription for 2026.

The cost is \$20.00 - half the price of an individual subscription. Checks would need to be payable to your respective parish, cash works too, and there are envelopes at both churches that can be used to remit your payment. Please include your name, phone number and just drop the envelopes in the collection basket.

If you have never used or seen this wonderful little magazine, you are in luck as the company has generously sent 30 free copies to St. John Gualbert for the start of Advent, (St. Pat's had them last year!). Along with all the daily Mass readings, there are reflections and meditations that help explain the scriptures.

The free issues will be available in the St. Anne Shrine on a 1st come, 1st serve basis. It is a great way to start off your Advent journey, by using this wonderful aid.

#### Thursday Eucharistic Adoration:

**Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, there will be NO Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday, November 27th. Happy Thanksgiving Day to all!**

### St. John Gualbert Current Events:

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**11-22 & 11-23** SJG Angel Tree Tags Up at all Masses  
**11-23 9AM** Religious Ed at Resurrection  
**11-24 6:30PM** Small Group Discussion at SPJ REC basement room - all are welcome  
**11-26 2PM** Mass at Hilltop Heights for the residents  
**11-26 7PM** SJG Choir  
**11-27 9AM** SJG Thanksgiving Day Mass - No other Masses  
**11-28** Office is closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

### **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:**

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

**11-23 9AM Religious Ed at Resurrection**

**11-24 6:30PM SPJ Small Group Discussion; REC**

⇒ **11-27 9AM Mass at St. John's for Thanksgiving Day - No other Masses**

⇒ **No Eucharistic Adoration due to the holiday**

**11-28 Office is closed for Thanksgiving Holiday**

### **Annual Change of the Books!**

We need help after the **Nov. 23rd 9AM Mass** to change over to the Missal Books for 2026. We would greatly appreciate any help from anyone who can stay after Mass for a short time to pull the old books and stock the new books in the pews at St. Patrick Church. The more who help, the faster the work goes. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this project.

### **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 continue on Monday, November 24, 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.

**A Great Big Thank You:** We are saying thank you so much to everyone who participated in our Boscov's Friends Helping Friends annual fund raiser! The profit we received back from Boscov's on October 22 was \$670.00. Our best year yet! Again we say thank you to everyone involved. God Bless you and have a Happy Thanksgiving!

\*\*\*\*\***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>.
- 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



## **PUBLIC ROSARY**

Lifting our prayers for  
**KEEPING CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS!**



**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>**  
**6:30 PM**  
**St. Clement Church**  
Lindberg Avenue & Goucher Street



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**  
**NOON**  
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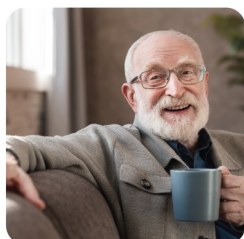
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