

DECEMBER 14, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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
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

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 December 14, 2025



1st Reading:
Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

2nd Reading:
James 5:7-10

Gospel:
Matthew 3:1-12

ST JOHN GUALBERT

Saturday 6:30AM	Dec 13th Second Week of Advent St. Anne Society Michael Kasper (Brigid & Philip)
8:00AM	Rose Sage (Gary & Cathly Quinn)
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Vigil—Third Sunday of Advent	
6:00PM	Nunzio Johncola <i>Birthday Remembrance 12/10</i> (Wife Nancy & Family)
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Sunday 7:00AM	Dec 14th Third Sunday of Advent Francis P. Stephens <i>30yr. Anniversary</i> (Wife & Children)
11:00AM	John Pencola (Jim & Michele Serafin)
5:00PM	People of the Parish
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Monday 7:00AM	Dec 15th Third Week of Advent Catherine Knapp <i>Anniversary 12/18</i> (Ray & Andrea Ritter)
12:05PM	No Mass
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Tuesday 7:00AM	Dec 16th Third Week of Advent St. Anne
12:05PM	Nick Snyder (Cindy & Tom Westrick)
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Wednesday 7:00AM	Dec 17th Third Week of Advent Deceased Members of the Beckman Knox Families (Mary Beckman Knox)
12:05PM	Charles Pfeil, Jr. (Family)
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Thursday 7:00AM	Dec 18th Third Week of Advent No Mass
12:05PM	Corita Huffman (Family)
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Friday 7:00AM	Dec 19th Third Week of Advent Fr. John Brezovec (Dr. Eric & Susan Wieczorek)
12:05PM	Leo Klug, Jr. (Tim Heptner)
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Saturday 8:00AM	Dec 20th Third Week of Advent George Pappas <i>Anniversary 12/20</i> (Andrea & Ray Ritter)
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Vigil—Fourth Sunday of Advent	
6:00PM	John D. Kendera (Monica Kendera)
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Sunday 7:00AM	Dec 21st Fourth Sunday of Advent Paul Sumandra (Fred & Barb Oliveros)
11:00AM	Carl Motter, Jr. (Family)
5:00PM	People of the Parish



Dec 15th at St. Peter in Chains Parish, behind the walls of SCI Somerset:
St. Anne

ST PATRICK

Saturday 4:00PM	Dec 13th Vigil—Third Sunday of Advent Peggy Boxler (Family)
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Sunday 9:00AM	Dec 14th Third Sunday of Advent Joseph Anthony Esposito <i>Birthday Remembrance</i> (Monica Mizerak)
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Thursday 8:00AM	Dec 18th Third Week of Advent Kevin Yaste (Bea Edwards)
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Saturday 4:00PM	Dec 20th Vigil—Fourth Sunday of Advent Constance Koontz (Sister: Mary Pannone)
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Sunday 9:00AM	Dec 21st Fourth Sunday of Advent Mary Smith (Barbara Havener)

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

COLLECTIONS

Shared Parish Information:

Collection St John Gualbert 11/30/2025	
Weekly Envelopes	\$3,928.25
Cash	1,335.69
Online	358.00
Maintenance	460.00
SVdP	44.00
Catholic Charities	24.00
Priests Vocations	600.00
Christmas Flowers	20.00
Rosary Altar	20.00
All Saints	22.00
Christmas	35.00
All Souls	17.00
Immaculate Conception	87.50
Total	\$6,951.44

St. John Gualbert



St. Patrick



Collection St Patrick 12/07/2025	
Envelopes	\$2,989.00
Cash	234.00
Children's Envelopes	16.00
Online Donations	35.30
Maintenance	260.00
Fuel & Air	50.00
SVdP	40.00
Retired Religious	10.00
Mission Cooperative	5.00
World Mission Sunday	5.00
Immaculate Conception	115.00
Christmas Flowers	420.00
Christmas	175.00
Priests Vocations	1,164.00
Votives	51.01
Total	\$5,569.31

Catholic Ministries Drive - 2025			
St. John Gualbert	Goal:	\$32,300.00	
	Receipts	16,682.00	
St. Patrick	Goal:	\$24,900.00	
	Receipts	16,637.00	

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, 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!!

Sunday, January 4, 2026: Religious Education 9:00-10:15am Resurrection Parish Center, Confirmation Mentor meeting Oratory and Oratory Hall

Sunday, January 11, 2026: Religious Education 9:00-10:15am Resurrection Parish Center, Confirmation Mentor meeting Oratory and Oratory Hall.

Confirmation Service Project:

WINTER CLOTHESLINE: Beginning Saturday, December 13, 2025, and running through Sunday, February 22, 2026, we will be collecting new or gently used winter garments, as part of a group service project for Confirmation candidates. Hats, gloves, scarves coats etc. can be placed in the marked boxes, in the back of Resurrection or St. John Gualbert. All donations will be hung on our winter clothesline in front of the Resurrection Oratory, for anyone in the community to take freely. Thank you, Tyler Foust, Griffin Ream, Bella Dixon, Sophie Messina and Lilly Oakes



OCIA/Basics of Faith

Sunday, December 14: OCIA - The Last Things

***** **Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!**

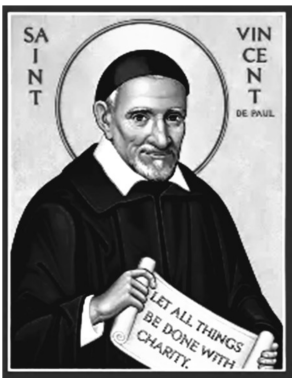
Anyone interested in being a Sponsor for Candidates please contact Lonnie Rietscha (814)244-6681, or Harry Mangus (814)525-9943.

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

WE ARE THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Are you looking for a ministry where you can:

- * Grow in Holiness
- * Build Friendships
- * Serve the poor right here, in our neighborhood



We are men and women of every age, every race, every income level, who share our blessings of time, talent, and treasure with those who need help and hope, regardless of their religion, age, or background. No work of Charity is foreign to the Society. Join our mission, and grow in Spirituality, Friendship, and Service.

Anyone interested in joining the Saint John conference is welcome to attend our next meetings which are held at the St. John Activities

Center in the Saint Joseph's room located on the lower level. Bring a friend and remember the organization is not for Catholics only. Our next meetings are scheduled for:

*Thursday, December 18 at 6:00 PM

*Saturday, January 3 at 9:00 AM

SEE the face of Christ. BE the face of Christ.

Christian Life & Service:

At SJG

We would like to send a great big thank you to everyone who participated in this year's donations for the Angel Tree Project. As always, your generosity is overwhelming and truly appreciated. God Bless you!

St. John Gualbert Christian Life & Service

At SPJ

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Blessing Bags and Angel Tree. Your contributions support the Women's Help Center, Gabriel Project and Birthright programs at the Holidays and throughout the new year. We appreciate you!

-St. Patrick Christian Life & Service Members

At Both

We are having a PARTY!

We are having an Epiphany party on January 9th at 5:30 pm in the St Patrick's Church basement. **All parishioners from both parishes are welcome.** The party is potluck. Meat and drinks will be provided. You are welcome to bring your favorite side dish or dessert. There are signup sheets at both parishes, OR you may call the office (814-536-0117) to RSVP please let us know! We want to ensure that we have enough drinks and a main course for everyone! Any questions, please contact Charlotte Ecklund - 814-341-8861 or Mary Jo Podrasky - 814-242-1183

Straw Distribution: The annual blessing and distribution of straw will be done on the weekend of the 20th & 21st at both parishes for all Masses.

Fr. Canice's Thoughts:

As we light the rose-colored candle on this Gaudete Sunday, we lift our eyes to the tender rose-hued sky of dawn—a gentle promise of the coming Sun of Justice. In this soft light, the Church rejoices, for the long Advent night is far spent, and our salvation draws near. Just as the first blush of morning announces that the sun will soon rise in full splendor, so this candle proclaims that Christ, the true Light who scatters every shadow of sin and sorrow, is almost here. With hearts filled with hope and holy joy, we cry out: "Gaudete in Domino semper—Rejoice in the Lord always!" for Emmanuel, God-with-us, is coming soon.

Pope Saint John Paul the Great explained this experience of joy in an Advent homily given in 1999:

"The liturgy of this Third Sunday of Advent invites us to joy. It is not a superficial or purely emotional joy... It is the joy that flows from the certainty that the Lord is near: He came on Christmas night, He continually comes through His grace, and He will come one day in glory."

Blessings, Fr. Canice

Deacon Rick's Corner

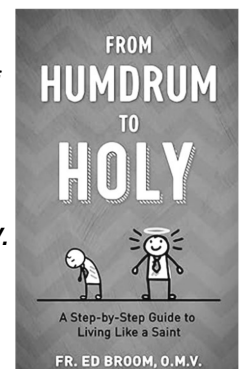
Quote:

Faith can move the mountains that doubt creates. "Doubt is but another element of faith."

Book Recommendation:

From Humdrum to Holy - A Step-by-Step Guide to Living Like a Saint

-by Fr. Ed Broom, O.M.V.



MINISTERS SCHEDULES:

ST JOHN GUALBERT CATHEDRAL **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Sat Dec 20th, 6:00PM Mass

Reader	Deb McGraw
Reader	Elizabeth Rhoades
Eucharistic Minister	Matthew Krawczyk
Server	Steve Molnar
Audio Operator	Michael Stoskey
Sacristan	Steve Molnar
Cantor	Brigid Starchok

Sun Dec 21st, 7:00AM Mass

Reader	Dave Harteis
Reader	Gloria Stephens
Eucharistic Minister	Melissa Gates
Eucharistic Minister	Rose Ann Schellhammer
Eucharistic Minister	Carmen Grasso
Server	Hayden Gates
Audio Operator	Patrick McClain
Sacristan	Dave Harteis
Cantor	Rose Eckenrod

Sun Dec 21st, 11:00AM Mass

Reader	Rose Batzel
Reader	Khloe Babyak
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Rick Messina
Eucharistic Minister	Geoffrey Stumpo
Eucharistic Minister	James Hollis
Servers	Charlotte & Elizabeth Wills
Server	Jaycob Lavelly
Audio Operator	Russ Smith
Sacristan	Kristen Caddy
Cantor	Kristen Caddy

Sun Dec 21st, 5:00PM Mass

Reader	Dixie Lochrie
Reader	Pat Loughlin
Eucharistic Minister	James Sandoval
Server	Paige Titus
Audio Operator	Evonne Yanzetich
Sacristan	James Sandoval
Cantor	Namita Gallo

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

Wed Dec 24th, 4:00PM

Reader	Elizabeth Rhoades
Reader	Khloe Babyak
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Rick Messina
Eucharistic Minister	Anthony Kamnikar
Eucharistic Minister	Susan Kamnikar
Eucharistic Minister	Volunteer Needed
Eucharistic Minister	Pat Loughlin
Eucharistic Minister	Dixie Lochrie
Servers	Sophie, Cora, & Ileana Messina
Server	Jayce Costlow
Audio Operator	Kevin Slonka
Sacristan	Lonnie Rietscha
Cantor	Sydney Petro

Christmas Midnight Mass

Thurs Dec 25th, 12:00AM

Reader	Fred Oliveros
Reader	Charlotte Amenti
Eucharistic Minister	Matthew Krawczyk
Eucharistic Minister	James Sandoval
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Rick Messina
Server	Kaleb Krawczyk
Server	Steve Molnar
Server	Paige Titus
Audio Operator	Evonne Yanzetich
Sacristan	Steve Molnar
Cantor	Ryan Kucera

St. John Gualbert Ministers' Schedule Continued:

Christmas Day Mass

Thurs Dec 25th, 7:00AM

Reader	David Weaver
Reader	Carrie Weaver
Eucharistic Minister	Carmen Grasso
Eucharistic Minister	Rose Ann Schellhammer
Eucharistic Minister	Volunteer Needed
Server	David Harteis
Audio Operator	Patrick McClain
Cantor	Rose Eckenrod

ST PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sat Dec 20th, 4:00PM Mass

Cantor	Choir
Server	Harry Mangus
Eucharistic Minister	Cindy Stofko
Eucharistic Minister	Connie Cassidy
Eucharistic Minister	Rick Maser
Sacristan	Harry Mangus
Reader	Rick Maser

Sun Dec 21st, 9:00AM Mass

Cantor	Eric Ecklund
Server	Sam Correll
Eucharistic Minister	Charlotte Ecklund
Eucharistic Minister	Marge Sindler
Eucharistic Minister	Rita Redden
Sacristan	Marianna Glover
Reader	Mary Jo Podratsky

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

Wed Dec 24th, 4:00PM

Cantor	Choir
Server	Sydnee Dixon
Eucharistic Minister	Cindy Stofko
Eucharistic Minister	Kathy Kristofko
Eucharistic Minister	Harry Mangus
Sacristan	Cindy Stofko
Reader	Denise Marks

Christmas Day Mass

Thurs Dec 25th, 9:00AM

Cantor	Eric Ecklund
Server	Kevin Malloy
Eucharistic Minister	Connie Cassidy
Eucharistic Minister	Marge Sindler
Eucharistic Minister	Charlotte Ecklund
Sacristan	Connie Cassidy
Reader	Mary Ann Craig

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

Small Group Discussion:

The St. Patrick Small Group Discussions - based on the readings for the following Sunday, has a final session this coming Monday, Dec. 15th. starting at 6:30PM in the REC room of the Park Street Rectory. Everyone from either parish is welcome.

Let's Party!

We are having an Epiphany party on January 9th at 5:30 pm in the St Patrick's Church basement. **All parishioners from both parishes are welcome.** The party is potluck. Meat and drinks will be provided. You are welcome to bring your favorite side dish or dessert. There are signup sheets at both parishes, OR you may call the office (814-536-0117) to RSVP please let us know! We want to ensure that we have enough drinks and a main course for everyone! Any questions, please contact Charlotte Ecklund - 814-341-8861 or Mary Jo Podratsky - 814-242-1183

"Called by Name" Diocesan Vocations Campaign:

Bishop Bartchak is encouraging you to support our diocese's Vocation Appeal. Your gift will fund the diocese's renewed efforts to promote vocations to the priesthood, an especially urgent need as the number of seminarians for our diocese has been very low in recent years. To inspire more young men to consider the priesthood, the Vocation Office has developed a robust plan, which includes:

- ⇒ A newly formed Vocation Team with 5 priests in different regions of the diocese who are committed to offering mentorship to young men as they discern their vocations.
- ⇒ Our recent Called By Name campaign, which has already connected the Vocation Team with many incredible young men. • Discernment Retreats & In-Person Events.
- ⇒ Regional Priesthood Discernment Groups, several young men are already participating.
- ⇒ Fr. Brian Norris's appointment as Vocation Recruiter, expanding the outreach of Fr. Peter Crowe (Vocations Director) and the Vocation Team.
- ⇒ Revamping communications and marketing to reach more young men.
- ⇒ Creating a new website with discernment resources: ajvocations.org.
- ⇒ Personally accompanying men as they discern their vocations.

Our Vocation Team's overall strategy is to identify and accompany young men as they discern God's call. Bishop Bartchak is asking all parishioners to be especially generous to ensure dedicated priests for the future of our diocese. To learn more and make a gift, visit ajvocations.org/give

The Catholic Ministries Drive:

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.

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.

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 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.

Diocesan Second Collection:

The 2nd collection at all Masses/ both parishes the weekend of December 13th & 14th will benefit our retired religious Brothers & Sisters who have served us faithfully throughout their lives. There is an envelope in the packets for this most worthy cause.

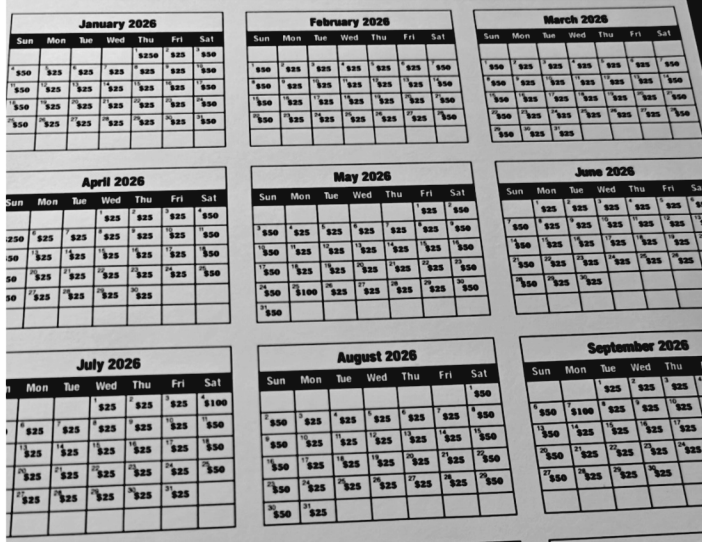
Cemetery Calendar Tickets Available: These tickets make the best stocking stuffers for Christmas! They keep on giving for all 365 days of 2026 and we still have them available..... Simplify your Christmas gift list and pick one up for your family and friends.

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

Stewardship Reflections for December 14, 2025 – 3rd Sunday of Advent:

Good news, Christian stewards – we are gaining ground on our Advent mountain climb, and it is time to take a moment to rejoice in the Good News that our Savior will come again in triumph one day. Today's readings on this Gaudete ('Rejoice') Sunday are filled with reminders of God's final victory over suffering and injustice, and encouragement to remain steadfast in our mission to live as faith-filled disciples.

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, connects the prophecy of Isaiah to the arrival of Jesus almost word for word. In this passage we find the imprisoned John the Baptist sending his disciples to ask Jesus if he is indeed the long-awaited Messiah. Jesus' reply is almost identical to Isaiah's prophetic words. He says, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, and the dead are raised..." The Savior really has arrived just as promised! Yet that arrival was 700 years after Isaiah's prediction. God always fulfills his promises, but patience and firmness of heart are required as we await his perfect timing.

Let us rejoice in the knowledge that God has called us to enter this kingdom. Let us keep our hearts firmly fixed on this eternal goal and strive with all our might to give God and others the very best of ourselves in gratitude for such a privilege.

St. John Gualbert

Current Events:

12-13 & 14 SJG 2nd collection, all Masses for the Retired Religious Brothers & Sisters of Altoona-Johnstown
12-14 9AM Religious Ed; Resurrection
12-14 2PM SJG Penance Service; Cathedral
12-14 6:15PM SJG Christmas Tree Setup; Cathedral
12-14 6:30PM OCIA; AC-SJ
12-15 4PM Santa Fund Setup; AC-H
12-16 5:30PM Catholic Daughters; AC-H
12-17 8AM-12PM Santa Fund Gift Distribution; AC-H
12-17 2PM Mass at Hilltop Heights for Residents
12-17 6PM Theology on Tap; Boulevard Grill
12-17 7PM SJG Choir; Cathedral
12-18 3PM SJG Eucharistic Adoration; Shrine
12-18 4PM to 8:30PM Private Rental; AC-H
12-18 6PM SVdP Meeting; AC-SA
12-19 6:30PM SJG Advent Concert Practice; Cathedral
12-20 & 21 SJG CLS Straw Distribution All Masses; Cathedral
12-20 7:30PM SJG Advent Concert; Cathedral
12-21 9AM Religious Ed; Resurrection

Annual Advent Penance Service:

We will come together as a parish during Advent 2025 at St. John Gualbert Cathedral to seek reconciliation with God **THIS** Sunday, December 14th at 2PM.

Multiple priests from the diocese will be there to assist at this liturgy of prayer, music, and individual confessions. As we wait for the coming of our Lord Jesus, join us and let us allow God to share His infinite mercy, compassion and forgiveness with us.

St. Patrick Church

Current events:

12-13 & 14 SPJ 2nd Collection all Masses for Retired Religious
12-14 9AM Religious Ed; Resurrection
12-14 6:30PM OCIA; AC-SJ
12-15 6:30PM SPJ Final Small Group Discussion; REC
12-18 3PM Eucharistic Adoration at SJG; Shrine
12-18 6PM SVdP Meeting; AC-SA

Annual Advent Penance Service:

We will come together as a parish during Advent 2025 at St. Patrick Church to seek reconciliation with God on Monday, December 22nd at 6PM.

Multiple priests from the diocese will be there to assist at this liturgy of prayer, music, and individual confessions. As we wait for the coming of our Lord Jesus, join us and let us allow God to share His infinite mercy, compassion and forgiveness with us.

St. Patrick Small Group Discussions:

We will have our last session on this coming Monday, December 15th. Everyone is welcome.

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

Rorate Mass:

Saint Andrew Parish 1621 Ferndale Ave. in Johnstown will be the site of the final Rorate Mass on December 20. All Masses will be at 6:30 a.m., and each will include beautiful sacred music.

Upcoming Penance Services in Cambria County:

Holy Name, Ebensburg
Wednesday, December 17th at 6:30 PM

Saint Mary, Nanty Glo
Tuesday, December 16 at 7:00 PM

Our Lady of the Alleghenies, Lilly
Tuesday, December 23 at 6:00 PM

Holy Family, Portage
Monday, December 15 at 7:00 PM (Penance Service)

Our Mother of Sorrows, Johnstown
Monday, December 15 from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Tuesday, December 16 from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

*****Saint John Gualbert Cathedral, Johnstown*****
Sunday, December 14 at 2:00 PM

Saint Michael, Saint Michael
Sunday, December 14 at 6:00 PM

*******Saint Patrick, Johnstown*******
Monday, December 22 at 6:00 PM

Visitation Church, Johnstown
Thursday, December 18 at 6:00PM

Theology on Tap - Young Adult Group (18-39):

March will be our 3-year anniversary, and we still have at least 1 new member join every month; however, some members are moving to different stages of life, so we are always seeking new members. Please help spread the word! All young adults (18-39) – regardless of their background – are invited to join us for faith, food, and fellowship. There is no cost to attend.

Our next Theology on Tap is Wednesday December 17th at the Boulevard Grill at 6pm with Deacon Candidate Wally Zapotoczny speaking on "A Church on Fire!" Fr. Canice McMullen OSB and Fr. David Dodd TOR are already booked for 2026! For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.

Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope: The official closing Mass for the Jubilee will be celebrated at all cathedrals worldwide on Sunday, December 28, 2025 on the Feast of the Holy Family. In the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown at the 11:00 am televised Mass at St. John Gualbert Cathedral, Bishop Mark L. Barchak is the Main celebrant. Also at the 10:00 am Mass at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona, Msgr.

Stanley C. Carson will be the Main Celebrant leading the Closing Jubilee Year Eucharistic celebration. All the faithful are encouraged to participate in prayer and if coming in-person to please bring an offering of a non-perishable food item, paper or cleaning products for those in need to Mass in the spirit of charity as envisioned by Pope Francis for the Jubilee Year. We can all be Ambassadors of Hope.

Echoes of a Polish Christmas:

All Saints Parish in Boswell will host their annual singing of Polish Christmas Carol (known as Koledy) on Sunday, January 4th, 2026 - 2PM, 325 Quemahoning Street, Boswell. Following the singing of the hymns by the parish's Polish Choir, there will be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament as well as refreshments.

Koledy helps to capture some of the finest sentiments, values and emotions of the Polish religious, national and artistic heritage. Polish Christmas customs are very rich; whether you are Polish or not, please come and experience these time-honored hymns celebrating the birth of Christ.

Wesołych Świąt!

All are Welcome to Attend!

St. John Gualbert & St. Patrick Advent Christmas

Immaculate Conception

Monday, Dec 8

St. John
7AM, 12:05 PM, 6PM

St. Patrick
9AM & 6PM



Rorate Mass



Saturday, Dec 13
6:30 AM St. John

Penance Services



Sunday, Dec 14
2 PM St. John

Thursday, Dec 22
6 PM St. Patrick

Advent Concert



Saturday, Dec 20
7:30 PM St. John

Wednesday, Dec 24

St. John **St. Patrick**
4 PM (TV Mass) **4 PM**

Thursday, Dec 25



St John
Midnight
7AM

St. Patrick
9 AM

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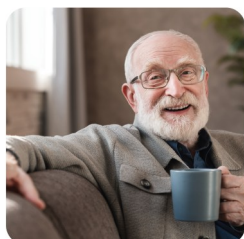
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