

# APRIL 05, 2026

## THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



### **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://stpatrickjtown.com>  
[stpatrickjtown@dioceseaj.org](mailto:stpatrickjtown@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 April 5, 2026



1st Reading:  
Acts:34a,37-43

2nd Reading:  
Philippians 2:6-11

Sequence - Victimæ  
paschali laudes

Gospel:  
Matthew 26:14-27:66

## ST JOHN GUALBERT

**Saturday 8:00AM** **Apr 4th Holy Saturday**  
*Morning Prayer - Shrine*

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**8:00PM** **Vigil—Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter**  
St. Anne Society

**Sunday 7:00AM** **Apr 5th Resurrection of the Lord**  
People of the Parish

**11:00AM** Dorothy J. Wisz (Children, Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren)

**5:00PM** **NO MASS**

**Monday 7:00AM** **Apr 6th Monday in the Octave of Easter**  
St. Anne Society

**12:05PM** **No Mass**

**Tuesday 7:00AM** **Apr 7th Tuesday in the Octave of Easter**  
Mary Schuster (Family Friends)

**12:05PM** John Barberio, Sr. *Birthdays Remembrance* (Family)

**Wednesday 7:00AM** **Apr 8th Wednesday in the Octave of Easter**  
Shane Slebodnick (Family & Friends)

**12:05PM** David Wilson (Wife: Valerie Wilson)

**Thursday 7:00AM** **Apr 9th Thursday in the Octave of Easter**  
**No Mass**

**12:05PM** Linda Michael *Birthdays Remembrance* (Children)

**Friday 7:00AM** **Apr 10th Friday in the Octave of Easter**  
Charles Michael (Children)

**12:05PM** Janet Swanhart (Sharon & Bob Zimmerman)

**Saturday 6:00AM** **Apr 11th Saturday in the Octave of Easter**  
St. Anne Society

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**6:00PM** **Vigil—2nd Sunday of Easter/ Divine Mercy Sunday**  
Robert Antesberger (Family Friends)

**Sunday 7:00AM** **Apr 12th 2nd Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday**  
People of the Parish

**11:00AM** Norma McIntire (Grandson Lonnie Rietscha & Family)

**5:00PM** Msgr. George Flynn (Flynn's Flock)



Apr 6th at St. Peter in Chains Parish, behind the walls of SCI Somerset:  
St. Anne Society

## ST PATRICK

**Saturday 8:00PM** **April 4th Vigil—Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter**  
The Newly Baptized & Those completing Their Initiations (Jeanne Thompson, Coordinator of Christian Initiation)

**Sunday 9:00AM** **Apr 5th Resurrection of the Lord**  
Mary Kay Sax *Birthdays Remembrance 4/1* (Family)

**Thursday 8:00AM** **Apr 9th Thursday in the Octave of Easter**  
Pat & Tom Boyd, Sr. (Rita Redden)

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**Saturday 4:00PM** **April 11th Vigil—2nd Sunday of Easter/ Divine Mercy Sunday**  
Carol Cobaugh (Friend: Mary Pannone)

**Sunday 9:00AM** **Apr 12th Resurrection of the Lord**  
Charles Holtzman, Jr. (Joyce Werner)

## Parish Staff & Volunteers

**Finance:** Gerald Foust [gfoust@dioceseaj.org](mailto:gfoust@dioceseaj.org)  
**Secretary:** Brigid Starchok [bstarchok@dioceseaj.org](mailto:bstarchok@dioceseaj.org)  
**Cemetery:** Kristen Caddy [kcaddy@dioceseaj.org](mailto: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](mailto:cbabik@dioceseaj.org)

## RCIA

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

## Prayer Chain

Dr. Joyce Werner: (814)288-1186

## Catholic Outreach

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

## Catholic Charities

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

## Crisis Pregnancy/Pro-Life:

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

**Diocesan Family Life Office:** 814-695-5579  
**Diocesan Website:** [www.dioceseaj.org](http://www.dioceseaj.org)

## Physical locations:

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

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

# COLLECTIONS

# Shared Parish Information:

Collection St John Gualbert 3/29/2026	
Weekly Envelopes	\$4,850.80
Loose Cash	1,555.02
Online	208.00
Maintenance	889.00
Operation Rice Bowl	1,122.94
Easter	170.00
St. Joseph Envelope	67.00
Mother's Day	10.00
Catholic Relief Services	32.00
Catholic Home Mission	10.00
SVdP	146.00
Easter Flowers	20.00
Holy Thursday	55.00
Good Friday	30.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,165.76</b>



Collection St Patrick 3/29/2026	
Envelopes	\$2,829.25
Loose Cash	316.70
Maintenance	60.00
Children's Envelopes	17.00
Fuel & Air	60.00
SVdP	24.00
Easter	120.00
Easter Flowers	10.00
Holy Thursday	15.00
Good Friday	15.00
Rice Bowl	20.10
St. Patrick's Day Envelope	39.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,526.05</b>



*Sent to Serve*

2026

Catholic Ministries Drive - 2026			
St. John Gualbert	Goal:	\$30,700.00	
	Receipts	0.00	
St. Patrick	Goal:	\$22,500.00	
	Receipts	0.00	

**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](http://stjohngualbert.flocknote.com)

**Religious Education**  
**Questions - contact DRE - Christine Babik at**  
**814-539-5788, or email cbabik@dioceseaj.org.**

**Sunday, April 5, 2026:** no class-Happy Easter!!

**Saturday, April 11, 2026:** 9:00 am First Communion practice Resurrection and St. Clare of Assisi students at Resurrection Church.

**Sunday, April 12, 2026:** Religious Education Resurrection Parish Center and Oratory Hall 9:00-10:15am, First Communion 10:30 mass at Resurrection for Resurrection and St. Clare of Assisi students.

**Sunday, April 19, 2026:** Religious Education 9:00-10:15 am Resurrection Parish Center and Oratory Hall, First Communion 11:00 am mass St. John Gualbert.

**Sunday, April 26, 2026:** Religious Education, last Confirmation mentor meeting , 9:00-10:15 am Resurrection Parish Center , Oratory and Oratory Hall. Rite of Sending for Confirmation candidates , 10:30 mass at Resurrection for Resurrection and St. Clare of Assisi candidates, 11:00 am mass at St. John Gualbert for St. John candidates.

**YOUTH CONFIRMATION 2027:** An informational meeting for those students who want to apply for Confirmation in the spring of 2027 will be held on Sunday, April 26, 2026 , at 1:00 pm at The St. John Gualbert Activities Center. We will go over the requirements for the process. Youth in grades 9-11th are welcome to apply.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION:** After the success of this year's new Confirmation process with our young people, a number of adults who did not make their Confirmation in their teenage years have inquired about using the same process adapted for adults. We will have an informational session for any adult looking to complete their Confirmation on Sunday, April 26, 2026 at 3:00 pm at the St. John Activities Center .

**Confirmation Service Projects: Group C - Collecting Supplies for the Cambria County Humane Society:** Confirmation students will continue collecting needed items for the Cambria County Humane Society until April 10th. **Needed items are continued on page 5.....**



**Christian Life & Service:**  
**At SJG**

For the 2nd year, members of the SJG Christian Life and Service Group are supporting the Branches of Mercy Organization as a work of mercy for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12th, 2026.

On the first Saturday of every month in Hornerstown, Branches of Mercy distributes quarts of homemade soup, non-perishable food items, and bags filled with household necessities to anywhere from 70-100 families. Branches of Mercy relies entirely on donations and is in great need of: shampoo, bar soap, toothpaste, deodorant, laundry detergent and dish detergent. On the weekend of **April 11th and 12th**, CL&S Members will be at the entrances of the Cathedral before and after all Masses to collect donations of the items listed above and/or any cash donations. We would like to thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

*-St. John Gualbert Christian Life & Service Members*

**At SPJ**

Sight & Sound Trip Details!

On May 19, 2026, we are heading to Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster to see the brand new production of JOSHUA. The cost of the event is \$200.00/ per person. The cost includes theater tickets, lunch buffet, bus transportation, snack, and tip for the driver. The bus will leave after 8:00 Mass from the St Patrick's Parking lot. The trip will take us to Hershey Farms Resort by 12:00 for lunch and shopping. The show begins at 3 PM and is approximately 2.5 hours in length. We will leave for home at approximately 5:30 pm and return by 8:30 pm.

If you are interested in this event and want to reserve your ticket (s), check our website at [www.stjohngualbert.org](http://www.stjohngualbert.org) The sign up will allow you to pay for your ticket online or send a check made payable to St. Patrick's Church to the church office, please put "Joshua Trip" in the Memo. For further information please contact Charlotte Ecklund at (814) 341-8861.

*-St. Patrick Christian Life & Service Members*

**OCIA/Basics of Faith - 2026**

**Saturday, April 4, 2026:** Easter Vigil Mass at the Cathedral

**Sunday, April 5, 2026:** Easter Sunday - No Class

**Sunday, April 12, 2026:** Matrimony & Holy Orders

**Sunday, April 19, 2026:** Catholic Social Teaching



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

On Easter Sunday Jesus rose gloriously from the tomb and in doing so He has given us, who believe in Him, an assurance that we, too, will, by His power, rise from the dead. Since the day Jesus Christ rose from the dead, the first signs of an eternal springtime have begun to appear. Each of us has met Christians who, despite great suffering that cannot be explained, have continued to believe that death is not the end. These people are signs for us that Jesus Christ has really risen. We are the disciples whom Jesus loves; and we surrender ourselves to the Easter mystery when we return love. All we need to do is hand ourselves over into God's hands. Filled with God's love, we are then able to love in return.

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

- Saturday, April 11 at 9:00 AM

We must develop the practice of making frequent acts of the desire to know God and ourselves. This will lead us to make the repeated acts of love which we owe Him and to avoid anything that is displeasing to Him. We must often abandon ourselves to Him, show Him our hearts filled with trust and gratitude; and try from time to time to whisper prayers to Him.

**Cemetery Ticket Daily Winners for 2026!**

Day & Date	Winning #	Winner's Name	Payout
Sunday 03-22-2026	580	UNSOLD	\$ 50.00
Monday 03-23-2026	569	Cody Kasper	\$ 25.00
Tuesday 03-24-2026	605	UNSOLD	\$ 25.00
Wednesday 03-25-2026	104	William Antesberger	\$ 25.00
Thursday 03-26-2026	831	Rosella Shovestull	\$ 25.00
Friday 03-27-2026	787	UNSOLD	\$ 25.00
Saturday 03-28-2026	580	UNSOLD	\$ 50.00

**OFFICIAL RULES AS STATED ON ALL TICKETS:**

1. The winning number is based on the PICK 3 PA Lottery drawing at 7:00PM.
2. Sales are closed as of Dec. 31st, 2025 - any further unsold, outstanding tickets are NOT ELIGIBLE FOR PRIZE PAYOUTS.
3. If any unsold tickets win, the winner for that day will be determined by a drawing from all the sold tickets on 01/15/2027.
4. All winning numbers will be published in this box on the following Sunday's bulletin.
5. All checks will be available in the Sacristy the weekend after the drawing, if not picked up, checks will be mailed the following Monday.

# MINISTERS SCHEDULES:

## ST JOHN GUALBERT CATHEDRAL

### 2nd Sunday of Easter/ Divine Mercy Sunday

#### **Sat Apr 11th, 6:00PM**

Reader	Dixie Lochrie
Reader	Pat Loughlin
Eucharistic Minister	Matthew Krawczyk
Server	Kaleb Krawczyk
Audio Operator	Michael Stoskey
Sacristan	Matthew Krawczyk
Cantor	Brigid Starchok

#### **Sun Apr 12th, 7:00AM**

Reader	David Harteis
Reader	Fred Oliveros
Eucharistic Minister	Melissa Gates
Eucharistic Minister	Carmen Grasso
Eucharistic Minister	Gloria Stephens
Server	Hayden Gates
Audio Operator	Patrick McClain
Sacristan	Gloria Stephens
Cantor	Rose Eckenrod

#### **Sun Apr 12th, 11:00AM**

Reader	Elizabeth Rhoades
Reader	Chloe Babyak
Eucharistic Minister	Fr. Canice McMullen
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Rick Messina
Eucharistic Minister	Geoffrey Stumpo
Server	Synthia Barber
Server	Alex Reed
Server	Jayce Costlow
Audio Operator	Russ Smith
Sacristan	Lonnie Rietscha
Cantor	Ryan Kucera

#### **Sun Apr 12th, 5:00PM**

Reader	Charlotte Amenti
Reader	Paige Titus
Eucharistic Minister	James Sandoval
Servers	Bella, Ryder & Tenley Ascherl
Audio Operator	Evonne Yanzetich
Sacristan	Charlotte Amenti
Cantor	Namita Gallo

## ST PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

### 2nd Sunday of Easter/ Divine Mercy Sunday

#### **Sat Apr 11th, 4:00PM Easter Vigil Mass**

Cantor	Lisa Stofko
Server	Volunteer Needed
Eucharistic Minister	Cindy Stofko
Eucharistic Minister	Kathy Kristofko
Eucharistic Minister	Connie Cassidy
Sacristan	Volunteer Needed
Reader	Mary Ann Craig

#### **Sun Apr 12th, 9:00AM Easter Sunday Mass**

Cantor	Rita Redden
Server	Sam Correll
Eucharistic Minister	Joyce Werner
Eucharistic Minister	Volunteer Needed
Eucharistic Minister	Charlotte Ecklund
Sacristan	Joyce Werner
Reader	Kathy Getzey

***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

## Deacon Rick's Corner:

### **Quote:**

*"O Death, where is your sting?  
O Hell, where is your victory?  
Christ is Risen and you are overthrown.  
Christ is Risen and the demons are fallen.  
Christ is Risen and the Angels rejoice.  
Christ is Risen and Life reigns.  
Christ is Risen and not one dead remains in the grave.  
For Christ, being Risen from the dead,  
is become the First Fruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
To Him be glory and dominion unto ages of ages."*

-Paschal Sermon by St. John Chrysostom (347-107)  
Father & Doctor of the Church



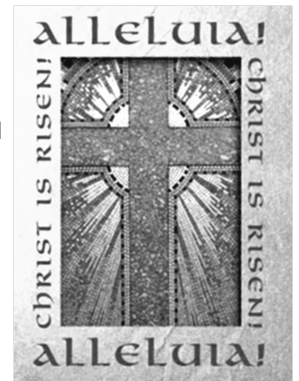
### **Fr. Canice's Thoughts:** Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Once again we proclaim the greatest news in all of history! The tomb was found empty! As Catholics, we are the only ones to claim to have the antidote to death. And that antidote is Christ!

Allow me to share with you a reflection from one of my favorite theologians, Christopher West:

In Easter Sunday's gospel reading, Peter and the "other disciple whom Jesus loved" arrived at the tomb and saw the burial cloths." Recall that when Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, someone had to untie Lazarus from his burial cloths. But Christ's Resurrection takes the human body to a realm beyond the resurrection of Lazarus, who later died again. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, the fact that Christ's burial cloths were left behind signifies that "Christ's body had escaped the bonds of death and corruption" (657). Astounding! Perhaps we've heard it too many times for it to affect us. Ask for new ears to hear this proclamation: Christ's body has indeed escaped the bonds of death and corruption. And here's the good part for us: we have been invited into the same glory of life beyond death!

As St. Paul writes in the Letter to the Colossians, "For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory" Lord, help us enter in.



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

#### **Confirmation Projects Continued:**

⇒ **Humane Society Project** -

*Requested Dog Food*- PURINA ONE Sensitive Systems; PURINA ONE Chicken & Rice; PURINA ONE Healthy Puppy. *Other item for Dogs* - Greenie's Pill Pockets; Martingale Collars; Slip Leads & Clip Leashes; Kongs - all sizes; Nylabone chew toys; Canine Carry Out Treats; Pup-Peroni Treats; Kuranda Dog Beds.

*General Supplies* - Liquid Laundry Detergent; Bleach; Paper Towels; Scotch Brite Scouring Pads.

Requested Cat Food - PURINA Kitten Chow; PURINA Cat Chow Complete; PURINA Cat Chow-Gentle; Fancy Feast Wet Kitten/ Cat Food

Other items for Cats - Non-Clumping Cat Litter; KMR Formula; Cat Trees and Scratch Pads; Cat Litter Pans (small, plastic); Cat Carriers

General Donations - Gift cards for Amazon, Walmart, Petco, Tractor Supply, Lowe's, Home Depot.

**Easter Sunday Mass Schedule Reminder:** Between both parishes, there are a total of **3 Masses on Easter Sunday, itself: SJG - 7AM and 11AM ONLY. SPJ - 9AM ONLY. THERE WILL BE NO OTHER MASSES ON SUNDAY SO THAT Fr. Matt & Fr. Canice can enjoy some family time also on Easter Sunday.**

## St. John Gualbert Current Events:

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**4-4 8PM SJG Easter Vigil Mass; Cathedral**  
**4-5 7AM SJG Easter Sunday Mass; Cathedral**  
**4-5 11AM SJG Easter Sunday Mass; Cathedral**  
**4-5 \*\*\*\*No other Masses\*\*\*\* HAPPY EASTER!!!**  
**4-6 - Office Closed Easter Monday**  
**4-7 6PM SJG Christian Life & Service; AC-SA**  
**4-8 6PM Confirmation Practice; Cathedral**  
**4-8 7PM SJG Choir; Cathedral**  
**4-9 3PM SJG Eucharistic Adoration; Shrine**  
**4-9 6PM K-of-C; AC-UP**  
**4-9 7PM 2026 Confirmation Mass; Cathedral**  
**4-10 6PM TOT Catholic Trivia Night; Catholic War Vets**  
**4-11 9AM SVdP Meeting; AC-SJ**  
**4-11 12PM Public Rosary; Shrine**  
**4-11/12 SJG CLS Branches of Mercy donation collection at all Masses; Shrine**  
**4-11/12 SJG CLS Divine Mercy Prayer Cards Handout, all Masses**  
**4-12 9AM Religious Ed.; Resurrection**  
**4-12 6:30PM OCIA; AC-SJ**

## St. Patrick Church

### Current events:

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**4-5 9AM SPJ Easter Sunday Mass; Church**  
**4-5 NO Religious Ed or OCIA - Happy Easter!!!**  
**4-6 - Office Closed Easter Monday**  
**4-7 6PM SPJ Liturgy; REC**  
**4-8 4:30PM SPJ Christian Life & Service; REC**  
**4-8 6PM Confirmation Practice; Cathedral**  
**4-9 3PM Eucharistic Adoration ; at SJG Shrine**  
**4-9 6PM K-of-C; AC-UP**  
**4-9 7PM 2026 Confirmation Mass; Cathedral**  
**4-10 6PM TOT Catholic Trivia Night; Catholic War Vets**  
**4-11 9AM SVdP Meeting; AC-SJ**  
**4-11 12PM K-of-C; AC-UP**  
**4-9 7PM 2026 Confirmation Mass; Cathedral**  
**4-10 6PM TOT Catholic Trivia Night; Catholic War Vets**  
**4-11 9AM SVdP Meeting; AC-SJ**  
**4-11 12PM Public Rosary; Shrine**  
**4-11/12 SPJ Christian Life & Service Donut Social all Masses; REC**  
**4-12 9AM Religious Ed.; Resurrection**  
**4-12 6:30PM OCIA; AC-SJ**






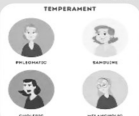

## \*\*\*\* Around the Area \*\*\*\*

### Visit the Grotto & the Shrine:

Holy Rosary and St. Mark Churches are sponsoring a bus trip to the shrines at Emmitsburg, MD on Wednesday, May 13, 2026. On your own at the national Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, Lunch at the Mountain Gate Family Restaurant (Buffet), 90-minute Group Tour of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Price per person - \$80. Checks made out to "St. Mark's Catholic Church." To reserve a seat, call Robyn Murphy at 814-931-5683 or Kathleen Winter 814-591-0248. Limited number of seats available.


### Adult Faith Formation Sessions with Father Canice

Mondays - 6:30 PM - St. John Gualbert Activity Center

<p><b>April 13 - The Shroud of Turin</b></p>  <p><b>April 20 - Bible Study w/ Dcn Rick</b></p>  <p><b>April 27 - The Resurrection and Theology of the Body</b></p>  <p><b>May 4 - St. Joseph, Virgin Father and Most Chaste Spouse</b></p> 	<p><b>May 11 - Mary, Our Mother</b></p>  <p><b>May 18 - The Temperament God Gave You</b></p>  <p><b>June 1 - How to Read and Pray the Scriptures</b></p> 
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**Three Options to Register**

1. Scan QR Code
2. Call Parish Office (814-536-0117)
3. Submit Form on Parish Website ( [stjohngualbert.org](http://stjohngualbert.org) )



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## Visitation Parish Walk-Through Basket Party

**Place: Visitation School Gymnasium!**  
**Date: Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> 10 AM - 6 PM**  
**and Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 10 AM - 3 PM**  
**Basket drawing occurs on Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM**  
**Cost: \$10.00 Entry with 25 tickets (Light refreshments served)**  
**(Extra tickets may be purchased at the door)**

*\*Winners will be notified by phone for the day and time for pick-up\**



**A BEAUTIFUL ASSORTMENT OF BASKETS REFLECTING MANY THEMES!**

**THERE ARE SEVERAL "HIGH END BASKETS" AND 50/50!**

**For more information, Please call  
Gaile Krumenacker at 255-5697.**

## From the Rector/Pastor:

**Christus resurrexit! Resurrexit vere, alleluia!  
He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!**

Happy Easter! Today we celebrate the reason for our faith as a Christian people! Today we celebrate that Jesus Christ has risen from the dead and conquered death. He has opened the gates of heaven to all believers. It is because of the events of today that we no longer need to fear death.

Especially in light of the realities of the world right now, the world can feel especially dark. For the first time in as long as anyone can remember, the Palm Sunday procession in the Holy Land was unable to take place. Last weekend, Bishop told us about how the Bishop of Jerusalem was unable to enter the Church of the Holy Sepulchre where Jesus was once buried. Wars continue to ravage our world and unrest feels like it's just beneath the surface everywhere.

Yet, in spite of all of that, Christ is still the same yesterday, today, and forever. I'm reminded of the words of the Easter Sequence that we sing every year on Easter Sunday. One of the amazing things about our hymns is that when we set words to music, they can stick in our head and we can remember them. The danger though, is that sometimes those words become so familiar we can miss their real power. Sometimes it's helpful to see a different translation of those same words, as it can be a little jarring and help us recover some of the real power of the words.

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.  
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled,  
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own  
Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.  
The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as He rose!

The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen: He goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious King,  
Thy mercy show!

Amen. Alleluia.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb...by the one willing to give up his life that we might live. Death with life contended, Life's own champion is slain, yet lives to reign. The Victorious King, his mercy show. This is Christ, the savior of the world. This is Christ our King.

I had someone say to me the other day..."it's so hard to believe in a God with the world turning the way it is right now?" and yes, we certainly have troubles in our world, that's true. But is it worse than the Cuban Missile Crisis, when the world could have ended in Mutually Assured Destruction? Is it worse than the days of World War 2, when the Nazis were fighting to overtake Europe? Is it worse than the days of American Slavery when human beings were being sold at the auction block? Ultimately, is it worse than the darkness the apostles must have felt on Good Friday, when the Savior of the world died on the cross? Yet, in every one of those times...at the end, Christ conquered. If we really believe in the resurrection, it changes everything. No longer does the world have power over us, no longer do we have to live in fear...and that changes everything.

This year, we have been blessed as we've begun to see converts return to the Church. It seems like every few days I get inquiries from someone asking "What must I do to be Catholic?" People are slowly coming back to the faith, especially young men. Just 10 years ago, I could hold a young adult event and expect a handful of young women and hardly any young men. Today, when we gather for Theology on Tap, it's not unusual for us to have over 50 present. We've held our called by name, and I feel like I'm constantly talking to young men who want to deepen their relationship to Christ. Christ is alive and active in our world if we have the eyes to see him.

I'm reminded of the great hymn, Christus Vincit, Christus Regnat, Christus Imperat. Christ conquers, Christ reigns, Christ commands. As Catholics, we are called today by the great King who is risen, the one who has conquered death itself. The question for us is simple. Will we listen to Him, and will we follow Him when he commands?

Happy Easter!

Fr Matt



Fr. Matt, Fr. Canice,  
Deacon Rick,  
Evonne & Jean,  
and all of the staff at both parishes  
wish all of you the most blessed, & joyous  
Easter Season!  
Allelulia, He is Risen!!!

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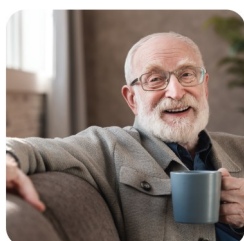
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