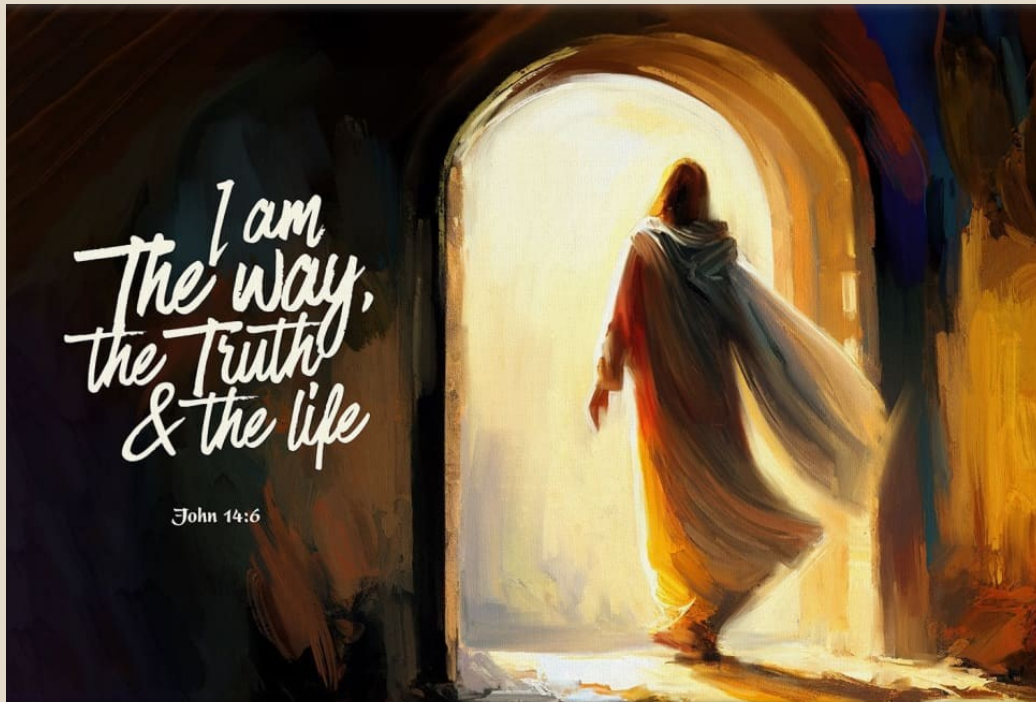


# MAY 3, 2026

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



### 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  
Rev. 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://stpatricktjtown.com>  
[stpatricktjtown@dioceseaj.org](mailto:stpatricktjtown@dioceseaj.org)

V. Rev Matthew Baum, Pastor  
Rev. 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 May 3, 2026



1st Reading:  
Acts 6:1-7

2nd Reading:  
1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel:  
John 14:1-12

## ST JOHN GUALBERT

**Saturday** 8:00AM **May 2nd Easter Weekday**  
James Hecker (Wife and Family)

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**6:00PM** **Vigil—5th Sunday of Easter**  
Rene Vavrek *Birthday Remembrance* (Elaine & Gregory LaRocca & Family)

**Sunday** **May 3rd— 5th Sunday of Easter**  
7:00AM People of The Parish  
11:00AM Norma McIntire (Grandson Lonnie & Family)  
5:00PM John Sweeney Sr. (Jim and Michelle)

**Monday** **May 4th Easter Weekday**  
7:00AM Andrew Csarak *Birthday Remembrance*  
(Ray and Andrea Ritter)  
12:05PM **NO MASS**

**Tuesday** **May 5th Easter Weekday**  
7:00AM Neil Heverly & Ella Rose Heverly *Happy Birthday*  
(Jeanne and David Thompson)  
12:05PM David Wilson (Valerie Wilson)

**Wednesday** **May 6th Easter Weekday**  
7:00AM Edward C. Rager (Wife Dolores and Children)  
12:05PM Kathleen Aust (Lou and Lea Aust)

**Thursday** **May 7th Easter Weekday**  
7:00AM **No Mass**  
12:05PM Coleen, Rosemary, and David Slavich (Family)

**Friday** **May 8th Easter Weekday**  
7:00AM Stephen Cibrin (Daughter Barbara)  
12:05PM Margaret Brlanky (Dot and Ken Meskock)

**Saturday** **May 9th Easter Weekday**  
8:00AM Patricia Foust *Birthday Remembrance* (Family)

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**6:00PM** **Vigil—6th Sunday of Easter**  
Mike Aust (Kathy Aust)

**Sunday** **May 10— 6th Sunday of Easter**  
7:00AM People of The Parish  
11:00AM Conway Parents and Grandparents  
(Mary Ellen Beechan)  
5:00PM All Living and Deceased Mothers

## ST PATRICK

**Saturday** 4:00PM **May 2nd— 5th Sunday of Easter**  
James P. Kinley (Wife Monica Kinley)

**Sunday** 9:00AM **May 3rd 5th Sunday of Easter**  
Larry Thomas (Wife Sharon)

**Thursday** 8:00AM **May 7th— Easter Weekday**  
Linda Burns *Death Anniversary* (Kathy Molinski)

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**Saturday** 4:00PM **May 9th— Vigil 6th Sunday of Easter**  
Charles E. Gojmerac *Wedding Anniversary*  
(Wife Rose Marie)

**Sunday** 9:00AM **May 3rd 6th Sunday of Easter**  
All Living and Deceased Mothers

## Parish Staff & Volunteers

**Pastor:** Very Rev. Matthew Baum mbaum@dioceseaj.org  
**Parochial Vicar:** Rev Canice McMullen, OSB cmcmullen@dioceseaj.org  
**Deacon:** Deacon Rick Messina rmessina@dioceseaj.org  
**Finance:** Gerald Foust gfoust@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

May 4th at St. Peter in Chains Parish, behind the walls of SCI Somerset:

Saint Anne Society

# COLLECTIONS

# Shared Parish Information:

<b>Collection St John Gualbert 4/26/2026</b>	
Sunday Collection	\$4,112.25
Second Collection	487.11
Maintenance	29.00
Mother's Day	792.00
Ash Wednesday	1.00
Holy Thursday	1.00
Good Friday	21.00
Easter	1.00
St. Joseph	1.00
Mary, Mother of God	1.00
Candlemas	1.00
St. Vincent de Paul	118.00
Catholic Home Mission	379.00
Online	415.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,579.74</b>

<b>Collection St Patrick 4/26/2026</b>	
Sunday Collection	\$2,534.25
Maintenance	5.00
Fuel and Air	15.00
Children's Envelopes	16.00
St. Vincent de Paul	50.00
Mother's Day	459.00
Easter	25.00
Catholic Home Mission	441.10
Online	35.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,580.35</b>

## 6th Sunday of Easter- Stewardship Reflection

On this sixth Sunday of Easter, our readings remind us Christian stewards of the importance and power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. They also teach us that love of God shows itself in concrete actions – this is precisely why the stewardship way of life is so necessary. Throughout the Easter season, our first readings, taken from the Act of the Apostles, have recounted the growth (and growing pains) of the early days of the Church. Today we read that the Samaritans had accepted the word of God, and while there was great rejoicing over this, they were still in need of more before they were fully empowered disciples. The 'more' that they needed, was the Holy Spirit. Today is a great opportunity, especially as we draw nearer to Pentecost, to begin to examine our relationship with the Holy Spirit. Do we make full use of all of the grace and power the Holy Spirit

*Sent to Serve*



2026

<b>Catholic Ministries Drive - 2026</b>		
<b>St. John Gualbert</b>	<b>Goal:</b>	<b>\$30,700.00</b>
	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>4558.00</b>
<b>St. Patrick</b>	<b>Goal:</b>	<b>\$22,500.00</b>
	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>6417.00</b>

**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 or fill out a form at our website [www.stjohngualbert.org](http://www.stjohngualbert.org) under "Join our Parish." The registration form can be dropped off at the office or in the collection. Envelopes for new parishioners will be placed in the sacristy at St John's and at the entrance at St Patrick.

**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. or email [johnstowncathedral@dioceseaj.org](mailto:johnstowncathedral@dioceseaj.org)

**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 the pastor. 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.

**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, May 3, 2026**-last Religious Education class 9:00-10:15 am Resurrection Parish Center and Oratory Hall.

"From the bottom of our hearts , we would like to thank the parish for all the thoughtful donations . Through your generosity, we were able to provide two truckloads of supplies for the Cambria County Humane Society. This will help them to care for the animals and to give them a loving environment. Our Confirmation class was able to volunteer and assist with some of the daily routines of the shelter. It also gave us an opportunity to share our concern of the animals and give them the affection that they need. **THANK YOU!**"

- Madison Hamryszak, Hayden Gates, Bailey Veney, Blaise Veney and Paige Titus

Reminder for all those who are applying for Confirmation in the spring of 2027 your letter to your Pastor and Commitment to Discipleship form are due May 31st.

**Come join the fun... CAMP ZACCHAEUS - JULY 19-24, 2026:**

For youth entering grades 4-9 in the fall of 2026 - Camp Z has Activities, Swimming, Hiking, A Nature Program, Gospel centered Activities, and much more!! The Camp is where faith, fun, and friendship meet the great outdoors! Registration brochures can be found in the back of Church ,and at Religious Education!!

**OCIA/Basics of Faith - 2026**  
**St Joseph Room of the St. John Activity Center**

**Sunday, May 3,2026:** Matrimony and Holy Orders (Final Class)

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

Vincentians see the crucified everyday in the streets of large cities and in poor country villages. One of the great gifts of St. Vincent was the ability to recognize the crucified Christ in the face of the suffering and to mobilize the energies of others in their service. He was an extraordinary organizer. To aid the most abandoned of his time, Vincent gathered together rich and poor, women and men, clergy and lay. Our meditation on the crucified Lord, who loves us even to death, and on the crucified peoples in whom the Lord continues to live, will always be brightened by resurrection faith. The gospel proclaims loud and clear that suffering love triumphs, that the power of God works through human weakness, that the light overcomes the darkness, that there is hope even in the face of hopelessness.

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, May 21 at 6:00 PM

*Father in Heaven who sent your Son to earth to set the Holy Spirit upon us, help us burn with the Spirit, imitate your Son on earth, and be united with You in Heaven. Amen*

**Christian Life & Service:**  
**At Both Parishes**

**Celebrate Life With Mother's Day Carnations!**

Mother's Day Weekend is May 9th and 10th. This year will have beautiful carnations available for purchase at the entrances to the church . Due to the increase in prices, we will be asking for a \$2.00 donation per carnation. We will then put those flowers into vases on the altar of our Dear Blessed Mother Mary.

**Save The Date!**

The annual picnic for both churches will be held on June 6, following the 4:00 PM Mass at the St. Patrick's Church lot. We are looking for volunteers to help with food preparation and serving. Please contact Gloria Stephens at (814) 418-0270 or Charlotte Ecklund at (814) 341-8861 to help.

**At SJG**

**Gift Card Sales:**

St. John Gualbert Christian Life and Service has come up with a unique fundraiser. Rather than trying to pick a convenient date for everyone to go to Hoss's Restaurant, we have decided to pre-sell gift cards for the restaurant on the weekends of May 16 and 17th, May 23rd & 24th. The gift cards that you purchase will have the added benefit of a portion of the proceeds being donated back to St. John Gualbert Cathedral. The price of the cards runs in \$10 increments. Pick up weekend for the cards that you order will be May 30th and May 31st. If you can't be here for pickup weekend, the cards will be held at the rectory for you.

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

**At SPJ**

**Joshue Trip:**

Tickets for JOSHUA are now sold out. We are currently accepting waiting list reservations only. If you are interested in being added to the list, please contact Charlotte Ecklund at (814) 341-8861

**Flower Planting:**

Come help us beautify our church grounds on May 27th! We will be planting flowers, with a rain date of the following day, May 28th. For more information, contact Charlotte Ecklund at (814) 341-8861

**October Basket Party Planning Meeting**

A planning meeting will be held on May 6 at 4:30 PM in the St. Patrick's rec room for anyone interested in working the October Basket Party. For more details regarding the party on October 18, 2026, please contact Lolly Kennedy at (814) 659-8717.

*-St. Patrick Christian Life & Service Members*

***Cemetery Ticket Daily Winners for 2026!***

Day & Date	Winning #	Winner's Name	Payout
Sun 04-19-2026	<b>707</b>	<b>Carol Yeager</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>
Mon 04-20-2026	<b>902</b>	<b>Beatric Edwards</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>
Tue 04-21-2026	<b>505</b>	<b>Karlene Tillinger</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>
Wed 04-22-2026	<b>239</b>	<b>Bob Layton</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>
Thur 04-23-2026	<b>341</b>	<b>UNSOLD</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>
Fri 04-24-2026	<b>462</b>	<b>Rebecc Reighard</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>
Sat 04-25-2026	<b>758</b>	<b>Pam Shaffer</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>

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

- The winning number is based on the PICK 3 PA Lottery drawing at 7:00PM.**
- Sales are closed as of Dec. 31st, 2025 - any further unsold, outstanding tickets are NOT ELIGIBLE FOR PRIZE PAYOUTS.**
- 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.**
- All winning numbers will be published in this box on the following Sunday's bulletin.**
- 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

### 6th Sunday of Easter

#### **Sat May 9th, 6:00PM**

Reader	Christine Brothers
Reader	Dixie Lochrie
Eucharistic Minister	Pat Loughlin
Server	Steve Molnar
Audio Operator	Micheal Stoskey
Sacristan	Steve Molnar
Cantor	Mark Schuster

#### **Sun May 10th, 7:00AM**

Reader	David Weaver
Reader	Carrie Weaver
Eucharistic Minister	Rich Ott
Eucharistic Minister	Melissa Gates
Eucharistic Minister	Carmon Grasso
Server	Hayden Gates
Audio Operator	Patrick McClain
Sacristan	Rich Ott
Cantor	Peter T. Yanko

#### **Sun May 10th, 11:00AM**

Reader	Rose Batzel
Reader	Khloe Babyak
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Rick Messina
Eucharistic Minister	Pam Sabol
Eucharistic Minister	Rev. Canice McMullen
Server	Cora Messina
Server	Ileana Messina
Server	Sophie Messina
Audio Operator	Russ Smith
Sacristan	Lonnie Rietscha
Cantor	Kids Choir

#### **Sun May 10th, 5:00PM**

Reader	Kristen Caddy
Reader	Charlotte Amenti
Eucharistic Minister	James Sandoval
Server	Bella Ascherl
Server	Ryder Ascherl
Server	Tenley Ascherl
Audio Operator	Evonne Yanzetich
Sacristan	Kristen Caddy
Cantor	Namita Gallo

## ST PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

### 6th Sunday of Easter

#### **Sat May 9th, 4:00PM Vigil Mass**

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

#### **Sun May 10th, 9:00AM Sunday Mass**

Cantor	Eric Ecklund
Server	Sam Correll
Eucharistic Minister	Mary Jo Podratsky
Eucharistic Minister	Kevin Malloy
Eucharistic Minister	Charlotte Ecklund
Sacristan	Marianna Glover
Reader	Michelle Chase

***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:

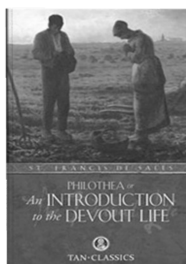
### Quote:

" A Gardener may water the plant daily but fruits grow only in the season. Having patience, everything is destined to happen at its own time."

### Book Recommendation:

*An Introduction to the Devout Life*

—St. Francis de Sales



## Fr. Canice's Thoughts:

In our Gospel reading this Sunday we hear Jesus tell us "Do not let your hearts be troubled." Notice how Jesus opens this discourse with both tenderness and realism. The disciples are afraid; they sense that something terrible is about to happen. They do not yet understand the Resurrection. They cling to Jesus physically and cannot imagine His departure.

Jesus' remedy for fear is faith in God and faith in me (John 14:1). When the storms of life come (persecution, loss, confusion) the antidote is not denial but a deepened trust in Christ's person and promise. Faith does not eliminate suffering; it transforms our relationship to it. We suffer with Christ, and therefore we suffer in hope.

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

### Mother's Day Carnations:

Mother's Day is fast approaching, both parishes will be selling carnations Mother's Day weekend after Masses. The donations from the sales will be for promoting and protecting the sanctity of life!

### Save The Date!

The annual picnic for both churches will be held on June 6, following the 4:00 PM Mass at the St. Patrick's Church lot. We are looking for volunteers to help with food preparation and serving. Please contact Gloria Stephens at (814) 418-0270 or Charlotte Ecklund at (814) 341-8861 to help.

### Upcoming Holy Day Reminder:

Thursday, May 14th is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation within the Catholic Church. Masses at Saint John Gualbert for the Holy Day will be May 13 at 6PM and May 14th at 7 AM and 12:05 PM. At Saint Patrick's, Masses will be celebrated May 14th at 8 AM and at 6PM.

## **St. John Gualbert**

### Current Events:

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**5-3 9 AM** Religious Ed; Resurrection

**5-3 6:30 PM** OCIA; AC-SJ

**5-4 6:30 PM** Adult Faith Formation with Fr. Canice; AC-H

**5-5 6PM** SJG CLS; AC-SA

**5-6 7PM** SJG Choir; Church

**5-7 3 PM** Eucharistic Adoration; Shrine

**5-7 7PM CANCELLED**—*SJG Parish Council; AC-SJ*

**5-8 6PM** Benediction and Board Games; Shrine/AC-SJ

**5-9 & 5-10** Mother's Day Carnations Sold After All Masses

# St. Patrick Church

## Current events:

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5-3 9 AM Religious Ed; Resurrection

5-3 6:30 PM OCIA; AC-SJ

5-4 6:30 PM Adult Faith Formation with Fr. Canice; AC-H

5-5 7PM SPJ Maintenance; REC

5-7 7:30PM PRAYER VIGIL AT ST PATS

5-8 4:30 PM SPJ CLS; REC

5-9 & 5-10 Mother's Day Carnations Sold After All Masses

\*\*\*\*\* **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.

### Pilgrimage Day in Honor of St. Francis of Assisi

Join the Franciscan Friars, TOR for a Pilgrimage Day in honor of the Holy Year of St. Francis of Assisi on Wednesday, May 20th. His Holiness Pope Leo XIV has approved a Plenary Indulgence for the Faithful who visit a Franciscan Church or Chapel and fulfill the prescribed conditions. This Pilgrimage Day provides you with the opportunity to obtain the Plenary Indulgence. The Pilgrimage will begin at 10:00 AM and include reflection, the celebration of Holy Mass, and lunch with the friars. This pilgrimage is a free will offering and will be held at St. Bernardine Monastery, 768 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg. To register, please call 814-695-3802 by Friday, May 15th. We look forward to seeing you!

### Mass for Widows and Widowers to be Televised

Remember your loved ones on Sunday, May 24, 2026 with a televised Mass Celebrated by Bishop Mark Bartchak at 11:00 am on WATM ABC 23. All spouses will be acknowledged and remembered at the Mass. All persons who have lost a spouse through death throughout the Altoona- Johnstown Diocese are invited to register by contacting the Family Life Office 814-317-2643 or email [familylife@dioceseaj.org](mailto:familylife@dioceseaj.org). When registering, please give your name, address, phone number and the name of your spouse who has passed away. The last day to register is Thursday, May 21, 2026. The event is sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office and the Catholic Ministries Drive.

### Steak Dinner Save the Date:

The Church of the Transfiguration in Conemaugh will be hosting a Swiss Steak Dinner on May 17th from 11 AM—2:00 PM. Eat in or take out, cost is \$15. The menu includes Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad with Roll and Dessert !

### Music Bingo Night :

Visitation Parish will be having music bingo night with DJ Tom Hoover on Saturday, June 6th in the Visitation school gymnasium, with doors opening @ 5:15 PM and first round of bingo @ 6:30 PM. The cost is \$25.00 which includes dinner and non-alcoholic beverage; 1 card per game and additional cards available for purchase, and cash prizes awarded throughout the night. Tickets will be sold in advance! Reserving a table of 8 is an additional \$10.00. Also available for purchase will be: 50/50, chances on baskets, qualifiers, cash bar, \$10 beer bracelets. Please call Debbie Magro at (814) 536-3426 or (814) 243-9028 to purchase tickets. We hope to see you there!

BISHOP MCCORT HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS



RODGERS + HAMMERSTEIN'S  
**CINDERELLA**

**MAY 14, 15, 16**

7PM | GUZZI PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED IN THE MAIN OFFICE AND AT THE DOOR

**STUDENTS \$6**

**ADULTS \$10**

## PUBLIC ROSARY

*In Honor of Our Lady of Fatima*



**Saturday, May 9th**

**NOON**

**Vine St. Parklet, Downtown Johnstown**



**Thursday, May 21st**

**6:30 PM**

**ST. CLEMENT CHURCH**

## From the Pastor:

This has been a difficult last few weeks for our city. Last weekend, we had a number of incidents of violence near St Patrick's. Shots were fired and lives were lost. I've seen so many things on social media about it, but one thing really struck me. I had three different elected officials call me and say "Do you remember three years ago when we had that shooting out front of St Patrick's and we had a prayer vigil, could we do something like that again?" I told them, of course, as Catholics we will always pray for the dead, for an end to violence, and for God's guidance as we seek a path forward.

Many times as a priest, I've had to celebrate the funeral for a young person who died far too soon, whether it was drug related, crime and violence related, or even medial issues. Those funerals are tragic and painful, but they also are good, as it gives a space for the families of the victim to know that they are supported by their community, that we are praying for them and that this person was more than whatever the incident that happened that night. That person was a son or a daughter, a brother or a sister, a cousin, a loved one, a part of a family, and ultimately a beloved child of God, created in the image and likeness of God. When we're struck with tragedies, it's so very easy to miss that simple, basic, reality of our faith.

Three years ago, when we had our last prayer vigil, I remember someone pointing out to me that the daughter of the victim and her mother were there in attendance at the vigil. They didn't want recognized, they didn't want any attention. They just deeply appreciated that in the midst of everything going on, the community saw their loved one as a person deserving of prayer. That same year, when another parishioner's cousin was shot, I'll never forget the appreciation they had that the Church was there, but also as I was blessed to see a glimpse inside, I realized that I could not have asked for a more appropriate patron saint, than our patron over at St John Gualbert.

Giovanni Gualberto, known to us in English as "St John Gualbert" was a knight who was delivered news that his brother had been murdered. He flew into a rage and swore a blood oath to hunt down his brother's murderer and exact vengeance on him. Then, when the moment came, as the man was cornered, John, with his sword raised, heard the Church bells in the distance and realized, it was Good Friday, at the very moment of the Crucifixion of our Lord. He then saw himself, about the exact vengeance on this man and saw him kneeling, asking for mercy, arms extended as if on the cross. It was at that moment, the grace of Christ broke through, and John put away his sword and embraced the man, ending the cycle of violence.



When I realize that only two St John Gualbert Churches exist in the United States, I find myself asking, "who could possibly be more appropriate for a moment like this?" Do we really think this week's murders were really all that different than those murders all those years ago? Yes, we need to reduce crime in our neighborhoods, yes we need better police protection, but also, we need grace. It was supernatural grace the turned John's heart all those years ago....and it will be supernatural grace that helps change hearts today. That's what we pray for when we gather. That's what led St John Gualbert after his

conversion to become a Benedictine, and when he saw young men with troubled backgrounds wishing to dedicate their lives to God, he established a new branch of the Benedictine Order, the Vallombrosan Benedictines. Up until that point, all Benedictine's brothers were priests. Yet, while St John was a nobleman and could make the cut, many of the men seeking to enter weren't. So John helped provide a path for them.

In our day, we will be called as a community to figure out what to do with the violence in our world. There will be hard work by many involved, but without supernatural grace, that work will inevitably fail. With supernatural grace though, God is capable of doing incredible things. If we know our history and our saints, it's right there to see. For Jesus Christ really is the Way, the Truth and the Life. He is the savior of the world, and he is with us.

So coming up this Thursday, May 7th, we will be joining with our town in prayers for peace. There will be a walk through Moxham sponsored by our mayor at 4:30PM, and a Prayer Vigil at St Patrick's at 7:30PM. After talking to the family The young man who died across the street from our Church was a relative of one of our families, and the young man had attended Catholic School up at OMOS for a few years when he was younger. Please join us to pray for him, and all those like him. Please too, if anyone knows any of the other victim families, please let them know that they are welcome, that we are praying for them, and that we are asking the very same Christ that changed John Gualbert's heart and made him a saint to share with us here in Johnstown that very same grace.



**Due to the Prayer Vigil:  
our SJGC Parish Council Meeting  
that evening will be cancelled.**



# Ascension Thursday

Holy Day of Obligation

**Saint John Gualbert**  
**May 13, 6 PM Vigil Mass**  
**May 14, 7 AM & 12:05 PM**

**Saint Patrick**  
**May 14, 8 AM & 6 PM**

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