

Sunday July 5, 2026

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Most Holy Trinity, we entrust the United States to Mary Immaculate to present it to You. We thank You for the nation's resources and heritage of freedom. Through Mary's intercession, have mercy on the Catholic Church, grant peace, protect our leaders, family life, and religious vocations.

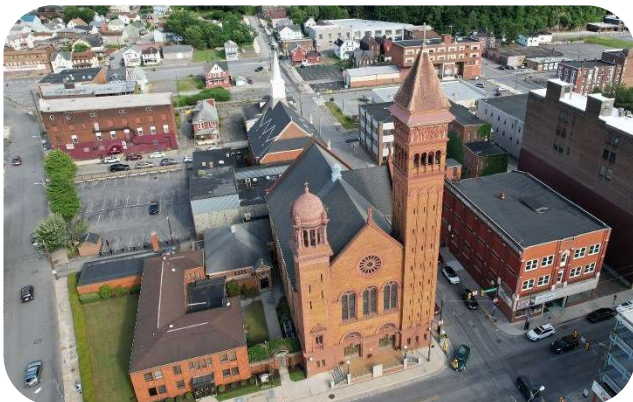
Amen.



Saint John Gualbert Cathedral

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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
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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 July 5th, 2026



1st Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10 2nd Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13 Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

ST JOHN GUALBERT

Saturday, July 4th

8:00 AM Karen Heptner (Romayne Baldwin)

Vigil—Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 PM Keeley Elliot *Birthday Remembrance*
(Ms. Y and Rachel)

Sunday, July 5th - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM Ethel Morihlatko (Cousin Barbara and Family)
11:00 AM Norma McIntire (Grandson Lonnie R and Family)
5:00 PM People of the Parish

Monday, July 6th

7:00 AM Michael and Theresa Manculich
Wedding Anniversary (Christine and Mike Brothers)
12:05 PM No Mass

Tuesday, July 7th

7:00 AM John F Wallace (Gray and Kelly Leech)
12:05 PM Good Health and Welfare of Rev. John Slovickowski
and Rev. Charles Ugo (Joyce and Jocelyn Zolda)

Wednesday, July 8th

7:00 AM Mary and Stephen Murin Sr (Albert Murin)
12:05 PM Gertrude "Trudy" Dona (Jeff Hammer)

Thursday, July 9th

7:00 AM No Mass
12:05 PM Stephen Panchik *Death Anniversary*
(Andrea and Ray Ritter)

Friday, July 10th

7:00 AM St. Anne Society
12:05 PM Robert Antesberger *Birthday Remembrance*
(Bill and Cookie)

Saturday, July 11th

8:00 AM David J Smith (Lisa Smith)

Vigil—Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 PM Vi Najjar (The Strate Family)

Sunday, July 12th - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM People of The Parish
11:00 AM Fr. John Brezovec (Family)
5:00 PM Bernadine Brady (Children)

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

ST PATRICK

Vigil—Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 4th

4:00 PM Anna Zambotti (Darlene and Michael Howylak)

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, July 4th

9:00 AM Cynthia Benyacko (Rite Leis and Family)

Thursday, July 9th

8:00 AM Mark Susko (Joe and Sandy Zambotti)

Vigil—Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 11th

4:00 PM Jim Kinley (Connie and Ray Cassidy)

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, July 12th

9:00 AM Dorothy Sida (Family and Friends)

Parish Staff and Volunteers

Pastor: Very Rev. Matthew Baum mbaum@dioceseaj.org
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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:

<u>St. John Gualbert</u> 117 Clinton St. Johnstown PA 15901	<u>St. Patrick Church</u> 609 Park Avenue Johnstown, PA 15902
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COLLECTIONS

Collection St. John Gualbert- 6/28/2026	
Weekly	\$5,172.46
Maintenance	50.00
Second Collection- Peter's Pence	1,013.16
St Vincent DePaul	267.00
Online Giving	290.00
Total	\$6,792.62

Collection St. Patrick-6/28/2026	
Weekly	\$3,725.25
Holy Father- Peter's Pence	507.00
Father's Day	10.00
Maintenance	25.00
Holy Day	5.00
Fuel	96.00
SVdP	140.00
Online Giving	130.00
Total	\$4,638.25

Stewardship Reflection:

July 5th, 2026 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The theme of humility is central to our readings today. God Himself is a humble God, so if we wish to follow Him as Christian stewards, we too must be humble. In fact, humility is key to the stewardship way of life, and to a peaceful and fulfilling life.

Our first reading from Zechariah foretells the unexpected way in which the Lord, the Savior of the world, will arrive. "See, your king shall come to you, a just savior is he, meek and riding on an ass... and he shall proclaim peace to the nations." It is almost unfathomable that our almighty and all-powerful God would humble Himself to live among us as one of our own, let alone to contemplate the unassuming way in which He arrived – born as a helpless baby, growing up under the care of human parents and finally making his entrance as savior on a lowly colt. Christ has given us a clear and compelling model of humility.

Let us resolve to follow in the footsteps of our Savior, embracing the humble path of stewardship. It is the path that leads to peace here and now, and ultimately leads us to heaven.

Shared Parish Information:

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

Parishioner Registration: We always welcome new parishioners. It is important for us to keep accurate records when time comes for sacraments, certification as a Baptismal/Confirmation Sponsor, as well as charitable giving notices. If you would like to register or have moved, please fill out a registration form at the entrance and drop it in the collection.

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.

Infant Baptism & Christian Initiation of Adults: Contact the church office, (814)536-0117 or johnstowncathedral@dioceseaj.org

Marriage: Please check the FAQ on our website

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.

Anointing of the Sick/Homebound: 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. 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.



Catholic Ministries Drive 2026
(as of April 30, 2026)

St. John Gualbert	Goal: \$32,300.00 Receipts: \$7,209.00
St. Patrick	Goal: \$24,900.00 Receipts: \$6,877.00

Keep in touch with us!

TEXT SJGC TO 84576 

OR CONNECT WITH US ONLINE AT:
stjohngualbert.flocknote.com

Religious Education

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

Diocesan Family Conference -SEPT. 19,2026 Bishop Carroll High School , Ebensburg. We are celebrating our 125th year as a diocese and this conference is our way to recognize the Diocesan Family of Altoona- Johnstown. This day is for young and old alike. Our keynote for the day is Steve Angrisano, and we will offer breakout sessions for adults on topics to meet the needs of all the faithful. For the youth, we will offer special opportunities based on age. Registration booklets and online registration booklets will be available soon.

Eucharistic Procession:

Eucharistic Procession will take place on Sunday, July 26 after the 5:00 pm mass at St. John Gualbert Cathedral to close out the St. Anne Triduum. All First communicants are asked to participate and wear their First Communion suits and dresses. Contact the DRE if you planning to attend.

OCIA/Basics of Faith - 2026

We are looking for a few hospitality hosts/hostesses for OCIA from the Parishes of SJG and SP for the upcoming 2026-2027 OCIA year that will start in September after Labor Day and ends around May-June. Classes are held on Sunday evenings from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Individuals willing to help would need to complete clearances as required by the Diocese. Please contact Mr. Lonnie Rietscha @ 814-244-6681 for all questions and offers to accept this important role for our OCIA program. More hands make the work lighter.

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

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

Frederic Ozanam wrote: "Help then becomes honorable, because it may become mutual, because every man who gives a kind word, a good advice, a consolation today, may tomorrow stand himself in need of a kind word, an advice, or a consolation; because the hand that you clasp clasps yours in return; because that indigent family whom you love loves you in return, and will have largely acquitted themselves toward you when the old man, the mother, the little children shall have prayed for you."

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.

· Thursday, July 16 at 6:00 PM

In Your promise of salvation, You are the Lord of hope. In my works done in Your name, may I be a servant of faith with heart, mind, body, and soul, may I help build the Kingdom of love. Amen.

Christian Life & Service At St John Gualbert

Save the Date- September 27, 2026:

St. John Gualbert Christian Life and Service Group will be holding our annual Spaghetti Dinner with Baskets on September 27! Put your great ideas into a basket and donate for our church fundraising event. If you have a great basket idea and would like to donate, you can contact Gloria Stephens at (814) 418-0270 or Charlotte Amenti (814) 322- 2168. We appreciate and thank you for your generous donations!

Jared Box Project:

The Christian Life and Service Groups will have Jared boxes available for pick-up, the weekends of July 4th & 5th and again, on July 11th & 12th. Our Jared Boxes support young children, by bringing the "gift of play" to local hospitals. Parishioners can take a box home with them to fill and return the weekend of July 18th & 19th, or you can take a donation envelope to return with your cash donation, which will be used to support filling the boxes with child friendly items.

-St. John Gualbert Christian Life & Service Members

Christian Life & Service At St Patrick

October Basket Party: Although our annual Basket Party will not take place until October 2026, St. Pat's CLS Group is beginning our collection efforts early to help us better plan and prepare for one of our largest fundraisers of the year. Your early support allows us to organize, create, and build a successful event for our parish community. We are gratefully accepting donations now for: Fully assembled baskets, Lottery tickets, Gift cards, company gift certificates, individual basket items such as religious items, holiday-themed items, specialty gifts and cash donations to help with purchase of basket items. Your donations can be dropped off at St Patrick's church in totes placed at the entrance. Every donation, large or small, helps support our fundraising efforts and is sincerely appreciated. Thank you for your continued generosity and for helping make our 2026 Basket Party a success! For any questions, please contact Lolly Kennedy at (814) 659-8717.

-St. Patrick Christian Life & Service Members

2026 Cemetery Ticket Daily Winners

Date	Winning #	Winner	Payout
<u>Sun, 6-21</u>	922	UNSOLD	\$50.00
<u>Mon, 6-22</u>	911	Phyllis Kasper	\$25.00
<u>Tues, 6-23</u>	710	Tim Wehn	\$25.00
<u>Wed, 6-24</u>	842	Ralph Boyle	\$25.00
<u>Thurs, 6-25</u>	006	Mike Brothers	\$25.00
<u>Fri, 6-26</u>	910	Patty Mandrick	\$25.00
<u>Sat, 6-27</u>	921	Mike Amenti	\$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

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat, July 11th, 6:00PM Mass

Reader	Susan Kamnikar
Reader	K. Babyak
Eucharistic Minister	Anthony Kamnikar
Server	Steve Molnar
Audio Operator	Michael Stoskey
Sacristan	Steve Molnar
Cantor	Mark Schuster

Sun July 12th, 7:00AM Mass

Reader	Dave Harteis
Reader	Gloria Stephens
Eucharistic Minister	Melissa Gates
Eucharistic Minister	Carmen Grasso
Eucharistic Minister	Rich Ott
Server	H. Gates
Audio Operator	Patrick McClain
Sacristan	Dave Harteis
Cantor	Rose Eckenrod

Sun July 12th, 11:00AM Mass

Reader	Heather Jezeskie
Reader	Elizabeth Rhoades
Eucharistic Minister	Geoffrey Stumpo
Eucharistic Minister	Rev. Canice McMullen
Eucharistic Minister	James Hollis
Server	E. Wills
Server	C. Wills
Server	J. Lavelly
Audio Operator	Evonne Yanzetich
Sacristan	Lonnie Rietscha
Cantor	Kristen Caddy

Sun July 12th, 2:00PM Mass - Anointing Mass

Reader	Fred Oliveros
Reader	Mary Jame Verbiar
Server	K. Krawczyk
Audio Operator	Kevin Slonka
Cantor	Kevin Slonka

Sun July 12th, 5:00PM Mass

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

ST PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat July 11th, 4:00 PM Mass

Cantor	Ed Herman
Server	Jerry Stofko
Eucharistic Minister	Connie Cassidy
Eucharistic Minister	Cindy Stofko
Eucharistic Minister	Pat Burns
Sacristan	Connie Cassidy
Reader	Mary Ann Craig

Sun July 12th, 9:00AM Mass

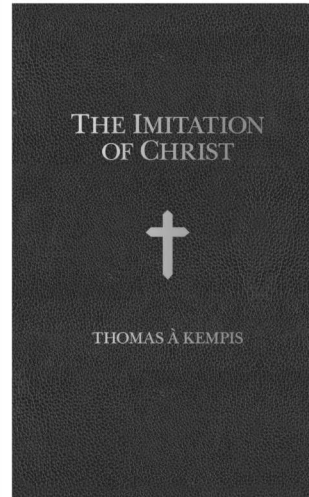
Cantor	Eric Ecklund
Server	Sam Correll
Eucharistic Minister	Mary Jo Podratsky
Eucharistic Minister	Rita Redden
Eucharistic Minister	Kevin Malloy
Sacristan	Marianna Glover
Reader	Kathy Getzey

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:

Reading Recommendation of the Week:



Quote of the Week:

"Just take everything exactly as it is, put it in God's hands and leave it with Him. Then you will be able to rest in Him- really rest- and start the next day as a new life."
- St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (1891-1942) Martyr

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR BOTH PARISHES

St. Patrick Basement Sale Donations:

We are currently accepting donations for our Annual Basement Sale which will take place at St. Pat's in the fall. Please reach out to Dan Scholfied (814-792-5891) between 8 AM to 3 PM Monday to Friday to schedule a time to drop donations off. Our policy for donations is that same as prior years: we will not accept computers, televisions, clothing, large appliances, large furniture, auto parts, child car seats, paint, chemical or other electronics.

The Jared Box Project is Back!

The Christian Life and Service Groups will have Jared boxes available for pick-up, the weekends of July 4th & 5th and again, on July 11th & 12th. Our Jared Boxes support young children, by bringing the "gift of play" to local hospitals. Parishioners can take a box home with them to fill and return the weekend of July 18th & 19th, or you can take a donation envelope to return with your cash donation, which will be used to support filling the boxes with child friendly items. This year, to help with our Jared Box Project, 2026 kick-off, and to share his love of this very special project, our own Fr. Canice McMullen will be speaking at all masses the weekend of July 4th and 5th. He will share what this Project means to him. We won't give the connection away. But, if you missed his homily at our very first kick-off back in 2022, you must catch it this year. We feel blessed to have Fr. Canice and The Jared Project at our churches.

Christian Life and Service volunteers will be at the doors to distribute the "boxes" and to take any donations. Plan to support this parish event while making a difference to a young child. If you would like to learn more on The Jared Box Project, you may visit <https://thejaredbox.org> Thank you again for your generous support on this very special project.

Volunteers Needed:

Volunteers are needed to help support to evangelization efforts of the Church's ChristLife program from behind the scenes by helping prepare dinner for the meetings. You can sign up for any or all sessions you are able to help at and attend. Sign ups sheets will be in the vestibule of the church.

St. John Gualbert

Current Events:

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 7/4 and 7/5 - Jared Box Distribution
 7/7 6PM - SJG Christian Life and Service; AC-SJ
 7/8 6PM - Calendar Meeting; AC-H
 7/8 6:30PM- SJG Choir; Church
 7/9 3PM - Eucharistic Adoration; Shrine
 7/9 6PM - Knights of Columbus. AC-U
 7/10 - Private Event Set Up; AC-H
 7/11 9AM - Young Adult Hike, Offsite
 7/11 and 7/12 - Jared Boxes
 7/12 2PM - Anointing Mass; Church

St. Patrick Church

Current Events:

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 7/4 and 7/5 - Jared Box Distribution
 7/7 7PM - SPJ Maintenance
 7/8 6PM - Calendar Meeting
 7/10 - Room Reserved for Diaconate Testing; REC
 7/11 and 7/12 - Jared Boxes

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

All Saints Bingo:

All Saints Parish in Boswell hosts Bingo Nights every 2nd and Last Saturday each month at the All Saint Lyceum Building at 332 Stonycreek Street in Boswell! Doors Open at 5:00 PM, Early Bird Bingo begins at 6:30 PM, and regular games start at 7:00 PM. All the proceeds benefit the religious education pilgrimage to Europe!

Parish Summer Camp:

All Saints Parish in Boswell will be hosting their annual summer day camp for students who are entering kindergarten through 8th grade Tuesday July 28th through Friday July 31st from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Interested students can be signed up by contacting the parish office at 814-629-5551 or by emailing emarsh@dioceseaj.org

Proclaim! Night with the Altoona Curve

In celebration of the 125th anniversary of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Proclaim! is sponsoring a night with the Altoona Curve on August 14 at PNG Field in Altoona. The game starts at 6:00 p.m., but before the game, Proclaim! is hosting a picnic supper at 5:00 p.m. Game tickets are \$9 for adults; \$7 dollars for children ages 3-12. The picnic supper is free with the purchase of a game ticket. To purchase tickets, contact Cory Homan at the Altoona Curve at 814-283-3128 or choman@altoonacurve.com.

Saint Mary's 2026 Summer Line Up

425 Power Street - Johnstown PA 15906
 Getting ready for the Summer. Join Us by the River!
 July 24th - Rise & Shine
 Sept 4th-6th - Cambria City Ethnic Festival
 Oct 17th - Trivia Night (\$160/team)

Divine Mercy Group Meeting:

The Divine Mercy Prayer Group's next get together on Wed. July 8th 3pm or 6:30 pm. Come discuss the Diary of St. Faustina and Jesus' Love and Divine Mercy. Come pray for our United States as we celebrate 250 Years!
 Info: Cathy 814-288-1126 or Lolly 814-659-8717

Church Festival:

Saints Gregory and Barnabus Parish will be holding their Summer Festival on Sunday, July 19th from 11 AM to 4PM on the parish grounds at 120 Boltz St in Johnstown. Highlights include a \$12 per plate chicken barbeque, basket raffle, bake sale, live entertainment and more!

Young Adult Hike:

There will be a hike and mass for young adults on Saturday, July 11th at 9 AM. Please meet the group at the Route 56 trailhead of the Laurel Highlands Trail in Seward. Reach out to geoffstumpo@gmail.com for more information.

Public Rosary:

There will be public rosaries prayerd. Thursday July 9th at 6:30 PM at St. Clement Church and Saturday July 16th at 12 PM in the Lincoln St side of the Vine Street Parklet. Join us as we pray for our nation through the intercession of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus.

Fatima Devotions:

The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on Monday, July 13th at 6:30 PM in the Gardens at Mount Assisi. Fr. Malachi Van Tassell will be the homilist! Come join in this prayer to our Blessed Mother!

St. Monica's Tears

Mon. July 27th

6:30 PM

St. Patrick Church

St. Monica, mother of St. Augustine, is a powerful intercessor for those seeking the return of loved ones to faith. This Holy Hour honors her through Eucharistic Adoration, where we will:

- *Offer prayers and hymns for St. Monica*
- *Present intentions for the conversion of loved ones*
- *Unite in prayer with her trusting spirit*

Everyone is welcome, whether carrying heavy concerns or supporting others, as many have found solace and transformation through prayer like St. Monica's.



Fr. Canice's Thoughts: The Sacred Preparation of the Priest for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

The Sacristy: A Place of Sacred Preparation

The sacristy is the sacred space where a priest withdraws to prepare himself spiritually and materially for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We can understand this place as akin to the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus Himself prayed and prepared for the Sacrifice of the Cross.

One of the most beautiful ways a priest prepares for this sacred duty is through the ancient practice of praying the vesting prayers—prayers spoken as he clothes himself in the vestments of his office. Each garment carries profound spiritual meaning, and each prayer deepens his awareness of the mystery he is about to celebrate and the sacred responsibility he bears.

The Amice

Traditional Vesting Prayer:

"Place upon me, O Lord, the helmet of salvation, that I may resist the assaults of the devil."

The amice is a rectangular cloth of white linen that the priest places upon his head and tucks into his collar. It covers his shoulders and neck. In the spiritual battle of the liturgy, this vestment represents the helmet of salvation—the spiritual protection a priest needs as he enters into combat against the darkness and stands as an instrument of Christ's redemptive work.

The Alb

Traditional Vesting Prayer:

"Make me white O Lord, and cleanse my heart; that being made white in the Blood of the Lamb I may deserve an eternal reward."

The alb (from the Latin *albus*, meaning "white") is the long, flowing white garment worn beneath all other vestments. It represents the purity of baptism—that state of original innocence and holiness that Adam and Eve possessed before the Fall, and that state of grace we return to through the Sacraments of Baptism and Confession. When the priest vests in the alb, he is reminded that he must approach the altar in a state of spiritual purity, having reconciled himself with God.



The Maniple

Traditional Vesting Prayer:

"May I deserve, O Lord, to bear the maniple of weeping and sorrow, so that I may joyfully receive the reward of my labors."

The maniple is a narrow cloth that hangs from the priest's left forearm. It serves as a reminder of the burden of priestly intercession—the weight of carrying the prayers and penances of God's people before the throne of grace. Historically, the maniple could be used to wipe the sweat from his brow or the tears from his eyes, those tears shed in awareness of his own unworthiness and the gravity of his sacred trust.

The Stole

Traditional Vesting Prayer:

"Restore to me, O Lord, the stole of immortality, which I lost through the disobedience of our first parent, and unworthy though I am to approach Thy sacred mysteries, may I nevertheless hope in Thy mercy."

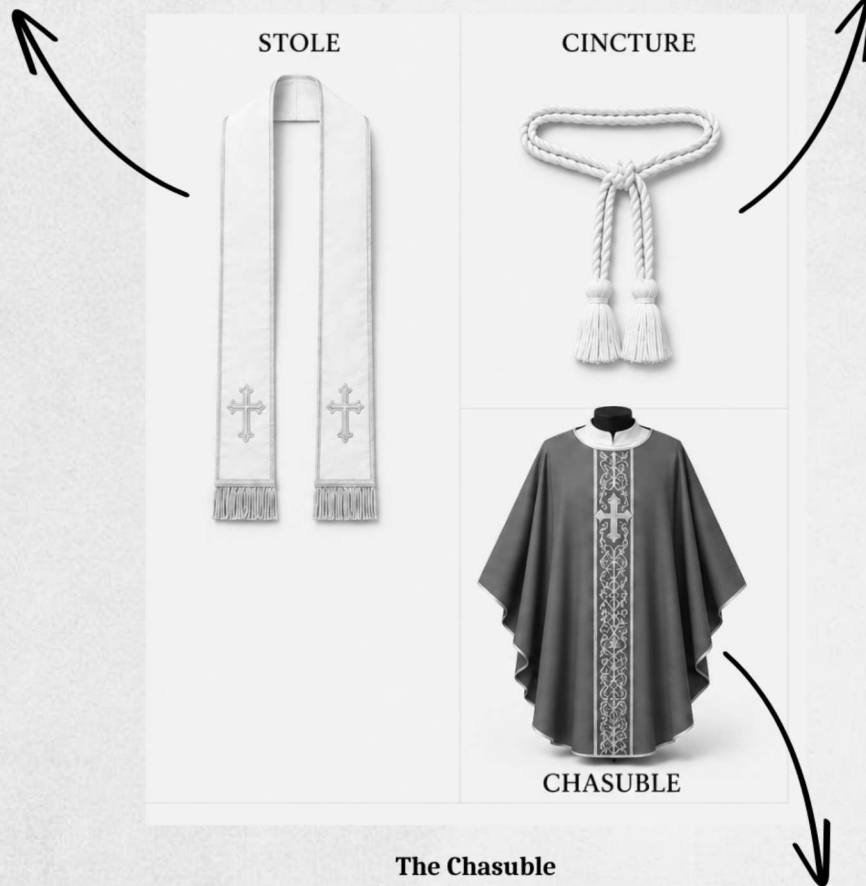
The stole is a long, scarf-like cloth worn around the priest's neck, hanging down the front of his body. It is the vestment that most clearly signifies his priestly authority. Through the stole, the priest is empowered to act in persona Christi—to truly forgive sins in the Sacrament of Confession and to consecrate and distribute the Body of Christ to the faithful. It is a visible sign of the supernatural power confided to him.

The Cincture

Traditional Vesting Prayer:

"Gird me about, O Lord, with the cincture of purity, and quench in me the fire of concupiscence, that the virtue of continence and chastity may abide in me."

The cincture is a rope or cord worn around the priest's waist, binding the alb close to his body. It is a reminder that the priest, acting in persona Christi (in the Person of Christ), must love his Bride, the Church, with a pure and self-sacrificial love—a love unmarred by selfish desire. The cincture calls him to chastity of heart and mind, that his service may be wholly devoted to Christ and His people.



The Chasuble

Traditional Vesting Prayer:

"O Lord, who hast said, 'My yoke is sweet and my burden light,' grant that I may so bear it as to obtain Thy grace."

The chasuble is a large, poncho-like vestment placed over all the other vestments. It represents the yoke of charity that covers all things. Most significantly, the priest wears the chasuble over the stole—a beautiful symbol that charity covers authority. While the priest bears the authority to forgive and to consecrate, that authority is always to be exercised within the bounds of love, mercy, and selfless service. Charity is the greatest of all virtues and the measure by which all priestly action must be guided.

A Call to Reverence

When we see a priest vesting in these sacred garments, we witness not merely the donning of ceremonial dress, but a profound spiritual preparation. Each vestment is a prayer, each movement a meditation on the sacred trust he bears. As the faithful, our reverence for these vestments and for the Mass itself is an act of faith in Christ's abiding presence and in the gift of the priesthood He has given to His Church.

ANOINTING MASS

SUNDAY

JULY 12 2:00 PM



St. John Gualbert Cathedral

ST. ANNE TRIDUUM

FRI JULY 24

SAT JULY 25

SUN JULY 26



Deacon Wally Zapotoczny
St. Joseph, Bellwood

6PM SOLEMN
VESPERS



Deacon Matt Marafino
All Saints, Boswell

6PM
VIGIL MASS



Deacon John Fontana
Visitation, Johnstown

5PM MASS &
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JULY 24-26

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Saturday, July 25th, 6:00PM - Mass

Sunday, July 26, 5:00PM - Mass and Eucharistic Procession

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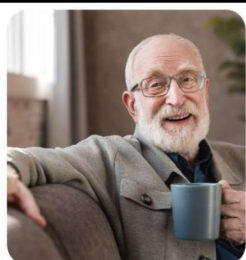
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