



Sunday July 12, 2026

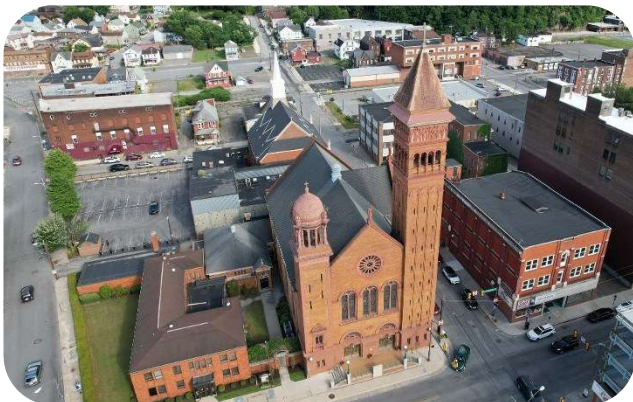
15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saint John Gualbert Cathedral

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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

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 12th, 2026



1st Reading:
Isaiah 55:10-11

2nd Reading:
Romans 8:18-23

Gospel:
Matthew 13:1-23

ST JOHN GUALBERT

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 - Fifteenth 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 13th

7:00 AM St. Anne Society

12:05 PM No Mass

Tuesday, July 14th

7:00 AM Joe, Ronnie, Catherine Kmetz, Ann Lubera
(Catherine Kmetz Family)

12:05 PM David Wilson (Wife Valerie)

Wednesday, July 15th

7:00 AM St. Anne Society

12:05 PM Charles E. Gojmerac (Wife Rose Marie)

Thursday, July 16th

7:00 AM No Mass

12:05 PM Marie Ritter *Death Anniversary*
(Andrea and Ray Ritter)

Friday, July 17th

7:00 AM Robert Hecker *Birthday Remembrance*
(The Leonard Family)

12:05 PM Cythnia Benyacko (Mr and Mrs Gary Gorman)

Saturday, July 18th

8:00 AM Corita Huffman (Family)

Vigil—Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 PM Janna Countryman (Yanko Family)

Sunday, July 19th - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM People of the Parish

11:00 AM Jennifer Schrift (McCort Band)

5:00 PM Roger and Joanne Stoy *70th Wedding Anniversary*
(Daughter Cathy Stoy Black)

Monday, July 13th at St. Peter in Chains Parish, behind the walls of SCI Somerset: St. Anne Society

ST PATRICK

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)

Thursday, July 16th

8:00 AM Joseph Vasilko (Joyce Werner)

Vigil—Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 18th

4:00 PM Charles Holtzman Jr *Birthday Remembrance*
(Sister Judy and Dan Lipinski)

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, July 19th

9:00 AM John Rozum (Kathy and Al Molinski)

Parish Staff and Volunteers

Pastor: Very Rev. Matthew Baum mbaum@dioceseaj.org
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Canice McMullen OSB cmcmullen@dioceseaj.org
Deacon: Dcn Rick Messina rmessina@dioceseaj.org
Secretary: Christine Babik cbabik@dioceseaj.org
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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
117 Clinton St.
Johnstown PA 15901

St. Patrick Church
609 Park Avenue
Johnstown, PA 15902

COLLECTIONS

Collection St. John Gualbert- 7/4/2026	
Weekly	\$7,079.00
Second Collection	629.00
Maintenance	605.00
Cemetery	100.00
Peter's Pence	75.00
St Vincent DePaul	625.00
Online Giving	425.00
Total	\$9,538.00

Collection St. Patrick-7/4/2026	
Weekly	\$3,067.00
Holy Father- Peter's Pence	15.00
Maintenance	448.00
Fuel	65.00
SVdP	45.00
Online Giving	35.00
Total	\$3,675.00

Stewardship Reflection: July 12, 2026 – 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings are filled with analogies for the stewardship way of life, demonstrating the slow and steady, yet powerful effect this lifestyle will have on those who fully embrace it.

In our first reading, from Isaiah, the Father speaks to us of the gentle but unstoppable power of His Word, using the analogy of the Word as "rain and snow" that water the earth, "making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats." He tells us that His word always serves a purpose – it gives us life, sustains our very being. Christian stewards must fill themselves with this nourishment every day. When we commit to regular prayer time with God's Word, we can absolutely count on it to take root in us and transform our lives.

Let us deepen our commitment to this way of life, allowing the Sower to do His work in our lives. The Master Gardener will surely produce miraculous fruits through us.

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 June 30, 2026)	
St. John Gualbert	Goal: \$32,300.00 Receipts: \$11,554.00
St. Patrick	Goal: \$24,900.00 Receipts: \$9,607.00

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:

Update from 6-5-2026 to 7-5-2026

Number of calls received on our 3CX Line = 12

- Number of people assisted = 29
- Adult Females = 9 ranging in age from 39 to 60
- Adult Males = 6 ranging in age from 28 to 60
- Female Children = 9 ranging in age from 2 to 20
- Male Children = 5 ranging in age from 8 to 19

Assistance given:

- Water Shut Offs = 2 Calls = \$347.01
- Eviction Notices = 6 Calls = \$1,500.00
- Gas Bill = 1 Call = \$200.00
- Car Windshield Repair = 1 Call = \$200.00
- U-Haul Rental = 1 Call = \$150.00
- Emergency Food Box = 1 Call = No Charge

Total Assistance given out = \$2,397.01

Total Contributions (St. John's and St. Patrick's) = \$1,919.00

- 6-8-2026 Members assisted with food distribution at the SVDP Food Pantry.
- 6-18-2026 Members Served Food at the SVDP Food Kitchen
- 6-25-2026 Members Attended a Resource Meeting at the SVDP Food Kitchen
- 6-25-2026 1 Member Attended Mass and Socialized with the residents of Hilltop Heights
- 6-28-2026 1 Member did a home visit and delivered and emergency food box.
- Members continue to assist the SVDP Human Needs Office until the new Director is hired.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday July 16th at 6:00 P.M. Meetings are held at the St. John's Activity Center in the St Joseph's Room Lower Level.

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 and they donations can be dropped off at St Patrick's church in totes placed at the entrance. 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.

Donut Social:

St. Patrick's CLS will be holding a donut weekend on Saturday and Sunday, July 18th and 19th. All are welcome to join us for donuts and fellowship after Mass.

-St. Patrick Christian Life & Service Members

2026 Cemetery Ticket Daily Winners

Date	Winning #	Winner	Payout
Sun, 6-28	<u>759</u>	Walter Vargo	\$50.00
Mon, 6-29	<u>393</u>	UNSOLD	\$25.00
Tues, 6-30	<u>377</u>	Dave Johnson	\$25.00
Wed, 7-1	<u>372</u>	UNSOLD	\$25.00
Thurs, 7-2	<u>199</u>	UNSOLD	\$25.00
Fri, 7-3	<u>081</u>	Barbara Karalfa	\$25.00
Sat, 7-4	<u>242</u>	Mark Thomas	\$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 18th, 6:00PM Mass

Reader	Volunteer Needed
Reader	Elizabeth Rhoades
Eucharistic Minister	Matthew Krawczyk
Server	K. Krawczyk
Audio Operator	Michael Stoskey
Sacristan	Matthew Krawczyk
Cantor	Deb McGraw

Sun July 19th, 7:00AM Mass

Reader	David Weaver
Reader	Carrie Weaver
Eucharistic Minister	Rosa Ann Schellhammer
Eucharistic Minister	Gloria Stephens
Eucharistic Minister	Carmon Grasso
Server	Rich Ott
Audio Operator	Patrick McClain
Sacristan	Rich Ott
Cantor	Peter T. Yanko

Sun July 19th, 11:00AM Mass

Reader	A. Messina
Reader	Michelle Messina
Eucharistic Minister	James Hollis
Eucharistic Minister	Rev. Canice McMullen
Eucharistic Minister	Dcn Rick Messina
Server	C. Messina
Server	I. Messina
Server	S. Messina
Audio Operator	Russ Smith
Sacristan	Lonnie Rietscha
Cantor	Sydney Petro

Sun July 19th, 5:00PM Mass

Reader	Charlotte Amenti
Reader	P. Titus
Eucharistic Minister	James Sandoval
Server	B. Ascherl
Server	R. Ascherl
Server	T. Ascherl
Audio Operator	Evonne Yanzetich
Sacristan	James Sandoval
Cantor	Kristen Caddy

ST PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat July 18th, 4:00 PM Mass

Cantor	Choir
Server	Jerry Stofko
Eucharistic Minister	Pat Burns
Eucharistic Minister	Kathy Kristofko
Eucharistic Minister	Cindy Stofko
Sacristan	Harry Mangus
Reader	Harry Mangus

Sun July 19th, 9:00AM Mass

Cantor	Rita Redden
Server	R. Lucas
Eucharistic Minister	Joyce Werner
Eucharistic Minister	Marge Sindler
Eucharistic Minister	Mary Jo Podrasky
Sacristan	Joyce Werner
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:

Reading Recommendation of the Week:



THE PRACTICE OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Being Conversations and Letters of Nicholas Herman of Lorraine, Brother Lawrence

Quote of the Week:

"Although the life of a person is a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the Good Seed can grow. You have to trust God."

-Pope Francis

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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR BOTH PARISHES

ChristLife-Discovering Christ- Registration NOW OPEN!

Life can be overwhelming. Too many worries, too many places to be, too many items on the to-do list. Do you ever wish for some way—any way—to slow down and really consider what it's all about? Discovering Christ is for anyone who is curious.

Registration is now open! You can register by: scanning the QR Code on the back of the bulletin, going to the parish website, or calling the parish office! Space is limited so register now!

Bible Study:

Weekly Bible Study will be held Thursdays at 6PM in the Rec Room at Saint Patrick Church. Come dive into the Scriptures and enjoy good community fellowship!

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. 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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7/11 and 7/12 - Jared Boxes

7/12 2PM - Anointing Mass; Church

7/15 6:30 PM- SJG Choir; Church

7/16 3PM Eucharistic Adoration; Shrine

7/16 6PM SVdP Meeting; AC-SJ

7/16 6PM - Bible Study with Deacon Rick; REC

7/18 8AM ChristLife Team Training; AC-H

7/18-19 Jared Box Returns

St. Patrick Church

Current Events:

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7/10 - Room Reserved for Diaconate Testing; REC

7/11 and 7/12 - Jared Boxes

7/16 6PM - Bible Study with Deacon Rick; REC

7/18 8AM ChristLife Team Training; AC-H

7/18-19 Jared Box Returns

******* 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)

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!

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!

Parish Car Show:

On Sunday, July 26th, Queen of Angels Parish in Central City will be sponsoring a Classic and Antique Car Cruise from 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM at their St. John site (164 Wheeler Street – Central City), benefiting Saint Vincent de Paul. Live music will be provided by Allison Borek from 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM. The parish will be preparing and serving burgers, wings, beer, soft drinks, and other refreshments. All who have a classic or antique car, or those who simply take pleasure in music and an afternoon out are welcome to come and enjoy a day of cars, food, and camaraderie.

Saint Bartholomew Basket Raffle:

Sunday, July 26. Doors open at Noon, drawing at 2:00 PM. Take your chance on hundreds of baskets and other small games of chance. Concession stand with homemade food available. To place tickets in baskets before the raffle, stop in before or after weekend Masses (Sat. 5:30 PM & Sun. 9:00 AM) or call 814-495-9298 to visit during the weeks leading up to raffle. 185 Church Hill Road, Wilmore.

2026 FESTIVAL at Our Lady of the Alleghenies Parish -

608 Main Street Lilly, PA 15938: It will be on Sunday, July 19, 2026 from 11:00am to 5:30pm. There will be food vendors, beverages including beer, craft vendors, games for all ages, a bake sale, and a BASKET RAFFLE! Entertainment includes Charlene's School of Dance from 12:45pm to 1:30pm and Felix and the Hurricanes from 2:00pm to 5:00pm. All are welcome here!

Portage Parish Festival:

Saints Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church in Portage will hold its annual Ethnic Festival on Sunday July 12 from noon until 5 pm at the parish picnic grounds located at 143 Church Drive. The festival will feature ethnic foods, homemade gobs, games of chance, live music and more!

JOIN US FOR THE AUGUST ZOOM CLASS!

Sacred Scripture & Synoptic Gospels

Taught by Deacon Michael Russo

Tuesdays from 6:00 PM-8:30 PM (10 weeks)
One Wednesday class scheduled in September.

Classes are set to begin on August 11.

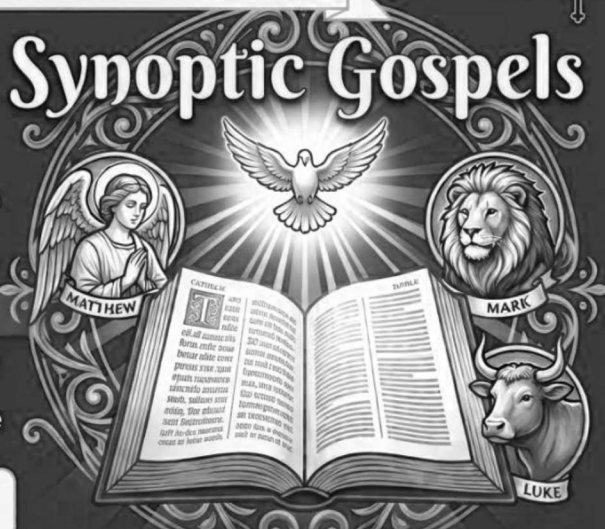
- One book is required for this class please reference registration form for title and where books can be purchased.
- The cost of each class is \$40.00 per person and payment for the classes **MUST** accompany your registration form.

The deadline to register for classes is Monday, July 13th.
No registration forms will be accepted after the deadline.

To register, please visit [dioceseaj.org/diocesanoffices/adult enrichment](https://dioceseaj.org/diocesanoffices/adult%20enrichment) or see your parish priest or secretary for a registration form or contact Jessica, Office of The Permanent Diaconate at (814) 361-2000 or jgramling@dioceseaj.org.

Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

All are welcome!



JOIN US FOR THE AUGUST IN PERSON CLASS!

Ecclesiology

Taught by Fr. Brian Saylor

Wednesdays from 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM (6 weeks)
at St. Rose of Lima, Altoona.

Classes are set to begin on August 12.

- No books are required for this class.
- The cost of each class is \$40.00 per person and payment for the classes **MUST** accompany your registration form.

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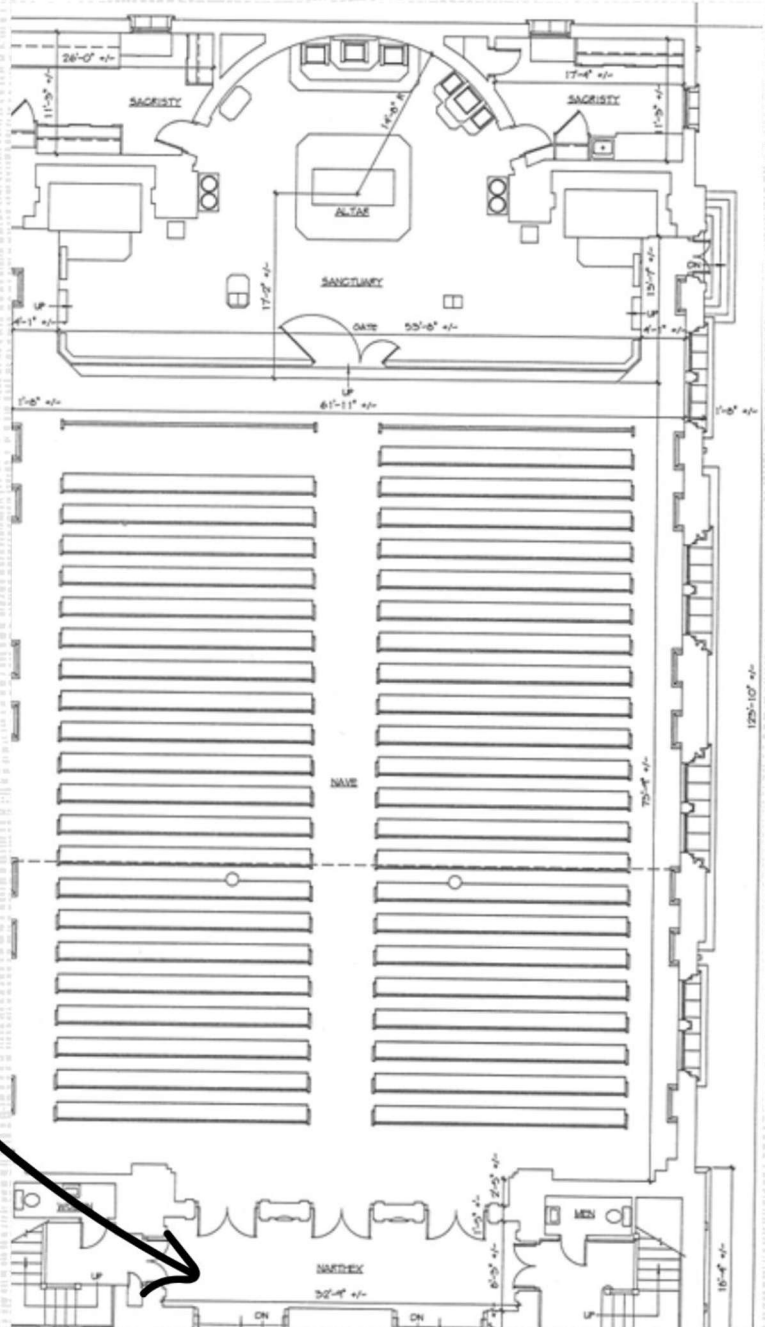
Fr. Canice's Thoughts...

Sacred Preparation for the Laity for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Entering the Church



Pay attention to how you feel when entering the Church. Something within you should feel different than when you enter other buildings. When you step into the Church, it should not feel as if you are entering a grocery store or the dentist office. Churches should be built with great dignity and beauty that is different than other worldly buildings. Stepping into a Church should help us to realize that we are stepping out of the world of time and mystically entering into a foretaste of eternity. Time and worldly concerns can be left behind as we step into God's presence.



The Narthex

When we enter the Church, the first area we enter into by means of the front door is called the "Narthex" or "vestibule." This small and often cramped space acts as a buffer between the outside world and the "Nave" (the main interior of the Church where the pews are located). The very word carries meaning. The term narthex, Greek for "scourge," refers to a porch or gathering space outside the main worship space. Its spiritual and historical significance runs deep. If the nave represents the gathered assembly of Christian believers, the narthex represents that part of the world which awaits redemption. In ancient times, those who were not yet baptized, or those who had committed grave or public sins, would go no farther than the narthex, asking the prayers of those who made their way into the Church. Today, the narthex may hold holy water fonts or bulletins, and it prepares the faithful for worship (CCC 1185). It is a transitional space — a threshold moment — calling every soul to leave the world behind and enter into sacred encounter.

Actual blueprints of Saint John Gualbert Cathedral from 1985!

The Nave

As you enter the nave, be sure to dip your fingers into the Holy Water Font and make the Sign of the Cross. There is great power in this gesture. By doing so, we recall three important truths. First, by tracing the sign of the Cross on our bodies, we recall that we have been redeemed by the Cross of Christ. Second, by invoking the Name of the Holy Trinity, we recall our identity as adopted sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father. Lastly, by using Holy Water in this gesture, we recall our baptism which washed away our sins and made us a new creation. This gesture helps us to fully appreciate what we will experience when we enter our pew in the nave.

The nave is the central part of the church building where the congregation sits or stands. In Western churches, the nave is often a rectangular shape and it is separated from the sanctuary (where the altar is located).

The word "nave" is profoundly symbolic. The word is derived from the Latin *navis*, meaning "ship." Early Christians viewed the Church as an "Ark of Salvation," much like Noah's Ark, carrying the faithful through the turbulent seas which wash away evil and sin and allow for mankind to become a new creation.

If you look up at the ceiling of many traditional naves, the exposed timber beams often resemble the hull of an overturned ship.

The nave is that part of a church set apart for the laity, as distinguished from the sanctuary which is reserved for the servers, choir and clergy. It is where the People of God gather as pilgrims on a journey that is oriented toward the altar. As Mass progresses the laity symbolically journey from the world (narthex) through the community of the faithful (nave) toward God Himself (sanctuary). As you find your place in the nave, begin to prayerfully prepare your hearts for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass!



The Sanctuary

As Mass begins, the laity's attention, and eventually even their whole body, will be drawn to the Sanctuary. The sanctuary (the "holy place") represents heaven and the heavenly liturgy. This language deliberately echoes the Jerusalem Temple, where the Holy of Holies was the dwelling place of God. It contains a holy altar at which the sacrifice of the Eucharist is offered. The holy altar has many layers of symbolism, and represents both Christ and His empty tomb.

The sanctuary is the theological heart of the entire building. Everything in the architecture of a Catholic church orients toward this space, because this is where Heaven and Earth meet — where bread and wine become the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ.



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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PROCESSION



JULY 24-26

ST JOHN GUALBERT CATHEDRAL,
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TRIDUUM in HONOR of SAINT ANNE

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

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

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| ☐ Poor Souls | ☐ Happy Marriage | ☐ Parish Family | ☐ Return to Sacraments |
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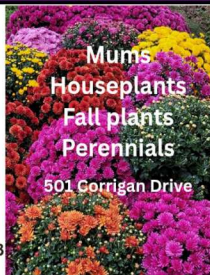
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