

Sunday, July 19th 2026

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time



Faith Like a Mustard Seed

Saint John Gualbert Cathedral

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Most Rev Bishop Mark L Bartchak, JCD
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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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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 19th, 2026



1st Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 2nd Reading: Romans 8:26-27 Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

ST JOHN GUALBERT

Saturday, July 18th

8:00 AM Corita Huffman (Family)

Vigil—Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 PM Janna Countryman (Yanko Family)

Sunday, July 19th - Sixteenth 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 20th

7:00 AM St. Anne Society

12:05 PM No Mass

Tuesday, July 21st

7:00 AM Susanne (Grata) Brothers (Christine Brothers)

12:05 PM Joe, Ronnie and Catherine Kmetz
(Catherine Kmetz Family)

Wednesday, July 22nd

7:00 AM Terry Duffy (Dorothy Valinsky)

12:05 PM Mary Cunningham (Marie Hillegas Baker)

Thursday, July 23rd

7:00 AM No Mass

12:05 PM Rene A and Rene P Thibault *Birthday Remembrance*
(David and Jeanne Thompson)

Friday, July 24th

7:00 AM Charlene Tamowsky *Birthday Remembrance*
(John Bair)

12:05 PM St. Anne Society

6:00 PM St. Anne Triduum Vespers

Saturday, July 25th

8:00 AM Vi Najjar (Elizabeth Rhoades)

Vigil—Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 PM St Anne Triduum Mass
St. Anne Society

Sunday, July 26th - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM People of The Parish

11:00 AM Charles Leonard *Birthday Remembrance*
(The Leonard Family)

5:00 PM St Anne Triduum Mass & Procession
Nicholas Snyder (Family)

Monday, July 20th at St. Peter in Chains Parish, behind the walls of SCI Somerset:

ST PATRICK

Vigil—Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 18th

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

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, July 19th

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

Thursday, July 23rd

8:00 AM Doris Rutledge (Rose and John Harris)

Vigil—Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 25th

4:00 PM Charles Pfeil Jr (Judy Gaeta)

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, July 26th

9:00 AM Ray Narcecchia (Kathy and Al Molinski)

Parish Staff and Volunteers

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St. Patrick Maintenance: Dan Schofield (814)792-5891

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Christine Babik—Resurrection Parish
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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- 7/12/2026	
Weekly	\$7,136.91
Second Collection	662.09
Maintenance	166.00
Cemetery	25.00
Peter's Pence	55.00
St Vincent DePaul	137.00
Ascension	5.00
Father's Day	5.00
Online Giving	350.00
Total	\$8,542.00

Collection St. Patrick-7/12/2026	
Weekly	\$2,751.00
Maintenance	60.00
Fuel	538.00
SVdP	15.00
Online Giving	115.00
Total	\$3,479.00

Stewardship Reflection: July 19, 2026 – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings are filled with lessons both cautionary and consoling for the Christian steward.

Our first reading, from the book of Wisdom, reminds us that our God is just as well as kind, all-powerful as well as merciful. "For You show Your might when the perfection of Your power is disbelieved... But though You are master of might, You judge with clemency." God is indeed kind and loving, but He is also a just judge and the day will come when we will have to give an account for what we have done with the gifts of time, talent and treasure that He entrusted to us during our lifetime. We will be judged by God for the part we played – or did not play – in the building of His kingdom.

We are never alone in this work, however, as we are reminded in our second reading from the letter to the Romans. "The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness... the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groaning." We must turn to the Holy Spirit continuously to guide us in our daily lives as Christian stewards. The Holy Spirit is the source of all wisdom. He will reveal to each of us the unique mission the Father has given us, as individuals and as a parish family, in the building of the kingdom of heaven. And He will give us the strength we need to remain faithful to our mission.

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:

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

Vincent de Paul, a great man of action was also a contemplative, caught up in God and consumed by his love. His contemplation of God's love overflowed into practical love for the poor. He encourages his followers: "Let us all give ourselves completely to the practice of prayer, since it is by it that all good things come to us. If we persevere, it is thanks to prayer. If we succeed in our employments, it is thanks to prayer. If we do not fall into sin, it is thanks to prayer. If we remain in charity and if we are saved, all that happens is thanks to God and thanks to prayer. Just as God refuses nothing to prayer, so also, He grants almost nothing without prayer."

The annual Sip, Rock and Duck Drop will take place on Saturday August 8, 2026, at the People's Natural Gas Park, 90 John's Street, Johnstown, Pa. 15901. Duck tickets can be purchased for \$5.00 each. The Duck that lands closest to the center of the bullseye wins \$1,000, 2nd closest wins \$500, 3rd closest wins \$300 and the 4th closest wins \$200. Members of our SVDP conference will be at the doors of the church selling Duck tickets on Saturday August 1st and Sunday August 2nd after all Masses. All proceeds benefit the SVDP Johnstown Family Food Kitchen.

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, August 1 at 9:00 AM

I commend my soul to You, Lord, may my body be a temple of the Holy Spirit. I am yours in body and spirit, Lord, make of me what You will. Amen

Christian Life & Service At St John Gualbert

Saint Anne Triduum:

Granparents, parents, all families and parishioners, the Christian Life and Service Group here at St. John Gualbert would like to extend an invitation to join our annual St. Anne Triduum. This is an opportunity to introduce your grandchildren and children to St. Anne, the grandmother of Jesus. Friday, July 24th is the opening night with Vespers being prayed at 6PM. Following Vesper, walk or drive to the activity center to enjoy an ice cream sundae! Yummy! Saturday July 25th the triduum continues with Mass at 6PM, and Sunday July 26th at 5PM, we will close the Triduum celebrating Jesus, Mary, and Saint Anne with a Mass followed by a Eucharistic Procession with our own statue of Saint Anne being carried in the procession! Hope to see you all there!

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!

-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
<u>Sun, 7-5</u>	485	UNSOLD	\$50.00
<u>Mon, 7-6</u>	930	UNSOLD	\$25.00
<u>Tues, 7-7</u>	078	Mary Jane Verbiar	\$25.00
<u>Wed, 7-8</u>	745	Anthony Cotchen	\$25.00
<u>Thurs, 7-9</u>	274	Robert S Riek	\$25.00
<u>Fri, 7-10</u>	829	Walter Podolak	\$25.00
<u>Sat, 7-11</u>	241	Tom Wallace	\$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

Fri, July 24, 6:00 Vespers -St Anne Tidium

Reader Fred Oliveros
Server K. Krawczyk
Audio Operator Russ Smith

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Sat, July 25th, 6:00PM Mass-St Anne Tridium

Reader Dixie Lochrie
Reader Pat Loughlin
Eucharistic Minister Matthew Krawczyk
Server Steve Molnar
Audio Operator Michael Stoskey
Sacristan Steve Molnar
Cantor Mark Schuster

Sun July 26th, 7:00AM Mass

Reader Carrie Weaver
Reader Fred Oliveros
Eucharistic Minister Carmen Grasso
Eucharistic Minister Rich Ott
Eucharistic Minister Rose and Schellhammer
Server Dave Harteis
Audio Operator Patrick McClain
Sacristan Dave Harteis
Cantor Rose Eckenrod

Sun July 26th, 11:00AM Mass

Reader Beth Stem
Reader Mary Jane Verbiar
Eucharistic Minister Geoffrey Stumpo
Eucharistic Minister Dcn. Rick Messina
Eucharistic Minister Rev. Canice McMullen
Server J. Costlow
Server A.Reed
Server S. Barber
Audio Operator Kevin Slonka
Sacristan Lonnie Rietscha
Cantor Kellie Slonka

Sun July 26th, 5:00PM Mass-St.Anne Tridium

Reader Charlotte Amenti
Reader Deb McGraw
Eucharistic Minister Susan Sandoval
Server James Sandoval
Server K. Krawczyk
Server P. Titus
Audio Operator Evonne Yanzetich
Sacristan Charlotte Amenti
Cantor Sydeny Petro

ST PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat July 25th, 4:00 PM Mass

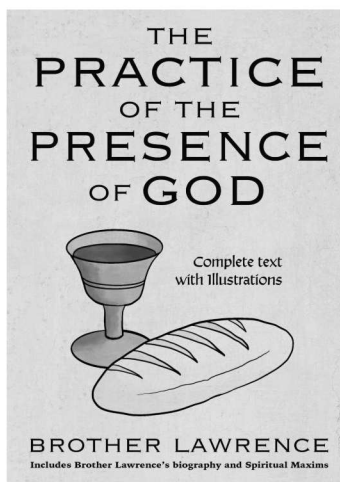
Cantor Ed Herdman
Server S.Dixon
Eucharistic Minister Connie Cassidy
Eucharistic Minister Kathy Kristofko
Eucharistic Minister Pat Burns
Sacristan Connie Cassidy
Reader Denise Marks

Sun July 26th, 9:00AM Mass

Cantor Eric Ecklund
Server Kevin Malloy
Eucharistic Minister Charlotte Ecklund
Eucharistic Minister Marge Sindleri
Eucharistic Minister Joyce Werner
Sacristan Marianna Glover
Reader Mary Ann Craig

Deacon Rick's Corner:

Reading Recommendation of the Week:



Quote of the Week:

"For me the time of action does not differ from the time of prayer, and in the hoise and clatter of my kitchen, I possess God in as great tranquility as when upon my knees at the Blessed Sacrament."
-Brother Lawrence

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.



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

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.

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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7/18-19 Jared Box Returns
7/21 5:30 PM Catholic Daughters; AC-H
7/22 6:30 PM SJG Choir; Church
7/23 3PM Eucharistic Adoration; Shrine
7/23 6PM Bible Study; SPJ REC
7/24 6PM Saint Anne Triduum Vespers; Church
7/24 7PM Saint Anne Triduum Reception; AC-H
7/25 10AM Procession Rehearsal; Church
7/25 6PM Saint Anne Triduum Mass; Church
7/26 6PM Saint Anne Triduum Mass/Eucharistic Procession; Church

St. Patrick Church

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***** 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!

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!

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.

"I was sick and you visited me."

— Matthew 25:36

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Needed for Our Homebound Parishioners

You can help bring them the comfort, love, and presence of Christ by serving as a Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound.

As a Volunteer, You Will:

- Bring Holy Communion to homebound parishioners
- Offer prayer and companionship
- Help those unable to attend Mass remain connected to our parish community
- Share Christ's compassion and care with others

Scan the QR Code or visit the parish website to sign up for training with Fr. Canice:



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!

2026 Duck Drop:

The Sip, Rock and Duck Drop will take place on Saturday August 8, 2026 at the People's Natural Gas Park 90 John's Street, Johnstown, Pa. 15901. This year's featured entertainment includes, THE AZURES, THE RUSTY SHACKLES, THE KORE AND THE SMOOTH SOUND BAND. Concert tickets are \$10.00 at the door, Kids under 12 are free (2 Max per adult).

GATES OPEN @ 1:00 P.M.

BANDS START @ 2:30 P.M.

DUCK DROP @ 6:30 P.M.

FINAL BAND @ 7:00 P.M.

To buy a Duck, tickets can be purchased for \$5.00 each.

The Duck that lands closest to the center of the bullseye wins the first prize of \$1,000, 2nd closest wins \$500, 3rd closest wins \$300 and the 4th closest wins \$200. You do not have to be present to win.

Members of our SVDP conference will be at the doors of the church selling Duck tickets on Saturday August 1st and Sunday August 2nd after all Masses.

So try your luck and please buy a Duck. All proceeds raised stay local and benefits the SVDP Johnstown Family Food Kitchen.

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!

Upcoming Lay Ministries Office Classes:

The following classes are open to all!

- New Testament taught by Fr. Brian Norris, Mondays from 6:30-9:00 PM (8 weeks) with one (Wednesday class scheduled in September) Classes are set to begin on August 3. Two books are required for this class please reference registration form for title and where books can be purchased.
- Heart of Faith taught by Deacon Wally Zapotoczny, Tuesdays from 6:00-8:30 PM (6 Weeks) beginning August 11. One book is required please reference registration form for title and where it can be purchased.
- Old Testament taught by Fr. Brian Saylor, Thursdays from 6:45 pm-9:15 pm (8) Weeks beginning August 13. One book is required please reference registration form for title and where it 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 27th. No registration forms will be accepted after the deadline. To register, please visit dioceseaj.org/diocesan/offices/adult/enrichment or see your parish priest or secretary for a registration form or contact Jessica, Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry at (814) 361-2000 or jgramling@dioceseaj.org All are welcome!

Walk Through Basket Party:

Mom's House is holding a Walk-Thru Basket Party at 1325 Franklin St. on Saturday July 18, 10-4, and Sunday, July 19, 11-3. \$10 per sheet of tickets. Winners drawn via Facebook Live on July 19 @ 3:15. Plenty of parking is available! For information, call 814-535-4848.

From the Pastor:

I'd like to say a special thank you to Tony DeGol and the Diocesan communications office! Last week was quite the news week for our parishes. Tony was down for an interview with Ms Y as the Organist of the Month, celebrating her 25 years at St John's. Fr Canice did a segment on indulgences, and I presented some of the 3d printed statues we've been making and painting. It's wonderful to see good things going on in the news and to see our parish as a part of that.

We're one week away from our St Anne Triduum. As we prepare, you'll see something brand new in church this week. For the last year or so, I've been making some small 3d printed statues, and some of our parishioners asked if they could paint them. As they turned out pretty well, we had the idea to make a large statue of St Anne for the Triduum. That statue will be in Church this weekend and will be processed through the streets for the Triduum. I would like to especially thank a number of people who helped with the statue. Brother Marius from St Francis University helped print about 6 of the 130 pieces that made up the statue. Our own Ray and Joe helped with the glueing, and Ashley Gregorchick led the painting, helped by Morgan Casto, Kristen Caddy, and Kim McKinney. I still can't believe to look at the statue that it's something that is uniquely ours for the triduum.

As we process the statue through the streets next Sunday after the 5PM mass, this past week, we celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The current St John Gualbert was completed in 1895, just a year before in 1894, in a small town of Palmi, Italy a group of parishioners had a strong devotion to our Lady of Mount Carmel. They looked at their statue, and thought they saw the eyes move. Thinking it was a miracle, they decided to hold a procession and walk the statue through the streets of the town. Everyone from town stood outside their homes to watch the statue go past. Nearly 15,000 people stood outside to see the procession of the statue.

As they did, a huge earthquake erupted and many of the old homes collapsed. However, since everyone was outside watching the statue, only 9 people were injured. From there many of the early Italian immigrants remembered the miracle and named many of their Churches Mt. Carmel and held similar statue processions.

For us at St John's, just 5 years before during the 1889 flood, we had our own miracle, though ours was Eucharistic. As the flood waters approached town, the Sisters of Charity all ran together to kneel before the blessed sacrament in their 2nd flood convent chapel. As they did, the flood waters washed away most of the town and while most of their convent was destroyed, the chapel was spared by the flood and all 9 Sisters were rescued safely.

I'd invite us to think of our own Johnstown miracle next week as we hold our procession next Sunday with the Statue of St Anne leading the way for the blessed sacrament, as we celebrate the Mother of the Mother of God.

Everything is prepared, the statue is completed, our guest celebrants are ready, so please join us and invite friends so that we can celebrate our Feast of St Anne next Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, but most especially next Sunday's 5PM mass with our Eucharistic Procession led by St Anne.

God Bless You all,
Fr Matt

Fr. Canice's Thoughts:

Catholic Processions: Walking Together Toward Heaven

As we prepare for our St. Anne Procession, I'd like to share the rich history and profound significance behind this beautiful and solemn act of worship.

Processions are one of the most ancient, beautiful, and theologically rich practices in Catholic life. Far from being mere ceremonial pageantry, they are embodied prayer — a full-body act of faith carried out by the whole community before God and the watching world.

Biblical Roots

The tradition of processions is not a medieval invention — it goes back to the very foundations of salvation history. Processions in Christianity go all the way back to the Old Testament — recall God's command to the Israelites to march in solemn procession around the walls of Jericho bearing the Ark of the Covenant (Jos. 6:1-27). King David also processed with the Ark of the Covenant into Jerusalem (2 Sam. 6; 1 Kings 8). These Old Testament processions were intended to be acts of faith in God's awesome power — a sacred act that was both a prayer and a gesture of adoration.

Processions have long been a form of liturgical prayer. Processions to and within sacred sites, especially the Temple in Jerusalem, marked numerous festivals in Jewish prayer, and many of the Psalms were composed to accompany such processions.

Our Lord's own procession into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday was simultaneously an act of thanksgiving and adoration for the arrival of the long-promised Messiah.

Theological Meaning

Processions hold deep theological significance in the Catholic tradition. They represent the pilgrim nature of the Church journeying through the world toward the heavenly Jerusalem. By processing together, the faithful publicly profess their dependence upon God and unite their prayers as a community.

Theologically, processions remind the faithful that they are pilgrims journeying through this earthly existence following Jesus on "the Way" — an early title for the Church itself.

Major Types of Catholic Processions

1. Corpus Christi Processions

This is perhaps the most recognizable Catholic procession. Corpus Christi, meaning "Body of Christ" in Latin, is a solemn feast celebrating the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, established in the 13th century. Processions are a key tradition, where the Blessed Sacrament is carried publicly to honor Christ's Eucharistic presence.

In response to Protestant notions that the Eucharist was merely a symbol, the Church affirmed clearly the ancient understanding of the Real Presence — and processions through the streets of cities and villages became popular as a means of openly demonstrating support and reverence for this reality.

2. Palm Sunday Processions

Processions occur on Palm Sunday, commemorating Christ's entrance into Jerusalem. Every Palm Sunday Mass begins with the faithful processing with palms, re-enacting the joyful reception of the King of Kings.

3. Candlemas (February 2)

Besides Corpus Christi, processions have traditionally been part of Candlemas and Palm Sunday. On Candlemas, the faithful carry blessed candles in procession, signifying Christ as the Light of the World.

4. Rogation Day Processions

Throughout most of Catholic history, the faithful were accustomed to days set aside for solemn public prayer, fasting, and penitential processions. Among the most important were the Rogation Days — ancient liturgical days during which clergy and faithful processed through fields, towns, and villages imploring God's mercy and blessing.

The clergy wore violet vestments, the faithful walked in prayer, and the Litany of the Saints was sung as an urgent plea for divine assistance. Through the intercession of the saints, the faithful asked God to deliver them from famine, pestilence, war, and other calamities.

Processions as Evangelization

Processions are not merely internal acts of piety — they are a bold proclamation to the world. During a Eucharistic procession, the mystery of the Eucharist leaves the walls of the Church. It enters the public world for Catholics and non-Catholics to witness the Church's faith and devotion. The processions serve as bold, joyful, reverent, and loving proclamations of the Gospel. They hold the potential to inspire non-Catholics to ask questions, engage in discussion, or to go home and do more research to find out more about this devotion Catholics have.

The Bottom Line

A procession is not a walk. It is a statement of faith made with the entire body, in public, before God and neighbor. It says: We are not ashamed of the Gospel. We are a pilgrim people. We are heading somewhere — and that somewhere is Heaven.

Every procession is a rehearsal for that final, glorious procession into the Kingdom. Knowing that, what in your own daily life resembles a procession — a regular, embodied, communal movement toward God — and what might be pulling you in the opposite direction?





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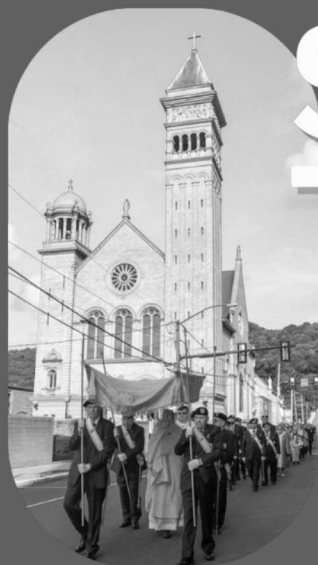
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