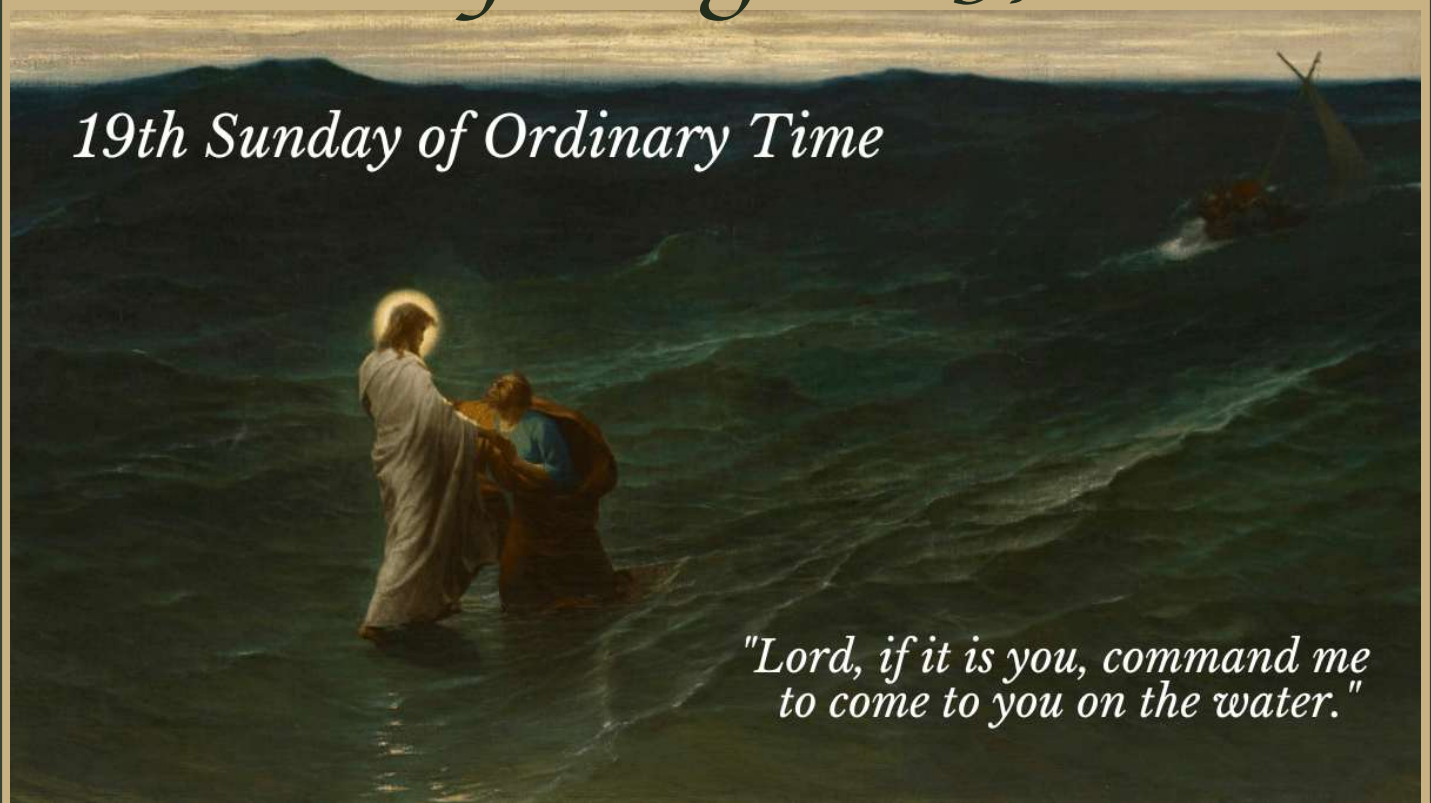


Sunday August 9, 2026

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

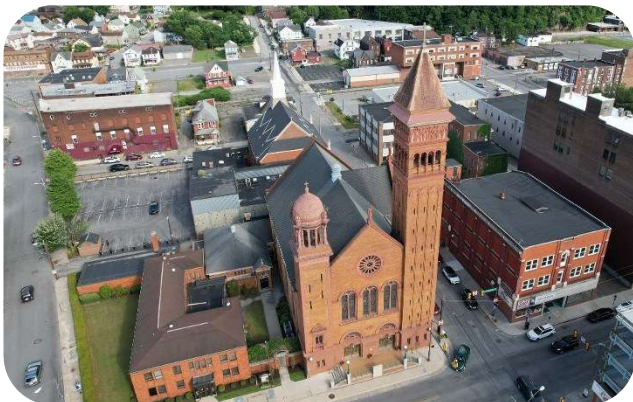


"Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."

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
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stpatricktowntown@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 August 9, 2026



1st Reading:
1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

2nd Reading:
Romans 9:1-5

Gospel:
Matthew 14:22-33

ST JOHN GUALBERT

Saturday, August 8th

8:00 AM Corita Huffman (Family)

Vigil—Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 8th

6:00 PM James D McCall *1st Death Anniversary*
(Wife Georgia McCall)

Sunday, August 9 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM People of The Parish

11:00 AM Mike and Sylvia Delich (Daughters)

5:00 PM George Najjar (Family)

Monday, August 10th

7:00 AM Dr. Mark M Mastervich (Sharon Mastervich Yanko)

12:05 PM No Mass

Tuesday, August 11th

7:00 AM Dorothy Sida (Friends and Family)

12:05 PM David Wilson (Wife Valerie)

Wednesday, August 12th

7:00 AM Bobby King (Family and Friends)

12:05 PM Robert Antesberger (Bill and Cookie Antesberger)

Thursday, August 13th

7:00 AM No Mass

12:05 PM Helen and Paul Picklo (Albert Murin)

Friday, August 14th

7:00 AM Karen Heptner (Beth Molnar)

12:05 PM Mary Lou Smith *Death Anniversary*
(Lisa Smith)

Saturday, August 15th

8:00 AM Vi Najjar (Sarah Strate)

Vigil—Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 15th

6:00 PM Richard M. Smith *Birthday Remembrance*
(Jean Stanislawczyk)

Sunday, August 16th - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM People of The Parish

11:00 AM Norma McIntire (Grandson Lonnie R and Family)

5:00 PM Saint Anne Society

ST PATRICK

Vigil—Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 8th

4:00 PM Myra Sinoply (Timothy Heinlein)

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 9th

9:00 AM Joseph Vasilko (Wife Joanne Vasilko)

Thursday, August 13th

8:00 AM Julia Ann Luque (Friends and Family)

Vigil—Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 15th

4:00 PM Charles Holtzman Jr (Patty Webb)

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 16th

9:00 AM Anita Bischof *Birthday Remembrance* (Family)

Parish Staff and Volunteers

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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:

St. John Gualbert
117 Clinton St.
Johnstown PA 15901

St. Patrick Church
609 Park Avenue
Johnstown, PA 15902

COLLECTIONS

Collection St. John Gualbert- 8/2/2026	
Weekly	\$7,014.10
Second Collection	967.12
Maintenance	684.00
St Vincent DePaul	140.00
Father's Day	10.00
Assumption	10.00
Online Giving	450.00
Total	\$9,275.22

Collection St. Patrick-8/2/2026	
Weekly	\$3,424.00
Catholic Relief Services	5.00
Catholic Home Missions Appeal	10.00
Catholic Communication Campaign	10.00
St. Patrick's Day Collection	20.00
Maintenance Fund	430.00
Holy Day and Other	30.00
Fuel	90.00
Easter	20.00
Holy Land/Good Friday	10.00
Second Collection	591.00
SVdP	75.00
Votives	31.00
Online Giving	35.00
Total	\$4,781.00

 Catholic Ministries Drive 2026 <i>(as of June 30, 2026)</i>	
St. John Gualbert	Goal: \$32,300.00 Receipts: \$11,554.00
St. Patrick	Goal: \$24,900.00 Receipts: \$9,607.00



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.

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.

First Communion Meeting: There will be a First Communion parent meeting will be held Sunday, August 9, 2026, at 1:00pm at the Resurrection Parish Oratory. This meeting is for ALL parents and students who will be entering the 2nd grade in the fall from both public, Catholic or homeschool.

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 are available online and in the back of church and Shrine at St. Johns.

2026 Religious Education! Religious Education classes will be starting on Sunday, September 13, 2026, at the Resurrection Parish Center and Oratory 9:00 to 10:15am. Registration forms and student information forms are available in church and on the website. Please fill out both forms and return to the office or the collection basket.

Coming soon : Youth Ministry(Post Confirmation) registration and meeting times!

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.

There will also be an OCIA Meet and Greet on Sunday, August 9th in the St. John Gualbert Activity Center at 2PM!

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

Update from 7-6-2026 to 8-2-2026

Number of calls received on our 3CX Line = 15

Number of People Assisted = 36

- Adult Females = 9 ranging in age from 31 to 61
- Adult Males = 6 ranging in age from 23 to 61
- Female Children = 11 ranging in age from 3 to 18
- Male Children = 10 ranging in age from 7 Months to 18

Assistance Given:

- 1 = SVDP Software subscription = \$90.00
- 1 = School Backpack Items purchased = \$74.88
- 1 = SVDP Youth Ministry golf tee sponsor = \$100.00
- 1 = SVDP Family Food Kitchen Duck Drop Donation = \$500.00
- 7 = Eviction Notices = \$1,466.00
- 2 = Electric Shut Offs = \$307.12
- 1 = Water Shut Off = \$200.00
- 1 = Phone Shut Off = \$167.96

Total Assistance given out = \$2,905.96

Total Contributions (St. John's and St. Patrick's) = \$2,821.00

- 7-5-2026 2 Members went shopping for School Backpack Supplies
- 7-9-2026 1 Member Attended a Duck Drop Meeting
- 7-13-2026 1 Member helped with food distribution at the SVDP food pantry
- 7-21-2026 6 Members served food at the SVDP Family Food Kitchen
- 7-23-2026 3 Members attended a resource discussion at the Food Kitchen
- 7-29-2026 3 Members attended Mass and socialized with the residents of Hilltop Heights
- Members continue to assist the SVDP Human Needs Office until the new Director Hired.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 5, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. Meetings are held in the St. John's Activity Center in the St. Joseph's Room lower level.

Thank You for your continued financial support and prayers. Your generosity truly makes a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.

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!

-St. John Gualbert Christian Life & Service Members

Christian Life & Service At St Patrick

Volunteers Needed:

Our annual St. Patrick's Basement & Food Sale is just around the corner, and we need your help! This event is one of our parish's largest fundraisers, and it takes many helping hands to make it a success. We are looking for volunteers to assist with: food preparation, event setup, working the bake sale, serving at the food station. Volunteer shifts are available September 11 and/or September 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Whether you can give a few hours or the entire day, your time and talents are greatly appreciated.

If you're able to help, please sign up using the volunteer sheets located at the front of the church. Be sure to include your name, phone number, and the day(s) you're available.

Bakers Needed:

Dear Bakers, The St. Patrick's Bake Sale is scheduled for September 11 and 12. Since we have a reputation for having the best baked goods in all of Johnstown, we need your help! We will be accepting all cakes, cookies, pies, and other baked goods on September 10, 11, 12, or earlier if the items can be frozen. We appreciate your donations for this important annual fundraiser. Please contact Charlotte at 814-341-8861 if you have any questions or need further information.

Donations Needed:

It's gob-making time! We are in need of the following items:

- Blue Bonnet margarine, Domino powdered sugar, Crisco, Flour
 - cash donations (drop envelope in collection basket labelled "Gobs")
- Please drop off donations in the back of the church by the weekend of August 22.

Gob Making Help:

Dear Gob Assemblers, We will be assembling gobs on Saturday morning, August 29th, at 9:00 AM in the St. Patrick's recreation room. Please give Charlotte a call if you are able to help with this project.

-St. Patrick Christian Life & Service Members

2026 Cemetery Ticket Daily Winners

Date	Winning #	Winner	Payout
Sun, 7-26	824	Frederico Oliveros	\$50.00
Mon, 7-27	630	unsold	\$25.00
Tues, 7-28	043	Paul Seitz	\$25.00
Wed, 7-29	153	Carol Yeager	\$25.00
Thurs, 7-30	042	Mary King	\$25.00
Fri, 7-31	001	Evonne Homway	\$25.00
Sat, 8-01	413	Sharon Santichen	\$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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat, August 15th, 6:00PM Mass

Reader	K. Babyak
Reader	Elizabeth Rhoades
Eucharistic Minister	Matthew Krawczyk
Eucharistic Minister	Dixie Lochrie
Eucharistic Minister	Dcn. Rick Messina
Server	K. Krawczyk
Audio Operator	Michael Stoskey
Sacristan	Matthew Krawczyk
Cantor	Mark Schuster

Sun August 16th, 7:00AM Mass

Reader	Volunteer Needed
Reader	Fred Oliveros
Eucharistic Minister	Gloria Stephens
Eucharistic Minister	Carmen Grasso
Eucharistic Minister	Rose Ann Schellhammer
Server	Dave Harteis
Audio Operator	Patrick McClain
Sacristan	Dave Harteis
Cantor	Rose Eckenrod

Sun August 16th, 11:00AM Mass

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

Sun August 16th, 5:00PM Mass

Reader	Charlotte Amenti
Reader	Pat Loughlin
Eucharistic Minister	James Sandoval
Eucharistic Minister	Dcn. Rick Messina
Eucharistic Minister	Susan Sandoval
Server	P. Titus
Audio Operator	Volunteer Needed
Sacristan	James Sandoval
Cantor	Kristen Caddy

ST PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat August 15th, 4:00 PM Mass

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

Sun August 16th, 9:00AM Mass

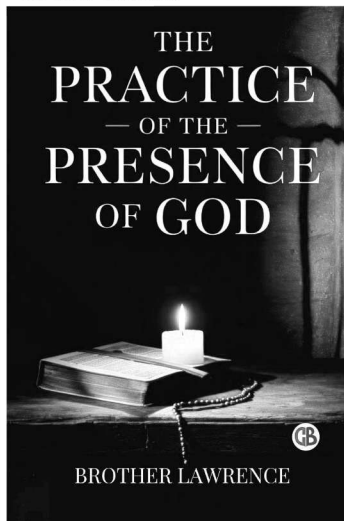
Cantor	Rita Redden
Server	Kevin Malloy
Eucharistic Minister	Volunteer Needed
Eucharistic Minister	Marge Sindleri
Eucharistic Minister	Joyce Werner
Sacristan	Marianna Glover
Reader	Mary Ann Craig

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:



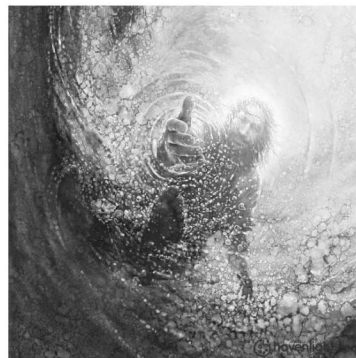
Quote of the Week:

"You don't need hours of free time. You do not need perfect silence. You don't need a monastery. All you need is willingness. Willingness to invite God into what you are already doing. Willingness to speak to Him honestly. Willingness to trust that He is nearer than you think."
- Brother Lawrence

Fr. Canice's Thoughts:

Today's Gospel teaches us something truly amazing about our human bodies. It is a teaching that is extremely relevant in the midst of the confusion our modern world and it sets us, as Christians, apart from all other religions. While the modern world disregards the body as insignificant, even considering it a "prison for the soul," we Catholics see the goodness of the body and its eternal significance. Simply put, we are our bodies! Our body is the visible expression of our soul! Heaven will not be for our souls only! Every Sunday, we profess in our creed "I believe in the resurrection of the BODY!" One day our bodies will be raised in glory. Perhaps my favorite theologian, Christopher West, reflects on this great mystery most adequately. In his reflection on today's gospel passage, he states:

Seeing Jesus walking toward them on the water, the disciples cry out in fear, "It is a ghost!" This calls to mind a later scene in the gospel when the resurrected Christ appears to the disciples in the upper room and "they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost" (Lk 24:37). In both cases the disciples see a human body doing something beyond its nature. Hence, they conclude (understandably) that what they are seeing is not a human body. But au contraire, it is! This is what is absolutely astounding about the Christian faith and what sets it apart from all other religions: it immortalizes and divinizes the body. By uniting his divine nature to our human nature, Christ takes the human body beyond nature. And he invites us to join him: "Come," he said to Peter. And Peter, with his eyes fixed on Christ, got out of the boat and walked on water—until his faith wavered. Where does our faith in God's power to take our bodies "beyond nature" waiver? We do believe, Lord. Help our unbelief.



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!

St. Patrick Basement Sale Donations:

We are currently accepting donations for our Annual Basement Sale. 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. Last day of acceptance will be August 28th!

Weekly Bible Study:

Bible Study is held every Thursday in the Saint Patrick Rec Room at 6PM! Come dive into the Sacred Scriptures with us!

Please Support our Future Priests

The efforts of our Vocations Office are working! We have three new seminarians this year, which brings our total to four men in formation for the priesthood. In addition, we have launched new programs to reach young men, including the popular "Loggia Nights" at the cathedral in Altoona. Thanks be to God, we now have dozens of teens and young men who are seriously considering priesthood! To support our seminarians and these increased efforts, we truly need your financial support. Bishop Bartchack has asked all Catholics to consider a generous gift. Please make your donation online at ajvocations.org/give, or use the envelope in your pew.

Blessed McGivney Mass:

On August 13, 2026, Thursday, there is a Memorial Mass for our founder, Fr. Michael McGivney @ St. John Gualbert Cathedral @ 5:00PM. Please share this with your fellow Knights of all the Johnstown area Councils so the Cathedral can be filled with our fellow knights to celebrate our Blessed Founder.

Cemetery Calendar Tickets:

2027 Cemetery Lottery Calendar Tickets are now available at the office! If you wish to purchase tickets, please stop by the office during office hours!

St. John Gualbert Current Events:

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8/9 1PM First Communion Meeting; Resurrection Oratory
8/9 2PM OCIA Meet and Greet; AC-SJ
8/11 6:30PM Proclaim TV Council; RDR
8/12 6:30PM ChristLife Small Group Leaders Meetin, AC-SJ
8/12 6:30 PM SJG Choir; Church
8/13 3PM Eucharistic Adoration; Shrine
8/13 6PM Weekly Bible Study; SPJ REC
8/13 5PM K-of-C Blessed McGivney Mass; Church/AC-U
8/16 1PM Public Cemetery Meeting; AC-SJ

St. Patrick Church Current Events:

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8/9 1PM First Communion Meeting; Resurrection Oratory
8/9 2PM OCIA Meet and Greet; AC-SJ
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***** Around the Area *****

Healing Mass:

Holy Spirit Ministry will hold a special Healing Mass on Tuesday August 18th at 7PM, at St. Michael Church, Hollidaysburg. This powerful night of hope and healing is for all who are suffering physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Fr. David Dodd TOR will be the main celebrant. Praise and worship will precede the Mass at 6:30PM and prayer ministry will follow the Mass. If you are suffering physically, or from an addiction, or hurting or struggling in any way, come and experience the healing power of Jesus and be set free! All are welcome!

Upcoming Wedding Anniversary Masses:

Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years of marriage in 2026 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend Sunday, September 13th in ALTOONA at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, September 20th in JOHNSTOWN at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00 p.m. Most Rev. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families. Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Friday, September 11th.



PUBLIC ROSARY



Saturday, August 8th, Noon

**VINE STREET PARKLET,
DOWNTOWN JOHNSTOWN**

**Meet on Lincoln St. Side of Parklet,
Not Vine St. Side**

Thursday, August 13th, 6:30PM

ST. CLEMENT CHURCH

"Praying for peace and honoring our Blessed Mother, Queen of heaven and earth"



From the Pastor:

It's still hard for me to believe all that has happened in the last month. I want to say a sincere thank you to everyone who assisted in any way with our St Anne Triduum. We had such enormous support on so many different fronts, from our office help, to those who helped paint the statue, to those who served at the mass in various capacities, to Miss Y who was willing to work with the choir on two completely new St Anne Hymns. A special thank you to the young men who helped carry the statue all that distance, and to everyone who attended and invited others to attend. It was wonderful to have a packed Church for our St Anne Devotions, and I did have to tease Tony DeGol at the Diocese communications office, as I believe his post on our procession had one of the highest views and interactions of anything the Diocese had ever posted. So thank you! Please make sure to stop and visit St Anne at her permanent home in the shrine. Currently, a large box is being constructed to place her just a little bit higher so that we can place votive candles in front of her.

Then, this past weekend, we were joined yet again by the New Orleans Team for the AAABA Tournament. It has been such a blessing to welcome the players to mass every year before the tournament, and we wish them the best and safe travels back home.

Meanwhile over at St Patrick's, we are currently ramping up for our annual parish festival. If you haven't signed up yet, there are signup forms at the back of the Church. For the last few years, our basement sale and food stand have done very well, and go a long way to keeping our parish running over at St Patrick's. Every little bit helps keep a parish running, and all of our volunteers are deeply appreciated! Mark your calendars, as this September 11th and 12th, all the treasures of the basements of Johnstown will be on sale at St Patrick's Church basement!

Community Prayer Service

Thankfully, in the last month the violence in the city has slowed a bit from its height earlier this year. As this continues, our Mayor has asked if certain churches in various neighborhoods would have a prayer for peace. She has asked that each of the neighborhoods have a prayer for peace on the front steps at 6:15PM on Saturday August 15th. As we have 6PM mass at that time at St John's, I agreed that we would have a brief 15 minute prayer service on the steps of St Patrick this coming Saturday, August 15th. Please join me as you are able.

Where was Father Matt this week?

One of the great blessings of having Fr Canice here with us, is that when occasions come up, I'm able to get away for a little bit. I was invited to participate in the first Catholic Prison Ministries retreat held on the East Coast in many years. This past Monday-Wednesday, Greg Karcher from SvDP family kitchen and I were at Malvern Retreat House, near Philadelphia, as we gathered with Catholic prison chaplains, volunteers, those who run re-entry programs, and others from around the east coast, from as far north as Rochester and as far south as Atlanta. It was a wonderful experience, as we shared stories and best strategies to work to minister to those incarcerated and their families. As I shared some of the things our local SvDP has been doing, as well as things we do locally in the prison, I began to realize that even though we have a far smaller population than places like the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and the Diocese of Camden, NJ, right here Altoona-Johnstown, we are doing things every bit as important as those big places. It was a wonderful opportunity to take part in. So I want to give an extra special thank you to Fr Canice for holding down the fort this week.

God Bless you all,
Fr Matt

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