

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 6, 2026



Saint John Gualbert Cathedral

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Most Rev Bishop Mark L Bartchak, JCD
V. Rev Matthew Baum, Rector
Fr. Canice McMullen, OSB
Deacon Rick Messina



Mass Times: Saturday 6PM

Sunday 7AM, 11AM, 5PM

Weekday Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 7AM Sat 8AM
Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 12:05PM

Confessions: 8:30AM Sat & 3PM Sun
3PM Thurs before 1st Friday

Saint Patrick Church

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V. Rev Matthew Baum, Pastor
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Deacon Rick Messina



Mass Times: Saturday 4PM

Sunday 9AM

Thursday 8AM

Rosary: 30 minutes before all Masses

Confessions: Saturday 3PM



Week of September 6, 2026



1st Reading:
Ezekiel 33:7-9

2nd Reading
Romans 13:8-10

Gospel:
Matthew 18:15-20

ST JOHN GUALBERT

Saturday, September 5th

8:00 AM Martha Mastervich (*George & Anna Yanko*)

Vigil—Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 5th

6:00 PM Doris Jean McClain *Death Anniversary 8/23*
(*Greg Karcher*)

Sunday, September 6th - Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM People of the Parish

11:00 AM Virginia Amenti (*Mary Ann & Audrey Yanko*)

5:00 PM William "Bill" Kmett (*Brandi Kmett*)

Monday, September 7th, Labor Day

9:00 AM Bob & Betty King Family(*Grace & Dick Akers*)

12:05 PM No Mass

Tuesday, September 8th

7:00 AM Viloa Najjar (*Katherine Kristofko*)

12:05 PM Anna Sida (*Family*)

Wednesday, September 9th

7:00 AM Alan Klaum (*Eleanor Sichak*)

12:05 PM Eugene Ritter *Birthday Remembrance*(*Andrea & Ray Ritter*)

Thursday, September 10th

7:00 AM No Mass

12:05 PM Rachelle Thibault *Birthday Remembrance* (*Jeanne & David Thompson*)

Friday, September 11th

7:00 AM St. Anne Society

12:05 PM Christine Vogel (*Larry & Jeanne Wehner*)

Saturday, September 12th

8:00 AM Viola Najjar (*Judith & Andrew Gleason*)

Vigil—Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 12th

6:00 PM Mary C Rosey (*Cookie & Bill Antesberger*)

Sunday, September 13th - Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM Judy O'Donnell *Birthday Remembrance* (*Husband, Ed*)

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

5:00 PM People of the Parish

Monday, September 7th St. Peter in Chains Parish, behind the walls of SCI Somerset: Richard Trabold(*Jim&Mary Anne Roccio*)

ST PATRICK

Vigil—Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 5th

4:00 PM James P. Kinley *Anniversary* (*Wife, Monica Kinley*)

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 6th

9:00 AM Travis Kutchma (*Family*)

Thursday, September 10th

8:00 AM Joseph Sinoply *Birthday Remembrance* (*Wife , Myra*)

Vigil—Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 12th

4:00 PM Mary Kay Sax(*Connie & Ray Cassidy*)

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 13th

9:00 AM Cynthia Benyacko (*Mr.& Mrs. William Benyacko*)

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:

Birthingright 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

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 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.

Post Confirmation/Youth Ministry: There will be a Youth Ministry meeting(post confirmation) for youth in grades 10-12th on Sunday Sept. 27 at 9:00 am in the Resurrection Oratory to discuss the program for this year. Please come with your ideas and we'll supply the doughnuts!!

OCIA/Basics of Faith - 2026

Do you know someone interested in becoming Catholic? This year's class is about to begin.

Classes will begin the week of September 13th.

This year we will have two sessions,
**Sunday Evening 6:30PM-8:00PM &
Wednesday Morning 9AM-10:30AM**

both classes meet in the
St John's Activity Center Lower Level
New People are always welcome!

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

SVDP FOOD DRIVE REMINDERS

Please return your SVDP Food Drive Shopping bags on the weekend of, 9-5-26 or 9-6-26 or weekend of 9-12-26 or 9-13-26. St.Patrick's parishioners can return their bags to the vestibule of the Church. St.John's parishioners an return their bags to St. Anne's Shrine. Due to the tremendous response last weekend, we unfortunately ran out of shopping bags. (We gave out 200 shopping bags.) You can still donate food items in plastic store shopping bags. Please note: WE CAN NOT ACCEPT FOOD ITEMS THAT ARE DATED PAST THEIR EXPIRATION DATE.

Anyone interested in joining our conference is welcome to attend our next meeting, scheduled for September 17, 2026 @ 6:00 P.M. in the St. Patrick's Social Hall. (Please note this change in the meeting place.) Thank You for caring about God's people in need.

2026 Cemetery Ticket Daily Winners

<u>Date</u>	<u>Winning #</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Payout</u>
Sun, 8-23	121	unsold	
Mon, 8-24	303	Majorie Gilmore	\$25.00
Tues, 8-25	865	Gregory Patterson	\$25.00
Wed, 8-26	735	unsold	
Thurs, 8-27	038	Bill Moot	\$25.00
Fri, 8-28	180	unsold	
Sat, 8-29	810	Brian King	\$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.

Christian Life & Service At St John Gualbert

Fast Approaching!!!! Spaghetti Dinner and Basket Party

Sunday, September 27,2026 at the St. John Gualbert Activity Center 110Adams St. Doors open 11am and serving till 3pm. Adults \$12.00 w/ a free strip of Basket Tickets. Children ages 4-12yrs. \$7.00 and 3yrs and under free. Take outs available. Also 50/50 tickets and EXTRA Basket tickets \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20! Basket drawing at 2:30pm. HELP IS NEEDED!!

ATTENTION BAKERS:

For our dessert table we are asking for Vanilla or Chocolate cakes. Please reach out to Charoltte or Gloria to let them know what kind of cake you are making. We want to makes sure we have enough for the dinner, For tickets, Basket drop off or cakes donations contact Gloria Stephens (814-418-0270) or Charlotte Amenti(814-322-2168) Thank you for your generous donations!!

2027 Cemetery Calendar Lottery Tickets

Cemetery Calendar tickets will be available after the weekend masses .We will also be selling ticket at the Spaghetti Dinner .

Its's a Baby Boy! It's a Baby Girl:

Please help support Birthright of Johnstown by participating in our annual "Baby Shower for Birthright" the weekend of Sat September 19th and Sun September 20th 2026. This year there is a dire need for baby wipes, baby wash, onesies, and bottles. Birthright also receives no government funding so cash donations are also appreciated. Checks can be made out to Birthright. Birthright's misson of love and compassion saves babies lives by offering the mothers an alternative to abortion, giving their mothers guidance and support up to a year after the birth of their child. Birthright of Johnstown and your CL&S committee thanks you for your generosity in supporting this effort.

Yellow Ribbons:

Once again the St. John Gualbert Christian Life and Service Group members will be at the entrances of the Cathedral before and after masses the weekend of Sept. 12 and 13. Your donations of a dollar or whatever you feel called to donate will help offset the cost of the bus for the trip to Harrisburgh to support the March for Life. If you are interested in attending the March for Life in Harrisburg on Sept. 21, please contact Bill and Patti Fredrick at 814-344-6521.

-St. John Gualbert Christian Life & Service Members

Christian Life & Service At St Patrick

Baked Goods for Fall Festival:

Please consider sharing your baking talents with us at the Bake sale on September 11th and 12th. We will be accepting bakes goods at St.Patrick's Church both days. Please contact Charlotte at 814-341-8861 if you have any questions.

Basket Party Meeting:

There will be a Basket party meeting on September 20th at 2PM in the St. Patrick's Rec room for all those interested in helping out with this October fundraiser. The basket party depends on volunteers. We thank you for your help. For additional information please contat Lolly Kennedy at 814-659-8717.

-St. Patrick Christian Life & Service Members

THANK YOU

The Missiomy Sisters of the Holy Rosary wish to thank you for your generous response to our mission appeal. Your interest and concerns areal source of encouragement to us and our various missionary endeavors throughout the world. Please be assured of a continuous remembrance in the prayers of all the Sisters. May God continue to bless you and your families.

COLLECTIONS

Collection St. John Gualbert-8/30/2026	
Weekly	\$4939.13
Maintenance	\$15.00
Holy Day	\$10.00
SVDP	\$114.00
Mission Co-op	\$4677.88
Online Giving	\$575.00
Total	\$10,331.01

Collection St. Patrick-8/30/2026	
Weekly	\$3572.00
Maintenance	\$65.00
Holy Day and Other	\$25.00
Fuel	\$80.00
Peter Pence	\$10.00
Mission Co-op	\$1910.50
Online Giving	\$35.00
Total	\$5697.50

 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

MINISTERS SCHEDULES:

ST JOHN GUALBERT CATHEDRAL

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat, September 12, 6:00PM Mass

Reader	Khloe Babyak
Reader	Elizabeth Rhoades
Eucharistic Minister	Matthew Krawczyk
Server	Kaleb Krawczyk
Audio Operator	Michael Stoskey
Sacristan	Matthew Krawczyk
Cantor	Mark Schuster

Sun September 13, 7:00AM Mass

Reader	Dave Harteis
Reader	Fred Oliveros
Eucharistic Minister	Carmen Grasso
Eucharistic Minister	Rose Ann Schelhammer
Eucharistic Minister	Gloria Stephens
Server	Rich Ott
Audio Operator	Patrick McCain
Sacristan	Rich Ott
Cantor	Rose Eckenrod

Sun September 13, 11:00AM Mass

Reader	Rose Batzel
Reader	Heather Jezeskie
Eucharistic Minister	Pam Sobal
Eucharistic Minister	Dcn. Rick Messina
Eucharistic Minister	Fr. Canice McCullen
Server	Jaycob Lavelly
Server	Elizabeth Wills
Server	Charlotte Wills
Audio Operator	Kevin Slonka
Sacristan	Lonnie Rietscha
Cantor	Ryan Kucera

Sun September 13, 5:00PM Mass

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

ST PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat September 12, 4:00 PM Mass

Cantor	Ed Herdman
Server	Jerry Stofko
Eucharistic Minister	Cindy Stofko
Eucharistic Minister	Connie Cassidy
Eucharistic Minister	Kathy Kristofko
Sacristan	Cindy Stofko
Reader	Denise Marks

Sun September 13, 9:00AM Mass

Cantor	Rita Redden
Server	Sam Correll
Eucharistic Minister	Marge Sindleri
Eucharistic Minister	Charlotte Ecklund
Eucharistic Minister	Joyce Werner
Sacristan	Rita Redden
Reader	Michelle Chase

If you are not available for your scheduled time, please reach out ASAP.

For Ministry scheduling questions contact:
At SJG - Evonne Yanzetich - (814)659-6240
At SPJ - Jean Arcurio - (814)241-9972

Deacon Rick's Corner:

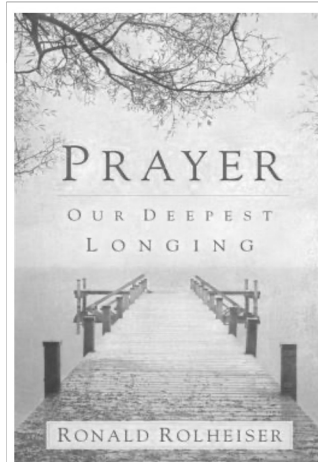
Quote of the Week:

Lord.
Let me know clearly
the work which you are
calling me to do in life and
grant me every grace I
need to answer your call
with courage and love and
lasting dedication to your
will.

Amen

-anonymous author

Reading Recommendation of the Week:



Fr. Canice's Thoughts:

I hope you don't mind me shifting gears for this week's bulletin! I was curious to see what "Truthly" (a Catholic Ai app) would generate in response to the question: "what are some fun facts about Catholicism?" I'd like to share with you the entertaining and informative answers to the prompt.

1. The Big Bang? That was a Catholic priest.

The Big Bang Theory was devised by a Catholic priest — a physicist who argued the universe had a beginning, while the scientific world laughed. Turns out, he was right. His name was Fr. Georges Lemaître. Science and faith aren't enemies — they never were.

2. The only Christian Church for the first 1,000 years.

The only Christian church in existence for the first 1,000 years of Christian history was the Roman Catholic Church. All other Christian churches which exist today can trace their lineage back to it.

3. The Church assembled the Bible — and Martin Luther tried to dismantle it.

The Catholic Church is responsible for the composition of the Bible, which books are included, as well as the structure of chapters and verses. Protestants removed some books because they were inconsistent with their theology. Martin Luther removed Tobit, Judith, 1 and 2 Maccabees, Wisdom, Sirach, and Baruch. Luther didn't reject the Deuterocanon until an opponent proved purgatory is Biblical using one of those books. After that, he also tried to toss Hebrews, James, Jude, and Revelation — but his followers weren't having it.

4. "Hocus Pocus" may have Catholic origins.

The phrase "Hocus Pocus" may have been coined by Protestants to mock the Catholic words of Consecration at Mass — "hoc est corpus" — meaning "this is my body." What was meant as mockery points directly to one of the most profound truths in the universe: the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

5. The Vatican has the world's highest crime rate — technically.

Vatican City has the highest crime rate in the world. With a population of around 500 people and over one crime per day, the per capita rate exceeds 100%. However, the Vatican is about one square mile and receives nearly 20 million visitors annually — most crimes are pickpocketing and petty offenses committed by outsiders.

6. The Church outspends Apple.

The Catholic Church spends more money than Apple brings in. Expenditures by the Catholic Church, largely on charity, exceeded \$170 billion in 2012, according to The Economist.

7. The Filet-O-Fish exists because of Catholics.

The Filet-O-Fish was invented so Catholics could eat at McDonald's on Fridays. Friday abstinence from meat is a real, living practice — not a relic of the past.

8. The seal of Confession is ironclad.

If a Catholic priest reveals anything someone confessed to him, for any reason, he is automatically excommunicated from the Catholic Church and can only be forgiven by the Pope. The confessional is the safest place to speak on earth.

9. St. Isidore of Seville is the patron of the internet.

St. Isidore of Seville — a 7th-century bishop renowned for organizing knowledge — never used a laptop, but he's the Church's patron saint for technology and internet users. The Church has a saint for everything, because God is present everywhere.

10. More than 10,000 recognized saints — and counting.

The number of officially recognized saints exceeds 10,000. Of course, any person who enters Heaven is a saint by definition, so the actual number is certainly far greater than those formally recognized by the Church. richly diverse.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR BOTH PARISHES

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:

- 9-7 Labor Day, Parish office closed
- 9-9 6:30pm SJG Choir ;Church
- 9-10 3PM Adoration ; Shrine
- 9-10 6PM Discovering Christ #3;AC-H
- 9-10 6PM K of C ; AC-U
- 9-12 SJG CLS Yellow Ribbon distribution All masses
- 9-12 2nd Collection Catholic University All masses

St. Patrick Church Current Events:

- 9-8 SPJ-CLS Food Prep;AC-K
- 9-9 SPJ-CLS Food Prep ; SPJ-BH
- 9-9 7PM SPJ Maintenance meeting;SPJ-REC
- 9-10 SPJ-CLS Food prep;SPJ-BH
- 9-11 8AM-4PM SPJ Fall Festival
- 9-12 8am-4pm SPJ Fall Festival
- 9-12 2nd Collection Catholic University ;All masses

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

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.

Padre Pio Shrine Pilgrimage:

St Andrew Catholic Church is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the National Centre for Padre Pio (Barto, PA) on Wednesday, Sept. 23. Bus departs Saint Andrew at 6:00 AM and leaves Barto at 3:00 PM. The cost is \$55 per person (children free). Includes Mass, procession, Confessions, Padre Pio relics, and museum visits. Lunch available from a food truck; dinner stop on the return trip. Food not included. Sign up by Sept. 7. First come, first served. Financial assistance may be available. Contact Eileen Bohensky: 814-893-5702 | ebohensky@comcast.net

Weekend Retreat for Post-Abortion Healing

Rachel's Vineyard, a weekend retreat for women and men, who struggle and suffer from the emotional and spiritual wounds of abortion. It will be held October 23-25, 2026 at The Ark and the Dove. The retreat begins at 1PM on Friday. In a confidential and supportive atmosphere, the retreatant will find the love and

acceptance of the retreat team and will experience the healing, peace, and love of Jesus. To register or for more information, call Toni Jester 412-352-5348, or email toniafj1@comcast.net You can also visit our website www.rvofpgh.com All inquiries are confidential.

St. Therese Novena

St Therese Church Johnstown will be holding their Annual Novena in honor of St. Therese of the Little Flower of Jesus starting Wednesday, September 23rd and will continue for nine (9) days. Masses will be held at 9AM and 7PM except on Saturday and Sunday, which will be Saturday at 9AM, 4PM, & 7PM and Sunday at 7:30AM, 10:30AM Healing Mass at 2PM and 7PM. The closing of the Novena will be Thursday, Oct. 1st. All are Welcome!

Parish Speaker:

HOLY NAME PARISH, EBENSBURG On Monday, September 21st at 7:00 P.M. in collaboration with the Catholic Speakers organization, Independent Catholic Foundation, and St. Benedict Parish, Carrolltown, Holy Name Parish is sponsoring from the Archdiocese of Miami, Fr. Rafael Capo. He is known as the "bodybuilding priest" and has connected with countless young people through speaking engagements across the U.S. and around the world. Ordained in 1996, he has served as a teacher, high school president, campus minister, vocations director, and outreach leader for street children and immigrant youth. He currently serves as vice president of Mission at St. Thomas University in Miami Gardens.

Is God Calling You to Become a Deacon?

Do you believe that God might be calling you to discern the Ordained Ministry of Christ the Servant, as a Permanent Deacon in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown? If so, you and your wife (if married) are invited to join Bishop Mark and Deacon Michael Russo at the "Bishop's Night of Vocations" on Thursday, October 8th at 7 p.m. at the US Hotel Tavern, Hollidaysburg. Reservations for this event are required and can be made by contacting Jessica at (814) 361-2000. The deadline for reservations is Sept. 18. For more information on the Permanent Diaconate please visit us online at www.dioceseaj.org/ Diaconate/ or by contacting Deacon Michael Russo, Director at (814) 288-3036. All are welcome!

St. Benedict Parish Mission

St. Benedict Parish, 2310 Bedford Street, Johnstown will be hosting Fr. Ken Geraci, C.P.M for their Community-Wide Parish Mission, "Why Be Catholic". This four-night event will be held at 7:00 pm on October 4, 5, 6, 7, 2026. Through this Parish Renewal you will Deepen your Faith and Encounter Christ as you explore a different example each night of what being Catholic truly means Please come with an open heart and be ready to feel the deepening of Christ within you. Open to adults and youth in the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese tickets are not required. A free will offering will be taken. For more information contact Deacon Michael Russo at 814-288-3036 or by email at dcmlr@icloud.com

Hungarian Picnic

Holy Family Parish in Hooversville will host their annual Hungarian Picnic on Saturday September 19th at the Fireman's Grove in Hooversville (Somerset County — near Flight 93 National Memorial). The menu features homemade Hungarian food including gulyas, fire roasted pork chops (cooked around a fire for 6 hours), homemade kolbasz, potato pancakes, hurka sausage, Hungarian style pickles, and more. Bar with wine from Hungary, domestic and import beer, and spirits. Live Hungarian music by Gypsy George Batyi and Gypsy Stringz, as well as Hungarian folk dance by Cserkész Regös Csoport from Cleveland. Outdoor Mass at 4:00 PM with Hungarian hymns. Bar opens at 5:00 PM, food starts at 5:30 PM. Basket raffles and games of chance. More than a celebration of Hungarian heritage, all are invited to a real Hungarian picnic in the old-world spirit.

Diocesan Family Conference

"We are the Body of Christ, the Church of
Altoona-Johnstown"

Saturday, September 19, 2026

Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, Ebensburg

About the Conference

In celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, the annual diocesan men's, women's, and youth conferences have been combined into one signature event for all ages. The theme of the conference is "We Are the Body of Christ, The Church of Altoona-Johnstown" in celebration of the family of believers that has shaped the 125-year legacy of faith in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.

This family conference offers enrichment opportunities for men, women, married couples, single individuals, young adults, teens and youth. There will be a keynote address for all and breakout sessions for the groups mentioned above. Bishop Mark will celebrate Mass as part of the day, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation and a Eucharistic Adoration Chapel will be available.

About the Keynote Speaker and Breakout Sessions

Renowned Catholic speaker and musician Steve Angrisano will serve as the keynote speaker for the Diocesan Family Conference. Angrisano will share his music and thoughts and reflections on what it means to be the "Body of Christ" in the Church of Altoona-Johnstown.

Led by experienced presenters, breakout sessions will be offered to conference attendees and will be rooted in a variety of topics. Held in a smaller group setting, these sessions offer attendees the opportunity to enrich their Catholic faith. Topics include, but are not limited to, parenting, marriage, men's and women's spirituality, young adult issues, mental health, vocations, missions, respect life, Catholic Social Teaching, and diocesan history.

Registrants will have the opportunity to select the breakout sessions they wish to participate in when they complete their conference registration, whether it is completed online or by mail.

Upcoming Slavic Festival

The 11th Annual Johnstown Slavic Festival will be held at St. Therese Church Festival grounds, located at 536 Decker Avenue in the West End of Johnstown. The festival dates are September 18 and 19 with Friday's hours being from 4-10pm and Saturday's hours being from noon to 9:30pm concluding with a fireworks display. The festival is free to attend and will feature Slavic musical and dance group from across the United States. The festival also host several educational lecture as well as cooking demonstrations that are also free to attend!

Parish Fish Fry:

St. Francis of Assisi Parish will have a Fish Fry on Friday, September 11, 2026 at the Activity Center, corner of D Street and Barron Avenue. A LUNCH SPECIAL (Fried Fish Sandwich and French Fries, no substitutions) will be offered from 11AM until 1:00PM. The full menu will be served from 2:00PM – 6:00PM, eat in or take out. Orders for lunch and dinner will be taken from 9:00AM until 1:00PM the day of the fish fry by calling 814-539-3518. We welcome walk-ins but strongly suggest that orders be placed in advance. There will also be a bake sale as well as gobs. Meals will be served while supplies last.

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PA March for Life Trip:

There will be a bus to the PA March for Life at the State Capital Building in Harrisburg on September 21, 2026. The will depart from the Giant Eagle Parking Lot in Ebensburg at 7 AM. The bus will arrive in Harrisburg around 10:30AM and depart the Capital at 1 PM and return to the parking lot around 4:00 PM. Adults are \$20 and Students are \$10. To make reservations or for more information, contact Patti Frederick at 814-344-6521.

Religious Education Forms

Registration

ALL public school students who attend religious education and ALL entering 2nd grade sacraments need a completed form



Student Information

ALL parish students regardless of school need a completed student information form

Located in folders at Church Entrances

Complete and return ASAP

Saint Patrick's Church

609 Park Ave Johnstown, PA

FALL festival

September 11-12

8 AM - 4 PM

Gigantic Basement Sale Bake Sale

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