

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 4, 2026



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

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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 October 4, 2026



ST JOHN GUALBERT

Saturday, October 3rd
8:00 AM St. Anne Society

Vigil—27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, October 3rd
6:00 PM Nunzio Johncolla *Death Anniversary (Family)*

Sunday, October 4th - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00 AM People of the Parish
11:00 AM Nicholas Snyder *(Family)*
5:00 PM Gary Cobaugh *(Family)*

Monday, October 5th
7:00 AM Ronald C Sarak *(Andrea & Ray Ritter)*
12:05 PM No Mass

Tuesday, October 6th
7:00 AM Josephine Gallucci *(Ed & Roxanne Matsko)*
12:05 PM Rod Baronner *(Sister, Pauline Baronner)*

Wednesday, October 7th
7:00 AM St. Anne Society
12:05 PM Marc R Thibault *Birthday Remembrance (Jeanne & David Thompson)*

Thursday, October 8th
7:00 AM No Mass
12:05 PM Beradine Brady *(Children)*

Friday, October 9th
7:00 AM Carol Harnish *Birthday Remembrance (Marianna Glover)*
12:05 PM Gary Weimer *(Joy Kushnir)*

Saturday, October 10th
8:00 AM Viloa Najjar *(Evelyn Najjar McCallum & Family)*

Vigil—28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, October 10th
6:00 PM Bobby & Betty King Family *(Grace & Dick Akers)*

Sunday, October 11th - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00 AM People of the Parish
11:00 AM Tanya Mikesic *(Mother)*
5:00 PM Viola Najjar *(Mary Battaline)*

Monday, October 5th St. Peter in Chains Parish, behind the walls of SCI Somerset: Terry Duffy *(Dorothy Valinsky)*

ST PATRICK

Vigil—27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, October 3rd
4:00 PM Mildred Boxler *(Carol Samo)*

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, October 4th
9:00 AM George Sr. & Verna Licastro *(George Jr., Melaine & Family)*

Thursday, October 8th
8:00 AM Gary Weimer *(Connie & Ray Cassidy)*

Vigil—28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, October 11th
4:00 PM Julia Ann Luque *Death Anniversary 9-18 (Husband, Lou)*

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, October 11th
9:00 AM Lois Weimer *(Barbara Weimer)*

Parish Staff and Volunteers

Pastor: Very Rev. Matthew Baum mbaum@dioceseaj.org
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St. Patrick Maintenance: Dan Schofield (814) 792-5891

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Christine Babik—Resurrection Parish
(814) 539-5788 / cbabik@dioceseaj.org

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Lonnie Rietscha: (814) 244-6681
Harry Mangus: (814) 525-9943

Prayer Chain
Dr. Joyce Werner: (814) 288-1186

Catholic Outreach
St. Vincent de Paul
John Gualbert SVdP - (Mon or Fri) 814-421-4344
SVdP Human Needs Office - (Tues - Thurs) 814-535-8521
SVdP Family Kitchen: 814-539-7811

Catholic Charities
Altoona: 814-944-9388 Johnstown: 814-535-6538

Crisis Pregnancy/Pro-Life:
Birthright of Johnstown: 814-535-8231
Gabriel Project- Gail Bala: 814-418-1813
Rachel's Vineyard: 1-877-467-3463
Website - www.RachelsVineyard.org -
the world's largest ministry for healing after abortion.

Diocesan Family Life Office: 814-695-5579
Diocesan Website: www.dioceseaj.org

Physical locations:

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

COLLECTIONS

Collection St. John Gualbert 9/27/2026	
Weekly	\$4,622.00
Maintenance	\$15.00
SVDP	\$280.00
Retired Priest	\$1,399.45
Mission co-op	\$10.00
St.Croix	\$25.00
Online Giving	\$465.00
Total	\$6,816.45

Collection St. Patrick 9/27/2026	
Weekly	\$3,290.00
Maintenance	\$50.00
Fuel and Air	\$170.00
SVDP	\$55.00
Childrens Envelopes	\$26.00
World Mission	\$10.00
Votives	\$61.00
Retired Priest	\$489.00
Online Giving	\$115.00
Total	\$4,266.00

 Catholic Ministries Drive 2026 <i>(as of June 30, 2026)</i>	
St. John Gualbert	Goal: \$32,300.00 Receipts: \$13,079.00
St. Patrick	Goal: \$24,900.00 Receipts: \$14,597.00



Shared Parish Information:

Office Hours updated!

Monday through Thursday 9AM-3PM Closed Friday.

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.

Mentor Meeting

Confirmation Candidates for Spring of 2027 the first mentor meeting will be Sunday, October 4, 2026 at 9:00am in the Resurrection Oratory Hall. Please note change of location.

Post Confirmation /Youth Ministry:

There will be a post Confirmation meeting on Sunday, October 25, 2026 at 9:00 am in the Resurrection Parish Oratory. Bishop Mark challenged all the candidates at Confirmation to use their gifts to their fullest ability as they have received them. His message was "never let a good idea go to waste." What are your ideas for future ministry and service? Please join us with your ideas! You bring the ideas and we will bring the doughnuts!

OCIA FOR CHILDREN

Sunday, October 4th is the next session OCIA for Children 9:00AM in the Resurrection Oratory.

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

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

For St. Vincent, simplicity consisted in referring things to God alone, or purity of intention, in this sense simplicity is doing everything for love of God and for no other end. It entails avoiding "human respect" or doing things merely to look good in the eyes of others. Simplicity is speaking the truth. It is saying things as they are, without concealing or hiding anything. The heart must not think one thing while the mouth says another. Vincentians must avoid duplicity, dissimulation, cunning, and double meaning.

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.

*Thursdays, October 15 at 6:PM in the St. Patrick Rec room

Lord God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth, and all who dwell here, hear my prayer, walk beside me, lead me home. Amen



Christian Life & Service At St John Gualbert

THANK YOU:

St. John Gualbert Christian Life and Service would like to THANK all who helped and supported the spaghetti dinner. Your generosity and kindness in supporting our parish meant so much!

-St. John Gualbert Christian Life & Service Members

Christian Life & Service At St Patrick

Get your Gobs

We just have a few dozen gobs remaining. We are selling them \$10 for 6 and \$20 a dozen. These will sell out quickly call Charlotte Ecklund (814-341-8861) or Mary Jo Podratshy (814-242-1183) to reserve your dozen.

Basket Party Tickets:

Tickets are now available for the Annual St. Patrick's Basket Party. Each ticket is \$10.00 and includes 25 regular chances and a hot meal on October 18th. The doors open at noon, raffles begin at 1:30PM, other raffles will be posted at St. John's Activity Center. This year we are adding a walk through option on Saturday, October 17th, 6-8PM. No dinner will be served on Saturday but all raffles will be available. Raffle tickets sold Saturday will be added to the Sunday event and winners will be called Sunday afternoon. We are still accepting filled baskets from individuals and businesses. Clear bags in a variety of sizes are available to wrap your basket. Volunteers are needed both Saturday and Sunday and at different times leading up to the basket party. Sign up sheets are on the table at the entrance of the church. Please call Lolly Kennedy, (814)659-8717 if you have questions.

Basket Party Meeting

We are asking for Basket Party volunteers to prepare baskets. All are welcome to meet Oct. 5th at 6:30PM at the St. Patrick's Rec Room to assemble and wrap basket donations.

St. Patrick Christian Life & Service Members

2026 Cemetery Ticket Winners

<u>Date</u>	<u>Winning #</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Payout</u>
<u>Sun, 9-20</u>	<u>022</u>	<u>unsold</u>	
<u>Mon, 9-21</u>	<u>685</u>	<u>Janet Ball</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
<u>Tues, 9-22</u>	<u>561</u>	<u>Nadine Golis</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
<u>Wed, 9-23</u>	<u>534</u>	<u>Gene Tighe</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
<u>Thurs, 9-24</u>	<u>711</u>	<u>Lou Schaffer</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
<u>Fri, 9-25</u>	<u>892</u>	<u>Gerald Karafa</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
<u>Sat, 9-26</u>	<u>799</u>	<u>Clay 7 Diane Kirsch</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>

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

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat, October 10th, 6:00PM Mass

Reader	Elizabeth Rhoades
Reader	Deb McGraw
Eucharistic Minister	Matthew Krawczyk
Server	Kaleb Krawczyk
Audio Operator	Michael Stoskey
Sacristan	Matthew Krawczyk
Cantor	Ryan Kucera

Sun October 11th, 7:00AM Mass

Reader	David Weaver
Reader	Carrie Weaver
Eucharistic Minister	Gloria Stephens
Eucharistic Minister	Rose Ann Schelhammer
Eucharistic Minister	Carmen Grasso
Server	Rich Ott
Audio Operator	Patrick McClain
Sacristan	Rich Ott
Cantor	Rose Eckenrod

Sun October 11th, 11:00AM Mass

Reader	Khloe Babyak
Reader	Rose Batzel
Eucharistic Minister	Pam Sabol
Eucharistic Minister	Dcn Rick Messina
Eucharistic Minister	Fr. Canice McMullen
Server	Jayce Costlow
Server	Charlotte Wills
Server	Elizabeth Wills
Audio Operator	Russ Smith
Sacristan	Lonnie Rietscha
Cantor	Kids Choir

Sun October 11th, 5:00PM Mass

Reader	Dixie Lochrie
Reader	Kristen Caddy
Eucharistic Minister	Susan Sandoval
Server	Paige Titus
Audio Operator	Evonne Yanzetich
Sacristan	Kristan Caddy
Cantor	Sydney Petro

ST PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat October 10th, 4:00 PM Mass

Cantor	Ed Herman
Server	Harry Mangus
Eucharistic Minister	Connie Cassidy
Eucharistic Minister	Vince Arnone
Eucharistic Minister	Kathy Kristofko
Sacristan	Connie Cassidy
Reader	Denise Marks

Sun October 11th, 9:00AM Mass

Cantor	Rita Redden
Server	Kevin Malloy
Eucharistic Minister	Marge Sindleri
Eucharistic Minister	Mary Jo Podratsky
Eucharistic Minister	Kevin Malloy
Sacristan	Rita Redden
Reader	Kathy Getzey

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

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

Deacon Rick's Corner:

Quote of the Week:

"To believe in Jesus is to accept what he says, even when it runs contrary to what others are saying. It means rejecting the lure of sin, however attractive it may seem, in order to set out on the difficult path of the Gospel virtues."
Pope John Paul II

Reading Recommendation of the Week:



From the Pastor:

This Weekend is a special weekend in the Church! This weekend we celebrate the feast of St Francis of Assisi. In a rather providential situation, The Feast of St Francis, October 4th, falls on a Sunday this year. This Sunday marks 800 years since the passing of one of the most popular saints in the history of the Church. There are so many Francis stories, it's hard to know where to begin, from his early days where he felt called to be a soldier, only to immediately be captured and imprisoned, to his call to "Go rebuild by Church" which he responded to by physically moving stones around on the foundation of an old, fallen down church, to his making a radical vow of poverty, and giving literally everything back to his father, including the very clothes he was wearing, to his embrace of the leper, to his attempt to preach to the Muslim Sultan, so much of Francis's life feels almost unbelievable.

So many of our devotions trace their roots to Francis. It was he who originated the idea of nativity scenes at Christmastime, He popularized the devotion to the stations of the cross for those who could not make the pilgrimage to the Holy Land, It's almost impossible to overestimate the effect this little Italian saint had on the universal Church.

This weekend, in honor of the feast day, we welcome our neighbor, Fr Anthony Francis Spilka to our TV Mass to share a little bit about his order's patron, St Francis. Then, at 1PM on Sunday afternoon in the St John's Activities Center parking lot, we'll have the blessing of the pets.

Meanwhile, there's lots of things going on in our parish right now. This week's bulletin includes information on our upcoming Theology on Tap sessions, the upcoming St Patrick Basket Party, and information our All Souls Candles. Please take a moment to take a look through.

Finally, after much thought, we came to a decision this week that we're going to slightly modify our office hours in light of some scheduling issues. Beginning this week, the Church office will be closed on Fridays. The office will continue to be open Monday through Thursday from 9AM to 3PM.

God Bless you all!

Fr Matt

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!

October Word Among Us

Those who subscribe to *The Word Among Us* can pick up their copies of the October editions in the sacristy.

St. John Gualbert

Current Events:

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10/4 6:30 OCIA ; AC-SJ

10/6 6:00 SJG-CLS ; AC-SA

10/7 9AM OCIA ;AC-SJ

10/7 6:30 SJG Choir; Church

10/8 3PM Eucharistic Adoration ; Shrine

10/8 6PM Discovering Christ Session #6 ;AC-H

10/8 6PM K of C ;AC-U

St. Patrick Church

Current Events:

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10/5 6:30PM SPJ-CLS basket wrapping ; SPJ-Rec

10/7 4:30PM SPL-CLS meeting ;SPJ-Rec

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

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.

HITMIX MUSIC BINGO

Will be held on Saturday, October 24th at the St. Francis Activity Center. Doors open at 4:30PM with the first game beginning at 7:00PM. Tickets are \$25 each. Also available for purchase are extra bingo cards, Qualifiers & 50/50. No outside Alcohol permitted. Must be 18 or older to participate. For tickets call Fran King (814)536-3667

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

Healing Mass

Holy Spirit Ministry will hold a special Healing Mass on Tuesday, October 6th 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. Alan Thomas will be the main celebrant. Praise and worship will precede the Mass at 6:30PM and prayer ministry, Sacramental Anointing of the sick and confession will follow mass. If you are suffering physically, or from addiction, or hurting or struggling in any way, come and experience the healing power of Jesus and be set free! All are welcome!

First Lutheran Church Vine St. Tuesday Noon Recitals

October 6th-"The Golden Age of Song-Songs of Irving Berlin and Cole Porter". Kim Rauch-piano and vocals
October 13th-"Coco and Poglein sing Simon and Garfunkle" Sam Coco and Barry Poglein
October 20th -Kevin Clemens-Organ Classics by John Cook, Perry Fletcher and Gordon Balch Nevin.
October 27th Deja vu, Piano Guitar Dou featuring Rich Kingera and Bob Bretz
Recitals are followed by a light luncheon. Offered without charge thanks to generous donors, patrons, and funding from The 1889 Foundation and Thrivent.

Bosco's Friends Helping Friends

St. Patrick's CLS will be selling Bosco's Friends Helping Friends shopping passes. They can be used on Wednesday, October 21st from 8AM to 11PM. The cost of the passes are \$5 and that \$5 will go to the Church. You can save up to 25% with the shopping pass. Shopping passes will be on sale after all masses at St. Patrick's until October 18th. Thank You !

Greater Johnstown Italian Day

Sunday, October 4th at Winber Rec Park 11AM-6PM
Hosted by ISDA Lodge 214
Please come celebrate Italian heritage with food, music, vendors, demonstrations, car cruise-in and kid's area!

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Up coming Community Service Project
We will be at The St. Vincent de Paul Family Kitchen, 231 Bedford St. Johnstown 15901 on Monday, October 19th from 11AM-1PM. Please consider being the hands of Christ to others, and do a Work of Mercy, "Feed the Hungry". You'll be glad you did! For more information contact Cathy 814-288-1126 or Lolly 814-659-8717

All Souls Day - Nov. 2nd



Honor your loved one with a candle!

All candles will be lit on Saturday, October 31st and will burn through the week. In addition, names will be aired on the November 1ST 11:00am Proclaim live TV mass.

Candles will be provided by the parish for anyone who had a funeral celebrated at St. John Gualbert in the past year or was buried in the cemetery.

Please send \$10.00 for per candle to be lit.
Additional names can be listed on an additional piece of paper.

Remit payment by Oct. 23rd to:
St. John Gualbert Cathedral
P.O. Box 807 Johnstown, PA 15907.
(please type or print legibly.)



Or sign up and give online by scanning the QR code
or visiting www.stjohngualbert.org



Please light a candle in
memory of my loved one!

Name of the deceased:

Your name:

Phone:

Email

Number of Candles:

Total Donation:

(Additional names can be listed on an additional piece of paper)

October 4, 2026 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We have been given so many gifts and blessings by our Heavenly Father. Yet, in our fallen state it is all too easy to take them for granted. Our readings today teach us that we must live with an intentional awareness of our many blessings and use them gratefully to glorify God.

Our Second Reading, from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians, is a reminder of one key blessing that is surprisingly easy to take for granted – the gift of our thought life. Our intellect is gift from God and we are called to steward it well. Lack of discipline in our thoughts can easily lead us down a path of discontentment and fear. St. Paul instructs us rather to "have no anxiety at all." How are we to do this? He tells us, "In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." And as it turns out, by turning our thoughts towards God with gratitude, we will be blessed immediately.

So let us live each day with a profound awareness of all that we have been given by God. Let us use our intellect to think on these gifts throughout the day and resolve to use all our gifts for God's glory. We will find peace, joy and purpose as we do.



Saint Mary's Trivia Night

425 Power Street
Johnstown PA 15906

Saturday October 17th
Doors Open at 5:30pm
Food Offerings at 6:00pm
Trivia Starts at 6:30pm

Food: Hotdogs & Sauerkraut, Meatball Sliders, Nachos
Beer, Soda, & Mixers Provided

Teams of up to 8, ready for 10 rounds: Cost per team \$160
50 / 50's & Basket Raffle BYOB & Snacks

SJV Sub, Gob, Ham Salad Sale

Support Your Parish

Sign-ups to place orders are at all entrances of SJV church or you can call the parish office: (814) 322-4789. The pick-up date will be on October 10th between 8:30 AM —11:00 AM at SJV Hall. Orders will be taken until Sunday, October 4th.

- Subs \$12 (Made fresh Saturday Morning)
- Pumpkin & Chocolate Gobs \$2 (Pumpkin Gobs will be available for Oct. & Nov. only while supplies last.)
- Ham Salad \$5



Fr. Canice's Thoughts:

What the Fresco Reveals

In the image, Francis appears not as a canonized saint but as a friar in his early forties. He is portrayed probably at his real-life size — more or less what people's average height was at the time. There is no halo, which suggests he was still alive. He is identified simply as "Brother Francis," wearing an ash-grey habit, which indicates this is before the formal approval of the Franciscan Order, which would come a few months later under Pope Honorius III.

He stands facing the viewer, wears the traditional friars' habit and cowl, and his head is tonsured. A humble rope with hanging knots serves as a belt — the knots symbolizing his vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

The absence of the stigmata (which appeared in 1224) and the halo further support the belief that this fresco is an extraordinary testimony to the real face of Francis while he was still alive.

A Deeper Reflection

There is something profoundly moving about this fresco. Two of the Church's greatest saints — Benedict and Francis — are united in this one holy place. Benedict fled a corrupt world to find God in silence and gave the Church its greatest monastic rule. Francis, centuries later, was drawn to that same cave, that same silence, that same poverty of spirit. The fresco captures not a glorified icon, but a living man — a friar in his forties, no halo, no stigmata, just a rope belt and a heart on fire for God.

It is a reminder that holiness is not something imposed from outside; it is the fruit of a radical, daily *yes* to God — exactly what both of these saints lived.

The Oldest Portrait of St. Francis

One of the most important frescoes, found in the cave St. Benedict once lived in as a hermit, is the image of St. Francis of Assisi — considered the oldest portrait of the saint.

It was painted by an anonymous monk between 1220 and 1224. This date suggests that the face depicted in the fresco is one of the most faithful representations of the saint's actual appearance — almost like a "photograph" of the time.

Why Francis Was at Subiaco

This portrait was probably made during Francis of Assisi's visit here in 1223. Fr. Maurizio Vivera, Prior of the Sacro Speco Monastery, explains that Francis came here seeking what St. Benedict had discovered centuries earlier — solitude and communion with God.



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Sat, Oct 17th

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**25 Chances - \$5
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Sun, Oct 18th

**Basket Party With Meal
12 PM**

25 chances- \$10



**Sunday Tickets Available for Purchase After Saint
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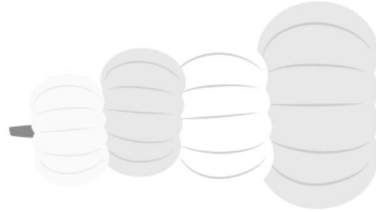
Other Raffles Available for purchase both days

All Baskets Pulled Sun, Oct. 18th at 1:30 PM

Winner Notified Sunday Afternoon

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SJG - St John Gualbert AC-H - Activities Center Hall AC-SA, AC-OLM, AC-SJ	Act. Ctr Downstairs Meeting Rooms AC-U - Activities Ctr Upstairs	SPJ - St Patrick GR - Green room REC - Rec next to green room		1 3PM Eucharistic Adoration; Shrine	2	3 9AM-3PM Discovering Christ Retreat; AC-H 9AM SVdP Meeting; SPJ REC
4 9AM Religious Ed; Resurrection 1PM Blessing of the Pets; AC Parking Lot 6:30PM OCIA; AC-SJ	5 6:30PM SPJ Basket Party Meeting; SPJ REC	6 6PM SPJ CLS; AC-SA	7 9AM OCIA; AC-SJ 2PM Mass at Hilltop Heights; Offsite 4:30PM SPJ CLS; SPJ REC 5PM ChristLife Set Up; AC-H 6:30PM SJG Choir; Church	8 3PM Eucharistic Adoration; Shrine 6PM Discovering Christ Session; AC-H 6PM Knights of Columbus; AC-U	9	10 9AM Cemetery Cleanup; Offsite
11 6:30 PM OCIA; AC-SJ	12 Office Closed- Columbus Day	13 6:30 PM Proclaim TV Council; RDR	14 9AM OCIA; AC-SJ 5PM ChristLife Set Up; AC-H 6:00 PM SPJ Finance Council; SPJ-REC 6:30 PM SJG Choir; Church	15 3 PM Eucharistic Adoration; Shrine 6PM Discovering Christ Session; AC-H 6PM SVdP Meeting; SPJ-REC	16 SPJ CLS Basket Party Set Up; AC-H	K of C Sacred Heart of Jesus Display; SJG
18 2nd Collection: World Mission Sunday 9AM Religious Ed; Resurrection 12PM SPJ Basket Party; AC-H 6:30 PM OCIA; AC-SJ SJG CLS Wreath Order	19	20 5:30PM Catholic Daughters; AC-H	21 9AM OCIA; AC-SJ 6PM SJ Maintenance; AC-SA 6:30 PM SJG Choir; Church	22 3PM Eucharistic Adoration; Shrine 6PM SJG Finance Meeting; RDR	23 Private Event Set Up; AC-H	24 Private Event; AC-H SPJ CLS Wreath Order Weekend
K of C Sacred Heart of Jesus Display; SPJ	Fall Clergy Conference - No Daily Masses					K of C Sacred Heart of Jesus Display; SPJ
25 9AM Religious Ed; Resurrection 6:30PM OCIA; AC-SJ SPJ CLS Christmas Wreath Order Weekend	26 6:30PM St. Monica's Tears; SJG Cathedral	27 6PM SPJ Parish Council; SPJ-REC	28 9AM OCIA; AC-SJ 2 PM Mass at Hilltop Heights 6PM Theology on Tap; Offsite 6:30PM SJG Choir Church	29 3PM Eucharistic Adoration; Shrine 7PM Adult Faith Formation; AC-H	30	31 SJG CLS Grocery Bag Distribution



Fall Cemetery Cleanup OCTOBER 10, 2026

*OCTOBER 17, 2026 (RAIN DATE)

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