



St. Catherine Church

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SATURDAY, February 9: VIGIL OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 p.m. MASS – † Betty Appleby by Joe and Maria Danish

SUNDAY, February 10: FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 a.m. MASS – † Living and Deceased Members of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish

Monday, February 11: *Our Lady of Lourdes*

8:00 a.m. – † Fred Renninger by Joan Renninger

Tuesday, February 12: Weekday

8:00 a.m. – † Scott Booher by Carol Booher Family

Wednesday, February 13: Weekday

8:00 a.m. – † Jack Port by Will Crouse

Thursday, February 14: Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

8:00 a.m. – † Kim Cowher by Family

Friday, February 15: Weekday

8:00 a.m. – † In Thanksgiving by Mary and Family

SATURDAY, February 16: VIGIL OF THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 p.m. MASS – † Ronnie Dell by Andrea and Chad Kimmel

SUNDAY, February 17: SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 a.m. MASS Living and Deceased Members of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish

Because of the seriousness of this **flu season**, Bishop Bartchak has asked that the Precious Blood of the Lord not be offered at Mass temporarily. It is the belief of the Catholic Church that the whole Body of Christ is present under either form of consecrated bread and wine. Also, the exchange of the sign of peace should avoid bodily contact. A reverent nod with eye contact and a smile will be the temporary practice. Reception of Holy Communion on the hand is encouraged; however, reception on the tongue may not be denied. These norms are in effect throughout the winter months or until the flu season is over.

Deacon Don Gibboney will be teaching a 10 week course on the history of the Catholic Church at Most Holy Trinity parish in Huntingdon starting on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and will meet each Tuesday evening through May 7, 2019. The course is meant to give an overview of church history from the time of the Apostles in the first century A.D. through the present age. The course will focus on 6 different eras of church history and how the people of each era worked through problems that threatened the church, how they resolved each problem and then entered into a period of renewed growth. The course is offered through the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese Office of Adult enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry. For information on registration please visit the Diocesan web site at: dioceseaj.org.

Schedule of Liturgical Ministries for February 16/17 2019

MASS	Lectors	Altar Servers	Hospitality Ministers (Greeters)	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Dayton Shugarts	Maggie Stiffler	Mary Lyons	Andrea Christoff
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Cathy Wilson Beth Lear	Abigail Brodbeck Ian Brodbeck	Therese Branigan	Will Crouse

Liturgical Reflection The celebration of the Eucharist is the center of the entire Christian life, both for the Church universal and in each faith community. The Eucharist contains the church's entire spiritual wealth, that is, Christ himself. He is our Passover and living bread. The celebration of the Eucharist in the sacrifice of the Mass is truly the origin and purpose of the worship that is shown to the Eucharist outside Mass. Reserved in the tabernacle, Christ is truly Emmanuel, God with us. Day and night he is in our midst; full of grace and truth, he dwells among us. Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside Mass, 1975, Numbers 1 and 2. Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION Perhaps feeling of reluctance, inadequacy, and unworthiness have prevented us from fulfilling our portion of God's divine plan. May we meet Jesus' challenge, "Do not be afraid," with "Here I am, send me!"

Your Niche

In a series of cartoons some years ago Linus, one of Charles Schultz's "Peanuts" tribe, was taking heat from his sister Lucy and friends for his newly found "calling"-patting little birds on the head. The distressed birds would approach Linus, lower their feathered heads to be patted, sigh deeply, and walk away satisfied. It brought Linus no end of fulfillment-in spite of Lucy's embarrassment and chagrin.

Now I'll grant you, bird patting is a little unusual as a calling...At least we could agree that it is not one of the great spiritual gifts listed in 1 Corinthians 12. Or is it? Let's look again.

How about that niche called "showing mercy." Romans 12 mentions "encouraging and a little later "contributing to the needs of others." ...Who's to say that a person's niche in life couldn't be giving pats on the head, offering a helping hand, or embracing another's sorrow or joy with a deep

SANCTUARY CANDLE:
Poor Souls



GIFT BEARERS for:

Saturday, February 16, 2019: Dell family
Sunday, February 17, 2019: Ushers

COLLECTION COUNTING SCHEDULE for:

Sunday, February 10, 2019: Will Crouse
Sunday, February 17, 2019: Mary Secrest

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

In today's gospel, Jesus asked Simon to start by "going a short distance." Later he asked Simon to "go into deeper water." The first step toward reconciliation is usually a "short distance" which gives us the courage to further "into deeper water." Reconciliation starts with the first short step!



Birthdays Mary Secrest, Ann Bielski, Kynneddy Miller, Christine Feather, James Lear.

hug.

In one of the cartoon scenes, Charlie Brown and Linus dialogue about all this head patting. Linus wants to know, What's wrong with patting birds on the head? He repeats that he simply wants to know what's *wrong* with it. It makes birds feel better, it make him feel happy all over. Charlie stares thoughtfully, then declares rather frankly, "No one else does it! That's it. No one else does it!"

Some niches in life must struggle to exist, to say nothing of being appreciated, or even accepted.

Family Ritual

Write a letter of thanks to someone who has loved you. It could be a parent, grandparent, godparent, favorite relative, a mentor, etc. Tell them how they have made an impact on your life and thank them for their gift of love to you. Say a prayer for them and to God for He surely is the one who has loved you the most.



prayer chain: if you have someone for whom you would like to request prayer, please get in touch with Maria Danish, 542-2233; Liz Stasenko, 542-4987, or Carmela Ciccaglione, 542-4281; they will contact the people on their list. if you want the person's name to remain anonymous, just ask for a special intention, etc. the lists include: Maria Danish: Ed and May Galla Liz Stasenko: Bonnie Melnyk, Maggie Stiffler, Jeannette Bumbaugh, Cathy Wilson; Carmela Ciccaglione: Ann Gilliland, Carmen Rivera, Valerie Thomas, Melissa Fleming. those on the list will be called when a request is received, but the prayer chain will not be held up if the contact person is unable to reach you. if anyone else would like to be added to the prayer chain, please call the rectory or one of the contact persons.

please let us know when you or a family member is admitted to the hospital.

LIVE MASS aired Every Sunday from Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown on **WATM-TV ABC Channel 23** If you are homebound and not able to attend the Sunday Mass, please watch our Diocesan Program Proclaim at 10:30 a.m. and the live telecast of Sunday Liturgy at 11:00 a.m.

PRO LIFE CORNER

People cry over animal abuse commercials, so why don't people cry for babies who are aborted? They are just as helpless



as the animals, but they are humans- flesh and blood. Today's society has misguided sympathies.

DEPRESSED OR ANXIOUS? NEED SOME HELP AND SUPPORT?

Catholic Charities, an agency of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown offers professional, confidential counseling for individuals, children and youth, families, and couples. Please call them at 944-9388 for more information.



OVERWHELMED BY BILLS? NEED HELP WITH UTILITY TERMINATIONS?

Working to Reduce Poverty in America. Catholic Charities, a program of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, offers qualified applicant's emergency financial assistance to help pay utility costs, medications, rent and temporary housing, and transportation expenses. Please call them at 944-9388.

Faith & Light- Sharing Faith & Friendship with Intellectual Disabled Persons

A faith sharing group which also includes family members, caregivers, friends. Meets monthly, Sundays, 1:00-4:00 p.m. at a handicap accessible location. Call Gaye (814) 472-7317 of Family Life Office (814) 886-5551. www.faithlife@dioceseaj.org