



## St. Catherine Church

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**SATURDAY, October 12: VIGIL OF TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**5:00 p.m. MASS** – † Helen Crouse by Louise Huey

**SUNDAY, October 13: TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

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**Monday, October 14: Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr**

**8:00 a.m.** – † Steve Thomas by Jerry and Ann Norris

**Tuesday, October 15: Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**

**8:00 a.m.** – † Ron Smith by Bob and Ann Gilliland

**Wednesday, October 16: Saint Hedwig, Religious, Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin**

**8:00 a.m.** – † Harold, Rita, Beth & Cecilia Sanker by Family

**Thursday, October 17: Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr**

**8:00 a.m.** – † Mary E. Bracciale by Fr Joe

**Friday, October 18: Saint Luke, Evangelist**

**8:00 a.m.** – † Wilson DeVecchis by Tonnie and Bill

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**SATURDAY, October 19: VIGIL OF TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**5:00 p.m. MASS** – † Mercy Miller by Frank and Liz Stasenکو

**SUNDAY, October 20: TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

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**Knights of Columbus** would like to thank everyone who supported them with the **Football Sweepstakes tickets**. Good luck to everyone who has a ticket.

**St Vincent dePaul Society** Meeting Thursday, October 17 in the Holy Family Hall at 4:00 p.m.

**Saint Catherine CCD students** please join us for Trunk or Treat next **Sunday, October 20**, at 4:00 p.m. All members of the church are welcome to decorate a Trunk and hand out candy. Join us for games and refreshments afterwards!!! Hope to see you there!!!

**Homemade Italian Trio Dinner:** Lasagna, Spaghetti & Meatballs with Salad, Roll/ Butter and Dessert. **St. Joseph Catholic Church in Williamsburg** on **Sunday, November 3, 2019**. Dinner is \$11.00 **TAKEOUT ONLY** 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For tickets call Jim at 832-2139 or Sandy at 658-3600.

## Schedule of Liturgical Ministries for October 19/20 2019

MASS	Lectors	Altar Servers	Hospitality Ministers (Greeters)	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday <b>5:00 p.m.</b>	Maggie Stiffler	Guy Kumpf	Maria Danish	Maggie Stiffler Andrea Christoff Kathy Lantz
Sunday <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Cathy Wilson Beth Lear	Jacob Cooper Riley McNerlin	Therese Branigan	Beth Lear Mary Secrest Marcia Slates

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION** Only one leper acknowledged Jesus as the source of his cure and returned to thank him. The happiness that God wants for us starts with our recognition that everything in life is a gift from Him. His gifts bring us happiness only when we use our time, talents and abilities, and possessions gratefully and generously.

Let us give thanks to our generous God for all the blessings we receive each and every day. “Everyone must give according to what he or she has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7).

### The Most Essential Thing

The most powerful, most needed, and most essential teaching is always Love. Love is our foundation and our destiny. It is where we come from and where we’re headed. As St. Paul famously says, “So faith, hope, and love remain, but the greatest of these is love” (1 Corinthians 13:13).

My hope, whenever I speak or write, is to help clear away the impediments to receiving, allowing, trusting, and participating in a foundational Love. God’s love is planted inside each of us as the Holy Spirit who, according to Jesus, “will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you” (John 14:26).

Love is who you are. When you don’t live according to love, you are outside of being. You’re basically not real or true to yourself. When you love, you are acting according to your deepest being, your deepest truth. You are operating according to your dignity. For a simple description of the kind of love I am talking about, let’s just use the word *out-flowing*. This will become clearer



**SANCTUARY CANDLE:**  
The Sanctuary Candle acknowledging The Real Presence of Christ in the tabernacle is burning this week in loving memory of **Poor Souls**



GIFT BEARERS for:

**Saturday, October 19, 2019:** Ushers

**Sunday, October 20, 2019:** Ushers

COLLECTION COUNTING SCHEDULE for:

**Sunday, October 13, 2019:** Will Crouse

**Sunday, October 20, 2019:** Mary Secrest

**Gospel: Luke 17:11-19**

Everyone needs “A Round Tuit.” The lepers in today’s gospel probably meant to thank Jesus. Excited about being cured they didn’t get ‘around-to-it.’ We get caught up in our own interests and fail to appreciate what we have or to say what is in our hearts. This week get yourself a “Round Tuit”

**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.



**Birthdays** Ian Brodbeck, Aubrey Roddy.

as we proceed.

All I can do is remind you of what you already know deep within your True Self and invite you to live connected to this Source. John the Evangelist writes, “God is love, and whoever remains in love, remains in God and God in them” (1 John 4:16). The Judeo-Christian creation story says that we were created in the very “image and likeness” of God—who sets the highest bar for this kind of outflowing love (Genesis 1:26-27). Out of the Trinity’s generative and infinitely flowing relationship, all of creation takes form, mirroring its Creator in its deepest identity.

We have heard this phrase so often that we don’t get the existential shock of what “created in the image and likeness of God” is saying about us. If this is true, then our family of origin is divine. It is saying that we were created by a loving God to also *be love* in the world. Our core is original blessing, not original sin. Our starting point is “very good” (Genesis 1:31). If the beginning is right, the rest is made considerably easier, because we know and can trust the clear direction of our life’s tangent.

We must all overcome the illusion of separateness. It is the primary task of religion to communicate not worthiness but **union**, to reconnect people to their original identity “hidden with Christ in God” (Colossians 3:3). The Bible calls the state of separateness “sin.” God’s job description is to draw us back into primal and intimate relationship. “My dear people, we are already children of God; what we will be in the future has not yet been fully revealed, and all I do know is that we shall be like God” (1 John 3:2).

Henceforth, all our moral behavior is simply “the imitation of God.” First observe what God is doing all the time and everywhere, and then do the same thing (Ephesians 5:1). And what does God do? God does what God is: Love. God does not love you *if and when you change*. **God loves you so that you can change!**

If you know of ***Prayer Requests for a sick parishioner***: Write the name or petition in our Parish Prayer Request Book located in the vestibule of our church. The Prayer Request Book is brought into the church at each weekend Mass and all the intentions are included in the General Intercessions.

## PRO LIFE CORNER

We must not be surprised when we hear of murders, of killings, of wars, of hatred. If a mother can kill her own child, what is left but for us to kill each other. ... Abortion kills twice. It kills the body of the baby and it kills the conscience of the mother. Abortion is profoundly anti-women. Three quarters of its victims are women: Half the babies and all the mothers. Saint Teresa of Calcutta



## 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.

***Sacrament of Reconciliation***: One half hour before Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses or anytime by appointment/request.