



# Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

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## M E M O

**TO:** All Pastors

**FROM:** (Very Rev.) Alan E. Thomas, V. G. *AET*

**RE:** "Emergency Coverage" for Clergy Conference

**DATE:** September 19, 2017

In order to provide the laity of the diocese the security of emergency sacramental coverage, while priests and deacons attend the Fall Clergy Gathering at Seven Springs in Champion, Pennsylvania, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, October 16-18, 2017 enclosed you will find a list of clergy, phone numbers and area covered, to which the laity can refer in your absence, in case of emergency.

Please see the bulletin insert below, which you might wish to publish, informing parishioners of this available emergency coverage. Many thanks, in advance, to the volunteers who have agreed to assist the diocese in this way. Obviously, the assistance offered is not exhaustive and should not preclude any coverage arrangements which may already be in place at the local level.

### SAMPLE                      BULLETIN                      INSERT

On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, October 16-18, 2017 the priests and deacons of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese will gather with Bishop Mark Bartchak, J.C.D., for their Fall Clergy Gathering at Seven Springs in Champion, Pennsylvania. In order to make it possible for all active priests and deacons to attend this important meeting, attached is a list of names, addresses and telephone numbers of clergy available to provide emergency coverage.

**EMERGENCY CLERGY COVERAGE FOR OCTOBER 16-18, 2017**

**CLINTON/CENTRE COUNTIES:**

(Emergency only:)

**Rev. Matthew Laffey, O.S.B.**

**Rev. David Griffin, O.S.B.**

Phone: (814) 865-4281 between 8:30 am & 4:30 pm  
After 4:30 pm

Phone: (814) 863-5599 or (814) 865-4282

**JOHNSTOWN/CAMBRIA/  
SOUTHERN (WEST) DEANERIES:**

**Rev. Matthew Misurda**

Phone: (814) 410-7251

**ALTOONA DEANERY:**

**Rev. Christopher Panagoplos, TOR**

Phone: (814) 207-5847

**ALLEGHENY/PRINCE GALLITZIN  
DEANERIES:**

**Rev. Jim Morman, T.O.R.**

Cell: (740) 381-2203

Office: (814) 419-8827

**SOMERSET COUNTY:**

**Rev. Msgr. Samuel J. Tomaselli**

Phone: (814) 445-7382

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# Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

## *Temporalities Secretariat Office of Finance*

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## Memorandum

Date: September 25, 2017

To: Pastors & Parish/School Administrators

From: Ernie Eney, Director of Facilities *EE*

Re: Heating Systems, Flues & Exhaust Maintenance

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In addition to the boiler and pressure vessel inspections conducted by Chubb Loss Control Services, all diocesan buildings heated by a fossil fuel (gas, oil, wood, etc.) must have chimney and flue pipes inspected by a licensed HVAC plumber prior to October 31, 2017.

Diocesan buildings with exhaust systems insufficiently maintained experienced the largest "per unit" claim losses in 2016. Preventative maintenance not only reduces potential future loss but also extends the operating life of the heating units and promotes the safety of our employees.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you should have any questions or require assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (814) 695-5579.



# Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

## *Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministries*

625 Park Avenue

Johnstown, PA 15902

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E-mail: [mheinze@dioceseaj.org](mailto:mheinze@dioceseaj.org)

Website: [www.ajdiocese.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry](http://www.ajdiocese.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry)

**TO:** All Parish and Bulletin Editors

**FROM:** Deacon Michael, Ministerial Coordinator

**RE:** The Shroud of Turin Talk

- Bulletin Announcement -

### **SAVE THE DATE!**


**The Shroud of Turin Talk** will once again be held at St. Benedict Parish, 2310 Bedford Street, Johnstown on **Sunday, October 29, 2017 at 3:00 P.M.** In 2013 Bill Wingard established “**Shroud Talks**” to present the history and science of the **Shroud of Turin** and tackle the biggest mystery...**Is the Shroud the actual burial cloth of Jesus?** You are invited to hear the talk and see the full size replica of the **Shroud of Turin**. Attendees are encouraged to bring their cameras. **Priests will be available following the presentation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.** No tickets are required; a love offering will be collected. For more information, contact Deacon Michael at (814) 288-3036 or email [michael.russo@atlanticbb.net](mailto:michael.russo@atlanticbb.net). **All are welcome!**



# Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

*Working to Reduce Poverty in West Central Pennsylvania.*

October 2, 2017

TO: Diocesan Clergy & Administrators  
FROM: Jean Johnstone, Catholic Charities   
RE: Black Tie Bingo Event for Martha & Mary House

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Attached is a flyer for the first fundraiser for Catholic Charities' Martha & Mary House – Emergency Shelter Program in Johnstown, PA. All funds (100%) raised will be used to directly support the daily operations of the shelter. Current grant funding only covers 62% of the annual operational costs. This fundraiser will help to close this funding gap.

**Black Tie Bingo** is sure to be a fun event for all! Please consider including this announcement in your bulletins during the month of October. Thank You!

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Catholic Charities Martha & Mary House – Emergency Shelter Program in Johnstown is holding a **Black Tie Bingo** fundraiser on Thursday, November 9, 2017 from 6 – 8 PM at Ace's (316 Chestnut St., Johnstown, PA.) "Black Tie" means you can wear a black tie in any fashion you'd like – as a necktie, bracelet, bow tie, belt, or even as a ribbon in your hair. If it ties and it's black – you are all set! The cost is \$30/individual or \$50/couple and admission includes appetizers, desserts, soft drinks and one bingo card per person for all games. A cash bar and extra bingo cards will be available for purchase. To RSVP, contact Catholic Charities Altoona Office at (814) 944-9388 or by email to [jharshberger@dioceseaj.org](mailto:jharshberger@dioceseaj.org) or [jjohnstone@dioceseaj.org](mailto:jjohnstone@dioceseaj.org). It is sure to be a fun event for all and a wonderful evening out. We hope to see you there! (100% of the funds will be used to support the ongoing operational expenses of the homeless shelter.)

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Altoona, PA 16603  
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Johnstown, PA 15901  
Phone: (814) 535-6538  
Fax: (814) 535-2235

**BELLEFONTE OFFICE**  
213 East Bishop Street  
P.O. Box 389  
Bellefonte, PA 16823  
Phone: (814) 353-0502  
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Catholic Charities of the Diocese of  
Altoona-Johnstown

Presents

# Black Tie Bingo

Thursday, November 9

Ace's

316 Chestnut Street, Johnstown, PA 15906



All proceeds will support the Martha and Mary House Emergency Shelter Program, who have lifted more than 200 Cambria County residents out of homelessness, setting them on the path to steady employment, permanent housing and a brighter future.

## WHAT TO WEAR:

We know it says Black Tie, but this is a fun night to raise money for an incredible program and resource so let's loosen the tie and be creative.

Wear a black tie in any fashion you'd like. Traditional ties, black ribbon bracelets or hair ties, black bows on dresses and shirts. If it ties and it's black you're all set!

## TICKET PRICING:

\$30 for an individual | \$50 for a couple

Admission includes appetizers, soft drinks and one bingo card per person, per game in your party.

Additional bingo cards for each game will be available for purchase at the event.

Cash Bar

Your support allows us to offer more than a place to sleep and day-to-day necessities. We work with each person or family to create successful plans for moving forward by providing:

- Case managers to facilitate permanent housing placement
- Internet access to help with job searches and assistance with resume writing
- Transportation to and collaboration with local social service agencies
- A physical address, required when applying for SNAP benefits

These critical services are made possible by the generosity of the community. With your help, we will continue to be part of the long term solution to break the cycle of homelessness.

To RSVP, please contact by email [jharshberger@dioceseaj.org](mailto:jharshberger@dioceseaj.org) or call (814) 944-9388.

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### \$1,500 PARTNER IN HOPE SPONSOR

- ❖ 20 Event Tickets
- ❖ Logo and/or name listed on all event materials
- ❖ Banner at the event
- ❖ Full page ad in the event program

### \$1,000 COMMUNITY BUILDER SPONSOR

- ❖ 15 Event Tickets
- ❖ Logo and/or name listed on all event materials
- ❖ Banner at the event
- ❖ Half page ad in the event program

### \$500 STRENGTHENING THE FOUNDATION SPONSOR

- ❖ 10 Event Tickets
- ❖ Half page ad in the event program

### \$250 GOOD NEIGHBOR SPONSOR

- ❖ 5 Event Tickets
- ❖ Quarter page ad in the event program

### \$100 FRIENDSHIP SPONSOR

- ❖ 2 Event Tickets
- ❖ Listing in the event program



# Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

## *Family Life Office*

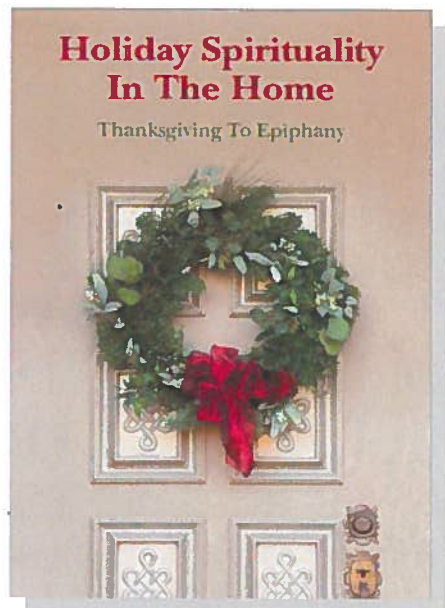
5379 Portage St.  
Lilly, PA 15938  
Telephone (814) 886-5551  
Fax (814) 886-7697  
familylife@dioceseaj.org  
www.dioceseaj.org

October 3, 2017

TO: Clergy, principals, DREs

### **Do your families:**

- **pray together at home during Advent?**
- **know how to keep Christ in Christmas?**
- **observe the entire Christmas Season?**



Written by our staff, this booklet has been used for years by young and old, those who live alone as well as those who live with family members. We are nationally known for these booklets.

Contains these and much more:

- Advent readings, Advent wreath, Jesse tree, Krist Kindl, Strawless Manger
- Practical, fun ideas for focusing on spiritual – Christmas tree, gifts, decorations, cards
- Ways to celebrate feasts – Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Holy Innocents, Holy Family, Epiphany
- Christmas customs and traditions to bring family together around Jesus

Would a parish organization be willing to purchase this for your families?

1- 49 – \$3.00

50- 99 – \$2.50

100 + – \$2.00

Save postage: pick up at the Chancery or at our office in Lilly.

Make check payable to "Family Life Office"

Family Life Office  
5379 Portage St.  
Lilly, PA 15938  
814-886-5551

Fax: 814-886-7697  
[familylife@dioceseaj.org](mailto:familylife@dioceseaj.org)  
[www.dioceseaj.org](http://www.dioceseaj.org),  
Click on Diocesan Offices, Family Life



# Independent Catholic Foundation

## An Invitation & Announcements

**Date:** October 3, 2017

**To:** Clergy

**From:** Bill Hiergeist, Foundation Executive Director

**Re:** 2017 Clergy Conference & Marketing News

### 2017 Clergy Conference Social

All clergy attending the Fall Clergy Conference are cordially invited to the Monday Evening Social at 5:30 p.m. in the Alpine Room. The Independent Catholic Foundation is pleased to return as sponsor of the social.

Representing the Foundation will be James Carrieri, President of the Board of Trustees, Bill Hiergeist, Executive Director, and Chris Ringkamp, Director of Mission Advancement.

Bill and Chris will be on the premises until Tuesday afternoon to answer any questions about the Foundation and how permanent endowments can supplement current and future needs of parishes, schools and ministries. If you have specific questions, please contact us this week or next so we can prepare ahead of time.

### Council Presentations

Please know that we would welcome the opportunity to meet with parish finance council to discuss how the Foundation can partner with the parish to help supplement current and future revenue. Too many Catholics still do not think about their own parish when creating or revising their Last Wills, when, in fact, it could be an obvious choice. Together, we can make a difference that will last for generations to come.

### Foundation Website & Social Media

Bearing in mind that parishioners donate disposable income through the offertory and appreciated assets through bequests - two non-competing sources - please consider printing this bulletin announcement:

The Independent Catholic Foundation administers 250 permanent endowments for the benefit of Catholic parishes, schools, ministries, religious orders and causes. *[Included among them is an endowment that supports our specific designation here]*. A new website at [www.icfdaj.org](http://www.icfdaj.org) explains how its portfolio is invested through Catholic socially-responsible values and provides ways to remember the parish through a charitable gift in your will. You can follow the Foundation on Facebook or contact them at (814) 201-2080 for more information.



Thank You!

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**PROCLAIM! 10:30 am; Live Mass Telecast 11:00 am - Noon**  
**Every Sunday on WATM-TV ABC 23**  
**Live Mass Also Airs on Cornerstone Faith and Family Channel**

**The Minute-a-Month Electronic Ministry**  
***Proclaim! TV Newsletter***

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**Our TV Mass Continues to Grow in Viewership Options**

***Honoring Mrs. Elva M. Fye, Veteran  
TV Mass Viewer and Supporter  
Who Died September 1 at Age 97***

We pray for a long time viewer and supporter of our live Mass telecast who died in her home on September 1 at the age of 97.

Mrs. Elva M. Fye of Nanty Glo was a weekly viewer of our live TV Mass for nearly three decades and she made regular gifts to our Minute-a-Month Ministry initiative in appreciation of how much the telecast meant to her.

Her monthly gift often included a letter of praise for the efforts of our TV Ministry volunteers in making it possible for her to participate in the Liturgy in her home when she was unable to get to church in person.

The Funeral Mass for Mrs. Fye was celebrated at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Nanty Glo.

In her obituary notice, the family requested that, instead of flowers, donations be made to charity in her memory. As we pray for her, we ask her to pray for us, confident that one day we shall see her again.

Our ever-expanding live Mass telecast is attracting more viewers than ever, and continues to grow in quality and excellence.

The primary means of presenting the live telecast continues to be WATM-TV ABC 23 and th Cornerstone TV Faith and Family Channel in Pittsburgh. Both channels air the Mass live from Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown at 11:00 am every Sunday.

The Mass is repeated at 9 pm Sundays on the Atlantic Broadband Public Access Channel 9.

The Faith and Family Channel also repeats the Mass at 6 am Wednesdays and 4 pm Thursdays.

In the near future WATM-TV will begin to livestream its programming, affording even more opportunities to attract an even larger viewership.

The ever-growing presence of TV programs on social media is opening a new venue for those who prefer to watch the Mass at nearly anywhere at anytime or at a time and place that is in keeping with their schedule. Recent past episodes of *Proclaim!* as well as recent Mass telecasts are being archived on the diocesan website to afford those with a computer and an internet connection the ability to access these programs at any time.



Past Masses can also viewed along with the current TV newsletter by accessing the Saint John Gualbert Cathedral website

As we prepare to enter our 30th anniversary year of the live TV Mass our objective is the same as ever: to bring the Mass to the masses. With your help and support we will continue to do so!

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**Very Rev Anthony Francis Spilka,  
OFM Conv, Vicar for Religious &  
Pastor, Saint Francis of Assisi,  
Our Guest Celebrant for Oct. 15**

Our Guest Celebrant and homilist for Sunday, October 15, the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, will be **Very Rev. Anthony Francis Spilka, OFM Conv**, Vicar for Religious for the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, and Pastor of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish in Johnstown.

The Sunday Mass is telecast live from Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown from 11:00 am until noon on WATM-TV ABC 23 and the Faith and Family Channel of Cornerstone TV. The Mass is also rebroadcast at 9:00 pm Sundays on the Atlantic Broad band Public Access Cable Channel 9.

Our complete list of celebrants for October:

**Sunday, October 1 Very Rev. James F. Crookston**  
*Rector, Saint John Gualbert Cathedral, Johnstown*  
(The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
and Respect Life Sunday)

**Sunday, October 8 Very Rev. James F. Crookston**  
*Rector, Saint John Gualbert Cathedral, Johnstown*  
(The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time)  
*The Rite of Blessing for Confirmation Candidates*  
*will take place at this Mass*

**Sunday, October 15**

**Very Rev. Anthony Francis Spilka, OFM Conv**  
**Vicar for Religious, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown**  
*Pastor, Saint Francis of Assisi, Johnstown*  
(The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

**Sunday, October 22 Very Rev. James F. Crookston**  
*Rector, Saint John Gualbert Cathedral, Johnstown*  
(The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
and World Mission Sunday)

**Sunday, October 29 Rev. Chuck Bridges**  
*Parochial Vicar, Saint John Gualbert Cathedral*  
*and Operations Manager, TV Ministry*  
(The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

**Minute-a-Month Mass Oct. 22**

The Minute-a-Month TV Ministry Mass for September will be celebrated as the 11:00 am TV Mass from Saint John Gualbert Cathedral on **Sunday, October 22**, the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

**Keeping the Faith Oct., 2017 Guests**

*Keeping the Faith*, hosted by **Bishop Mark Barchak**, airs at 10:30 am Sundays on WATM-TV preceding the live TV Mass.

Our complete lineup of guests for October:

**Sunday, October 1:** In his "Student Spotlight" series, Bishop Mark talks with **Jared Delauter** of Bishop Carroll Catholic High School in Ebensburg about his school spirit, the Catholic faith, and Catholic education.

**Sunday, October 8: Doctor Thomas Foley**, President of Mount Aloysius College in Cresson discusses the college's theme for the academic year, "Authentic Discourse."

**Sunday, October 15:** Saint Francis University students **Valerie Boles** and **Danielle Link** interview Bishop Mark about faith matters impacting college students.

**Sunday, October 22: Oliva Butler** of Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic high School in Altoona shares her unique educational and leadership experiences in the Bishop's "Student Spotlight" series.

**Sunday, October 29: Kevin and Michelle Trimpey**, members of Saint John the Evangelist Parish in Bellefonte, talk about the joys and challenges as a newly-married couple.

**Our Viewers Write, E-mail, and Call!**

Dear Proclaim!

Thank you for your good work.

You are such a blessing to the shut-ins!

Please put me on your mail list for the TV newsletter.

--JL, Johnstown, PA

Dear Proclaim!

Enclosed is a donation for the TV Mass, which is gratefully appreciated,

--Anon, Pittsburgh, PA

Dear Father Chuck,

Thank you so much for the televised Mass. God Bless!

EB, Altoona, PA.

Dear Proclaim!

I so enjoyed the live TV Mass with Father Crookston as the celebrant, especially the Baptism during the Mass. It was so beautiful and inspiring. Thank you!

--Anon, Johnstown, PA

Dear Proclaim!

We watched the Sept. 17 live Mass on the Faith and Family Channel of Cornerstone TV and it was so beautiful!

--Anon, Armagh, PA (Indiana County)