

2018 -2019 LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



RITE OF ELECTION AND ENROLLMENT OF NAMES OF CATECHUMENS AND THE CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION OF CANDIDATES:

First Sunday of Lent, March 10, 2019

2:00 PM - Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, One Cathedral Square, Altoona
(Bedford, Blair, Centre, Clinton and Huntingdon County parishes/campus ministry)

7:00 PM - Saint John Gualbert Cathedral, 117 Clinton Street, Johnstown
(Cambria, Fulton, and Somerset County parishes/campus ministry)

PALM SUNDAY RETREATS AND ANOINTING SERVICE:

Elect and Candidates, Sponsors, Parish Directors and Teams, and Family members of all.
(location based on previous years)

Centre/Clinton Counties: Saturday, April 13, 2019 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Our Lady of Victory Church (Social Hall)
820 Westerly Parkway, State College

Prayer/Anointing Service at 10:45 AM, Bishop Mark Bartchak, Presider

Cambria/Somerset Counties: Sunday, April 14, 2019 1:00 PM - 5:30 PM
Begins with Prayer/Anointing Service at 1:30 PM, Bishop Mark Bartchak, Presider
in St. John Gualbert Cathedral (Clinton Street)
Continuing at: St. John Gualbert Parish Activity Center
Corner of Railroad and Adams Street, Johnstown

Blair/Bedford/Huntingdon/Fulton counties: Sunday, April 14, 2019
2:00 PM - 6:30 PM at Saint Catherine of Siena Church, 308 Old Route 22, Duncansville

Prayer/Anointing Service at 4:45 PM Bishop Mark Bartchak, Presider

*Anyone who cannot attend the retreats at the scheduled sites are always welcome to attend at another site.
When you RSVP please highlight the location on your registration form.*

NEOPHYTE MASS OF THANKSGIVING: Saturday, May 4, 2019, 5:00 PM

The Vigil Mass of the Second Sunday of Easter.

at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, One Cathedral Square, Altoona

Principal Celebrant: Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak

Bishop Mark invites all Neophytes (the newest members) of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, including those received into full communion outside of the Easter Vigil, all of their families along with their Sponsors and their families, and all parish teams.

*All Neophytes should plan to participate in this special full Eucharistic celebration.
After Mass a full dinner is served for everyone in the Cathedral Hall.*

An R.S.V.P. should be made no later than 4:00 PM on Wednesday, May 1, 2019