## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

January 3, 2016 Epiphany of the Lord Sunday

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Monday	8:00 AM	NO MASS			
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Eugene & Delcie Fochtman –Carolyn Leonard			
Wednesday	8:00 AM	William Fochtman – Kenneth & Carissa Restly & Family			
Thursday	6:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration			
-	7:00 PM	Laramme Ickes – Brad & Cara Kister & Family			
Friday	8:00 AM	Deceased members of the Fleming Family –			
		Theresa Armstrong			
Saturday	6:00 PM	Gregory F. Will (Anniv) – Greg & Karen Will			
Sunday	8:00 AM	Evelyn C. Hickey – husband, George R. Hickey			
	10:30 AM	For the People			

#### Sanctuary Candle - For Peace

PRAYER LIST: Austin Adams, Barbara Allison, Debbie Baker, Fred Bittner, Janey Black, Vicki Bowser, Ed Boyer, Macy Burke, Anna Burkett, Mary Beth Campitelli, Jim Caro, Joe & Glenna Caro, Laura Costello, Faith Custer, Joann Darbyshire, Brenda Davis, Terry Davis, Thomas DeArmitt, Jr., Judy Dronet, Beau Dull, Beth Engle Pat Ferko, Agnes Fleming, Tabitha Frick, Janey Fulford, Paisley Goetzl, Donald Grasser, Gerald Grasser, Sr., Kelly Hartbauer, Elizabeth, Ken & Kennaley Heider, Sandra Herzing, Mike Hess, Chet Hillegass, David Hinson, Steve Howsare, Laramme Ickes, Matthew Jenkins, Harry Jones, J.T. Kline, Todd Kline, Jeanne Marie Klisiewicz, Chris Knisely, Eileen Knott, Virginia Lambert, Dana LeGros, Connie Levar, Darren Leydig, Lowe Family, Don Lynch, Martha Marker, George Maser, Fae Montreal, Tracey Mowry, Charlene Norris, Cathy & Laird Ober, Rick Otto, Jane Palik, Maryann Palko, Louise Pekala, Denver Reed, Rose Restly, Sabina Restly, Shawn Restly, Jane, Jim, & Terry Ryan, Greg Seeley, Sandra Shaffer, Clara Smith, Larry Smith, Michael Stefanik, Tommy Stiffler, Pat Stoe, Dick Walter, Anna Lee & Kenny Wambaugh, Aaron Weiss, Christina Whetstone, Charlotte Will, Jan & Larry Will, Tish Will, Mel Wingard, Dominick Yachere, Nancy Zeth, George Zubek, Jr. 

Christmas: Loose: \$894.00 Adults: \$4,525.00 Total: \$5,419.00 Last week: Loose: \$305.19 Adults: \$2.099.00 Total: \$2.404.19

### ALTAR SCHEDULE – January 10<sup>th</sup>

	<u>6 pm</u>	<u>8 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
READER:	Wayne Tedley	Joan McGreevey	Anthony Zanoni
MINISTER:	Dayna Wambaugh	Deacon Thom	Jennifer Nouse
SERVERS:		Desirae Heider	Joseph Zanoni
		Kennaley Heider	Isabella Zanoni

#### The ushers for January are:

6 pm: Mark Hankinson; Larry Hankinson; Harry Fochtman; Ed Will 8 am: Linda Fochtman; Sam Fochtman; Henry Hillegass; Joe Hillegass

10:30 am: Lynn Benning; Pat Hankinson; Hunter Stoe

#### THE CHURCH OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN

# ST. JOHNTHE BAPTIST

Pastor: Fr. Richard Tomkosky

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Hall Reservations: Melinda Will (733-0029)

Mass Schedule: Parish Website: www.newbaltimorecatholic.com

Wed., Fri.: 8:00 AM Tues. & Thurs.: 7:00 PM

Sunday: 6:00 PM (Vigil) Rectory: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Box 10

New Baltimore, PA 15553

Phone: 733-2210 Hall: 733-4113

Baptism:

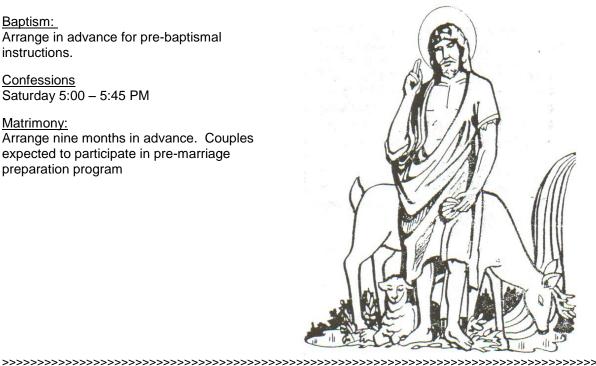
Arrange in advance for pre-baptismal instructions.

Confessions

Saturday 5:00 - 5:45 PM

Matrimony:

Arrange nine months in advance. Couples expected to participate in pre-marriage preparation program



Parish Mission Statement St. John the Baptist Parish is a Catholic Christian Community centered in rural New Baltimore, Pennsylvania. As members of the Body of Christ, we seek to live as entrusted stewards using God's gifts responsibly, intelligently, prudently, and gratefully to bring about His kingdom. As stewards of our time, talents, possessions, and faith, we are called to put our lives in proper focus and to live in accord with one another giving love and caring support; to accept Christ's challenge as related in the Gospels - to serve one another.



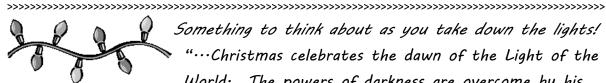
The blessing of homes on Epiphany is a very old Catholic custom. When the Wise Men or Magi became an important focus of the celebration of epiphany, the blessing of homes

was a natural conclusion. The Wise Men came to bring gifts to honor the King of Kings; but when they entered the home at Bethlehem, he whom they came to bless blessed them! To dedicate our home to Christ is to gain untold blessings from him who manifested himself in glory to the world on Epiphany.

Have each family member gather around the door to your home and with a piece of chalk, above the entrance, mark 20 + C + M + B + 16· (The numbers are the year and the letters stand for the wise men, Balthasar, Caspar, and Melchior.)

+May God always send his angels to dwell in this home. May He keep us always in his peace and love. May we provide welcome to strangers and to those in need. May He bless our coming and our going so that the light of faith, hope, and love may always guide everything that comes to this home or goes forth from this home. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

Families and the Gospel...After meeting Jesus, the Magi returned home by "another way." What in your family needs to be done another way? Do you need another way to resolve differences, to communicate or show affection? This is a new year, time to change what isn't working. Take a tip from some wise men, there's always "another wav."



Something to think about as you take down the lights! "... Christmas celebrates the dawn of the Light of the World. The powers of darkness are overcome by his

coming to share our life. The long reign of sin is ended and grace has been poured out upon the earth. The Sun of Justice has arisen, and evil is vanguished." Perhaps the hardest thing to remember about Christmas is

this: "It celebrates the incarnation, not just the nativity: The incarnation is an on-going process of salvation, while the nativity is the once-for-all historical event of Bethlehem. We do not really celebrate Christ's birthday, remembering something that happened long ago. We celebrate the stupendous fact of the incarnation, God entering our world so thoroughly that nothing has been the same since. And God continues to take flesh in our midst, in the men and women and children who form his body today. And the birth we celebrate is not just a past historical event but Christ's continuing birth in his members, accomplished by the power of the Spirit through the waters of baptism." "...What we celebrate is our redemption in Christ and the transformation of all creation by the presence of the divine in our midst."

Our annual Appreciation Dinner will be held on Friday, January 29th. The Hall will open at 5:30 pm and dinner will be served at 6 pm. The dinner is open to all volunteers 21 and older. We will again have the gift exchange (\$5-\$10). Everyone wishing to participate in this game must bring a gift. Please RSVP by Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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### Notes from Fr. Rich

- Thanks and New Year's Blessings: I pray everyone has a most Blessed New Year 2016. Thanks to everyone who sent me cards, prayers, gifts and baked goods for Christmas. I really appreciate it. ©
- Retreat opportunity: February pre-Lenten Retreat: As you know I offer quarterly retreats. open to the Diocese, here at our retreat house. The next retreat I will be offering will be in February from Friday evening the 5<sup>th</sup> until Sunday afternoon the 7<sup>th</sup>. It is the weekend before Ash Wednesday- which is very early this year. It will be on the topic of "What the Saints can teach us as we prepare for Lent and in daily life throughout the year". If you are interested, please get in touch with me over the next few weeks to reserve a spot on this retreat. The cost is \$130 per person which includes all materials, meals and a private room for the retreat. Space is limited, so please contact me ASAP. Also if you know anyone out of town who would be interested, information is now on our Parish website beneath the bulletins and homilies links.

- CCD and Adult Education: classes will resume next Sunday: January 10, 2016 at 9:15 am.
   All adults are invited to come to adult ed classes in the retreat center dining room we will be going over, for a few weeks, the Christmas booklet the Parish gave out of A Minute in the Church: the Mass. I hope many parishioners will join us next Sunday for that interesting study of why we do what we do at Mass as Roman Catholics.
- Lending Library: Check out and take advantage of our excellent Parish lending library of books, in the basement of the Church, on various topics for something good to explore this winter season in relation to the beauty of our Catholic Faith. There are also some excellent children's books to check out as well as videos and DVD's. Please make use of this good resource to help us grow in our Catholic faith.
- Holy Father's intentions: For the month of January: the Holy Father's intentions are:
   Universal: That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice. For Evangelization: That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity, and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions. Please remember to pray for the Pope's intentions on a daily basis.
- The Book on the Divine Mercy devotion: If you really want to understand the meaning of the Divine Mercy devotion please read St. Faustina's "Diary of Divine Mercy". It can be ordered from the Marian Fathers: www.marian.org.
- **Divine Mercy reflections** on Jesus'desire for us to converse with Him "Speak, my beloved child, for I am always listening. I wait for you. What do you desire to say?" (St. Faustina, Diary, par 1489). Have a blessed week and New Year. ☺