MASSES FOR THE WEEK

January 17, 2016

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS Monday 8:00 AM 7:00 PM Paul Will - Carolyn Leonard Tuesday Wednesday 10:00 AM Irene & Raymond McGreevey - McGreevey Family (Meadowview Nursing Home) Thursday 6:00 PM **Eucharistic Adoration** 7:00 PM Myra Albright – Anna Burkett 8:00 AM Philip Darbyshire - Joann Darbyshire Friday Irene Hankinson (Anniv) - Josephine & Marg Saturday 6:00 PM 8:00 AM Paul Will - Rose Ann & Dick Webreck Sunday 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, Gary Metivier, Tracey Mowry, Charlene Norris, Cathy & Laird Ober, Rick Otto, Jane Palik, 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. >>>>>>>

Last week: Loose: \$133.00 Adults: \$2,054.00 Total: \$2,187.00

>>>>>>> ALTAR SCHEDULE – January 24th

10:30 am 6 pm 8 am READER: Melinda Will Carissa Restly Anthony Zanoni MINISTER: Deacon Thom Deacon Thom Deacon Thom **SERVERS:** Dedra Hillegass Regan Lauer Shannon Faster Jacob Stewart



Join us on the *March for Life* Friday, January 22nd. \$20 forAdult Tickets; \$10 for Student Tickets. Bus leaves Wal-Mart (Bedford) parking lot at 9 am. DRESS WARMLY! Bring a bagged lunch. We will stop for supper on the way back. Call 652-6755 to reserve your seat on a Bollman bus. Sponsored by Bedford County Citizens Concerned for Human Life.

THE CHURCH OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN

ST. JOHNTHE BAPTIST

Pastor: Fr. Richard Tomkosky

(ricopadre@hotmail.com)

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

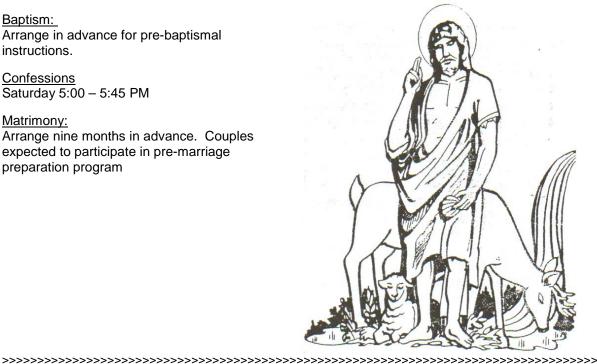
Baptism:

Arrange in advance for pre-baptismal instructions.

Confessions Saturday 5:00 - 5:45 PM

Matrimonv:

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. >>>>>>>

Liturgical Reflection... God's mercy is evident in the Gospel today of the wedding at Cana in Galilee. In the midst of the wedding reception the wine runs out. The Mother of the Lord intercedes and seeks the help of Jesus. Mercy and understanding are pivotal in the gospel story. To avoid embarrassment and, perhaps, shame, the Lord turns water into wine. This is an epiphany, that is, a manifestation of God's intervention in human affairs. The glory of God shines forth in the mercy and love of Jesus Christ at Cana in Galilee

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Liturgical Reflection... Friday, January 22, all dioceses in the United States of America are observing a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. On this day of the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, Roe vs. Wade (1973), the Church in America prays for the violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee to the right to life. Members of the Diocese are encouraged to go to Mass on this day, pray the rosary, the chaplet of Divine Mercy, fast and abstain, and join the Altoona-Johnstown family in praying the following:

O God, who adorn creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in your image and likeness, awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands, and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of human life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The person and number to call to make a complaint about the dust and dirt from the turnpike job is:

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DEP Coordinator – Kurt Smith (412) 442-4184

Families and the Gospel.... At Cana we get a good insight into Mary's parenting style. She did not plead, argue, demand or manipulate. She merely pointed out the situation and trusted her son would make the best decision.

>>>>>>>>> Marriage is like kindergarten: We have to learn to share and to help each other. If we're only about filling our own needs, warmth will be over taken by the chill!

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 22nd.

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Notes from Fr. Rich

- 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 5th until Sunday afternoon the 7th. It is the weekend before Ash Wednesday. 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 two 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 as the deadline is Friday January 29. 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 and on the retreat center page.
- Adult Education: 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 this Sunday for that
 interesting study of why we do what we do at Mass as Roman Catholics.
- Capital improvements: The sanctuary carpet is being replaced this week after 30 years it
 will be the same color as it is now, but will be an improvement as the current carpet has seen a
 better day. After 25 years of wear and tear, we are also getting the retreat kitchen floor redone,
 as well as the rectory kitchen floor and the carpet in the little sitting room in the rectory. Houpt
 flooring in Somerset is doing the job.
- Good Spiritual resolutions in the New Year: Please try to come to the group recitation of the Rosary and Divine Mercy chaplet before the Saturday evening Mass at 5:15 and the Sunday morning Mass at 7:25. Also try to come to daily Mass, when you can, as well as our Thursday night 6 pm Eucharistic Holy Hour, and pray a Divine Mercy chaplet every day during this special Jubilee Year of Mercy for all to experience God's mercy.
- March for Life: Details on the annual March for Life to Washington D.C are elsewhere in the bulletin. Please attend if you can, and remember to pray daily for the protection and greater respect for the gift of human life from the moment of conception to natural death.
- **Pro-life Holy Hour:** If you are not able to attend the March for Life this year please try to come to our normal 6 pm Thursday Holy Hour in the retreat center chapel, followed by Mass at 7 pm. We will offer it this year in the special way in reparation for sins against human life and for the safe return of everyone from the March for Life the next day.
- **EWTN guides:** Please take a copy of the new winter EWTN television program guides on the bulletin table in the vestibule. There are many good shows on EWTN to help us grow in our Catholic faith especially during the winter season, when many of us are indoors more, so check out some good Catholic programming; you can also watch the programs on your computer or smart-phone at www.ewtn.com.
- Divine Mercy reflections on turning to Mary "Mary, Immaculate Virgin, take me under your special protection and guard the purity of my soul, heart and body. You are the model and star of my life. (St. Faustina, Diary, par 874). Have a blessed week. ☺