

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

November 20, 2016

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe Sunday

Monday 8:00 AM NO MASS
 Tuesday 7:00 PM Carl & Helen Murphy & deceased family members – Sons & Families
 Wednesday 8:00 AM NO MASS
 Thursday 7:00 PM NO MASS
 Friday 8:00 AM NO MASS
 Saturday 6:00 PM Shirl Hankinson (Anniv) – Bernie & Family
 Sunday 8:00 AM D.A.Hankinson Family – Mike & Girls
 10:30 AM Ann Wambaugh – Tom Wambaugh

Sanctuary Candle – For Peace

PRAYER LIST: Barbara Allison, Chester Berkey, Mary Louise Bittlebrun, Dorothy Bittner, Fred Bittner, Janey Black, Leo & Cora Bonus, Vicki Bowser, Ed Boyer, Macy Burke, Anna Burkett, Kara Bussard, Laura Costello, Judy Dronet, Beau Dull, Joel Easter, Baby Ezekiel, Agnes Fleming, Tabitha Flick, Harry Fochtman, Debbie Foor, Paisley Goetzl, Donald Grasser, Kelly Hartbauer, Elizabeth, Ken & Kennaley Heider, Cathy Hernandez, Sandra Herzing, Mike Hess, Chet Hillegass, David Hinson, Tina Hoover, Connie Horne, Matthew Jenkins, Roxanne & Gary Jones, Bob Kemerer, J.T. Kline, Todd Kline, Jeanne Marie Klisiewicz, Eileen Knott, Virginia Lambert, Tim Landis, David Leonard, Don Lynch, Martha Marker, George Maser, Dorothy Maurer, Joseph Meslovich, Sr., Gary Metivier, Mike Montreal, Tracey Mowry, Ashley Nail, Cathy & Laird Ober, Anthony Palik, Jane Palik, Louise Pekala, Caleb Plummer, Denver Reed, Carol Restly, Rose Restly, Sabina Restly, Shawn Restly, Jim & Diane Ryan, Paula Saunders, Michelle Schmitt, Tammy Schreiber, Greg Seeley, Sandra Shaffer, Cathy Smith, Clara Smith, Wendy Smith, Michael Stefanik, Tommy Stiffler, Pat Stoe, Judy Stufft, Mike Valentine, Doran & Sue Walker, Anna Lee & Kenny Wambaugh, Mereada Werner, Aaron Weiss, Christina Whetstone, Charlotte Will, Jan & Larry Will, Karen Will, Tish Will, Scott Wilkens, Dominick Yachere.

If you added a person's name to the prayer list and they have since recovered,

please call to remove their name from our prayer list

Last week: Loose: \$63.00 Adults: \$1,774.00 Total: \$1,837.00

The ushers for the month of December are:

6 pm: Ed Will; Harry Fochtman; Richard Engbert; Mike Bondura
 8 am: Linda Fochtman; Sam Fochtman; Henry Hillegass; Joe Hillegass
 10:30 am: Lynn Benning; Pat Hankinson; Hunter Stoe

There will be a Finance Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 22nd after the 7 pm Mass.

THE CHURCH OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Pastor: Fr. Richard Tomkosky
 (ricopadre@hotmail.com)

Hall Reservations: Melinda Will (733-0029)

Mass Schedule:

Parish Website: www.newbaltimorecatholic.com

Tues.: 7:00 PM
 Sunday: 6:00 PM (Vigil)
 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Rectory:
 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.

Altar Schedule – November 27th

	<u>6 pm</u>	<u>8 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
READER:	Melinda Will	Carissa Restly	Kris Engleka
MINISTER:	Deacon Thom	Deacon Thom	Deacon Thom
SERVERS:		Desirae Heider Kennaley Heider	Nathan Leonard Caleb Leonard

Starting with the 1st Sunday of Advent due to the cold and flu season we will not be giving out the Chalice at Sunday Mass. We will resume giving out the Chalice in the spring when the winter cold and flu season is over.

Families and the Gospel... Today's gospel reminds us the Kingdom of Heaven is not like Disney's Magic Kingdom. Admission to Christ's Kingdom is paid with the currency of acceptance, forgiveness, compassion, service to others, love of enemies and care for the poor and defenseless.

During the month of November, we are called to "remember our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest." To help you to remember all who have died from our families and friends we will place a book in the back of the church in which, we the faithful, may write the name of our beloved dead who should be remembered in prayer. This book will be part of our Offertory procession and placed on the altar at all Sunday Masses during November along with our gifts of money, bread, and wine.

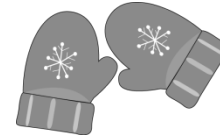
Also, we will light a candle at all the weekend Masses, for anyone who was buried from our Church from November of 2015 to November of 2016 and place it by the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph statues.

Liturgical Reflection... Throughout this liturgical year the Diocese has focused on the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Today we voice the request of one of the criminals crucified with the Lord, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." We rely on the absolute mercy of God for our redemption. This year has been an invitation to go out and share God's mercy with others. The mercy we so desperately need from God is the gift we share with others. Vengeance, resentment, judgment, and anger make mercy impossible. We are called to compassion, forgiveness, love, understanding, and kindness in the name of the Lord. May we show others the face of God in our acts of mercy.

Anyone who does not currently receive offertory envelopes and wishes to do so or has a change of address, please call the rectory and leave a message by December 11th.



Christmas is the season when our Sanctuary comes alive with candles, trees, evergreens, and poinsettias. If you would like to donate to our Christmas flowers fund, please use the envelope in your packet. All monies will go towards buying flowers for the Church. If you would like to make an offering "in honor of" or "in memory of" a loved one please include that on your envelope. The names submitted by December 18th will be published.



Our Hat and Mitten tree will again offer us an opportunity for sharing with those who have less and who will benefit from our generosity. Please add hats and mittens to our tree through December 11th.

Any altar server who would be willing to serve 1 or more Saturday evening Masses per month please call the rectory and leave a message.

Because of Thanksgiving there will be no CCD Classes on Sunday, November 27th. Classes will resume on Sunday, December 4th.

With the upcoming Black Friday sales, now would be a good time to pick a theme for your Theme Basket for our July 4th picnic. Baskets are to be a minimum of \$25.

Liturgical Reflection... This Thursday, November 24, is Thanksgiving Day and a special Day of Prayer in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. The theme of the prayer is the **Harvest and Fruits of the Earth**. As our country gives thanks to God for our many blessings, Catholics are encouraged to participate at Mass and give thanks to God for all the gifts we have received. Please join in praying the following:

Father all-powerful,
your gifts of love are countless
and your goodness infinite;
as we come before you on Thanksgiving Day
with gratitude for your kindness,
open our hearts to have concern for every man,
woman, and child,

