MASSES FOR THE WEEK

November 27, 2016 1st Sunday of Advent

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Monday	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Dorothy Ann Yankanich (b'day) – Andrew & Family
Wednesday	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Thursday	7:00 PM	NO MASS
Friday	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Saturday	6:00 PM	Vincent A. Hickey (Anniv) – Niecie & Dale
Sunday	8:00 AM	Po Will (Anniv) -- Family
	10:30 AM	Owen Caton – Wife, Mazie

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Sanctuary Candle – For Peace

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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

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Last week: Loose: $83.83 Adults: $1,760.00 Total: $1,843.83

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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

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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.

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

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

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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 – December 4th

	6 pm	8 am	10:30 am
READER:	Kim Wambaugh	Barbara Kane	Anthony Zanoni
MINISTER:	Deacon Thom	Deacon Thom	Deacon Thom
SERVERS:		Graham Hoover	Riley Lauer
		Brady Boburchock	Regan Lauer

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.

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Families and the Gospel… In today's gospel Jesus advises: "Stay awake, watch out, and pray for the strength to hold your ground" when "fearful and bewildering signs" appear threatening your family. Resist being fearful; fear cripples! Instead pray for the strength to be courageous.

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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.

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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.

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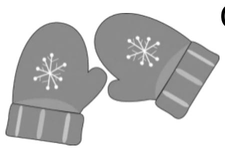

Our Hat and Mitten tree will again offer us an opportunity for sharing with those who have less and who will benefit from our generosity. Please add hats and mittens to our tree through December 11th.

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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.

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St. Peter School PTA Christmas Craft/Vendor Show

Please join us for our 1st Annual Christmas Craft and Vendor Show on Saturday, December 3rd from 9-3 in St. Peter Church fellowship hall. There will be many crafters and vendors there to help you with your Christmas shopping. There will also be a Bake Sale with many wonderful items to choose from.

Notes from Fr. Rich

- Upcoming Christmas schedule: I hope as your pastor that everyone truly has a blessed Advent season leading up to Christmas. This year we had to change the Christmas Mass schedule in order to ensure that we have music at each Mass, so this year the Christmas schedule in New Baltimore will be: *4 and 9 pm on Christmas Eve and then 9 am on Christmas morning*. Christmas falls on a Sunday this year so the schedule above takes the place of the normal Sunday schedule.
- Reaching out to fallen away parishioners: As we begin the holy season of Advent I ask each parishioner to think of at least one person you know who has drifted away from the regular practice of their Catholic faith, for whatever reason, and to kindly invite them back to our Parish family this Advent. The reality is once people have been gone for a while it is hard to get them back for a variety of reasons, but each of us must do our part to evangelize - that's all the Lord asks: *that we try our best to share the Catholic faith with others*. This is something we can carry out as a true work of mercy as we have just celebrated the Year of Divine Mercy. Truly this is the greatest gift we could give to the Christ-child on Christmas, pointing a person or two back to Him, along with our own deepening commitment to Him in prayer and works of charity. *If the person (s) you invite back needs to talk to me, especially about a marriage situation or the need to make a good Confession, please tell them to e-mail me (ricopadre@hotmail.com) or give me a call in Bedford: 623-5526 and I will try to help them.*
- Upcoming Holy Day of Obligation: on Thursday December 8: the Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Mother. This is our country's Patronal Feast Day, so it is always a holy day of obligation that all Catholics who have made their 1st Confession and Holy Communion must attend Mass, regardless of what day of the week it falls on, so please plan ahead to ensure you and your family get to Mass that day. Since I am now in Bedford there will only be one Mass in New Baltimore for the Holy Day which I will have on *Thursday evening December 8 at 7 pm*. If you need to come to St. Thomas Church in Bedford for Holy Day Mass, the Masses will be said on *Wednesday night at 6:30 pm in the Church; Thursday morning at 8:30 am in the School Hall; and then at 12:05 pm in the Church.*
- Planning ahead: The Advent Penance Service in New Baltimore: will be on Tuesday evening December 13 at 7 pm. There will be 4 priests, including myself, hearing Confessions that evening. Please take advantage of this golden spiritual opportunity to prepare our souls for

the coming of Jesus. Also, if you can't make the one here, I will be having one at St. Thomas Church in Bedford on Sunday December 4 at 4 pm.

- **Additional times for Confession**: To give you a chance for an additional time for Reconciliation during Advent **- I will be available for Confession before the 7 pm Tuesday evening Mass during the season of Advent.** I will be in the "round room" at 6 pm on Tuesdays - which is the room right behind the chapel in the retreat center. Have a blessed week.☺

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