

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

Monday	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Chester Hillegass – Matt & Tara Hillegass
Wednesday	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Thursday	7:00 PM	NO MASS
Friday	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Saturday	6:00 PM	Doodle Restly (Anniv) – Mom & Dad
Sunday	8:00 AM	Larry Engbert (b'day) – Richard & Cheryle Engbert
	10:30 AM	William Fochtman – Janet & Jerry Lynch

Sanctuary Candle – For Peace

**PRAYER LIST:** Barbara Allison, Chester Berkey, Fred Bittner, Janey Black, Leo & Cora Bonus, Vicki Bowser, Macy Burke, Jonah Burkett, Kara Bussard, Marlene Clites, Laura Costello, Joyce Dively, Judy Dronet, Joel Easter, Agnes Fleming, Tabitha Flick, Harry Fochtman, Nancy Fowler, Paisley Goetzi, Donald Grasser, Margie Hankinson, Elizabeth, Ken & Kennaley Heider, Sandra Herzing, Mike Hess, David Hinson, Stacey Housel, Sherry Ickes, Matthew Jenkins, Fr. Robert Kaylor, J.T. Kline, Todd Kline, Jeanne Marie Klisiewicz, Eileen Knott, Virginia Lambert, David Leonard, Don Lynch, Martha Marker, George Maser, Dorothy & Tim Maurer, Linda McCahan, Sam McVicker, Joseph Meslovich, Sr., Terry Metivier, Mary Meyers, Mike Montreal, Tracey Mowry, Ashley Nail, Cathy & Laird Ober, Jeremy Ohler, Anthony Palik, Jane Palik, Sue Percosky, Caleb Plummer, Bill Reachard, Denver Reed, Richard Rembold, Carol Restly, Rose Restly, Sabina Restly, Shawn Restly, Cletus Robb, Lavonne Ross, Barb Sarver, Paula Saunders, Greg Seeley, Sandra Shaffer, Debbie Shippy, Clara Smith, Wendy Smith, Michael Stefanik, Tommy Stiffler, Pat Stoe, Lois Stoner, Gail Wade, Anna Lee & Kenny Wambaugh, Thomas Wambaugh, Toni Webb, Aaron Weiss, Bonnie Welsh, Christina Whetstone, Charlotte Will, Jan & Larry Will, Karen Will, Tish Will, Scott Wilkens, Angie Wolfhope, Steve Wolfhope

*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: \$287.00; Adults: \$2,691.00 Total: \$2,978.00



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 17<sup>th</sup>. We will be accepting donations for the Women's

Help Center in Somerset also. There is a list of needed donations in the back of the Church.

**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 11<sup>th</sup>.**

THE CHURCH OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Parish Administrator: Fr. Aron Maghsoudi

Hall Reservations: Melinda Will (733-0029)

Mass Schedule:

Parish Website: [www.newbaltimorecatholic.com](http://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

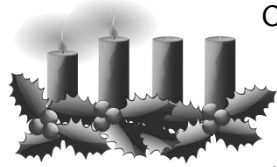
Matrimony:  
 Arrange nine months in advance. Couples expected to participate in pre-marriage preparation program



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.



On the second Sunday of Advent, the second purple candle, called the "Bethlehem Candle," is lit. This candle represents love and symbolizes Christ's manger.

As the journey of Advent continues, as we prepare to celebrate the nativity of Christ, John the Baptist's call to conversion sounds out in our communities. It is a pressing invitation to open our hearts and to welcome the Son of God who comes among us to make divine judgement manifest. The Father, writes St. John the Evangelist, does not judge anyone, but has entrusted the power of judgement to the Son, because He is the Son of man.

"And it is today, in the present, that we decide our future destiny. It is with our concrete everyday behavior in this life that we determine our eternal fate. At the end of our days on earth, at the moment of death, we will be evaluated on the basis of our likeness or otherwise to the Baby Who is about to be born in the poor grotto of Bethlehem, because He is the measure God has given humanity.

Our Advent Penance Service will be on Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Please note the date change.

It is through repentance that we acknowledge our sins. In their pastoral letter on stewardship, the U.S. bishops proclaim that "the Spirit of wisdom and courage helps people seek pardon and be mindful that in the face of all their forgetting, the most important work of their lives is to be Jesus' disciples." As we prepare to celebrate God's greatest gift to us in the birth of our Savior, have we reconciled our sins so as to continue along the path to eternal life?



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 18<sup>th</sup> will be published.

Altar Schedule – December 17<sup>th</sup>

	<u>6 pm</u>	<u>8 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
READER:	Wayne Tedley	Joan McGreevey	Anthony Zanoni
MINISTER:	Deacon Thom	Deacon Thom	Deacon Thom

Dayna Wambaugh  
Don Hillegass

Dorothy Wolfhope  
Mary Grace Imgrund  
Kennaley Heider  
Desirae Heider  
Joseph Zanoni  
Jacob Stewart

SERVERS:

Fr. Aron will offer a class on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 6:55 pm. The topic is Church History. All are welcome.

With all the Christmas sales, now would be a good time to pick the theme of your Theme Basket for our July 4<sup>th</sup> picnic. Baskets need to be a minimum of \$25.

*Families and the Gospel...* Why is it so hard to forgive, yet so easy to get even? Listen to John the Baptist in today's gospel and repent of the anger and ugly feelings which block your ability to forgive. This Christmas give a gift which makes a difference. Give forgiveness.

Anyone who has signed up for the bus trip and wants a box lunch please pick up a menu selection sheet from the back of the Church. Please make your selections and return the sheet via the collection basket.

ANNUAL FINANCE REPORT  
2016/2017 Fiscal Year

Receipts:

Regular	\$129,543	(Regular & Special Collections, Candles)
Auxiliary	44,897	(Fundraising, Dinners, July 4 <sup>th</sup> Picnic, Bingo)
Extraordinary	8,000	(Bequests)
Other	10,535	(Loans, transfers from savings)
Dio./Other Collections	4,585	(Diocesan & National Collections)
Savings Withdrawn	175,000	
Catholic Appeal	<u>575</u>	(Parish share of Annual Appeal)
Total	\$373,134	

Expenses:

Parish	\$ 49,446	(Lay & Priest Salaries, Priest Medical & Retirement)
Rectory	20,857	(Lay Salaries, Office & Telephone Expenses)
Other	0	(Miscellaneous)
Religious Education	26	(CCD)
General	47,391	(Heat, Electricity, Payroll Taxes, Insurance)
Assessments	21,501	(Diocesan Assessments)
Extraordinary	0	(Subsidy to Parochial Schools)
Other Extraordinary	189,719	(Projects – Hall Parking Lot, Hall Gutters)

