

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

December 17, 2017

Third Sunday of Advent

Monday	8:00 AM	NO MASS
	7:00 PM	Advent Penance Service
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	Claudine Plush – Mom & Dad
Sunday	8:00 AM	Cyril Martin – Don & Carol Hillegass
	10:30 AM	Shirley Hankinson – Margaret Lynch
	8:00 PM	Jean Kudasik – Kevin Kudasik

Sanctuary Candle – Doodle Restly by Mom & Dad

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 Goetzl, 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, Robert Murphy, 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, Don Riffle, 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: \$208.00; Adults: \$1,713.00 Total: \$1,921.00
 Retirement Fund for Religious: \$320.91



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 17th. 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.

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

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.

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

Today we celebrate the appearance of Our Blessed Mother to Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin in the hills just north of Mexico City. Our Lady of Guadalupe is patroness of Mexico and in fact all the Americas, so this is a feast day in the United States as well. She inspired the people of a fledging nation balancing native traditions with European customs. May she continue to inspire people in nations throughout all the Americas.

 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.

Altar Schedule – December 24th

	<u>6 pm</u>	<u>8 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
READER:	Kim Wambaugh	Paul Balint	Kris Engleka
MINISTER:	Deacon Thom Wayne Tedley Linda Suhrie	Deacon Thom John Werner Rita Lewis	Deacon Thom
SERVERS:		Luke Brick Emily Brick	Maria Engleka Jacob Stewart

Fr. Aron will offer a class on Tuesday, December 19th 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 4th picnic. Baskets need to be a minimum of \$25.

Families and the Gospel... Today's gospel reports "there is one among you whom you do not recognize." It is hard to believe Christ is present in a family with crazy schedules, suppers that start too late and end too early, cars that don't start, misunderstandings, frustrations, piles of laundry, unmatched socks and stretched food budgets. The list is endless. The words spoken at mass, "The Lord is with you," are not a hope, they are a fact.

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.

Christmas Mass will be celebrated here at St. John's at 8 pm on December 24th and at 8 am on December 25th.

There will be no Religious Education Classes on December 24th or December 31st.

Classes will resume on January 7th.

Pierogi sale – Queen of Angels Parish in Central City will once again be offering homemade pierogi in time for Christmas. Made by parishioners, they are available in potato/cheese (\$8 per dozen), sauerkraut (\$9 per dozen), and prune (49 per dozen). They are available only through preorder – please phone the rectory at 754-5224 to order. Orders must be received by December 18th. All orders are uncooked and frozen and can be picked up on Thursday December 21st from 6 – 9 pm. Proceeds benefit the CCD program.

New Year's Eve Party – Queen of Angels Parish invites any and all to join them in ringing in 2018 at an evening of horse racing, epic food, good drinks, dancing, and other games of chance. Dinner, consisting of chicken cordon bleu, roast beef au jus, red skin potatoes, and more will be served at 6 pm. Following dinner all guests will have an opportunity to place bets on the horses featured in our Night at the Races event. After several hours of betting on 12 races the evening will conclude with dancing from 10:30 pm – 12:30 am. To insure good luck, an additional meal of pork and sauerkraut will be served at 10:30pm. Beer, mint juleps, champagne, and soft drinks will be available at an open bar throughout the duration of the event. All proceeds benefit the CCD fund that helps our parish students enjoy quality activities. Tickets are now on sale – the cost is \$50 per COUPLE. Additionally all couples will be able to name their own horse (owners and names will be published in the evening's race guide). A horse owner whose horse wins will receive a \$50 prize. Any individual who wishes to attend is welcome to do so – individual tickets are \$30 each (individual tickets do not include a "horse"). The event will be held at the parish activity center – doors open at 5:30 pm. The event is semi-formal (however you define semi-formal). In addition to the drinks provided, patrons are welcome to bring their own refreshments. Over 21 years old only. If you have any questions or wish to buy a ticket please phone the rectory at 754-5224.



We are looking for volunteers to help decorate the Church for Christmas on Wednesday December 20th. We will be starting at 8 am.