

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

December 3, 2017

First Sunday of Advent

Monday	7:00 PM	NO MASS
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Deceased Members of the Restly/Straub Families – Roy & Annalee Costello
Wednesday	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Thursday	7:00 PM	Jean Kudasik – M/M Greg Will
Friday	8:00 AM	Myra Albright – Marg Lynch
Saturday	6:00 PM	Mary Louise Bittlebrun (b'day) --
Sunday	8:00 AM	Blaine Fochtman (Anniv) – Chuck Hankinson Family
	10:30 AM	Anna Burkett –M/M Wayne Fochtman

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 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, 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: \$249.00; Adults: \$2,026.00 Total: \$2,275.00
Catholic Charities Collection: \$286.00



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 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.

Today we begin the season of Advent, preparing for the day when we celebrate God becoming flesh, becoming Incarnate, becoming one of us. In doing so, we are called upon to prepare our hearts for Christ's presence in our lives. Every Christian's goal should be to reveal Christ to those we encounter. As we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent, let us think of how we can make his presence incarnate in what we say and do.



The Advent wreath is a circular garland of evergreen branches representing eternity. Set on the branches of the Advent wreath are four candles: three purple candles and one pink candle. A more modern tradition is to place a white candle in the center of the wreath. As a whole, these candles represent the coming of the light of Christ into the world. Each week of Advent on Sunday, a particular Advent candle is lit. Catholic tradition states that the four candles, representing the four weeks of Advent, each stand for one thousand years, to total the 4,000 years from the time of Adam and Eve until the birth of the Savior. On the first Sunday of Advent, the first purple candle is lit. This candle is typically called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, primarily Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ: Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. This first candle represents hope or expectation in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

This Friday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation as we celebrate with the Patroness of the United States. This feast commemorates that she who was to bear the Incarnate Word of God was immaculate herself from the first moment of her conception. America turns to Our Lady under the title of the Immaculate Conception asking her intercession to watch over us and guide us along the path of justice and peace. Mass will be celebrated here at St. John's on Thursday, December 7 at 7 pm and on Friday, December 8 at 8 am.

Altar Schedule – December 7th – 7 pm Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception

READER: Kim Wambaugh
 MINISTERS: Deacon Thom

John Werner
 Alzine Hoffman
 Luke Brick
 Emily Brick

SERVERS:

Fr. Aron will offer a class on Tuesday, December 5th from 6 – 6:55 pm. The topic is Church History. All are welcome.

Our Advent Penance Service will be on Tuesday, December 19th at 7 pm.

Fr. Aron will not be here the weekend of December 12th as he will be in Detroit picking up our new organ.



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.

Congratulations to Lincoln Eugene Hay and Kameron Allen Fazenbaker who were baptized here at St. John's on November 26th. Lincoln is the son of Aaron and Meghan Hay. Kameron is the son of Amber and Mathew Fazenbaker.

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.

Altar Schedule – December 10th

	<u>6 pm</u>	<u>8 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
READER:	Kim Wambaugh	Carissa Restly	Kris Engleka
MINISTER:	Deacon Thom	Deacon Thom	Deacon Thom
	Linda Suhrie	Rita Lewis	
	Don Hillegass	Joan McGreevey	
SERVERS:		Brady Boburchock	Maria Engleka
		Haylee Speicher	Jacob Stewart

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.

Help religious communities. "Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry," writes a religious sister. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection

