

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

December 31, 2017

Holy Family Sunday

Monday	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Edward J. Will (Anniv) – Greg & Karen Will
Wednesday	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Thursday	7:00 PM	NO MASS
Friday	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Saturday	6:00 PM	Philip Speicher – Joann Darbyshire
Sunday	8:00 AM	Gregory F. Will (Anniv) – Greg & Karen Will
	10:30 AM	Owen Caton – Bea Wolfe

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, 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, 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: \$404.00; Adults: \$2,304.00 Total: \$2,458.50
Christmas: Loose: \$1,268.00; Adults: \$4,109.00 Total: \$5,377.00

Fr. Aron will offer a class on Tuesday, January 2nd from 6 – 6:55 pm. The topic is Church History. All are welcome.

Families and the Gospel...The gospel shows Mary and Joseph weren't perfect parents. Have you ever been amazed and astonished at what came out of your child's mouth, then you are in good company – so were Mary and Joseph. Parenting is tough but it is also the stuff of holiness.

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.



The feast of the Holy Family was introduced into the liturgical calendar in 1921, promoted as a way to honor the Christian family. So today not only do we honor the Holy Family, we also focus on our own families and consider how we can be like the Holy Family. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, in their devoted love and care for each other and in the way Mary and Joseph raised and cared for Jesus, can be a model for our own families.

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 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.

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 Altar Schedule – January 7th

	<u>6 pm</u>	<u>8 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
READER:	Melinda Will	Carissa Restly	Mandy Lauer
MINISTER:	Deacon Thom	Deacon Thom	Deacon Thom
	Dayna Wambaugh	Rita Lewis	
	Wayne Tedley	John Werner	

SERVERS: Nathan Leonard Kennaley Heider Riley Lauer
 Caleb Leonard Desirae Heider Regan Lauer

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 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.

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 We gaze at the Holy Family this Christmas time. We gather with our families these days of Christmas. Our attention is focused on the infant who is surrounded by love. We pray that our families be grounded in the love of the newborn Child. When faced with challenges and crises, turn to the holy Family and seek guidance and protection. When the challenges of life seem overbearing, turn to Jesus, Mary, and Joseph to find comfort. Pray for right judgement and the faith to live in harmony.

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 There are no Religious Education Classes on January 7<sup>th</sup>. Classes will resume on January 14<sup>th</sup>.

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The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God honors Mary as mother of Jesus Christ, who Christians revere as fully God and fully human. Mary is also recalled as "Queen of Peace" on this day, which has also been designated as World Day of Peace. This feast is celebrated on January 1st. Since the Solemnity falls on a Monday this year, it is not observed as a Holy Day of Obligation.



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 The beginning of a new calendar year brings us a special joy and hope. It is a reminder that time is a gift of God, given to us from His eternity, for us to use to prepare for eternity. The passing of each year and each day is meant to be an exchange with God: He gives us time, and we give our days and years back to Him in service and love, bringing as much good as possible into the world and into the lives of others. The New Year is an opportunity to resolve, above all, to serve God faithfully: to believe more firmly, to hope more ardently, to love more generously. That is what makes a new year "happy," and that is what leads us to the happiness that never ends.

The bus for the Pittsburgh Churches tour will leave from the Hall parking lot at 8:30 am (sharp) Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. We will have lunch in Pittsburgh and have a boxed lunch on the way home. We should depart Pittsburgh by 7:15 pm and get back to New Baltimore at 9 pm.