

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

February 14, 2016

1st Sunday of Lent

Monday	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Jim Fochtman – Madeline & Family
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Bertha Edd – Audrey & Larry Benning
Thursday	6:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration
	7:00 PM	Helen Kudasik – Bob & Donna Mulcahy
Friday	8:00 AM	Cecelia Speicher – Joann Darbyshire
	7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	6:00 PM	Cyril Suhrie (b'day) -- Josephine
Sunday	8:00 AM	Raymond McGreevey – McGreevey Family
	10:30 AM	For the People

Sanctuary Candle – For Peace

PRAYER LIST: Barbara Allison, Debbie Baker, Fred Bittner, Janey Black, Vicki Bowser, Ed Boyer, Macy Burke, Anna Burkett, Mary Beth Campitelli, Jim Caro, Joe & Glenna Caro, Laura Costello, Faith Custer, Joann Darbyshire, Terry Davis, Thomas DeArmitt, Jr., Judy Dronet, Beau Dull, Beth Engle Pat Ferko, Agnes Fleming, Tabitha Frick, Janey Fulford, Paisley Goetzi, Donald Grasser, Gerald Grasser, Sr., Kelly Hartbauer, Elizabeth, Ken & Kennaley Heider, Sandra Herzing, Mike Hess, Chet Hillegass, David Hinson, Tina Hoover, Matthew Jenkins, Harry Jones, J.T. Kline, Todd Kline, Jeanne Marie Klisiewicz, Chris Knisely, Eileen Knott, Virginia Lambert, Tim Landis, Dana LeGros, David Leonard, Connie Levar, Darren Leydig, Don Lynch, Martha Marker, George Maser, Gary Metivier, Tracey Mowry, Charlene Norris, Cathy & Laird Ober, Jane Palik, Louise Pekala, Denver Reed, Rose Restly, Sabina Restly, Shawn Restly, Greg Seeley, Sandra Shaffer, Clara Smith, Larry Smith, Michael Stefanik, Tommy Stiffler, Pat Stoe, Doran & Sue Walker, Dick Walter, Anna Lee & Kenny Wambaugh, Aaron Weiss, Christina Whetstone, Charlotte Will, Jan & Larry Will, Tish Will, Mel Wingard, Dominick Yachere, Nancy Zeth, George Zubek, Jr.

Last week: Loose: \$243.00 Adults: \$3,151.00 Total: \$3,394.00

If you signed up to participate in our Lenten Prayer Partner Program you can draw a name from the basket in the rear of the church. That will be your Prayer Partner for all of Lent. At Easter, you can exchange a card or note with your prayer partner expressing your privilege to pray for them and revealing yourself – we'll call that "Knee-mail."

Our Annual Spring Dinner is fast approaching and we are in need of a person or persons to coordinate the preparation of this meal. If someone does not volunteer to do so by February 15th we will need to cancel the dinner. Anyone willing to take charge of this fundraiser please call the rectory. The dinner will be held on Sunday, April 3rd.



THE CHURCH OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Pastor:
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Fr. Richard Tomkosky

Hall Reservations:

Melinda Will (733-0029)

Mass Schedule:

Parish Website: www.newbaltimorecatholic.com

Wed., Fri.: 8:00 AM
Tues. & Thurs.: 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.



Once again will have our **Lenten Fish Fry's** on February 19th, 26th, March 4th, 11th, & 18th, 2016. We will offer all you can eat. The price this year will be \$13.50 for adults; \$4 for those under 12; and for those 5 and under Free. We will serve dinners from 3:30-6:30 pm. The menu includes fried & baked fish, fried shrimp, fried clams, soup, baked potato, vegetables, beverage, salad & dessert bar. This important fundraiser requires the help of many volunteers. Make your commitment to help when you can by signing up on the list in the back of the church.

ALTAAR SCHEDULE – February 21st

	<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
SERVERS:		Graham Hoover	Joseph Zanoni
		Brady Boburchock	Isabella Zanoni



It's time to sign up to donate your **Theme Basket** for our July 4th picnic. Baskets are to be a minimum of \$25. If you prefer to donate money and have a basket made in your name contact the rectory.

This is a good money maker and an anticipated booth at our July 4th picnic

The **Annual Catholic Appeal** begins in a few weeks. This is our opportunity to support more than 20 ministries that serve God's people throughout our eight county diocese. All contributions over our parish goal of \$15,088 will remain here at the parish. Thank you for supporting the Church!

Families and the Gospel... The devil tempted Jesus to ignore his Father and to rely on his own abilities (possessions, fame and power). We face the same temptations if we think we earned our blessings. Jesus teaches us to recognize God's protection and love as the source of our blessings and warns not to "put the Lord, your God, to the test."

You are invited to join The Catholic Register and Monsignor Timothy P. Stein, editor, on an Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to Italy, Monday, August 29 - Thursday, September 8. The highlight of the pilgrimage will be attendance at the anticipated canonization of Mother Teresa on Sunday, September 4. Pilgrims will also attend Pope Francis' general audience in Saint Peter's Square at the Vatican on Wednesday, September 7. Pilgrims will be able to gain the Holy Year indulgence by walking through the Holy Doors at the four major Basilicas - - Saint Peter's Basilica at the Vatican, Saint Paul Outside the Walls, Saint Mary Major, and Saint John Lateran, the Pope's own

cathedral. "Please join us on a pilgrimage of a lifetime," said Monsignor Stein. The total cost is \$4299.00 including flights to and from Dulles, all taxes, hotels, professional tour guide, luxury motor coach, etc. Bus transportation to and from Dulles will also be provided. An informational session is scheduled for Saturday, February 24 at Saint Mary Memorial Hall, 4th Avenue and 15th Street in Altoona (cafeteria on lower level) at 1:00 p.m. Belinda Held from UNITOURS will attend, to go over the details of the pilgrimage and answer all questions. There is a 30 day early booking period; if you book before Wednesday, February 24, you will receive a \$50.00 discount. To book this pilgrimage call UNITOURS at 800 - 777 - 7432, and ask for Marianna.

Notes from Fr. Rich

- **Fish Fries:** Thanks to all who helped with the first fish fry of Lent - both the workers and the patrons. Please continue to come to our Lenten Friday fish fries and encourage others to do so. We also can always use more volunteers to help with set-up, the dinner, and clean-up. The sign-up sheet is in the back of the Church.
- **Adult Education:** There will be no class this Sunday, but our class on the meaning of the Mass resumes on Sunday February 21. Try to come for Lent.
- **Parish and Finance Council meetings:** The next parish council meeting will be this Tuesday at 8 pm and the next finance council meeting will be at 8 pm on Thursday. Both meetings are in the Retreat Center Dining Room.
- **Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Stations of the Cross:** The Stations will be held on Friday evenings at 7 pm with the special Divine Mercy stations; an additional opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered from 6-6:45 pm before the Stations. Come to the Stations of the Cross and take the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation to grow closer to our loving Lord during this Holy season of Lent and during this Jubilee Year of Divine Mercy.
- **Learning more about the Divine Mercy Devotion in Lent:** If you want to learn more about the beautiful Divine Mercy Devotion during this year of Mercy and how it is being brought more into the world and the Church by the Marian fathers and associates, as well as ways to help spread it in our lives, please check out their quarterly Marian Helper magazine online at: www.marian.org/imh/. The new Spring issue is now there. You can also check out their You Tube channel with over 100 videos about Mary, Divine Mercy and the saints, with new content added weekly at: www.youtube.com/MarianHelpers. And if you want to sign up for the daily email reflection from the Divine Mercy Diary of St. Faustina the web address is: <http://flocknote.com/divinemercurydaily>.
- **2016 Annual Catholic Appeal:** You should be receiving a letter from Bishop Mark Bartchak very soon asking for your support for the annual appeal to help our Diocese. The Bishop was kind enough this year to lower our parish goal to: **\$15, 088** - which is a reduction of almost a thousand dollars from last year's goal - which is very good for us. Any additional money over our diocesan goal will be returned as always 100% to the parish for our ongoing needs. Thanks ahead of time for all your generosity for the good of the diocese and our parish family.

- **The Holy Father's monthly intentions:** For the month of February: the Holy Father's intentions are:
Universal: *That we may take good care of creation – a gift freely given- cultivating and protecting it for future generations.* **For Evangelization:** *That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.* Please remember to pray for the Pope's intentions on a daily basis. Have a blessed week.☺
- **Divine Mercy Reflections** - on how much Jesus is concerned for us - "*Tell me all, My child, hide nothing from Me, because My loving Heart, the Heart of Your Best Friend, is listening to you*" (Jesus to St. Faustina, Diary, par. 1486). Have a blessed week.☺