MASSES FOR THE WEEK

February 2, 2014 Presentation of the Lord Sunday

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Monday	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Toni Hillegass (b'day) –Gerald & Joanne Chamberlain
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Robert P. Smith (Anniv) – Mary Jane Smith
Thursday	6:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration
	7:00 PM	David Suhrie (Anniv) -- Mom
Friday	8:00 AM	Shirl Hankinson – Betty Ann & Kevin Quinn
Saturday	6:00 PM	Wayne Hankinson – Greg & Karen Will
Sunday	8:00 AM	Demetrius Wolfhope (b'day) – Gary & Dorothy Wolfhope
	10:30 AM	For the People

Sanctuary Candle – For Peace

PRAYER LIST: Barbara Allison, Larry Benning, Janey Black, Joe Bomblosky, Vicki Bowser, Susan & Veryl Callihan, Steve Calvert, Mary Beth Campitelli, Soren Cooper, Margie Coughenour, Brenda Davis, Brad Diehl, Judy Dronet, Tara Dively, Karen Duddy, Heather Eberhart, Joyce Felix, Agnes Fleming, Paul Fochtman, Susan Gault, Nancy Glotfelty, Paisley Goetzl, Donald Grasser, Elizabeth & Ken Heider, Sandra Herzing, Mike Hess, Chet Hillegass, David Hinson, Lance Hupkavich, Matthew Jenkins, Charlie Johnson, Jeanne Marie Klisiewicz, Brad Koontz, Darren Leydig, Don Lynch, Janet Lynch, Alan MacDonald, Jim Maddy, George Maser, Lee McVicker, Sam McVicker, Terry Metivier, Mike Montreal, Charlene Norris, Cathy & Laird Ober, Rick Otto, Jane Palik, Jim Restly, Sabina Restly, Lauretta Jones-Rieker, Deb Ritchey, Carl Robb, Jim and Diane Ryan, Sidney Savage, Greg Seeley, Jerry Smith, Larry Smith, Donald Snyder, Maureen Speicher, Tommy Stiffler, Pat Stoe, Ann L. Wambaugh, Michael W. Wambaugh, Polly Wambaugh, Aaron Weiss, Christina Whetstone, Charlotte Will, Jan & Larry Will, Joe Will, Paul Will, Clarence Zearfoss

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 Sunday: Loose: $209.00; Adults: $2,160.00 Total: $2,369.00

February 9th – Altar Schedule

	6:00 pm	8:00 am	10:30 am
READER:	Kim Wambaugh	Katelyn Lewis	Carissa Restly
MINISTERS:	Don Hillegass	Deacon Thom	Todd Hillegass
SERVERS:	Gabby Hoover	Lydia Diehl	Noah Hillegass
	Graham Hoover	Ty Diehl	Jonah Hillegass
			Nathan Leonard

In these hard economic times, please don't forget our local food banks. There are donation bins in the back of the church. We supply food banks in both Bedford and Somerset Counties.

THE CHURCH OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Pastor: Fr. Richard Tomkosky
(ricopadre@hotmail.com)

Parish Council President: Bob Arenth
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.

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Congratulations to Delainey Jane Speicher who was baptized here at St. John's on January 26th. Delainey is the daughter of Danial & Sharon Speicher.

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We extend our sympathy to Myra Albright and her family at the death of her mother, Grace Sivits and to Bob and John Werner and their families at the death of their brother, Tom Werner. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

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Linda Suhrie and the Nicholson family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, flowers and condolences for the loss of their mother, Catherine D. Nicholson.

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Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday, February 11th at 8 pm

Finance Council Meeting – Thursday, February 13th at 8 pm

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Here we go again – yes, that's right. It is time to think about your theme for your theme basket for our church's annual 4th of July Picnic Theme Basket Booth. This is our 5th year for the Theme Basket Booth. It has been a great success because of your participation in making a basket, buying tickets, selling tickets, and praying for the success of our annual picnic. This booth is only a success because of your generosity and support. It can be a success only if we support it as parishioners. Of course, we can only do this by the grace of God and His help. Hopefully, more of you will be interested in making a basket for St. John's. God bless all of you in any way you choose to help St. John's picnic success. The sign-up sheet for your convenience is in the back of the church.

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Know someone married 5 or 10 years?…a son or daughter, sibling, niece or nephew, or you yourselves...Bishop Mark has a message for you! To receive this letter, send the couple's name, mailing address, email and whether married 5 or 10 years to the Family Life Office, 5379 Portage St., Lilly, PA 15938; 814-886-5551; familylife@dioceseaj.org. Be sure to indicate it is for the anniversary letter from Bishop Mark.

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*Families and the Gospel…*The infant Jesus was "holy to the Lord." Like Mary and Joseph, parents are entrusted with children who are "holy to the Lord." Parents are expected to teach the favor of the Lord to each child.

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Our annual Appreciation Dinner will be held on Friday, February 7th. The Hall will open at 5:45 pm and dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. The dinner is open to all volunteers 21 and older. We will again have the gift exchange ($5-$10). Everyone wishing to participate in this game must bring a gift. Please RSVP by Monday, February 3rd.

Name(s) ____

Notes from Fr. Rich

- As I mentioned in my homily last weekend, I will down the line offer an evening session on the end of life issues from the Catholic perspective as well as getting for the parish some written copies of the "end of life" guides from the PA bishops, but if you want to access this information for yourself online here are the following resources: **The Gospel of Life (Evangelium Vitae).** Pope John Paul II. Pauline Books and Media. 1995; **"Combined Living Will and Health Care Power of Attorney".** Pennsylvania Catholic Conference. 2007. (Can be downloaded at www.pacatholic.org/statements.html); **"A Catholic Guide to End-of-Life Decisions".** The National Catholic Bioethics Center. 2005. (Can be read online or purchased from www.ncbcenter.org); "**Responses to Certain Questions of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Concerning Artificial Nutrition and Hydration."** Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith 2007. (Can be read and downloaded at www.vatican.va – look under the Roman Curia- then Congregations- then Doctrine of the Faith- Documents- 2007).

- Deacon Thom and I will be blessing throats this week-end (Feb 1-2) after all the Masses in anticipation of St. Blaise Day.

- In the adult education class from 9:15- 10:15 am on Sundays in the retreat center dining room we are covering the Creed section in the ***Catechism of the Catholic Church***. I invite all the adults of the parish to come to learn more about your Catholic faith. To participate you don't have to come every week. The classes are held in the retreat center dining room.

- In light of the appreciation dinner this Friday, in the name of the parish I want to thank everyone who volunteers in any way here at St. John's to help our parish do well on all levels**:** spiritually, financially and socially. Keep up the good work.☺

- A reminder to Parish and Finance Council members: the next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday, February 11 at 8 pm in the retreat center dining room; and the next Finance Council meeting will be on Thursday, February 13 at 8 pm in the retreat center dining room.

- A reminder to all our 11th Grade Confirmation students, the mandatory pre-Confirmation retreat led by Deacon Thom and me will be held here on Saturday, February 22 at the retreat center from 12:30 pm thru the 6 pm Mass. Please plan accordingly.

- For the month of February: the Holy Father's intentions are: **Universal:** *That the Church and society may respect the wisdom and experience of older people.* **For Evangelization***: That priests, religious, and lay people may work together with generosity for evangelization.* Please remember to pray for the Pope's intentions on a daily basis.

- Thoughts from the saints – on the importance of keeping Christ in the family - “*Disorder in society is the result of disorder in the family”* (St. Angela Merici). Have a blessed week.☺

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