

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

February 21, 2016

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Monday	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Tuesday	7:00 PM	NO MASS
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Philip Speicher – Susan Doepel
Thursday	6:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration
	7:00 PM	John Yotko – Dick & Alzine Hoffman
Friday	8:00 AM	Veryl & Susan Callihan – Gary, Terry & Fae
	7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	6:00 PM	Paul Will – Bob & Barb Will
Sunday	8:00 AM	For the People
	10:30 AM	Charles “Fred” Hillegass (Anniv) – Anna Burkett

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, Paisley Goetzl, 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: \$105.00 Adults: \$1,785.00 Total: \$1,890.00

**ALTAR SCHEDULE – February 28<sup>th</sup>**

	<u>6 pm</u>	<u>8 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
READER:	Melinda Will	Carissa Restly	Kris Engleka
MINISTER:	Deacon Thom	Mary Grace Imgrund	Robert Davies
SERVERS:	Nathan Leonard	Dedra Hillegass	Jacob Stewart
	Caleb Leonard	Shannon Easter	Regan Lauer

The **Annual Catholic Appeal** has begun. Your gift supports more than 20 ministries that serve God's people throughout our eight counties. Please review Bishop Mark's invitation to participate when it arrives this week and place your Lenten gift in the offertory basket next weekend. All contributions received beyond our parish goal of \$15,088 will remain here at the parish.

THE CHURCH OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN  
**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Pastor:  
(ricopadre@hotmail.com)

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 26<sup>th</sup>; March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 18<sup>th</sup>, 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.

*We served 171 adults and 11 children at our Fish Fry on February 12<sup>th</sup>!*



It's time to sign up to donate your **Theme Basket** for our July 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> picnic*



I can't believe it's that time of year again to start thinking of the 4th of July Raffle; it will be here before we know it. I am welcoming the usual gift cards and cash donations. But, I would also like to ask for any prize items perhaps something you have made or something of interest that would make our raffle extra special. I know every one of you might have something in mind or something new that hasn't been done before. I don't need the donations right away but, I would appreciate it if you could call me with what you are going to donate so I can start making the list for the raffle ticket. Please call Terry Metivier at 733-4190 with any donations or any questions. Everyone involved with the raffle including myself are hopeful that all of our parishioners will help make the 4<sup>th</sup> of July raffle a success.

*Families and the Gospel...* Jesus "went up the mountain to pray" and he was "changed." Prayer has the power to change us. This Lent set aside a few minutes each day to pray for members of your family. Pray before each meal and if you are married, spend five minutes in prayer together.

*The New Baltimore Volunteer Fire Department is in need of a volunteer*

*Treasurer. Anyone interested in filling this position contact Ed Will at 733-0029 or Lynn Benning at 733-4921.*



We will be having our **Annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfasts** February 28<sup>th</sup>, March 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 1 pm. As usual the breakfasts will feature buckwheat cakes and pancakes, whole hog sausage, pure maple syrup, applesauce, coffee and orange drink. All you can eat!!

Adults : \$7.50; 12 and Under : \$4; and 4 and Under: Free.

The ushers for March are:

6 pm: Ed Will, Harry Fochtman, Richard Engbert, Mike Bondura

8 am: Jeff Hickey, Kay Hickey, Bill Carthew, Oscar Speicher

10:30 am: Lynn Benning, Pat Hankinson, Hunter Stoe

**Notes from Fr. Rich**

- **Fish Fries:** Thanks to all who helped with the second 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:** Our class on the meaning of the Mass resumes this Sunday February 21 at 9:15 in the retreat center dining room. Try to come for Lent.
- **Spring Dinner:** There will be no Spring dinner this year as no person or persons stepped up to run it. Please get the word out to non-parishioners that this is the case.
- **Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Stations of the Cross:** The Stations are being 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/](http://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](http://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/divinemercedaily>.
- **Parish Lending Library:** Check out our Parish lending library in the Church basement for some good books and videos to read and watch during the Lenten season. Please mark the sign-out notebook on the desk if you check anything out. Thanks.
- **2016 Annual Catholic Appeal:** You should have received a letter this past week or this coming week from Bishop Mark Bartchak 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 of your generosity for the good of the diocese and our parish family.

- **Local Food Pantries:** The food pantries in Berlin and Bedford are extremely grateful for our monthly donations. Keep up the good work. It helps a lot of needy people in our area.
- **Divine Mercy Reflections** – the example of Mary - *"Your lives must be like mine: quiet and hidden in unceasing union with God, pleading for humanity and preparing the world for the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Jesus"* (Mary to Faustina: Diary, par. 1486). Have a blessed week. ☺