

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

February 26, 2017

8th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Monday	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Tuesday	7:00 PM	NO MASS
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Charles "Fred" Hillegass (Anniv) – Anna Burkett
Thursday	7:00 PM	NO MASS
Friday	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Saturday	6:00 PM	Fred Will – Gary & Carol McClosley
Sunday	8:00 AM	Maureen Speicher – George & Evelyn Hickey
	10:30 AM	Myra Albright – Max, Max, Jr., Mary, Lindsay Pavlovich

Sanctuary Candle – For Peace

PRAYER LIST: Barbara Allison, Chester Berkey, Fred Bittner, Janey Black, Leo & Cora Bonus, Vicki Bowser, Ed Boyer, Macy Burke, Anna Burkett, Jonah Burkett, Kara Bussard, Laura Costello, Amy Cottle, Judy Dronet, Beau Dull, Joel Easter, Baby Ezekiel, Agnes Fleming, Tabitha Flick, Harry Fochtman, Paisley Goetzl, Donald Grasser, Marie Hankinson, Kelly Hartbauer, Elizabeth, Ken & Kennaley Heider, Sandra Herzing, Mike Hess, Chet Hillegass, David Hinson, Connie Horne, Matthew Jenkins, Bob Kemerer, J.T. Kline, Todd Kline, Jeanne Marie Klisiewicz, Eileen Knott, Jean Kudasik, Virginia Lambert, David Leonard, Don Lynch, Martha Marker, George Maser, Dorothy Maurer, Joseph Meslovich, Sr., Terry Metivier, Mary Meyers, Mike Montreal, Tracey Mowry, Ashley Nail, Cathy & Laird Ober, Anthony Palik, Jane Palik, Louise Pekala, Caleb Plummer, Denver Reed, Carol Restly, Rose Restly, Sabina Restly, Shawn Restly, Paula Saunders, Tammy Schreiber, Greg Seeley, Sandra Shaffer, Ben Short, Clara Smith, Wendy Smith, Michael Stefanik, Tommy Stiffler, Pat Stoe, Judy Stufft, Mike Valentine, Gail Wade, Anna Lee & Kenny Wambaugh, Thomas Wambaugh, Mereada Werner, Aaron Weiss, Christina Whetstone, Charlotte Will, Jan & Larry Will, Karen Will, Tish Will, Scott Wilkens, Angie 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: \$65.00; Adults: \$1,722.00; Total: \$1,787.00

Altar Schedule – ASH WEDNESDAY

7 pm

READER: Joan McGreevey
 MINISTER: Deacon Thom
 SERVERS: Emily Brick
 Luke Brick

Join us for our 1st Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, March 3rd from 3:30-6:30 pm!!

THE CHURCH OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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

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.


Altar Schedule – March 5th

	<u>6 pm</u>	<u>8 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
READER:	Kim Wambaugh	Carissa Restly	Anthony Zanoni
MINISTER:	Deacon Thom	Deacon Thom	Deacon Thom
SERVERS:	Nathan Leonard Caleb Leonard	Brady Boburchock Haylee Speicher	Riley Lauer Regan Lauer


 We are in need of a person or persons to chair the Beer Stand at our July 4th Picnic. After many years of service the “Beer Crew” has retired. Anyone interested in chairing this booth please call the rectory and leave a message.


We are also in need of people to help with the Country Store Raffle. Terry Metivier will acquire the prizes, have the tickets printed & distributed and help with the raffle. We need someone to assist with the drawing on picnic day and to help distribute the prizes to the winners. Anyone interested in helping with this please call the rectory and leave a message.

We are in need of someone to chair the Country Store Booth. Carolyn Leonard is willing to offer her help, but a chairperson is needed. Anyone interested in taking charge of this booth or revamping it please call the rectory and leave a message.


 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 4th of July raffle a success.


 It's time to think about 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. Completed baskets can be brought to the Church. This is a good money maker and an anticipated booth at our July 4th picnic


 Our Lenten Fish Fry's for 2017 will be on March 3rd; 10th; 17th; 24th; 31st; & April 7th from 3:30-6:30pm. The menu includes baked & fried fish, fried shrimp, fried clams, soup, baked potato, vegetables, salad & dessert bar and beverage. The cost is Adults: \$14; Under12: \$4; Under5: Free. This is for all you can eat!! We will need much more help each week. There is a workers sign-up poster and flyers to distribute for advertising on the table in the back of the Church.



Our Annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfasts will be on March 19th & 26th; and April 2nd from 10 am - 1 pm. There are flyers on the table in the back of the Church to distribute for advertising.

Liturgical Reflection... This Wednesday, March 1, is Ash Wednesday when the Church begins the forty day journey toward the Triduum (The Three Days) with the annual discipline of fasting, praying and giving alms. Ash Wednesday (March 1) and Good Friday (April 14) are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays in Lent (March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; April 7) are days of abstinence. FASTING refers to only one full meal, with two small meals and no eating otherwise for the day. ABSTINENCE refers to not eating meat at all during the day. All who have reached their 14th year are obliged to ABSTAIN. The Church directs the holy FAST to all those in their 18th year until their 60th year. The ancient practice of fasting and abstaining can occur throughout other days in Lent. This is not obligatory and can take a variety of forms distinct from food.

Mass with the distribution of ashes will be celebrated here at St. John's at 7 pm. If you are unable to attend Mass here, there will be Mass at 8:30 am at St. Thomas school hall and a brief prayer service with distribution of ashes at 12:05 pm in St. Thomas Church

The annual Black and Indian Mission Collection has changed the landscape of evangelization and education efforts for Native Americans, Alaskan Americans and African Americans throughout the US. Our financial support of the Collection is the mechanism that affects the Church's evangelization efforts. Never have the needs been so great. We will take up a second collection next weekend to support this cause. Please be generous.

