

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

February 28, 2016

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Monday	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Louis Martin (Anniv) – Anna Burkett
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Victor Robb (b'day) – Cletus Robb
Thursday	6:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration
	7:00 PM	Myra Albright – Madeline Fochtman
Friday	8:00 AM	Ruth Hillegass – Gary & Dorothy Wolfhope
	7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	6:00 PM	M. Veronica Hickey (Anniv) – Niece & Dale
Sunday	8:00 AM	For the People
	10:30 AM	Irvin "Buddy" Speicher (b'day) – Cletus Robb

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 Flick, 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, Wendy 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: \$83.00 Adults: \$2,878.00 Total: \$2,961.00

**ALTAR SCHEDULE – March 6<sup>th</sup>**

	<u>6 pm</u>	<u>8 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
READER:	Kim Wambaugh	Joan McGreevey	Anthony Zanoni
MINISTER:	Linda Suhrie	Deacon Thom	Margee Taliaferro
SERVERS:		Emily Brick	Jacob Stewart
		Luke Brick	Riley Lauer

Today is Commitment Sunday for the **Annual Catholic Appeal**. Many diocesan ministries from vocations to social justice, youth ministries and more are counting on our prayers and Lenten sacrifices. If you didn't bring your Commitment Card to mass this weekend, please bring it next weekend or you may make an online gift at [www.dioceseaj.org](http://www.dioceseaj.org). All contributions received beyond our parish goal of \$15,088 will remain here at the parish. Thank you for your Lenten offering.

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](http://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 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 398 adults and 18 children at our Fish Fry on February 19<sup>th</sup>!*



We will be having our Annual **Pancake & Sausage Breakfasts** today, 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.



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...* The gardener in today's gospel gave the fig tree another chance to produce fruit. In families we need to grasp every opportunity to give another chance to each other. Don't cut them out of your life. Love asks us to be connected, not productive.

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.

Dr. John Bergsma will be presenting "How to Get through the Bible in an Hour!" as it pertains to the New Evangelization at St. Thomas School Hall on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 pm. There is no cost to attend. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

We extend our sympathy to Jennifer Nouse at the death of her father-in-law, Gary Nouse. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

**Notes from Fr. Rich**

- **Fish Fries:** Thanks to all who helped with the third 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.
- **Pancake and Sausage breakfasts:** Please support them over the next 3 Sunday mornings. Thanks in advance to all parishioners who will be helping with the breakfasts, both the workers and the patrons.
- **Adult Education:** Our class on the meaning of the Mass continues this Sunday at 9:15 in the retreat center dining room. Try to come for Lent.
- **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 Lent.

- **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.
- **Bulletin table:** Please always check the bulletin table for new devotional items, pamphlets and other reading materials about the Catholic faith. They are free for the taking, but if you ever want to make a free will offering to offset the cost - just mark a white envelope and write on it for religious items and put it in the collection basket.
- **Good Catholic Charities:** Periodically parishioners ask me what are some good charities to support where all the money given or almost all the money given goes to actually help the people the charity is set up for, well two good ones are 1. *Christians at Risk* ([www.christiansatrisk.org](http://www.christiansatrisk.org)) - this charity was set up last year by the Knights of Columbus to help the Christians who are being persecuted and driven out of the Holy Land and all of the Middle East. 2. *The Pope Paul IV institute* ([www.popepaulvi.com](http://www.popepaulvi.com)) - which is doing a wonderful job of helping married couples who are having trouble conceiving a child and also providing help to couples who want to follow Church teaching in spacing out their children without giving into the contraceptive mentality of our culture. Please pray for and try to financially help out these two noble charities.
- **Holy Father's intentions:** For the month of March: the Holy Father's intentions are: **Universal:** *That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments.* **For Evangelization:** *That those Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant*

*prayer of the Church.* Please remember to pray for the Pope's intentions on a daily basis.

- **Divine Mercy Reflections** - *on the merciful pursuit of Jesus - "I detest the smallest sin ... but with My Mercy, I pursue sinners along all their paths, and My Heart rejoices when they return to Me."* (Jesus to Faustina: Diary, par. 1728). Have a blessed week. 😊