

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

March 19, 2017

3rd Sunday of Lent

Monday	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Louis & Cecelia Martin – Anna Burkett
Wednesday	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Thursday	7:00 PM	NO MASS
Friday	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Saturday	6:00 PM	David Suhrie (b'day) -- Mom
Sunday	8:00 AM	Ann Wambaugh – Wayne & Frances Tedley
	10:30 AM	Lee McVicker – M/M Richard Hoffman

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, Marlene Clites, Laura Costello, Judy Dronet, Beau Dull, Joel Easter, Baby Ezekiel, Agnes Fleming, Tabitha Flick, Harry Fochtman, Paisley Goetzi, Donald Grasser, Marie Hankinson, Kelly Hartbauer, Elizabeth, Ken & Kennaley Heider, Sandra Herzing, Mike Hess, 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: \$127.00; Adults: \$1,668.00; Total: \$1,795.00

Stations of the Cross will be held at 6:30 pm at St. Thomas Church, Bedford every Friday of Lent with the exception of Good Friday.

Altar Schedule – March 26th

	<u>6 pm</u>	<u>8 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
READER:	Kim Wambaugh	Paul Balint	Kris Engleka
MINISTER:	Deacon Thom	Deacon Thom	Deacon Thom

SERVERS:	Nathan Leonard	Kennaley Heider	Maria Engleka
	Caleb Leonard	Desirae Heider	Joseph Zanoni

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.

Our Lenten Penance Service will be on Tuesday evening, March 28th at 7 pm. There will be five priests hearing Confessions. Please try to attend.


Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people here at home and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and **help Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

 Our Lenten Fish Fry's for 2017 will be on March 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 served 224 adults and 9 children at our 2nd fish fry!

 Our Annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfasts will be on March 19th & 26th; and April 2nd from 10 am - 1 pm. The menu includes buckwheat cakes, pancakes, whole hog sausage, pure maple syrup, applesauce, and beverage. All you can eat!! Adults: \$8; 12 and Under: \$4; 4 and Under: Free.

Is this the face of Jesus? The Shroud of Turin Talk will be held at St. Benedict Parish, Johnstown, Sunday, March 26 at 3 pm. In 2013 Bill Wingard established "Shroud Talks" to present the history and science of the Shroud of Turin and tackle the biggest mystery...Is the Shroud the actual burial cloth? Personal research coupled with knowledge and help of the original photographer, Barrie Schwartz, for scientific evaluation in 1978 make for a powerful make for a powerful and comprehensive presentation that will not disappoint. You are invited to hear the talk and see the full size replica of the Shroud of Turin. Attendees are encouraged to bring their cameras. No tickets are required; a love offering will be collected. All are welcome!

 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. Call Terry Metivier at 733-4190 with any donations or any questions.

A few years ago the "*Connections Resource Publication*" posted an article about a photo which melted the hearts of all who saw it. The photo captured the touching meeting of Pope Francis with a man named Vinicio Riva. Vinicio suffers from neurofibromatosis- a non-infectious genetic, painfully disfiguring disease. He is completely covered from head to toe with ulcerous swellings and bleeding, itchy tumors. Vinicio was part of a group that traveled to Rome for a public audience with the Pope. Much to his surprise, the wheelchair-bound Riva found himself ushered to the front. When Pope Francis saw the disfigured man, he embraced him and kissed his head. "*He didn't have any fear of my illness,*" Vinicio wept later: "*He hugged me without speaking. I quivered. I felt great warmth.*" The entire encounter had lasted less than a minute, but Riva's life has been transformed. He experienced an acceptance and a blessing he seldom received. The photograph seemed to have the same touching effect on all who saw it. A similar encounter takes place in today's Gospel with a woman at a well—a woman who is unaccustomed to social acceptance. Although not physically disfigured, she is internally "disfigured"—a pariah in her own community. By simply acknowledging her, speaking to her, and asking for a simple drink of water, Jesus shatters the taboo that has long-isolated her from God and her community. Unexpected dignity and hope pervade her spirit—the same dignity and hope given by Pope Francis to Vinicio. Our faith is based on a personal encounter with Jesus. The effect of such a transforming experience—of being totally loved and accepted just as we are— is akin to standing under a cascading waterfall of grace. Joy wells up in us and bubbles over—we are impelled to share the Good News just as did the Samaritan woman when she spontaneously ran back to her home town! It is said that a picture is worth a thousand words. Let us imprint these two pictures in our minds and hearts as we prayerfully continue our Lenten journey: The photo of the compassionate Pope Francis and the portrait of the Compassionate Jesus in today's Gospel. They will bless and change not just ourselves, but all whom we encounter.

HOMEMADE PIEROGI SALE – Queen of Angels Parish in Central City will be selling pierogi on Friday March 24th from Noon until 6:00 PM at their St. John site (162 Wheeler Street). The pierogi are HANDMADE by our parishioners and come in Potato/Cheese (\$8.00 dozen frozen, \$9.00 per dozen cooked with butter and onions), Sauerkraut (\$9.00 dozen frozen, \$10.00 per dozen cooked with butter and onions), and Prune (\$9.00 dozen frozen, \$10.00 per dozen cooked with butter and onions). To place an order please call the rectory 754-5224.

