

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

March 20, 2016

Palm Sunday

Monday	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Tuesday	7:00 PM	D.A. Hankinson – Michael Hankinson
Wednesday	8:00 AM	James Kay (Anniv) – Leo & Bea Philippe
Thursday	5:00 PM	Mass of the Lord's Supper
	6-8 PM	Eucharistic Adoration in the Retreat Center Chapel
Friday	3:00 PM	Service of the Passion
Saturday	8:00 PM	David Suhrie (b'day) -- Mother
Sunday	8:00 AM	Eleanor Wolfhope (b'day) – Gary & Dorothy Wolfhope
	10:30 AM	For the People

Sanctuary Candle – Austin Adams by Larry, Anita & Family
 St. Peregrine – Doran Walker by Larry, Anita & Family

PRAYER LIST: Austin Adams, Barbara Allison, Debbie Baker, Fred Bittner, Janey Black, Vicki Bowser, Ed Boyer, Macy Burke, Anna Burkett, Jim Caro, Joe & Glenna Caro, Laura Costello, Faith Custer, Joann Darbyshire, 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, Elaine Lowe, Kenny & Christy Lowe, Don Lynch, Martha Marker, George Maser, Tracey Mowry, Charlene Norris, Cathy & Laird Ober, Vigil Otto, Jane Palik, Louise Pekala, Denver Reed, Rose Restly, Sabina Restly, Shawn Restly, Jane Ryan, Jim & Diane Ryan, Greg Seeley, Sandra Shaffer, Clyde Sipe, 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, Dominick Yachere, Nancy Zeth, George Zubek, Jr.

Last week: Loose: \$156.00 Adults: \$1,886.00 Total: \$2,042.00

ALTAR SCHEDULE – March 27th

	<u>6 pm</u>	<u>8 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
READER:	Kim Wambaugh	Carissa Restly	Kris Engleka
MINISTER:	Deacon Thom	Deacon Thom	Deacon Thom
SERVERS:	Desirae Heider	Dedra Hillegass	Marshal Engleka
	Kennaley Heider	Graham Hoover	Maria Engleka

Congratulations to Bailee Rose Roadman who was baptized here at St. John's on February 14th. Bailee is the daughter of Brittany Benning and Jason Roadman.

Don't forget to send a "knee-mail" revealing yourself to your Lenten prayer partner.

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

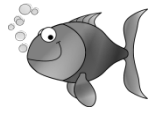
Saturday 5:00 – 5:45 PM

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.



Thank you to all who worked to make our 2015 Lenten Fish Fry's a success. Thank you to all the workers who helped to prepare & serve the meal; to those who helped out on the clean-up crew; and to all our loyal patrons. We couldn't have done it without you.

We served 466 adults and 12 children at our Fish Fry on March 17th!



Thank you to all who helped to make our 2015 Pancake & Sausage Breakfasts a success. Thank you to all those workers who helped to prepare & serve the breakfasts; those who helped out on the clean-up crew; and to all our loyal patrons. We also want to thank the Wolfhope Family for their many years of chairing this fundraiser. They are hanging up their aprons. So we are looking for a new person (s) to take charge of this delicious fundraiser. If you are interested please call the rectory.

Please use your Holy Thursday envelope in your packet - the money you give will be donated to help the local food banks in Berlin and Bedford - half to each.


Every year, each parish in the United States takes up a collection on Good Friday, as designated by the Holy Father. The money is used to care for the people and places of the Holy Land. This collection keeps Christianity alive in this area made holy by the life, suffering death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Thank you to all who have participated in the **Annual Catholic Appeal**. If you do not have a pledge card, you may send your gift (made payable to the "Annual Catholic Appeal") directly to the parish office, or you may give online at www.dioceseaj.org. To date we have received pledges totaling \$4,719.84 toward our parish goal of \$15088. Please join in supporting our Parish and our Diocesan ministries with a Lenten gift. Thank you for your generosity!

<u>ALTAR SCHEDULE</u>	<u>Holy Thursday – 5 pm</u>	<u>Good Friday – 3 pm</u>
READER:	Melinda Will	Wayne Tedley
NARRATOR:		Kim Wambaugh
MINISTER:	Margee Taliaferro	Margee Taliaferro

SERVERS: Desirae Heider
Kennaley Heider
Brady Boburchock
Emily Brick
Luke Brick

St Thomas the Apostle School will be celebrating their 50th anniversary on April 16, 2016. Guests will hear from past and present individuals from the school community. The event will include hors d'oeuvres, dinner, music, and dancing. The dinner will be in the Saint Thomas School hall after the 5:00 mass. The cost is \$25 per person. All are welcome to attend. Reservations are required by March 25, 2016. Reservations can be made by calling the school 814-623-8873

 Confirmation will be at 4 pm on Sunday, April 3rd at St. Peter's Church, Somerset. A mandatory practice will be held on Saturday, April 2nd at 11 am. You must bring your sponsor or a parent to the practice.

Notes from Fr. Rich

- **Holy Week:** The schedule for Holy Week will be as follows: On **Monday** at 11 AM will be the Diocesan Chrism Mass at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Altoona - all are invited to attend. On **Holy Thursday** - **please note the time change** (the reason for this is so we could have music at the Mass): the Mass of the Lord's Supper will be here at 5 pm, followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Retreat House Chapel until 8 pm. On **Good Friday** will be the Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3 pm - also there will be no Stations of the Cross on that evening as all are encouraged to come to the 3 pm service; on **Holy Saturday** the Mass of the Easter Vigil will be at 8 pm; and finally on **Easter Sunday** Masses will be at 8:00 & 10:30 am.
- **Inviting people back to the Catholic Church:** This week is a special time of grace. If you know anyone in your family or in your social circle, who has been away from the active practice of the Catholic faith, please invite them back. Encourage them to get in touch with me either by e-mail or phone and I will try to help them out anyway I can. Also there is a very good website for this very purpose: it is called Catholics Come Home: www.catholicscomehome.org.
- **Blessing of Easter Baskets:** If you want an Easter Basket blessed, please call me this week and we will arrange an individual time.
- **Palms:** Today we will be receiving new blessed palms - *so what are we are to do with our old blessed palms?* We need to bury them or burn them - not throw them in the trash, since they are blessed. That also applies to anything that is blessed: rosaries, scapulars, broken crucifixes, religious statues, etc.
- **Dinners:** Thanks to all who helped with the Lenten fish fries and the pancake and sausage dinners; it was a nice time of fellowship and also helped us financially.
- **Novena to Divine Mercy:** Starting on Good Friday is the **annual Novena to our Lord's Divine Mercy**. It is a time of special graces. I will have pamphlets out on the bulletin table, so you can participate, which I hope you will. I will personally lead the special novena prayer and Divine Mercy chaplet after the 3 PM service of the Passion on Good Friday; after that, please pray the novena on your own for the rest of the 9 Days.

