

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

March 30, 2014

4th Sunday of Lent

Table with 3 columns: Day, Time, and Mass Details. Rows include Monday through Sunday with specific times and names of celebrants.

Sanctuary Candle – For Peace

St. Peregrine – For the Intentions of Our Parishioners

PRAYER LIST: Barbara Allison, Debbie Baker, Shirley Beard, Janey Black, Joe Bomblosky, Vicki Bowser, Susan & Veryl Callihan, Steve Calvert, Soren Cooper, Brenda Davis, Brad Diehl, Mildred Diehl, Dennis Dietz, James Dietz, Judy Dronet, Karen Duddy, Heather Eberhart, Agnes Fleming, Ken Fochtman, Jackie Freoni, Susan Gault, Nancy Glotfelty, Paisley Goetzl, Donald Grasser, Paul Griffith, Eric Growden, Elizabeth & Ken Heider, Sandra Herzing, Mike Hess, Chet Hillegass, David Hinson, Jason Hyatt, Matthew Jenkins, Charlie Johnson, Wendy Kegg, Jeanne Marie Klisiewicz, Brad Koontz, Darren Leydig, Don Lynch, Janet Lynch, Alan MacDonald, George Maser, Lee McVicker, Sam McVicker, Mike Montreal, Charlene Norris, Cathy & Laird Ober, Rick Otto, Jane Palik, Alexis Reachard, Jim Restly, Sabina Restly, Shawn Restly, Laretta Jones-Rieker, Sidney Savage, Greg Seeley, Jerry Smith, Larry Smith, Paul Smith, Donald Snyder, Tommy Stiffler, Pat Stoe, Ann L. Wambaugh, Michael W. Wambaugh, Polly Wambaugh, Aaron Weiss, Christina Whetstone, Robert Whetstone, Charlotte Will, Jan & Larry Will, Joe Will, Paul Will, John Yotko, Clarence Zearfoss

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: \$825.70; Adults: \$2,924.00 Total \$3,749.70
Catholic Register Collection: \$149.00

April 6th – Altar Schedule

Table with 4 columns: Role, Time, and Name. Rows include READER, MINISTERS, and SERVERS for 6:00 pm, 8:00 am, and 10:30 am.

Graham Hoover

Shannon Easter

Isabella Zanoni

THE CHURCH OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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

Parish Council President: Bob Arenth
Hall Reservations: Melinda Will (733-0029)

Mass Schedule:

Wed., Fri.: 8:00 AM
Tues. & Thurs.: 7:00 PM
Sunday: 6:00 PM (Vigil)
8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Parish Website: www.newbaltimorecatholic.com

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.



We will have our **Lenten Fish Fry's** April 4th and 11th. We will offer all you can eat. The price this year will be \$12 for adults; \$4 for those under 12; and for those 5 and under Free. We will serve dinners from 3:30 – 6:30 pm.

We served 539 adult meals and 22 children's' meals at our 3rd Fish Fry of 2014!



We will be having our Annual **Pancake & Sausage Breakfasts** on Sundays, March 30th and April 6th 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; 12 and Under: \$3.50; and 4 and Under: Free.

We served 313 breakfasts at our 1st Pancake & Sausage Breakfast of 2014!

Bingo Kitchen Workers – All kitchen workers for Wednesday evening and Sunday afternoon Bingo please come to a meeting on Sunday, April 6th in the church basement following the 10:30 Mass. We need those who have worked before as well as new volunteers. No experience needed.

There are sign-up sheets in the back of the church for those willing to donate pies and cakes to our Spring Dinner on April 27th.

The Speicher/Murphy Families would like to thank everyone for all the flowers, prayers, and food donations they received following Maureen's death.

Dr. Scott Hahn – Biblical theologian, Catholic convert, author, national speaker, and professor will present at St. Francis University on Thursday, April 10th. His talk entitled "Consuming the Word: The Bible, the Eucharist and the New Evangelization: will take place from 7-8 pm at the John F. Kennedy Center auditorium, The event is free and is open to the public. His talk about the New Evangelization will call on Catholics to deepen their faith, believe in the Gospel, and proclaim the Gospel. He will also speak about how the New Evangelization is an invite for Catholics to renew their relationship with Jesus and his Church.

Just a reminder - All **Theme Baskets** need to be turned in by May 11th so that they can be put on display in the church basement.

Thank you to all who have participated in the Annual Catholic Appeal. Because of your generosity, we received \$1,315 toward our goal of \$16,022. Please join in supporting our Parish and our Diocesan ministries. 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. Thank you for your generous response.

April Usher schedule

6 pm: Richard Engbert, Larry Hankinson, Mark Hankinson, Mike Bondura
8 am: Oscar Speicher, Bill Carthew, Jeff Hickey, Kay Hickey
10:30 am: Lynn Benning, Pat Hankinson, Harry Feather, Hunter Stoe

Notes from Fr. Rich

- **Our Lenten Penance service will be on this Wednesday night, April 2 at 7PM.** There will be 5 priests to hear Confessions. Take advantage of this opportunity to prepare your soul for Easter. If you can't make ours, the Penance Service at St. Thomas in Bedford will be today, March 30 at 4 PM.
- We will resume giving out the Precious Blood of Jesus at the weekend Masses starting on April 5-6. For all the extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, please note this on your new April schedule and plan accordingly.
- To answer a question a few parishioners had in relation to the 2014 Annual Catholic Appeal- yes we have to meet our assigned goal of **\$16,022** from the Diocese or we have to make up the difference from some other funds, so please be generous- then when we can go over the goal we will get the extra funds back 100% for our ongoing needs at the parish, esp. in relation to the re-zoning of the retreat house/ rectory heating system that I am looking at doing this year.
- Turnpike update: I will try to keep you posted on pertinent details as the bridge project proceeds this year when I know things. The project begins in early April.
- Thanks to all who helped with the fourth 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.
- Please support the Lenten Pancake and Sausage breakfast today and next Sunday. Thanks to all parishioners who are helping with this, both the workers and the patrons. Last week we drew the most patrons ever to this function. Very nice.☺
- Please try to come to the Lenten Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7 pm - we are using St. Faustina's Way of the Cross which has some beautiful meditations on Divine Mercy and the meaning of suffering. Also don't forget I am hearing Confessions before the Stations each week from 6 to 6:45 pm.
- For the month of April: the Holy Father's intentions are: **Universal:** *That governments may foster the protection of creation and the just distribution of natural resources.* **For Evangelization:** *That the Risen Lord may fill with hope the hearts of those who are being tested by pain and sickness.* Please remember to pray for the Pope's intentions on a daily basis.

- Thoughts from the saints – on the meaning of suffering, “*The way of the cross - by trials suffered for God - is the way to Heaven*” (St. Alphonsus Rodriguez). Have a blessed week. 😊