

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

March 6, 2016

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

Monday	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fred Will – Josephine Suhrie
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Therese Speicher – Susan Doepel
Thursday	6:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration
	7:00 PM	D.A.Hankinson (Anniv) – Michael Hankinson
Friday	8:00 AM	Jennie Metivier – Toni Smith
	7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	6:00 PM	Tom Stiffler – Ladies’ Card Club
Sunday	8:00 AM	Sandra Little – Bob & Marty Webb
	10:30 AM	For the People

Sanctuary Candle – For Peace

PRAYER LIST: 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, 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, Vigil Otto, 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: \$211.00 Adults: \$2196.00 Total: \$2,407.00

ALTAR SCHEDULE – March 13<sup>th</sup>

	<u>6 pm</u>	<u>8 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
READER:	Wayne Tedley	Paul Balint	Kris Engleka
MINISTER:	Dayna Wambaugh	John Werner	Deacon Thom
SERVERS:	Nathan Leonard	Desirae Heider	Jacob Stewart
	Caleb Leonard	Kennaley Heider	Regan Lauer

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 \$3,805 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!

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

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 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016. We offer all you can eat. The price this year is \$13.50 for adults; \$4 for those under 12; and for those 5 and under Free. We 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 345 adults and 11 children at our Fish Fry on February 26<sup>th</sup>!



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



There is an envelope in your offertory box to remember loved ones with a donation towards the Easter flowers. Please write the names clearly on the back of the envelope so that we can publish those names in the bulletin. Please make your donation by March 20<sup>th</sup>.



We are having an Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. We will meet in the church basement at 9:15 - 10:15. This event is for all children ages Toddlers - 5th grade. Children should bring their own basket to collect eggs. We will be collecting candy ONLY for the Easter Egg Hunt from now until March 19<sup>th</sup>. There is a bin in the back of the church for the collection of candy.

Congratulations to Cooper James Chalk who was baptized here at St. John's on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Cooper is the son of Kayla & Cody Chalk.

We extend our sympathy to Irma Plush and her family at the death of her daughter Claudine. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

*Notes from Fr. Rich*

- **Diocesan Scandal:** As all of you know if you follow the Johnstown or Altoona news this past week a Pa Grand Jury report came out detailing the horrific sexual abuse perpetrated by priests in our Diocese mostly from the 1940's to the 1980's, but with some recent episodes as well by priests ordained before 1983 - it is important to note no priest who has been ordained after 1983 was cited in that report - I read the whole thing - which means that things have gotten better, but some horrible things went on for decades. It is sickening that priests who are supposed to be icons of Christ abused children and adolescents in unimaginable ways and that two of our former bishops covered up for them in a systematic way. Truly the work of the devil. We need to pray for all the victims of this grave evil that God can bring healing to them, and also for Bp. Bartchak and all the good priests and laity of the diocese who are suffering greatly because of the effects of this evil. There are many layers to why this happened and I won't discuss it at Mass because I don't want to scandalize the children and adolescents and even some adults with the details of this evil. Our young people should not think that all bishops, priests and religious are hypocrites or immoral. Most of us are trying with the help of God's grace to serve His people generously and take our vow to

live a pure life seriously. If any of you ever need to talk about any of this, feel free to give me a call, and please pray that a real spiritual renewal occurs in our diocese as a good to come out of this grave evil. May the Lord have mercy on us all.

- **Fish Fries:** 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.
- **Pancake and Sausage breakfasts:** Please support them over the next 2 Sunday mornings. Thanks to all parishioners who will be helping with the breakfasts, both the workers and the patrons.
- **Adult Education:** If you want to come this Sunday at 9:15 we can talk about the Grand Jury report on the diocese in the retreat center dining room - and if we have time after that, to continue to go over the meaning of the Holy Mass. We will not have adult ed after this Sunday until after Easter - since next Sunday I am visiting the CCD classrooms, and then CCD is off for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.
- **Lenten Penance Services:** Our Lenten Penance service will be on Wednesday night March 16 at 7 PM. There will be 5 priests to hear Confessions. Please take advantage of this opportunity to prepare your soul for Easter. Also remember I offer Confessions every Friday night from 6-6:45 before the Stations of the Cross at 7. Finally if you can't make ours, the Penance Service at St. Thomas in Bedford will be today Sunday March 6 at 4 PM.
- **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 pray for the Pope's intentions on a daily basis. Have a blessed week.☺