

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

April 24, 2016

5th Sunday of Easter

Monday	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tom Stiffler
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Jennie Metivier – Toni Smith
Thursday	6:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration
	7:00 PM	Paul Burkett (b'day) – Anna Burkett
Friday	8:00 AM	Watson & Lorraine Gregg – Dick & Alzine Hoffman
Saturday	6:00 PM	Irene Bittlebrun (Anniv) – Mary Louise Bittlebrun
Sunday	8:00 AM	Sandra Little – Beatrice Smith
	10:30 AM	For the People

Sanctuary Candle – For Peace

PRAYER LIST: Austin Adams, Roxanne Adams, Barbara Allison, Debbie Baker, Mary Louise Bittlebrun, Dorothy Bittner, Fred Bittner, Janey Black, Leo & Cora Bonus, 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, Jesse Engle, Pat Ferko, Agnes Fleming, Tabitha Flick, Paisley Goetzl, Donald Grasser, Gerald Grasser, Sr., Nellie Hall, Kelly Hartbauer, Elizabeth, Ken & Kennaley Heider, Sandra Herzing, Mike Hess, Chet Hillegass, David Hinson, Tina Hoover, Matthew Jenkins, Gary Jones, J.T. Kline, Todd Kline, Jeanne Marie Klisiewicz, Chris Knisely, Eileen Knott, Virginia Lambert, Tim Landis, Dana LeGros, Bruce Leonard, David Leonard, Connie Levar, Elaine Lowe, Kenny & Christy Lowe, Don Lynch, Martha Marker, George Maser, Dorothy Maurer, Tracey Mowry, Charlene Norris, Cathy & Laird Ober, Vigil Otto, Anthony Palik, Jane Palik, Louise Pekala, Denver Reed, Rose Restly, Sabina Restly, Shawn Restly, Celsa Robb, Jane Ryan, Jim & Diane Ryan, 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, Mereada Werner, Aaron Weiss, Christina Whetstone, Charlotte Will, Jan & Larry Will, Karen Will, Tish Will, Scott Wilkens, Dominick Yachere, Nancy Zeth.

Last week: Loose: \$409.00 Adults: \$2,402.00 Total: \$2,811.00

ALTAR SCHEDULE – May 1st

	<u>6 pm</u>	<u>8 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
READER:	Melinda Will	Paul Balint	Kris Engleka
MINISTER:	Wayne Tedley	John Werner	Patty Ann Gardner
	Kim Wambaugh	Rita Lewis	Kathleen Davies
	Don Hillegass	Dorothy Wolfhope	Robert Davies
SERVERS:	Nathan Leonard	Emily Brick	Jacob Stewart
	Caleb Leonard	Luke Brick	Riley Lauer

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.

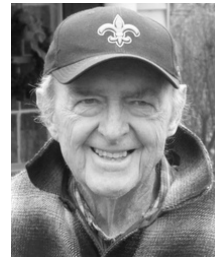


It is time to start planning your theme basket for the **Theme Basket Booth**. Over the past years it has been a great success because of your participation in making a basket and buying and selling tickets. Hopefully more of you will be interested in making a basket this year. The sign-up sheet is in the back of the church. Baskets need to be a minimum of \$25. If you would rather donate money towards a basket and have someone else put a basket together with your donated funds contact the rectory. If anyone is interested in being the chair for this booth please contact the rectory.

12th Annual Pro-Life Dinner & Silent Auction held this year at Real Life Assembly of God Church, 621 West Pitt Street, Bedford. Friday, April 29th. Dinner at 6 pm. Silent Auction 5-78 pm. Featured speaker: Jewels Green, former abortion clinic worker, tireless advocate for the Right to Life. For more info/RSVP call 623-1314.

Notes from Fr. Rich

- **Marian retreat in May:** I will be directing a retreat from Friday May 20 until Sunday May 22 here at our retreat center in New Baltimore. The topic will be the Meaning of the St. Louis de Montfort Total Consecration to Jesus thru Mary and how Marian Devotion can deepen one's Catholic Faith. It will begin at 8 pm on Friday evening and finish after lunch on Sunday. It should be a very nice weekend of reflection and prayer. The cost will be \$130 per person for the weekend - that includes lodging with a private room and meals and materials. Please let me know ASAP if you are interested and want me to reserve a spot for you as space is limited.
- **Upcoming Holy Day of Obligation:** planning ahead: please mark your calendar and don't forget about the upcoming Holy Day of obligation, a week from this Thursday, on May 5, **the Ascension of the Lord**. There will be no vigil Mass on Wednesday the 4th, but two Masses on Thursday the 5th at 8 am and 7 pm. Please plan accordingly in the midst of the busyness of spring sports and other activities, so everyone young and old alike can make it to Mass to honor Our Lord's Ascension into Heaven.
- **EWTN Guides:** Please take a copy of one of the new EWTN spring/summer program guides on the bulletin table. There are many good Catholic shows on EWTN to help us grow in the gift of our Catholic faith; also see online at www.ewtn.com or the EWTN app for your smart phone.
- **Divine Mercy Reflections:** on the importance of going to Confession from Jesus Himself: *"Tell souls where they are to look for solace; that is, in the Tribunal of Mercy (the Sacrament of Reconciliation). There the greatest miracles take place and are incessantly repeated. To avail oneself of this miracle, it is not necessary to go on a great pilgrimage or carry out some external ceremony; it suffices to come with faith to the feet of My representative (the priest) and to reveal to him one's misery; and the miracle of Divine Mercy will be fully demonstrated. Were a soul like a decaying corpse so that from a human standpoint, there would be no hope of restoration and everything would already be lost, it is not so with God. The miracle of Divine Mercy restores that soul in full. Oh, how miserable are those who do not take advantage of the miracle of God's mercy! You will call out in vain, but it will be too late"* (Jesus to St. Faustina, Diary, par. 1448). Have a blessed week.☺



Harry Jones, age 79, of New Paris died peacefully in his home Monday, April 18th after a long illness. Harry and his wife Pamela O. Jones moved to the area in 1992 after having spent more than four decades living and working as a financial officer for Comsat, and The Strategic Highway Research Program while and raising three boys -- Matthew, John, and Andrew -- in the Washington, D.C. area. In addition, Harry is survived by two daughters in law, Mary Jacobs Jones and Kerry Flynn Jones, and five grandchildren, Claire 15, Ethan 14, Spencer 13, and Amy and Charlotte, both 10. Born in 1936 in New Jersey, Harry grew up in Washington, D.C. before heading off to College at Penn State, where he received his Bachelors Degree in Engineering in 1958. He then served a two year tour with the U.S. navy sailing throughout the Mediterranean before returning home to attend graduate school in business at the University of Pennsylvania. He married Pamela Ong in 1962 in Philadelphia, and their loving matrimony lasted until his recent death - more than 53 years. Harry was active in his Bedford County community. He served as a lector at Saint John's Catholic Church and enjoyed attending bible study classes at Bedford Presbyterian. Each winter he volunteered his time preparing tax returns for seniors. In the mid-2000s he had a two year stint as the head coach of Bedford High School's girl's tennis team, leading the squad to a conference title. Harry was also an enthusiastic member of the Wizzards of Schellsburg investment club, to which he brought his many years of experience in business and finance. In his free time, Harry enjoyed playing tennis and golf and, in the winter, skiing down the slopes of Blue Knob, his favorite ski area. On autumn Saturday afternoons, Harry could be found in front of the T.V., rooting on his beloved Penn State Nittany Lions, the other true love of his life. In recent years, Harry enjoyed traveling far and wide -- touring the likes of Europe and Asia with his wife Pam on several occasions. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Altoona at 10:00 AM on Friday, April 22nd, 2016 with Monsignor Michael Becker celebrant. Committal will be held at Hull Cemetery, New Paris. Friends are invited to call on Friday from 9:30 - 10:00 AM at the church in Altoona.



A **Rabies Clinic** will be held at the New Baltimore Fire Hall on Monday, April 25th from 6 - 7 pm. The cost is \$10 per animal. All dogs must be on a leash. All cats must be in a carrier. The Law requires that all dogs and housecats over 3 months of age be vaccinated for rabies. The vaccination is good for 1-3 years depending on the animal and its age.

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 \$9,759.84 toward our parish goal of \$15,088. Thank you for your generosity!



The Annual Mother-Daughter Banquet will be held on Friday, May 6th at 6 pm in the Church hall. It is a covered dish dinner. The meat & drink will be provided. The cost is \$2 per person, children 5 & under are free. We ask you to bring a covered dish and everyone 16 & up to bring a \$5 exchange gift. To make reservations use the sign-up sheet in the back of the Church or call Theresa Fochtman at 733-4548