

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

April 27, 2014

Divine Mercy Sunday

Monday 8:00 AM NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 PM Jim Fochtman (b'day) - Madeline & Families
Wednesday 8:00 AM Grace Sivits - Marg Lynch
Thursday 6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 PM Shirly Hankinson - Marie Hankinson
Friday 8:00 AM Delcie Fochtman - Bucker's Hunting Club
Saturday 6:00 PM Greg & Ada Will (b'day) - Greg & Karen Will
Sunday 8:00 AM Joseph & Kathleen Fochtman - M/M Wayne Fochtman
10:30 AM For the People

Sanctuary Candle - For Peace

PRAYER LIST: Barbara Allison, Debbie Baker, Shirley Beard, Fred Bittner, 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, 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, Lauretta Jones-Rieker, Sidney Savage, Greg Seeley, Jerry Smith, Larry Smith, Paul Smith, Donald Snyder, Tommy Stiffler, Pat Stoe, Ann L. Wambaugh, Aaron Weiss, Rita Werner, Christina Whetstone, Robert Whetstone, Charlotte Will, Jan & Larry Will, Joe Will, Paul Will, John Yotko, Clarence Zearfoss

Last week: Loose: \$659.00; Adults: \$5,129.00 Total \$5,788.00

May 4th - Altar Schedule

Table with 3 columns: Time (6:00 pm, 8:00 am, 10:30 am), Reader (Melinda Will, Kyle Winegadner, Anthony Zanoni), Ministers (Deacon Thom, Deacon Thom, Deacon Thom, Kim Wambaugh, Rita Lewis, Leslie Turkovich, Dayna Wambaugh, John Werner, Diana Feather), Servers (Gabby Hoover, Taylor Easter, Isabella Zanoni, Graham Hoover, Shannon Easter, Joseph Zanoni)

Our Annual Spring Dinner will be today, April 27th from 11 am - 2 pm. Workers are needed. Cost is Adults: \$9; Children 5-10: \$4.50; Under 5: Free.

BINGO starts May 7th!!

All Theme Baskets need to be turned in by May 11th so that they can be displayed in the basement.

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.

Send a "Knee Mail" (card) to your **Lenten Prayer Partner** revealing yourself. Place it on the table in the rear of the Church. Also, look to see if you have received any mail.

Thank you to all who have participated in the Annual Catholic Appeal. Because of your generosity, we received \$7,110 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.

The Annual Mother-Daughter Banquet will be held on Friday, May 9th 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.



A **Rabies Clinic** will be held at the New Baltimore Fire Hall on Monday, April 28th 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.

Mrs. Ruth M. Hillegass, 90 of Buena Road, Schellsburg, died at 4:25 PM, Tuesday, April 15th, 2014 at Pennknoll Village. Mrs. Hillegass was born in New Baltimore on Saturday, June 2, 1923, she was the daughter of the late Edward J. Hankinson and Gladys (Landis) Hankinson. She was reared in the home of her father and stepmother, the late Margaret (Topper) Hankinson. On June 4, 1947, she married Paul J. "Forney" Hillegass. He preceded her in death on August 18, 2000. She is survived by Daughter- Joyce A. Ansell wife of Lee, Schellsburg; Son- Henry A. Hillegass husband of Thelma (Leister) of Schellsburg; Son- Joseph P. Hillegass husband of Beverly (Welsh) of Schellsburg; Sister- Ida Hillegass of New Baltimore; Brother- Urban Hankinson of Millersville, MD and by 9 grandchildren and 16 great

grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three sisters, Anna Trabucco, Mary Will & Sally Beltz and by two brothers, Pius Hankinson & Wayne Hankinson. Ruth was a member of the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in New Baltimore. She was a 1941 graduate of Shanksville-Stoneycreek High School. During W.W.II, she was one of the "Rosie the Riveters" in Pittsburgh. Along with her husband, she was the co-owner of a line of school bus serving the Chestnut Ridge Schools and Juniata Township Schools. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, New Baltimore at 10:00 AM on Monday, April 21st, 2014 with Father Richard Tomkosky celebrant. Committal will be held at Schellsburg Cemetery. Friends are invited to call on Saturday, April 19th from 5:00 - 8:00 PM at Mickle-Geisel Funeral Home, Schellsburg. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Johns Church, 101 Findley St., New Baltimore, PA 15553 or to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312

The ushers for May are: 6 pm – Richard Engbert, Ed Will, Harry Fochtman, Mike Bondura
8 am – Oscar Speicher, Henry Hillegass, Bill Carthew, Joe Hillegass
10:30 am – Lynn Benning, Pat Hankinson, Harry Feather, Hunter Stoe

Notes from Fr. Rich

- This Sunday at 4 pm at St. Peter's Church in Somerset, our 11th grade Confirmation class will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bp. Mark Bartchak. Please keep: *Ian Beavers, Jennifer Carthew, Taylor Easter, Bryce Fochtman, Luke Hobson, Nicholas Hyde, Kyle Leighty, and Matthew Lewis* in your special prayers that the reception of this Sacrament will enable them to live their Catholic faith ever more deeply as adult disciples and witnesses to Jesus.
- Next Sunday, May 4 will be the last day of CCD classes until the fall - we will do the annual May crowning at the beginning of class at 9:15 am outside at the Fatima shrine - any parishioners who want to come to that are welcome as well. As we close out the year, on behalf of the parish I want to thank to all the teachers for their generous service, for the parents who make sure their children come to class on a regular basis, and to the students for continuing to learn about the gift of our Catholic faith.
- Remember to give to the 2014 Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal, if you haven't already - please be as generous as possible since all money over the goal will be returned to the parish to help us with our ongoing needs.
- For the month of May: the Holy Father's intentions are: **Universal:** *That the media may be instruments in the service of truth and peace.* **For Evangelization:** *That Mary, Star of Evangelization, may guide the Church in proclaiming Christ to all nations.* Please remember to pray for the Pope's intentions on a daily basis.
- Thoughts from the saints: on the meaning of Divine Mercy Sunday from Jesus Himself: *"Proclaim on this day that mercy is the greatest attribute of God. All the works of My hands are crowned with mercy. Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy."* (St. Maria Faustina Kowalska from her Diary: Divine Mercy in My Soul, numbers 300-301). If you want to read more about this, and I recommend you do, her **Diary of Divine Mercy** can be purchased at 1-800-462-7426 or www.marian.org. Also if you have a smartphone, there is also a nice Divine Mercy app that you can download for free from the iTunes store if you have an Apple phone or from the Google Play store if you have an Android one. Check it out. Have a blessed week. ☺

We are accepting donated prizes for this year's 4th of July Raffle ticket. We welcome the usual gift cards and cash donations. Generous parishioners have already come forward with some prize items. You may take your donated prizes to the Rectory office or if you have questions call Terry Metevier at 733-4190 or Carolyn Leonard at 733-2287. We do not need these prizes yet, just a commitment. The **Catholic Home Missions Appeal** will take place next week. One way that this Appeal works to support mission dioceses here at home is by supporting seminarian formation in poor dioceses. The blessing of seminarians places a financial burden on these dioceses, which educate each seminarian at a cost of \$35,000-\$40,000 per year. Your support is needed for these young men, so that they can return to serve their parishes. Please **strengthen the Church at home** with a gift to this Appeal.