

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

April 3, 2016

2nd Sunday of Easter

Monday	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Philip Speicher – Lee & Joyce Ansell
Wednesday	8:00 AM	George Hankinson (Anniv) – Marie & Family
Thursday	6:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration
	7:00 PM	Ann Wambaugh – Don & Carol Hillegass
Friday	8:00 AM	David Assard – Joe & Cathy Smith
Saturday	6:00 PM	Shirl Hankinson – Ed & Jane Smith
Sunday	8:00 AM	Fred Will – Ron & Sharon Hickey & Family
	10:30 AM	For the People

Sanctuary Candle – For Peace

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, Jesse Engle, Pat Ferko, Agnes Fleming, Tabitha Flick, Paisley Goetzi, Donald Grasser, Gerald Grasser, Sr., Kelly Hartbauer, Elizabeth, Ken & Kennaley Heider, Sandra Herzing, Mike Hess, Chet Hillegass, David Hinson, Tina Hoover, Nellie Hull, 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, 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, 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, Aaron Weiss, Christina Whetstone, Charlotte Will, Jan & Larry Will, Tish Will, Scott Wilkens, Dominick Yachere, Nancy Zeth.

Last week: Loose: \$370.00 Adults: \$1,486.00 Easter: \$2,825.00 Total: \$4,681.00
 Holy Thursday Food Bank collection: \$740.00; Holy Land collection: \$457.00

ALTAR SCHEDULE – April 10th

	<u>6 pm</u>	<u>8 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
READER:	Kim Wambaugh	Joan McGreevey	Kris Engleka
MINISTER:	Deacon Thom	Deacon Thom	Deacon Thom
SERVERS:		Desirae Heider	Maria Engleka
		Kennaley Heider	Marshal Engleka

Don't forget to send a "knee-mail" revealing yourself to your Lenten prayer partner and be sure to check the table in rear of the church to see if you received any mail from 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 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 \$4,819.84 toward our parish goal of \$15,088. Please join in supporting our Parish and our Diocesan ministries with a Lenten gift. Thank you for your generosity!

Confirmation will be at 4 pm today Sunday, April 3rd at St. Peter's Church, Somerset.

Thank You! Thank you to David & Linda Assard of Greensburg for their recent generous donation of a commercial grade mixer for our parish Hall. David & Linda were fish fry patrons.

4TH OF JULY 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 by April 15th with any donations or any questions. Everyone involved with the raffle including myself are hopeful that all of our parishioners will help make the 4th of July raffle a success.

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.

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.

The ushers for April are:
 6 pm: Mark Hankinson; Larry Hankinson; Harry Fochtman; Ed Will
 8 am: Linda Fochtman; Sam Fochtman; Henry Hillegass; Joe Hillegass
 10:30 am: Lynn Benning; Pat Hankinson; Hunter Stoe

We have 2-10 lb. boxes of popcorn shrimp for sale. This shrimp can be deep fried or baked. The price is \$59.44. Call the rectory if you are interested in purchasing this shrimp.

Notes from Fr. Rich

- **Divine Mercy Sunday:** I hope every person and family in our parish had a most blessed Easter. I pray in a special way on this Divine Mercy Sunday as we conclude the Easter Octave for those who may have been away from the Church, for whatever reason, that God will draw them back to the Parish family to worship and participate in the life of the Parish with us on a regular basis. The Catholic faith is the greatest spiritual anchor for the ups and downs of this life, and if lived well, by God's grace, will lead us to eternal joy beyond our imagining! If any of you or anyone you know needs any help to get back to regular faith practice, i.e., to make a Confession after a long period away or to work on getting a marriage blessed by the Church, etc. please contact me: ricopadre@hotmail.com or 733-2210. As your pastor I'm here to help in any way possible.
- **Thanks:** I want to thank, in the name of the parish, everyone who contributed to making the recent Holy Week Liturgical events and Easter Masses so beautiful: the musicians, the decorators, altar servers, lectors, extraordinary ministers of the Holy Eucharist, and ushers. Thank you to everyone involved for your willingness to enhance our worship experience by sharing your gifts. I'm sure Jesus was pleased.
- **Confirmation Mass:** 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: Shannon Easter, Mark Hankinson, McKayla Hankinson, Dedra Hillegass, Brendon Mitchell, Taylor Piscatello, Hunter Stoe, and Isabella Zaroni 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.
- **Free book:** If you did not get a copy on Easter, please take a free copy Matthew Kelly's book *Rediscover Jesus: An Invitation* on the table in the vestibule. I pray it helps those who read it to draw closer to our merciful Lord Jesus in a deeply personal way.
- **CCD and Adult Ed:** CCD and Adult Education resume this Sunday April 3 at 9:15 am.

- **Chalice and Sign of Peace:** As a good many of our parishioners are still fighting off winter/spring colds we will bring back shaking at the Sign of Peace and for me after Mass, as well as the Chalice at weekend Masses, at the beginning of May.
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** Thank you to Suzanne Zaroni and her helpers for coordinating things on Palm Sunday – it was a fun time. And also thank you to the parishioners who donated the high quality candy – it was most appreciated by the kids.
- **Divine Mercy Reflections:** 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 phone. Check it out. Have a blessed week. 😊