

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

August 14, 2016

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday 8:00 AM NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 PM Jennie Metivier (Anniv) – Gary & Terry Metivier
Wednesday 8:00 AM NO MASS
Thursday 7:00 PM NO MASS
Friday 8:00 AM NO MASS
Saturday 6:00 PM John Bittlebrun (Anniv) – Mary Louise Bittlebrun
Sunday 8:00 AM Ike Will (Anniv) -- Family
10:30 AM Claudine Plush – Patty Ann & Katy Gardner

Sanctuary Candle – For Peace

PRAYER LIST: Barbara Allison, Debbie Baker, Mary Louise Bittlebrun, Dorothy Bittner, Fred Bittner, Janey Black, Leo & Cora Bonus, Vicki Bowser, Ed Boyer, Macy Burke, Anna Burkett, Kara Bussard, Jim Caro, Joe & Glenna Caro, Laura Costello, Joann Darbyshire, Judy Dronet, Beau Dull, Joel Easter, Beth Engle, Jesse Engle, Pat Ferko, Veronica Ferko, Agnes Fleming, Tabitha Flick, Harry Fochtman, Tyler Fochtman, Paisley Goetzl, Donald Grasser, Nellie Hall, Kelly Hartbauer, Elizabeth, Ken & Kennaley Heider, Sandra Herzing, Mike Hess, Chet Hillegass, David Hinson, Tina Hoover, Matthew Jenkins, Roxanne & 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, Don Lynch, Martha Marker, George Maser, Paul Matey, Dorothy Maurer, Craig McVicker, Gary Metivier, Mike Montreal, Tracey Mowry, Dave Musselman, Sr., Charlene Norris, Cathy & Laird Ober, Vigil Otto, Anthony Palik, Jane Palik, Louise Pekala, Denver Reed, Rose Restly, Sabina Restly, Shawn Restly, Celsa Robb, Jim & Diane Ryan, Greg Seeley, Joanne Seese, Sandra Shaffer, Clara Smith, Larry Smith, Wendy Smith, Michael Stefanik, Tommy Stiffler, Pat Stoe, Judy Stufft, Doran & Sue Walker, 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.

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: \$151.00 Adults: \$2,666.00 Total: \$2,817.00

Altar Schedule – August 21st

Table with 4 columns: Reader/Minister, 6 pm, 8 am, 10:30 am. Includes names like Wayne Tedley, Joan McGreevey, Anthony Zanoni, Deacon Thom, Barbara Kane, Patty Ann Gardner, Dayna Wambaugh, Alzine Hoffman, Margee Taliaferro.

SERVERS: Nathan Leonard, Emily Brick, Joseph Zanoni, Caleb Leonard, Luke Brick, Jacob Stewart

THE CHURCH OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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

Hall Reservations: Melinda Will (733-0029)

Mass Schedule: Parish Website: www.newbaltimorecatholic.com

Tues.: 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.

BINGO WORKERS – August 17th

Floor Workers

Eric Lauer
Mandy Lauer
Mary Grace Imgrund
Paul Fochtman

Kitchen Crew

Carolyn Leonard
Ann Huston

Bingo starts at 6:30 pm. We play regular games, specials, quickies, bonus number, jackpot & bonanza. The kitchen also has delicious refreshments available.

Families and the Gospel... The words of Jesus today, “son against father, daughter against her mother,” sounds like normal family fare. Conflict is the price of intimacy. However, how we handle conflict determines if we live in “peace” or “division.”



Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, 55, and 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2016 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend Sunday, Sept. 11 in ALTOONA at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, Sept. 18 in JOHNSTOWN at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2 p.m. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Punch and cookies will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families. Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Tuesday Aug. 23.

The Sisters of the Carmelite Community of the Word are requesting your help in collecting gifts for their ministry to Haiti. This year's collection is for school supplies and personal items. Lists and collection boxes are in the back of the Church. Please bring your gifts by August 28. Any questions, please contact Joan McGreevey at 839-4731.

Members of our Knights of Columbus will be collecting money to help support the Mom’s House “BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRM” after each of the masses on (August 27-28). Mom’s House of Johnstown provides various programs such as pre-school and daycare in order to assist low-income single parents to further their own education. Last year, thanks to your generosity we were able to contribute \$800 to this worthy cause.

We extend our sympathy to Marie Hankinson; and Bob and John Werner at the death of their sister and sister-in-law, Rita Werner. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful rest in peace.

Monday, August 15 is the Feast of the Assumption. Because it falls on a Monday it is not a holy day of obligation this year. The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona is conducting tours during the month of September. This is the month in which the Cathedral was formally dedicated in 1931. Parishes and groups from throughout the Diocese are invited to come for a one-hour guided tour. The September tour dates and times are Sunday, September 4th at 1 pm; Thursday, September 15th at 7 pm; Sunday, September 25th at 1 pm and Thursday, September 29th at 7 pm. There will be light refreshments served following the guided tour. Any questions and to make reservations contact the Cathedral secretary, Sue Cronin at 944-4603.

The Somerset County Bookmobile will be at the Hall on Wednesday, August 17th from 8:45 – 10:15 am.

Shake It Off—Stomp It Down—Step Up



A parable is told of a farmer whose mule fell into an abandoned well. After numerous unsuccessful attempts to get the mule out of the well, the farmer decided it was a hopeless situation. With sadness, the farmer figured that the only humane thing to do would be to haul truckloads of dirt to bury the old mule, while filling in the dangerous well, at the same time. He backed up the truck, and began to shovel in the dirt. The old mule, however, went berserk when the first load of dirt hit its back. That old mule started shaking off the dirt, stomping it down and stepping up a bit. Shovel full after shovel full caused the mule to shake off the dirt and firmly stomp it down. Truckload after truckload, the old mule repeated the same process. It shook off the dirt, stomped it down and stepped up a bit. Little by little, that mule was lifting itself out of the hole. No matter how distressing the situation seemed, the old mule fought off panic when it realized that no matter how much was dumped on its back all it had to do was shake it off, stomp it down and step up. And, guess what? It wasn’t too long before the old mule, battered and exhausted, triumphantly stepped out of the well. Have you ever noticed that there are different ways people have of dealing with the problems life dumps on them? If we respond to our problems positively, and refuse to panic, or fall further into bitterness and despair, the adversities that come along to bury us usually contain within them the potential to benefit and bless us! Rather than burying us, the adversities and criticisms can make us better, lifting us up, bit by bit.

Jesus said “You are the light of the world, “A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lamp stand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your

heavenly Father" (Mt. 5:14-16). "You cannot inspire unless you are on fire." When persons are on fire for Christ, they are able to do things even if others oppose them. What matters is to serve the Lord with undivided heart, despite difficulty and opposition.