

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

August 20, 2017

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday	7:00 PM	NO MASS
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Jean Kudasik – Donna & Dave Kudasik
Wednesday	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Thursday	7:00 PM	NO MASS
Friday	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Saturday	6:00 PM	Doodle Restly -- Mom
Sunday	8:00 AM	Ruth Hillegass – Pat & Connie Will
	10:30 AM	Myra Albright – Mary Ann Hillegass

Sanctuary Candle – Deceased Members of the Mary Suhrie Family by the Suhrie Family Reunion

PRAYER LIST: Barbara Allison, Chester Berkey, Fred Bittner, Janey Black, Leo & Cora Bonus, Vicki Bowser, Macy Burke, Anna Burkett, Jonah Burkett, Kara Bussard, Marlene Clites, Laura Costello, Joyce Dively, Judy Dronet, Joel Easter, Agnes Fleming, Tabitha Flick, Harry Fochtman, Paisley Goetzl, Donald Grasser, Elizabeth, Ken & Kennaley Heider, Sandra Herzing, Mike Hess, David Hinson, Stacey Housel, Sherry Ickes, Matthew Jenkins, Fr. Robert Kaylor, J.T. Kline, Todd Kline, Jeanne Marie Klisiewicz, Eileen Knott, Virginia Lambert, David Leonard, Don Lynch, Martha Marker, George Maser, Dorothy & Tim Maurer, Joseph Meslovich, Sr., Terry Metivier, Mary Meyers, Mike Montreal, Tracey Mowry, Ashley Nail, Cathy & Laird Ober, Jeremy Ohler, Anthony Palik, Jane Palik, Louise Pekala, Caleb Plummer, Denver Reed, Carol Restly, Rose Restly, Sabina Restly, Shawn Restly, Cletus Robb, Lavonne Ross, Paula Saunders, Greg Seeley, Sandra Shaffer, Debbie Shippy, Ben Short, Clara Smith, Wendy Smith, Michael Stefanik, Tommy Stiffler, Pat Stoe, Gail Wade, Anna Lee & Kenny Wambaugh, Thomas Wambaugh, Aaron Weiss, Christina Whetstone, Charlotte Will, Jan & Larry Will, Karen Will, Tish Will, Scott Wilkens, Angie Wolfhope

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: \$130.36; Adults: \$1,826.00 Total: \$1,957.36

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: \$595.00

Altar Schedule – August 27th

	<u>6 pm</u>	<u>8 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
READER:	Wayne Tedley	Carissa Restly	Anthony Zanoni
MINISTER:	Deacon Thom	Deacon Thom	Deacon Thom
	Dayna Wambaugh	Joan McGreevey	
	Don Hillegass	John Werner	

SERVERS: Nathan Leonard Luke Brick Regan Lauer
Caleb Leonard Emily Brick Riley Lauer

THE CHURCH OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Parish Administrator: Fr. Aron Maghsoudi

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 23rd

Floor Workers

Eric Lauer Wayne Fochtman
Mary Grace Imgrund George Fochtman


Kitchen Crew

Lori Lewis
Mazie Caton
Joanne Seese

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 mother in today's gospel persisted, even when she was ignored and insulted. She would do whatever was necessary to bring relief to her child. Parenting is more than bringing life into the world; it is also about sacrificing daily for your children.

Queen of Angels Parish in Central City will be hosting an **All You Can Eat Breakfast** on Sunday, August 20th from 9 am – Noon at their St. John site (162 Wheeler Street). The breakfast includes scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, sausage gravy and biscuits, pancakes, French toast, donuts, toast, juice, and coffee. The price is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children ages 4-8, children under 4 are free. All are welcome - bring your appetite. Proceeds go to benefit the Rome trip and other activities for the parish religious education students.

 Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating their 1, 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, 55 and 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2017 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend Sunday, September 10 in Altoona at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, September 17 in Johnstown at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2 pm. 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, August 22nd.

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 27. Any questions, please contact Joan McGreevey at 839-4731.

There will be a Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday, August 22nd at 7:45 pm.

St. Gregory's Annual Festival – MacDonalton – Sunday, September 3, 2017
Family-style ham and turkey dinners with homemade noodles and stuffing – served 11 am -2 pm – adults \$10 – children under 12 \$5 – games, bake sale, themed baskets, refreshments – fun for all ages – come and enjoy reminiscing with family and friends in our air-conditioned hall.

Parishioners of SS. Philip & James Catholic Church, Meyersdale invite you to their Labor Day Festival in the parish hall and church grounds on Monday, September 4. A ham and turkey buffet dinner will be served from 11:30 am – 3:30 pm, with take-out meals available. Dinner tickets at the door are: Adults - \$8; Children - \$4; Under 5 - Free. Outdoor activities, rain or shine, include: youth and adult games for fun and prizes, basket raffle, musical entertainment, free bounce house and inflatable slide, funnel cakes and refreshments. Please come and enjoy the day with us.

There is a lesson, a very necessary one, for all of us. It is the necessity of perseverance in our prayers of petition. Prayer is an essential part of our Christian life, and the essential part of prayer is that of adoration and thanksgiving, but prayer of petition has a big part in our daily prayers. We have so many spiritual and temporal needs, needs which we cannot provide by ourselves. Christ himself has told us to ask Him for these needs: "ask and you shall receive."

Do we ask with the fervor and perseverance which prove that we have "great faith"? That faith is the proof which Christ needs before He grants our requests. When we turn to Christ in our needs is our faith in Him as sincere and unwavering as was the mother in today's Gospel? No doubt it often is, and yet we do not get the desired answer. As Christians we know that our particular request may not always be for our good, or for the final good of the person for whom we are praying. In that case, the good God will not grant what would be to our eternal disadvantage. But if our prayer is sincere and persevering, we shall always get an answer, and one which is better than what we asked for.

How often do we wonder at or perhaps doubt God's mercy when we see, for example, the young father of a family being taken from his loved and helpless ones, notwithstanding the prayers and tears of his wife and children. Where is God's mercy here? Where is His answer to these sincere prayers? But who are we to question God's mercy? The answer is there and often clear enough: that death brings out in his relatives and neighbors

