

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

September 10, 2017

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday	7:00 PM	NO MASS
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Jean Kudasik – Rod & Elaine Gunderson
Wednesday	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Thursday	7:00 PM	NO MASS
Friday	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Saturday	6:00 PM	Claudine Plush – Theresa & Wayne Fochtman
Sunday	8:00 AM	Michael Imgrund (b'day) – Daughters & families
	10:30 AM	Buddy Hankinson – Don & Carol Hillegass

Sanctuary Candle – For Peace

PRAYER LIST: Barbara Allison, Chester Berkey, Fred Bittner, Janey Black, Leo & Cora Bonus, Vicki Bowser, Macy Burke, 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, Barb Sarver, 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, Steve 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: \$204.00; Adults: \$2,569.00 Total: \$2,773.00

Catholic University collection: \$290.00

Altar Schedule – September 17th

READER:	<u>6 pm</u> Wayne Tedley	<u>8 am</u> Paul Balint	<u>10:30 am</u> Anthony Zanon
MINISTER:	Deacon Thom Kim Wambaugh Linda Suhrie	Deacon Thom Joan McGreevey John Werner	Deacon Thom

SERVERS:

Kennaley Heider
Desirae Heider
Joseph Zanon
Jacob Stewart

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 – September 13th

Floor Workers


Larry Hankinson Mandy Murphy
Mary Grace Imgrund Katrina Lynch

Kitchen Crew

Anita Hankinson
Missy Hankinson

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 key word in today's gospel is "listen." We cannot change another person; not alone, not with others and not with a whole Church. All we can do is state our position and "if he listens to you" then he/she can take the steps necessary to change themselves. Change comes from within.

 Our parish's Knights of Columbus are sponsoring an **ALL YOU CAN EAT SPAGHETTI DINNER** today, September 10th from 11 am – 1 pm. This dinner includes spaghetti and meatballs, salad, dinner rolls and dessert.

Adults (12 and over) \$8; Children (3-12) \$3; and those under 3 are free. MEN are invited to participate in serving this meal. This includes old men, young men and everyone in between. If you are interested come to the Hall on Sunday, September 10th at 10 am.

Tomorrow marks the sixteenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks on American soil. Many lives were lost, many were injured, and still many continue to mourn that painful September day. Take time for special prayer: participate at Mass, pray the rosary, read scripture, take time before the Blessed Sacrament and silently reflect on God's love. Ask the Blessed Mother, patroness of our country, to intercede that peace prevail among the nations and for an end to terrorism and violence. God bless our country and all the peoples of the world.

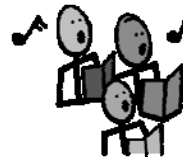
The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on Wednesday, September 13th, at 6:30 pm in the gardens at Mount Assisi (in case of inclement weather devotions will be at the Basilica

of St. Michael the Archangel). The singing will be led by the choir from Prince of Peace in Northern Cambria and the sermon will be delivered by Fr. Mark Moretti, from the Diocese of Arlington Virginia.



Congratulations to Katie Beavers and Billy Cornell who were united in marriage here at St. John's on September 2nd. May they be blessed with many years of happiness.

Sons of American Legion Post 445 will be having an All You Can Eat Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, September 24th from 8 am- 1 pm. \$8 for adults, \$4 ages 4-12, and children under 4 eat free.



The *Schola Cantorum Franciscana*, under the direction of Professor Nicholas Will, is an elite 25-voice liturgical choir comprised of Franciscan University of Steubenville students and members of the wider community. As an integral part of the university's Sacred Music Program, the *Schola* performs the best of the Church's musical patrimony primarily within its intended liturgical context. While the group's repertoire spans the breadth of the Catholic-Christian musical tradition, its specialization lies in music of the sixteenth, seventeenth, and twentieth centuries. The *Schola* sings for a monthly Missa Cantata (Extraordinary Form) at Franciscan University's Christ the King Chapel as well as numerous concerts and liturgies each semester both on campus and throughout the Tri-state region. The *Schola* has collaborated with Chatham Baroque, the Academy Chamber Orchestra, and the St. Vincent Camerata and sung for Solemn Pontifical High Masses celebrated by Raymond Cardinal Burke and Bishop Athanasius Schneider at St. Peter Church, Steubenville. This semester the *Schola* will sing for Pontifical Masses celebrated by Bishop Schneider and Donald Cardinal Wuerl, in addition to a liturgical performance of the *Requiem* by Camille Saint-Saens in November. The *Schola* recently made a recording of five-voice Renaissance polyphony with hopes of publication in the near future.

Nicholas Will is the son of Joe Will and grandson of George & Mary Will.

In today's Gospel, the weed does not destroy the wheat. It only makes it more difficult for the wheat to grow to maturity. So it is with the Christian. No one can take his faith from him, but living up to it is made more difficult by the evil influence and bad example of sinners. If some succumb to this evil influence and give up the practice of their faith, the fault is theirs. God can force no man to serve him. The patience of the farmer in letting the weed grow on until harvest time, exemplifies the infinite mercy of God toward sinners. The weed could not change its nature, but the sinner can change his ways and God gives him every chance and every help to do this, up to his last moment of life. No sinner will be excluded from heaven because of the sins he committed but because he did not repent of these sins while he had the opportunity. We must learn a double lesson of patience from this parable. First, to be patient with those who make our spiritual progress more difficult for us—they are actually helping

us to be better Christians if we bear with patience the injuries they inflict on us. Second, we must try to imitate the patience God shows in his dealings with sinners. While we must not approve of their evil deeds, or their sins, we must still look on them as our brothers and do all in our power to put them back on the right road to heaven. We can do this by good example, and by fervent prayer for their conversion. This is not easy for human nature, but we can be certain that God will give us the necessary grace and strength to subdue our natural weakness and aversion, if we try to act with charity and true brotherly interest toward our erring fellowmen.