

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

September 20, 2015

25th Sunday of Ordinary time

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Monday	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Tuesday	7:00 PM	NO MASS
Wednesday	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Thursday	7:00 PM	NO MASS
Friday	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Saturday	6:00 PM	George Engbert (b'day) – Richard & Cheryle Engbert
Sunday	8:00 AM	Ada B. Will (Anniv) – Greg & Karen Will
	10:30 AM	For the People

Sanctuary Candle – For Peace

PRAYER LIST: Barbara Allison, Debbie Baker, Fred Bittner, Janey Black, Vicki Bowser, Ed Boyer, Tom Buratty, Jim Caro, Joe & Glenna Caro, Laura Costello, Faith Custer, Brenda Davis, Judy Dronet, Beth Engle, Pat Ferko, Agnes Fleming, Paisley Goetzl, Donald Grasser, Gerald Grasser, Sr., Kelly Hartbauer, Elizabeth, Ken & Kennaley Heider, Sandra Herzog, Mike Hess, Chet Hillegass, David Hinson, Laramme Ickes, Matthew Jenkins, Harry Jones, J.T. Kline, Todd Kline, Jeanne Marie Klisiewicz, Chris Knisely, Eileen Knott, Dana LeGros, Virginia Lambert, Connie Levar, Marie Lohr, Don Lynch, Martha Marker, George Maser, Tracey Mowry, Charlene Norris, Cathy & Laird Ober, Rick Otto, Jane Palik, Louise Pekala, Denver Reed, Rose Restly, Sabina Restly, Shawn Restly, Greg Seeley, Clara Smith, Larry Smith, Tommy Stiffler, Pat Stoe, Dick Walter, Anna Lee & Kenny Wambaugh, Aaron Weiss, Christina Whetstone, Charlotte Will, Jan & Larry Will, Paul Will, Tish Will, Parke Williams, Dominick Yachere, Nancy Zeth

Last week: Loose: \$218.86; Adults: \$2,148.00 Total: \$2,366.86

ALTAR SCHEDULE - September 27th

	<u>6 pm</u>	<u>8 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
READER:	Melinda Will	Joan McGreevey	Anthony Zaroni
MINISTER:	Deacon Thom	Rita Lewis	Jennifer Nouse
	Kim Wambaugh	Alzine Hoffman	Kathleen Davies
	Linda Suhrie	Mary Grace Imgrund	Robert Davies
SERVERS:	Gabby Hoover	Dedra Hillegass	Lydia Diehl
	Graham Hoover	Brady Boburchock	Regan Lauer

BINGO WORKERS - September 23rd

<u>Floor Workers</u>	<u>Kitchen Crew</u>
Eric Lauer	Linda Little
Mary Grace Imgrund	Gavin Little
Alf Sarver	

Barb Sarver

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

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.

 **Adult Bible Study - The Bible and The Mass.** Six classes beginning Wednesday, September 23, 2015 through October 28, 2015 at 7 p.m. in Heyden Hall below the Rectory of St Thomas the Apostle Church in Bedford. Cost of the workbook is \$12.00. Please call Jeff Wright at 623-2824 or email jrw15522@gmail.com to register. Come join us!

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*Families and the Gospel...* Disagreements are common in families. But what would you say if Jesus posed the same question "What are you arguing about?" Is it silly and petty? Is it an attempt to impose your will and control on another. Today Jesus tells us and his disciples to give it up. We are meant to serve each other, not control.

 Kim and Dayna Wambaugh are requesting your help in collecting items for Moms House. These young ladies are doing this as a Service Project for their Connections I: Self and Community class through Mount Aloysius College. Lists and Collection Bins are in the back of the church. Please bring gifts by October 3. Any questions, please contact Kim or Dayna at 733-4609. Any help would greatly be appreciated. Thank You!

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The family of Ike Will would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, words of kindness, flowers and food they received following his death.

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*Next weekend, all parishes in the diocese will take up a special collection to support our diocesan priests' medical and retirement needs. Donations will help subsidize my medical care as well as the medical and living expenses of our senior priests. Once a priest achieves senior status, he no longer can depend upon a parish for basic needs even though he continues to celebrate Masses and perform other pastoral ministries. Your generous support allows the diocese provide modest stipends to our senior priests while keeping increases in the parish's assessment for priests' medical care and retirement needs to a minimum. Thank you!*

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fyi, In the context of the Jubilee Year of Mercy which begins December 8, 2015, Pope Francis has made recent remarks concerning absolution from the sin of abortion. By authorizing all priests throughout the world, Pope Francis is reminding everyone of the grave nature of the sin of abortion, while underscoring the importance of the sacrament of Reconciliation through which a person with a contrite and repentant heart may encounter the rich mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ. Since 1983, priests in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown have been authorized to absolve from the sin of abortion, which means there is no need to wait for the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Anyone

who is burdened by or has questions about the sin of abortion or other serious matters is encouraged to seek the help of any priest in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.



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My family and I would like to thank everyone for the love, prayers and support given to us after the fire at our home. Your kindness and generosity is gratefully appreciated. God bless you all!  
*Lori Benning & Family*

**Notes from Fr. Rich**

- **CCD:** Classes will begin this Sunday, September 20 - from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. for grades K-11. I ask all teachers, children and parents to come to the Church after 8 a.m. Mass where pre-class instructions will be given by me. The children will receive a schedule for the classes for the year on the first day of classes.
- **Adult Education:** I will also once again be teaching an **adult education class** in the retreat house dining room at the same time. It will not be every week, but most weeks. The weeks I am not teaching adult education I will be visiting the CCD classrooms and also offering the children the opportunity to go to Confession from time to time. I will put the adult education schedule from week to week in my column here. All adults of the parish are welcome to attend. We will continue going through the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. This year we will be going through Part Two on the seven Sacraments of the Church. It is a great opportunity to grow in the knowledge of the Catholic faith. Please try to attend as often as possible. **We will have adult education class on this Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, after I send the students to their classrooms from the Church as well as next Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Annual Priesthood Retreat:** As required by canon law, I will be away this week on my annual priesthood retreat. If there are any emergency sick calls please call **Fr. Dusza at St. Thomas in Bedford: 623-5526**. Please pray I have a good retreat, as I will pray for all of you as well this week.
- **RCIA:** If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming Catholic or already is baptized Catholic but needs to finish his or her initiation (1<sup>st</sup> Communion and/or Confirmation) into the Catholic Church, please get in touch with me this month, so I can begin to plan out things if I need to offer some classes or do some one on one instruction leading up to Easter 2015.
- **EWTN program guides:** The new autumn program guides for the Catholic channel EWTN are on the bulletin table. Please take one. Also check out [www.EWTN.com](http://www.EWTN.com) for the latest on Pope Francis's visit to the United States this coming week. Please pray that the Pope's apostolic visit to the United States from Tuesday, September 22 – Sunday, September 27 will be a great blessing for our Church and Nation.

- **A favorite prayer of Pope Francis** – To honor his visit to the US, please pray daily this beautiful prayer to Our Blessed Mother Mary, under her title: “Mary, Undoer of Knots”: *“Mary, undoer of knots, pray for us, through your grace, your intercession, and your example, deliver us from all evil, Our Lady, and untie the knots that prevent us from being united with God, so that we, free from sin and error, may find Him in all things, may have our hearts placed in Him, and may serve Him always in our brothers and sisters. Amen”*. Have a blessed week. 😊