MASSES FOR THE WEEK

September 24, 2017 — 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday	7:00 PM	NO MASS
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Myra Albright – Brittany Grove
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
Sunday	8:00 AM	Leo Hankinson – Leo & Linda Suhrie
	10:30 AM	Gerald Grasser – Larry & Anita Hankinson & Family

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, 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, Toni Webb, 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: $130.00; Adults: $2,592.00 Total: $2,722.00

BINGO WORKERS – September 27th

Floor Workers		Kitchen Crew
Larry Hankinson	John Lynch	Gavin Little
Mary Grace Imgrund	Katrina Lynch	Linda Little

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

Thank you

The Sisters of the Carmelite Community of the Word thanks you for your generous response to their request for supplies for Haiti. Your participation is greatly appreciated. Your gifts combined with others will be shipped on October 6.

THE CHURCH OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Parish Administrator: Fr. Aron Maghsoudi

Hall Reservations: Melinda Will (733-0029)

Mass Schedule:

Tues.: 7:00 PM
Sunday: 6:00 PM (Vigil)
8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Parish Website: www.newbaltimorecatholic.com

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

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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.

Altar Schedule – October 1st

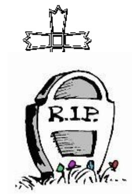
	6 pm	8 am	10:30 am
READER:	Kim Wambaugh	Paul Balint	Kris Engleka
MINISTER:	Deacon Thom	Deacon Thom	Deacon Thom
	Linda Suhrie	Rita Lewis	
	Wayne Tedley	Alzine Hoffman	
SERVERS:		Brady Boburchock	Jacob Stewart
		Haylee Speicher	Maria Engleka

Sons of American Legion Post 445 (419 Meadow Street, Berlin) 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.

TRIDUUM OF ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS will take place at 7PM on Tues.-Wed.-Thurs., Sept. 26-28. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at Thurs. Mass. Those who are "up in years" or troubled by serious or chronic illness are encouraged to share in the physical and spiritual consolations the sacrament provides.

On Saturday October 7th The *Schola Cantorum Franciscana*, will sing at the 6 pm Mass. Under the direction of Professor Nicholas Will, the *Schola* is an elite 20-voice liturgical choir comprised of Franciscan University of Steubenville students. 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 musical tradition, its specialization lies in music of the sixteenth, seventeenth, and twentieth centuries. 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-Saëns 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.



As per our Cemetery By-laws all summer decorations and flowers are to be removed from the cemetery by October 16th. The flags will remain on the graves until after Veteran's Day.

Fr. Aron will be celebrating Mass here at St. John's on Saturday September 30th, Sunday October 1st and Saturday October 7th.

All surveys are to be turned in by next weekend. **<u>There will be a meeting on Saturday October 7th at 7:30 pm in the parish hall to go over the results of the survey. All parishioners are welcome.</u>**

CCD students – all forms for the hike are to be turned in this weekend.

Next weekend, all parishes in our 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 depends upon a parish for basic needs even though he continues to celebrate masses and perform other pastoral ministries. Your generous support allows the diocese to 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!

On Sundays in Ordinary Time, the Old Testament lights up the Gospel: "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD". Then Jesus 'parable presents the exact opposite of any reasonable employment contract, any respectable definition of "justice."

Instead, how utterly prodigal God's goodness toward us, how unmerited God's gifts. For Jesus' parable challenges our usual definitions of success: to be healthy, wealthy, and wise; to acquire possessions, educational and professional accomplishments, athletic awards, other forms of achievement, status, prestige; to classify others as "better off," "worse off," or "about the same." Such comparisons lead to arrogance or prompt envy, both reactions incompatible with membership in God's kingdom. What ignited anger in the parable was the landowner making "latecomers" equal to the "all-day crew."

For us the “latecomers” may be non-practicing parishioners, non-believers, or notorious sinners welcomed back with “last rites” at “the eleventh hour.” Often, among “devout” disciples, such miracles of grace prompt not thankful prayers but righteous (jealous) indignation that those “last in” should be treated as “equal to us.” Like the prodigal son’s elder brother: “For years I have slaved for you!” How different if we, like Paul, believed that “life is Christ”. Our standing – first, last – would be utterly irrelevant. To share life, to share Christ with any fellow-worker at whatever hour would be sheer joy. On the other hand, the parable proposes a secondary, salutary moral: The problem with eleventh-hour conversions is that Death sometimes arrives at 10:30!

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BIRTHRIGHT BASKET PARTY – Birthright will hold a basket party at Ace’s Lounge on Chestnut Street in Johnstown on Sunday, October 15th from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM. The drawing will take place at 1:00 PM. An admission price of $10 includes spaghetti dinner and 25 basket chances (over 100 baskets will be featured at the event). Call Mary Kay at 535-8231 for tickets. Advance sale only. All proceeds benefit Birthright’s pro-life work!