MASSES FOR THE WEEK

January 12, 2014 Baptism of the Lord Sunday

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Monday	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Catherine T. Garland (Anniv) –Husband & Son
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Dorma Raupach (Anniv) – Mary Jane Smith (Meadowview Nursing Home)
Thursday	6:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration
	7:00 PM	Vera (Straub) Restly (Anniv) – Roy & Annlee Costello
Friday	8:00 AM	Philip Darbyshire – Joann Darbyshire
Saturday	6:00 PM	For the People
Sunday	8:00 AM	Irene & Raymond McGreevey -- Family
	10:30 AM	Manfred & Vera Glessner (Anniv) – Son & Daughters

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Sanctuary Candle – For Peace

St. Peregrine – For Those in Need

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PRAYER LIST: Barbara Allison, Larry Benning, Janey Black, Joe Bomblosky, Vicki Bowser, Susan & Veryl Callihan, Steve Calvert, Mary Beth Campitelli, Soren Cooper, Margie Coughenour, Brenda Davis, Brad Diehl, Judy Dronet, Tara Dively, Karen Duddy, Heather Everhart, Joyce Felix, Agnes Fleming, Paul Fochtman, Susan Gault, Nancy Glotfelty, Paisley Goetzl, Donald Grasser, Lorraine Gregg, Elizabeth & Ken Heider, Kathy Henderson, Sandra Herzing, Mike Hess, Chet Hillegass, David Hinson, Lance Hupkavich, Matthew Jenkins, Charlie Johnson, Jeanne Marie Klisiewicz, Brad Koontz, Darren Leydig, Don Lynch, Janet Lynch, Alan MacDonald, Jim Maddy, George Maser, Lee McVicker, Sam McVicker, Terry Metivier, Mike Montreal, Charlene Norris, Cathy & Laird Ober, Rick Otto, Jane Palik, Jim Restly, Sabina Restly, Lauretta Jones-Rieker, Deb Ritchey, Carl Robb, Jim and Diane Ryan, Sidney Savage, Greg Seeley, Jerry Smith, Larry Smith, Donald Snyder, Maureen Speicher, Tommy Stiffler, Pat Stoe, Ann L. Wambaugh, Michael W. Wambaugh, Polly Wambaugh, Aaron Weiss, Tom Werner , Christina Whetstone, Charlotte Will, Jan & Larry Will, Joe Will, Paul Will, Clarence Zearfoss

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

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Last Sunday: Loose: $325.00; Adults: $3,068.00 Total: $3,393.00

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January 19th – Altar Schedule

	6:00 pm	8:00 am	10:30 am
READER:	Melinda Will	Barbara Kane	Anthony Zanoni
MINISTERS:	Linda Suhrie	John Werner	Deacon Thom
SERVERS:	Gabby Hoover	Taylor Easter	Isabella Zanoni
	Graham Hoover	Shannon Easter	Joseph Zanoni
		Dedra Hillegass	Brady Miller

During the winter cold and flu season we will not be giving out the Chalice at Mass.

THE CHURCH OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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

Parish Council President: Bob Arenth

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

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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.

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Thank you to all who donated to our Advent Hat & Mitten Tree. These gifts have been given to the Bedford Head Start and the Women's Help Center in Somerset. There were: 39 hats, 29 hat & glove sets, 6 hat, scarf & glove sets, 3 hat & scarf sets, 75 mittens & gloves. There were 17 scarves and 9 hat & scarf sets that were hand knitted or crocheted. We also received 15 pairs of socks, 1 winter hooded coat (6X), 1 football, 1 doll and a gift card.

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The Supreme Court decision (Roe versus Wade) condoning abortion was handed down on January 22, 1973. Every January since 1973 citizens supporting the sanctity of life have gathered to march in protest of the misguided decision. St. Peter's Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a bus to the Pro-Life March on Wed., Jan. 22. The trip is open to all. Please arrive by 5:45AM. The bus leaves the hall parking lot at 6 AM. Cost is $10. Call St. Peter's Rectory at 445-6574 as soon as possible to register so we can have a final count. Anyone under the age of 18 must bring a parental permission slip to the rectory before January 21. Bedford County Citizens Concerned for Human Life is also sponsoring a bus. It will leave from the Wal-Mart parking lot at 9 am. The cost is $15 for adults and $8 for students. Call 624-0140 to reserve your seat. Join marchers from all over America in witnessing to the sacredness of human life.

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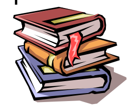
St. Peter School Announces its 2014-2015 Open House and Registration

In celebration of National Catholic Schools Week, ***St. Peter School in Somerset will be hosting an Open House from 6:30 – 8:00 pm on Monday, January 27th.*** All are invited to come and tour the school, meet the teachers and talk with other families about St. Peter School. This year's Catholic Schools Week theme is "Joining Hands at St. Peter School to Build the Kingdom of God." The students and staff will be focusing on how we join our hands and hearts in faith to build better communities of faith, academics and service. For over 50 years, St. Peter School has been assisting students to encounter Christ through the pursuit of academic excellence, social consciousness, emotional growth, religious formation, and physical development- all within a caring community. Our students are challenged to grow in mind and spirit with an awareness of their role in the world to serve others in prayer and action. Truly setting their sights on the endless opportunities they have to grow and change the world around them.

St. Peter School is located at 433 West Church Street in Somerset and offers grades K-6. The school's current enrollment is 178 students and is staffed by 7 fully certified teachers, a religion/phys-ed teacher, a music teacher, a Title I Teacher and Act 89 Specialist and various support and administrative staff. Transportation is provided by local school districts within a certain distance from St. Peter School. Openings are available in all grades and tuition assistance is available to families who qualify through the Second Century Scholarship Fund. ***Applications for Scholarship aid for the 2014-2015 school year are due by March 15, 2014.*** **Registration for the 2014-2015 school year will be held at the school beginning Monday, January 27th, that evening at the Open House and through February 21st.** If you are unable to attend the Open House, please call the school to arrange a visit.

Consider joining hands with St. Peter School and Catholic Education and watch the endless possibilities in faith, service and academic success open up to your child!



LIBRARY NOTES: A good new year's resolution - read more. Read about the saints (they had fascinating lives). Read about prayer (the whys and wherefores). Read about life issues (family, suffering, end of life). Read about beauty (in books of poetry). Read about God's word to us (in bibles and commentaries). Read history, good fiction, and great authors. What a treasure trove you have in your parish library. Make 2014 the year of enrichment through books. Check it out in the church basement.

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Notes from Fr. Rich

- The beautiful Christmas decorations will go down this week in the Church for another year. I keep the poinsettias up at the Altar and Tabernacle until they don't look nice. As they go, we will place them in the back of the Church in case anyone wants to take them and plant them at home.

- In the adult education class from 9:15- 10:15 am on Sundays in the retreat center dining room we are covering the Creed section in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. I invite all the adults of the parish to come to learn more about your Catholic faith. The classes are held in the retreat center dining hall.

- Details on the annual March for Life are elsewhere in the bulletin. Remember to pray daily for the protection and greater respect for the gift of human life from the moment of conception to natural death.

- Please remember the protocol for the Confessional in the Church now - if someone is confessing the bright white light above the glass cross will be on - if the light is not on that means you are free to come in to make your Confession. Also as I mentioned before if anyone needs to go to Confession after the weekend Masses just ask me after Mass. Finally it was a decent turnout for the Confession time on Tuesdays in Advent before evening Mass in the Chapel, so I will offer that time again during Lent.

- I would encourage everyone during the winter months to not go up or down the front steps of the Church, but to come in and go out the basement entrance. It is a little farther walk for those who park in the side parking lot, but it is safer in the bad weather. And we also have the problem in the winter when it gets a little warmer on some days that the pigeons sit up on the steeple and it just so happens it is above the top step and … it is hard to keep clean and then that is tracked in the back of the Church. So please try to use the basement entrance in the winter both for safety and for cleanliness.☺ Thanks.

- Thoughts from the saints – on holiness- “*Blessed are they who ardently crave sanctity, for their desire will be fulfilled.”* (St. Vincent). Have a blessed week.☺

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2014 offertory envelopes can be picked up in the basement