

MASSES FOR THE WEEK March 22, 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Laetare Sunday)

*Masses and Mass Intentions will be prayed by the Pastor (privately) daily and Sunday per directives of the Bishop and Diocese.

Monday 8:00 AM Carolyn Doric
By: Connie & Pat Will

Tuesday 7:00 PM Sandra Little (Anniv)
By: Dick & Alzine Hoffman

Wednesday 8:00 AM Anna Burkett
By: Ann MacDonald & Greg Olzack

Thursday 8:00 AM Maureen Speicher
By: Tommy & Linda Stiffler

Friday 8:00 AM Tom Connor (Anniv)
By: The Restly Family Reunion

Saturday 6:00 PM Fannie Leonardis
By: Patti & Ron Hankinson Family

Sunday 8:00 AM Marie Hankinson (Anniv)
By: Family

Sunday 10:30 AM For The People

Sanctuary Candle: For Peace
St. Peregrine Candle: For All Parishioners Who Have Been Affected By Cancer



PRAYER LIST

Barbara Allison, Cindy Bearer, Janey Black, Ed Boyer, John Brenner, Mark Bruck, Carol Burcaw Macy Burke, Jonah Burket, Doug Burkett, Kara Bussard, Michael Castillo, Mary Caton, Martha Cessna, Randy Clites, Janis Cooper, Dora Mae Cornell, Laura Costello, Andrew Davenport, Sara Davenport, Rosa Davis, Gary Dietz, Joyce Dively, Jack Drenning, Judy Dronet, Virgie Dronet, Joel Easter, Lisa Easter, Gertie Fleming, Tabitha Flick, Harry Fochtman, Myrna Fries, Fran Galloway, Harry Gillum, Paisley Goetzl, Donald Grasser, Helen Greenway, Grayson Gumbert, Sam Hall, Mary Hankinson, Phyllis Harris, Elizabeth, Ken & Kennaley Heider, Bill Hengst, Sandra Herzing, George Hickey, Thelma Hillegass, David Hinson, Amy Jo Hoffman, Joyce Hollen, Phillip Hopkins, Susan Johnston, Fr. Robert Kaylor, Debra Keller, Todd Kline, Judy Krupper, Betty Lafferty, Teresa Lamens, Tim Landis, Kelly Legarski, Bruce Leonard, Gordon Leppert, Don Lynch, John Lynch, Debbie Mack, Martha Marker, George Maser, Beth Mayfield, Declan McCahan, Linda McCahan, Sam McVicker, Shirley McVicker, Virginia Meslovich, Terry Metevier, Mary Meyers, Erica Miller, Ray & June Miller, Cathy Mock, Mike Montreal, Reed Morgan, Tracey Mowry, Ashley Nail, Eugene Nickelow, Charlene Norris, Laird & Cathy Ober, Fr. Clyde Ozminkowski, Michael Price, Rose Restly, Sabina Restly, Cindy Robb, Ian Rosenbaum, Barb Sarver, Paula Saunders, Greg Seeley, Richard Seese, Jr., Jordon Seville, Jay Shaffer, Rodney Shaffer, Sandra Shaffer, Daniel Smith, Nickole Smith, Tommy Stiffler, Pat Stoe, Gail Wade, Anna Lee Wambaugh, Thomas Wambaugh, Sonya Webb, Aaron Weiss, Bonnie Welsh, Mereada Werner, Christina Whetstone, Charlotte Will, Jan & Larry Will, Karen Will, Tish Will, Scott Wilkens, Angie Wolfhope, Ron Wolfhope, Steve Wolfhope, Edward & Peggy 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.

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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Fr. Marino Msigala OFMcap-	In residence-Administrator of Immaculate Conception, Dudley

Mass Schedule:

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri: 8:00 AM
Tues: 7:00 PM
Sat: 6:00 PM (Vigil)
Sun: 8:00 AM
Sun: 10:30 AM

Secretary Office Hours

Mon, Wed, Fri 8:00 AM-1:00 PM
Thurs 8:00 AM- 3:00 PM

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

Sacramental Emergencies:

724-272-5474



St. John's News & Upcoming Events:

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday):

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is known as Laetare Sunday. *Laetare* means "rejoice" and the Church expresses hope and joy in the middle of our penitential Lenten practices. Rose is the color of rejoicing, so we briefly change the liturgical color, using rose-colored vestments and paraments. This is also the midpoint of our Lenten season. As we reach this milestone, reflect on the spiritual goals you set at the beginning of the season. How are you fulfilling them?

Our Lenten Fish Fry's for 2020 have been canceled until further notice due to coronavirus precautions per the Altoona-Johnstown diocesan guidelines. We will keep you informed if we are able to reschedule them.

Our Annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfasts that were to be held on March 15th March 22nd & March 29th have been canceled until further notice due to coronavirus precautions per the Altoona-Johnstown diocesan guidelines. We will keep you informed if we are able to reschedule them.

COVID-19 DIRECTIVES Effective 3-17-20

Currently:

- **No Public Daily Mass**
- **No Public weekend Sunday Mass**
 - Masses and Mass Intentions will be prayed by the Pastor (privately) daily and Sunday per directives of the Bishop and Diocese.
 - Please note that you can continue to give in the weekly offertory by mail or by placing it in the black mailbox outside the office.

Currently:

- **Our penance service is canceled March 22.**

Confessions can be heard by individual appointment by calling Fr. Mark at the emergency contact number found on the bulletin or by looking it up on the Parish Website.

- **No Stations Of The Cross**

You can read in detail the COVID-19 Category on the Parish Website for the complete Memorandum set forth by Bishop Mark

Those wishing to donate money for Easter flowers can do so but please keep in mind that we will have to keep the donations until the following year due to the Coronavirus this year.

It's that time of year again to start thinking of the Fourth of July Raffle. The Fourth of July will be here before we know it. I am welcoming the usual gift cards and cash donations, but also any prize items. Perhaps something you have made or something of interest that would make our raffle extra special. I know all of you might have something in mind or something new that hasn't been done before. Donations are not needed right away, but I would appreciate it if you would please call me with your donation, so I can start making the list for the raffle ticket. Please call Susan Fochtman at 814-733-4794 or 814-977-7884 with any donations or questions. If your call is not answered please let a message. Everyone involved with the raffle, including myself, are hopeful all of our parishioners will help make the Fourth of July Raffle a success.

Resources for Prayer and Engagement during Coronavirus:

The severity of the situation has forced our leaders to make significant changes in our daily lives including suspending publicly celebrated Masses. Recognizing these changes likely leave us even more in need of God's grace. We must encourage each other, take care of each other, pray for each other and stay connected to our faith during this time of social distancing.

Online Masses and Adoration:

- Vatican News Live Streaming Pope Francis' Masses
- Catholic TV Mass
- Televised Mass From St. John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown every Sunday live at 11:00 AM on WATM ABC 23 or the rebroadcast every Sunday at 9:00 PM on Atlantic Broadband Channel 9. The Sunday Liturgy will also be posted on the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Facebook Page
- Catholic Faith Network Masses
- The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
- University of Notre Dame Masses
- St. Patrick's Cathedral New York
- **Adorecast** -Live Perpetual Adorations
- San Fernando Cathedral San Antonio- Mass In Spanish
- The Face of Prayer (with Bp. Frank Caggiano)
- Word on Fire Daily Masses

Spiritual Tips & Ideas:

- Family rosary at home for Coronavirus Victims
- Praying the divine mercy chaplet for an end to the pandemic
- Read the daily readings
- Live-stream the Mass (many places are offering this)
- Pray the Divine Office as a family
- Use social Media to share how your family or community is praying
- Host a video-live stream for members of your parish to pray the rosary.
- Take time on Fridays to pray the Stations of the Cross on your own, connecting your struggles with isolation with Jesus' solitude in carrying his cross to Calvary.
- Watch a movie about the life of Christ and spend time reflecting on this image of Jesus and what it can teach you about your faith and your life.
- For additional resources or information visit the following websites:
<https://www.ewtn.com/>
<https://catholiccurrent.org>

Reach out!

- Call or email (or socially network with your parents and grandparents, relatives, and any friends who may feel isolated, living alone, or who may be susceptible to the Coronavirus to provide a kind word, to see what help they need, or to provide your love and support in these challenging days
- Offer to get groceries or other necessities for those who cannot go out.
- Check on friends who live alone to see if they need anything.
- Have compassion for those most at risk and advocate for vulnerable populations in society (the elderly, those in poverty, homeless persons, and persons with disabilities, and those already sick or hospitalized, those with compromised immune systems, among others).

Mass Readings for the Week

Monday: **Optional Memorial of St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop**
Isaiah 65:17-21/PS 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/
John 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12/PS 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/John 5:1-16

Wednesday: **Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord**
Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10 and Hebrews 10:4-10/PS 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10-11/
Luke 1:26-38

Thursday: Exodus 32:7-14/PS 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 (R./4a)/John 5:31-47

Friday: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22/PS 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/
John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jeremiah 11:18-20/PS 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/John 7:40-53

Sunday: Ezekiel 37:12-14/PS 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Romans 8:8-11/
John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

An Act of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

COVID-19: A Prayer of Solidarity:

For all who have contracted coronavirus, We pray for care and healing. For those who are particularly vulnerable, We pray for safety and protection. For all who experience fear or anxiety, We pray for peace of mind and spirit. For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety, We pray for policies that recognize their plight. For those who do not have adequate health insurance, We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone. For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status, We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all. For our brothers and sisters around the world, We pray for shared solidarity. For public officials and decision makers, We pray for wisdom and guidance. Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort, and love to all. Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing.
Be with us, Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer For Coronavirus Victims

Let us pray for the intercession of St. Rosalie on behalf of the victims of the Coronavirus. May the afflicted find healing and comfort during their suffering. **Amen**

A Coronavirus Prayer For Healthcare Workers

Come Holy Spirit and watch over those caring for the victims of the Coronavirus. We offer prayers for their protection as they help the afflicted find healing and comfort during their suffering. **Amen**

A Family Perspective

Failure to forgive blinds us to another's goodness. Lent provides an opportunity to wash away our blind-spots in the pool of forgiveness. Listen to Jesus in today's gospel: "Go wash and see."

Stewardship Reflection

The curing of the Blind Man gave hope to the community that they were deserving of God's love no matter what their circumstance. Reflect on the words of Pope Francis this week, "To protect creation, to protect every man and every woman, to look upon them with tenderness and love, is to open up a horizon of hope; it is to let a shaft of light break through the heavy clouds; it is to bring warmth of hope!"

"The Rosary is THE weapon for these times" -St. Padre Pio