

MASSES FOR THE WEEK November 29, 2020

First Sunday of Advent

Monday 8:00 AM: Deceased Members of Fleming and Hillegass Families
By: Estate of Theresa Ruby Armstrong

Tuesday 7:00 PM: Mark and Vera Restly
By: Dick & Alzine Hoffman

Wednesday 8:00 AM: Naomi Wolfhope
By: Joe & Jean Loschiavo

Thursday 8:00 AM: Mary Grace Stiffler
By: Jamie & Tina Osyravich

Friday 8:00 AM: Carol Restly
By: Joe & Cathy Smith

Friday 7:00 PM: Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday 5:00 PM: Confessions in Chapel

Saturday 6:00 PM Second Sunday of Advent: Mary Louise Bittlebrun (B'day)
By: Pat, JoAnn, Justyna & Jeremy Bittlebrun

Sunday 8:00 AM: Second Sunday of Advent: Maureen Speicher
By: The Taliaferro's

Sunday 10:30 AM: Second Sunday of Advent: For The People

Sunday 12:00 PM: Distribution of Holy Communion retreat
center entrance, under portico

Sanctuary Candle: Safety and Healing from the Coronavirus
St. Peregrine Candle:



PRAYER LIST

Janey Black, Ed Boyer, John Brenner, Denny Bowser, Mark Bruck, Carol Burcaw, Macy Burke, Jonah Burket, Doug Burkett, Kara Bussard, Dorothy Catena, Mary Caton, Martha Cessna, Randy Clites, Janis Cooper, Cecelia Croop, Dora Mae Cornell, Hunter Cornell, Laura Costello, Andrew Davenport, Sara Davenport, Rosa Davis, Thomas DeArmitt, Patricia Debiase, Gary Dietz, Joyce Dively, Jack Drenning, Judy Dronet, Virgie Dronet, Joel Easter, Lisa Easter, Gertie Fleming, Tabitha Flick, Bradley Fochtman, Harry Fochtman, Wayne Fochtman, Myrna Fries, Fran Galloway, Harry Gillum, Paisley Goetzl, Donald Grasser, Helen Greenway, Kelsey Grove, Grayson Gumbert, Sam Hall, Mary Hankinson, Phyllis Harris, Elizabeth, Ken & Kennaley Heider, Sandra Herzing, George Hickey, Mary Ann Hillegas, Missy Hillegass, Tara Hillegass, Thelma Hillegass, David Hinson, Amy Jo Hoffman, Phillip Hopkins, Fr. Robert Kaylor, Debra Keller, Todd Kline, Betty Lafferty, Teresa Lamens, Tim Landis, Kelly Legarski, Brenda Leister, Bruce Leonard, Gordon Leppert, Don Lynch, John Lynch, Martha Marker, George Maser, Ed May, Mark Mayfield, Declan McCahan, Linda McCahan, Sam McVicker, Shirley McVicker, Virginia Meslovich, Betty Meslovich, Terry Metevier, Mary Meyers, Erica Miller, Ray & June Miller, Cathy Mock, Mike Montreal, Reed Morgan, Tracey Mowry, Bob Murphy Bonnie Murphy, Ashley Nail, Eugene Nickelow, Charlene Norris, Laird & Cathy Ober, Fr. Clyde Ozminkowski, Michael Price, Richard Rembold, James E. Restly, Rose Restly, Sabina Restly, Cindy Robb, Ian Rosenbaum, Barb Sarver, Paula Saunders, Elaine Schreiber, Greg Seeley, Tyler James Seifert, Jordon Seville, Rodney Shaffer, Sandra Shaffer, Daniel Smith, Nickole Smith, Tommy Stiffler, Pat Stoe, Jim Suhrie, Gail Wade, Anna Lee Wambaugh, Thomas Wambaugh, Tom Warren, Jr., Bonita Warrick, Sonya Webb, Aaron Weiss, Bonnie Welsh, 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.

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Fr. Stephen Shin, OFMcap-	In residence-Pastor of Ss. Philip & James, Meyersdale & St. Gregory, MacDonaldton
Fr. Marino Msigala OFMcap-	In residence-Administrator of Immaculate Conception, Dudley
Br. Stephen Wright OFMcap-	In Residence

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



Offertory

Loose: \$247.00

Adults: \$2192.00

Total: \$2439.00

Peter's Pence: \$40.00

Local Needs: \$10.00

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.

St. John's News & Upcoming Events:

First Sunday of Advent



Daily Mass: Daily Mass times have resumed in the main church

Distribution of Holy Communion:

12 Noon on Sundays at retreat center entrance under the portico

Confessions:

Confessions will be heard in our chapel on Saturdays from 5:00 PM-5:45 PM or by appointment as always.

Private Prayer:

Monday thru Friday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Saturday and Sunday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Votive Candles

If you wish to have a candle(s) lit please contact the office to arrange for this to be done and inquire about the cost. Until this pandemic is over we are happy to light them for you.

News and Upcoming Events:

The First Sunday in Advent marks the beginning of the liturgical year. It's a time of great anticipation as we await the arrival of Christ on Christmas morning. In fact, the word **Advent** comes from the Latin word *ad-venire* that means coming or arriving.

Just as in Lent, the liturgical color of Advent is purple. Both of the seasons prepare for great feast days in the Church year. The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, focus particularly on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas).

The Advent Wreath is a circular garland of evergreen branches representing eternity. Set on the branches of the Advent wreath are four candles: three purple candles and one pink candle. A more modern tradition is to place a white candle in the center of the wreath. As a whole, these candles represent the coming of the light of Christ into the world. Each week of Advent on Sunday, a particular candle is lit. Catholic tradition states that the four candles representing the four weeks of Advent, each stand for one thousand years, to total the 4,000 years from the time of Adam and Eve until the birth of the Savior. On the first Sunday of Advent, the first purple candle is lit. This candle is typically called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, primarily Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ: Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Emmanuel. This first candle represents hope or expectation in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

Extended Confessions:

Will take place on Tuesday evenings from 6:15 PM to 6:45 PM (In the Chapel). Please note there will be no Penance Service this year due to COVID-19

Advent Reflection Books:

There are free Advent Reflection books on the table in the back of the Church. Please take one!

Eucharistic Adoration:

The Capuchin Franciscan Friars invite you to Adoration of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament on **Friday December 4th from 7-7:45 pm** in the Church. Please come to adore Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament

Adult Faith Formation:

We are continuing our Adult Faith Formation by reading the book "**Eager to Love the Alternate way of Francis of Assisi**" by Richard Rohr. Rohr draws on Scripture, insights from psychology, and literary and artistic references, to weave together an understanding of the tradition as first practiced by St. Francis. Rohr shows how his own innovative theology is firmly grounded in the life and teaching of this great saint and provides a perspective on how his alternative path to the divine can deepen and enrich our spiritual lives. Richard Rohr's Eager to Love, is a deep look at the Franciscan charism. It is good read for any time of the year but especially for Advent. **A number of books have already been purchased. Please call the office to sign up and pickup your book.** A \$7.00 donation is asked to help cover the cost of the book. We are hoping to start discussing the book via a Zoom Meeting in December. Please call the office with your email address so Father can email you an invitation to the meeting. You must provide us with your email address in order to participate.

Reserve Your Pew:


Due to the current Coronavirus Pandemic, We are asking anyone who will be attending the 6:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass to please register by calling the office. We are asking you to register due to the high attendance this mass receives and the limited number of seating that is available. Please note there will also be a 10:00 PM mass on Christmas Eve and a 9:00 AM mass on Christmas Day. Please limit pew seating to only members of your household

This weekend at all the masses will be the annual blessing of hunter's. St. Hubert is the patron saint of hunters/bow hunters. Hubert was reportedly a great lover of pleasure and his chief passion was the chase, to which he devoted nearly all his time. According to the legend, Hubert was afield the morning of Good Friday (while the faithful were crowding into church) and he was participating in the chase of a deer on horseback with his famous hounds. As he was pursuing a magnificent stag, and in a clearing in the forest, the animal stopped and turned. Hubert was astounded at perceiving a crucifix suspended between its antlers, while he heard a voice from the figure of Christ say, "Hubert, unless you turn to the Lord and lead a holy life, you shall quickly fall into an abyss of Hell! Hubert dismounted immediately from his horse, fell prostrate on the ground and asked, "Lord what would you have me do?" Hubert decided to renounce all his honors, titles, and military rank. Hubert eventually became a priest and a bishop where he led many souls to Christ.



Mass Readings for the Week

- Monday: Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle**
Romans 10:9-18/PS 119:101-108, 110-111/Matthew 4:18-22
- Tuesday: Blessed Charles de Foucauld**
Isaiah 11:1-10/PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (R/cf.7)/
Luke 10:21-24
- Wednesday: Blessed Rafal Chylinski**
Isaiah 25:6-10a/PS 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Matthew 15:29-37
- Thursday: Memorial of St. Francis Xavier, Priest**
Isaiah 26:1-6/PS 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/
Matthew 7:21, 24-27 or 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23/
PS Mark 16:15
- Friday: Optional Memorial of St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church**
Isaiah 29:17-24/PS 27:1, 4, 13-14/Matthew 9:27-31 or
2 Timothy 1:13-14; 2:1-3/PS 19:10/Matthew 25:14-30 or
Matthew 25:14-23
- Saturday: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26/PS 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
(R/cf. Isaiah 30:18d)/Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8**
- Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent**
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11/PS 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (R/8)

 Christmas is the season when our Sanctuary comes alive with candles, trees, evergreens, and poinsettias. If you would like to donate to our Christmas flowers fund, please use the envelope in your packet. All monies will go towards buying flowers for the Church. If you would like to make an offering "in honor of" or "in memory of" a loved one please include that on your envelope. The names submitted by December 18th will published

Offertory Envelopes: Anyone who does not currently receive offertory envelopes and wishes to do so or has had a change of address is asked to please call the parish office by **December 7th**

FISH FOR SALE-St. John The Baptist Catholic Church has the following items available to purchase.

- 4- 12/ 8oz Bags of Breaded Shrimp (Approx 21 PCS) **\$40.00EA**
- 3- 10 lb Lightly Breaded Cod (Approx 40 PCS) **\$63.00 EA**
- 1- 3/15 lb Block Baked Cod Fillet Fish **\$235.00 CASE**
- 3- 1/15 LB Block Cod Fillet Fish (Unboxed) **\$79.00 EA**
- 1 6 LB Box of Breaded Clam Strips **\$26.00 EA**

If you are interested, please call the office at 814-733-2210 and leave a message.

Family Perspective:

Today's gospel tells us to "Be watchful". This comes natural to families. Parents are watchful of their children's health, grades, friends. Children are watchful of parental moods. Today's gospel encourages us to use this ability to see God acting in the innocence, tenderness, love and forgiveness of your family. "Be watchful", the Lord is already with you.

Hunter's Prayer:

O God, thank you for your creation, for the land that sustains us, the game that feeds us, and the hunt that blesses us. Grant us wisdom to be safe. Grant us the patience for a clean shot, so that we might be good stewards of every life you give. Amen.