

MASSES FOR THE WEEK December 13, 2020
Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

Monday 8:00 AM: Mary Grace Stiffler
By: Larry and Anita Hankinson

Tuesday 7:00 PM: Terry Davis
By: Wife and Family

Wednesday 8:00 AM: Michael Hadwen (Anniv)
By: The Restly Family Reunion

Thursday 8:00 AM: Marie Hankinson
By: K of C #11083

Friday 8:00 AM: Larry Engbert (B'day)
By: Richard and Cheryle Engbert

Saturday 5:00 PM: Confessions in Chapel

Saturday 6:00 PM: Fourth Sunday of Advent: Doodle Restly (Anniv)
By: The Restly Family Reunion

Sunday 8:00 AM: Fourth Sunday of Advent: Brian Heath
By: Greg and Karen Will

Sunday 10:30 AM: Fourth 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

Ed Boyer, John Brenner, Denny Bowser, Mark Bruck, Carol Burcaw, Macy Burke, Jonah Burket, Doug Burkett, Kara Bussard, Dorothy Catena, Mary Caton, Martha Cessna, **Sr. Celeste Ciesielka**, 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, Jenna Hankinson, Jack 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, **Sr. Linda LaMagna**, Teresa Lamens, Tim Landis, Kelly Legarski, Brenda Leister, Bruce Leonard, Gordon Leppert, **Kenny Lowe**, 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 & Bonnie Murphy, Ashley Nail, Eugene Nickelow, Charlene Norris, Laird & Cathy Ober, Fr. Clyde Ozminkowski, Michael Price, Richard Rembold, James E. Restly, Kenneth 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, **Bob & 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.

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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: \$233.00

Adults: \$2711.40

Total: \$2944.40

Retired Fund for Religious: \$15.00

Immaculate Conception: \$528.00

Local Needs: \$187.00

Catholic Charities: \$10.00

Christmas Flowers: \$1255.00

Christmas Day: \$50.00

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:

Third (Gaudete) 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:

Third Sunday of Advent:

This Sunday we light and reflect upon the third advent candle which is rose or pink in color. Pink or rose represents joy or rejoicing and reveals a shift in the season of Advent away from repentance and toward celebration. It is named the shepherd candle or candle of joy

The **Third Sunday of Advent** is traditionally called *Gaudete Sunday*.

Gaudete is derived from the Latin word “gaudio” meaning “to rejoice or to be glad”. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.

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!

Hat and Mitten Tree:

Our Hat and Mitten Tree located in the basement of the Church will again offer us an opportunity for sharing with those who have less and who will benefit from our generosity. Please add hats and mittens to our tree through December 18th.



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

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

House for Rent:

The Capuchin friars are seeking a tenant for a house located at the Alverno retreat house near Salisbury, PA. The house is suitable for an individual or a small family. In exchange for low-priced rent, the tenant is required to provide some services for the retreat program. The tenant’s primary service is to be a security presence on the property, which is otherwise unoccupied for some days each month. The tenant’s lifestyle must be consistent with the property’s use as a Catholic retreat house and center for prayer. For information please call or email Brother Stephen at 202-706-0803 or brostevewright@outlook.com

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.

Irish Vacation Prize Raffle:

The Ireland Institute of Pittsburgh is holding an Irish Prize Vacation Raffle. The winner will receive Round-trip airfare for two, 6 nights’ accommodation and car rental for 1 week. A Donation of \$20.00 will get you seven chances to win! The winning ticket is based on PA Lottery Big Four, to be drawn on the evening of December 25, 2020. To purchase tickets please call Suzanne Heller at 814-267-4288. Cash or Check made payable to “Ireland Institute of Pittsburgh.” Prize Subject to availability of dates- allow three weeks for booking.

Offertory envelopes and 2021 calendars are available in the church basement.

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.

Mass Readings for the Week

Monday: Memorial of St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a/PS 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/
Matthew 21:23-27/1 Corinthians 2:1-10a/PS 37:30a/
Luke 14:25-33

Tuesday: Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13/PS 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23
Matthew 21:28-32

Wednesday: Isaiah 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/PS 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14
(R./Isaiah 45:8)/ Luke 7:18b-23

Thursday: Pope Francis’s 84th Birthday
Genesis 49:2, 8-10/PS 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 (R./cf.7)/
Matthew 1:1-17

Friday: Jeremiah 23:5-8/PS 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 (R./cf.7)/
Matthew 1:18-25

Saturday: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a/PS 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 (R./cf.8)
Luke 1:5-25

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent
2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/PS 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/
Romans 16:25-27/Luke 1:26-38

Family Perspective:

Today’s gospel reports “there is one among you who you do not recognize.” It is hard to believe Christ is present in a family with crazy schedules, suppers that start too late and end too early, cars that don’t start, misunderstandings, frustrations, piles of laundry, unmatched socks and stretched food budgets. The list is endless. The words spoken at mass, “*The Lord is with you,*” are not a hope, they are a fact.

“Hope” by Maryknoll Father James Keller (1900-1977)

- Hope looks for the good in people instead of harping on the worst.
- Hope opens doors where despair closes them.
- Hope draws its power from a deep trust in God and the basic goodness of human nature.
- Hope “lights a candle” instead of “cursing the darkness.”
- Hope regards problems, small or large, as opportunities.
- Hope pushes ahead when it would be easy to quit.
- Hope is a good loser because it has the divine assurance of final victory.

**Come Lord Jesus, be our Light!
Help our lives bear good fruit.**