

MASSES FOR THE WEEK December 20, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Monday 8:00 AM: Carolyn Doric
By: Joseph Hankinson

Tuesday 7:00 PM: Fr. Clyde Ozminkowski
By: Larry & Audrey Benning

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

Thursday 8:00 AM: NO MASS

Thursday 6:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE: Claudine Plush
By: Plush Family

Thursday 10:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE: For the People

Friday 9:00 AM CHRISTMAS DAY: Fred Will (Anniv)
By: Pauline Will

Saturday 5:00 PM: Confessions in Chapel

Saturday 6:00 PM: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph :
Jim Davis (Anniv)
By: The Restly Family Reunion

Sunday 8:00 AM: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph : For the People

Sunday 10:30 AM: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph:
Tauris Davis
By: K of C#11083

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, 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, George Faidley III, 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, 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, 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: \$320.00

Adults: \$2575.00

Total: \$2895.00

Retired Fund for Religious: \$245.00

Immaculate Conception: \$40.00

Local Needs: \$25.00

Thanksgiving Food: \$30.00

Christmas Flowers: \$650.00

Christmas Day: \$140.00

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:

Fourth 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:

Fourth Sunday of Advent:

This Sunday we light and reflect upon the fourth advent candle which is purple in color. The **fourth** and last **purple candle**, often called the "**Angels Candle**," represents peace and is lit on the **fourth** Sunday of **Advent**. Our Lord is getting near as await the light Jesus will bring to the world on Christmas.

Christmas Schedule: The mass schedule for Christmas is: on **Thursday Christmas Eve at 6PM (Reservation Only!)** and **10:00 PM**, and then on **Friday Christmas Day at 9 AM**. Just a reminder there will be **no daily mass** on **Thursday December 24th**.

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 brosteviewright@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. 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.

NOW HIRING

St. John the Baptist Retreat Center is looking for someone to fill a very important position. Patti Hankinson will be retiring at the end of December after many years as our housekeeper. Anyone interested in this position please call the SJTB friary at 814-733-2210 and leave a message.

Advent Reflection...

This is the last Sunday of our preparation for Christmas, the anniversary of Christ's birth. Like Joseph, we can all feel unworthy of the honor of welcoming him into our hearts and our homes. We are indeed unworthy, not because we have little of this world's goods, but because we have so little humility, so little charity, so little faith and trust in God's goodness. Let us try to imitate Joseph and Mary, the humblest of the humble, the kindest of the kindly, and the greatest-ever believers in God's goodness and mercy. We can never hope to equal them, but we can follow them humbly, from afar.

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

Christmas Greetings from Fr. Mark:

Jesus was not born into a perfect world. Sin and darkness, injustice, poverty and sickness. The darkness is always with us. But like Jesus, the light of the world, you and I are to shine like Jesus. Shine in a dark world! Let go of fear which controls the way we respond to the darkness in our world. Let go of control, and trust that God's ways are not our ways. To let the Christ light shine, means to acknowledge that God has a plan for us. God himself broke into this dark world to give us a Son, to save us from our sins and to redeem us. We need not fear. Immanuel, God with us came into this world completely depending on others, completely helpless...no matter what darkness, sickness, injustice, corruption, and sin there is, Christians are called to be a beacon of light in the darkness. The darkness is always there. It doesn't go away. But the light of Christ has overpowered it, and with Emmanuel, God with us, so can we! The Capuchin friars at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and retreat center wish and extend to you a healthy and happy, joyful Christmas! God bless you all.

Fr. Mark Pattock

Mass Readings for the Week

- Monday: Optional Memorial of St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church**
Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a/PS 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 (R/.1a; 3a)/Luke 1:39-45/2 Timothy 4:1-5/
Matthew 5:13-19/PS 40:8a and 9a
- Tuesday:** 1 Samuel 1:24-28/ PS 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd (R/.cf.1a)/ Luke 1:46-56
- Wednesday: Optional Memorial of St. John of Kanty, Priest**
Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24/PS 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/ Luke 1:57-66
James 2:14-17/PS 112:1/Luke 6:27-38
- Thursday: Thursday Morning**
2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/PS 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/
Luke 1:67-79
- Thursday: Nativity of the Lord Christmas (Vigil)**
Isaiah 62:1-5/PS 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (R/.2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25
Matthew 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
- Thursday: Nativity of the Lord Christmas (Mass During The Night)**
Isaiah 9:1-6/PS 96:L1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (R/.Luke 2:11)/Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14
- Friday: Nativity of the Lord Christmas (Mass at Dawn)**
Isaiah 62:11-12/PS 97:1, 6, 11-12/Titus 3:4-7/Luke 2:15-20
- Friday: Nativity of the Lord Christmas (Mass During The Day)**
Isaiah 52:7-10/PS 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Hebrews 1:1-6/
John 1:1-185 or 1:1-5, 9-14
- Saturday: Feast of St. Stephen, The First Martyr**
Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59/PS 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/
Mathew 10:17-22
- Sunday: Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14/PS 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (R/.cf.1)/ Colossians 3:12-21
Colossians 3:12-17/ Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3/
PS 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (R/.7a, 8a)/
Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Families and the Gospel . . . December 20th

QUESTION: What do you call a family which began with an unmarried pregnant teen and had a twelve year old son who ran away from home and was eventually executed as a criminal?

ANSWER: HOLY! Two lessons in today's gospel: (1) No matter what is happening in your family, "The Lord is with you." (2) "Do not be afraid" for "nothing is impossible with God."

Families and the Gospel . . . December 25th

This Christmas remember your task as a parent is the same as Mary's: We must not let our doubts, fears and unfulfilled expectations get in the way of our loving ACCEPTANCE of our children.

From all the friars and staff here at St. John's we want to wish you and your family a **VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS or FELIZ NAVIDAD!**

