

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK February 21, 2021**

First Sunday of Lent

**Monday 8:00 AM:** Deceased Fleming & Hillegass Families  
By: Estate of Theresa Ruby Armstrong

**Tuesday 7:00 PM:** Januaris & Lucy Restly  
By: Dick & Alzine Hoffman

**Wednesday 8:00 AM:** Cyril Suhrie (B'day)  
By: Josephine Suhrie

**Thursday 8:00 AM:** Helen Sadowski  
By: Irma Plush & Kay Boyer

**Friday 8:00 AM:** Claudine Plush (Anniv)  
By: The Plush Family

**Friday 7:00 PM:** Stations of the Cross

**Saturday 5:00 PM:** Confessions in Chapel

**Saturday 6:00 PM: Second Sunday of Lent:** Chet Hillegass (Anniv)  
By: Greg & Karen Will

**Sunday 8:00 AM: Second Sunday of Lent:** For The People

**Sunday 10:30 AM Second Sunday of Lent:** Edna Mae Leister  
By: Joseph & Cathy Smith

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

**Sanctuary Candle:** Peace In Our Country

**St. Peregrine Candle:**



**PRAYER LIST**

Bob Beals, Ed Boyer, John Brenner, Denny Bowser, Mark Bruck, Carol Burcaw, Macy Burke, Jonah Burket, Doug Burkett, Kara Bussard, Dorothy Catena, Martha Cessna, Randy Clites, Cecelia Croop, Dora Mae Cornell, Hunter Cornell, 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, Myrna Fries, Fran Galloway, Harry Gillum, Paisley Goetzl, Donald Grasser, Helen Greenway, Kelsey Grove, Grayson Gumbert, Sam Hall, Mary Hankinson, Ray 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, Tim Landis, Dorothy Lease, 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, **Tara Miller**, Cathy Mock, Mike Montreal, Reed Morgan, Tracey Mowry, Bob Murphy, Ashley Nail, Eugene Nickelow, Charlene Norris, Laird & Cathy Ober, Michael Price, 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, Josephine Suhrie, Gail Wade, Anna Lee Wambaugh, Thomas Wambaugh, Tom Warren, Jr., Sonya Webb, Aaron Weiss, Bonnie Welsh, Bob & Mereada Werner, John & Doris 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**

<b>Sunday Loose:</b>	\$78.00
<b>Sunday Adults:</b>	\$1898.00
<b>Sunday Total:</b>	\$1976.00
<b>Ash Wednesday:</b>	\$323.00
<b>Local Needs:</b>	\$20.00

**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 Lent

**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.

**Feast of The Chair of St. Peter The Apostle:**

This Monday (February 22<sup>nd</sup>) is the feast of the Chair of St. Peter! This feast reminds us of the significance of the ministry of St. Peter and the succession of popes who followed in his footsteps.

**The First Sunday of Lent:**

On the First Sunday of Lent, begin your journey with self-reflection and allow yourself to experience the mercy of the Lord. How will you renew your commitment to prayer, fasting and almsgiving this season?

**Lenten Resources:**

Lent looks a little different this year. Catholic Relief Services has resources to keep your family engaged, including reflections, meatless recipes and stories from around the world. To participate in CRS Rice Bowl or to obtain these useful resources please visit <https://www.crsricebowl.org/families>

**Lenten Prayer Partners:**

If you signed up to participate in our Lenten Prayer Partner Program you can draw a name from the basket in the rear of the church. That will be your Prayer Partner for all of Lent. At Easter, you can exchange a card or note with your prayer partner expressing your privilege to pray for them and revealing yourself we'll call that "Knee-mail".

**Lenten Reflection Books:**

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

**Extended Confessions:**

Will take place on Tuesday evenings from 6:15 PM to 6:45 PM (In the Chapel). Please encourage your family to come for the healing Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please note there will be no Penance Service this year due to COVID-19.



**Stations of the Cross:**

Bring the family to pray the **Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM** on Friday evenings and be strengthened during this time of lent in walking in the footprints of Jesus Christ.

**Fact of Faith- Why is Lent Forty Days?**

The Lenten season is a time of preparation for the liturgical celebration of the suffering, Death, and Resurrection of Christ. Many Catholics spend that time on the three practices of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It is also a time to participate in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. The season of Lent lasts from Ash Wednesday until the evening of Holy Thursday. If Sundays are excluded from the count, the season lasts forty days. The forty day length of Lent is rooted in biblical usage of the number forty. Forty is typically indicative of a time of testing, trial, penance, purification, and renewal. In the New Testament, forty days is the length of Jesus' time of trial in the desert in preparation for his public ministry, proclaiming the Gospel.

**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](mailto:brostevewright@outlook.com)

**NOW HIRING:**

St. John the Baptist Retreat Center is looking for someone to fill a very important position as housekeeper. Anyone interested in this position is asked to please call the SJTB friary at 814-733-2210 and leave a message.

**FISH FOR SALE:**

St. John The Baptist Catholic Church has the following item available to purchase. This item **will expire on September 8 2021**. If you are interested, please call the office at 814-733-2210 and leave a message.

- 1 3/15 lb Block Baked Cod Fillet Fish \$235.00 CASE

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM**

**SOCIAL DISTANCING IN THE CHURCH BASEMENT**

**What is Flocknote?**

Most churches can't reach their people when they need to- in between Sundays or if a person stops showing up on Sundays. Flocknote helps churches fix that with a smarter way to text message and email their members. Flocknote churches can reach all their members at a moment's notice, resulting in higher attendance, increased stewardship, and a more connected church. There's nothing else like Flocknote. Whether its short messages or long newsletters. Flocknote's the simplest way to send emails and text messages to groups- large or small. **We ask that you please be patient with us as we launch this new program and work out the bugs.**

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**Mass Readings for the Week**

**Monday: Feast of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle**

1 Peter 5:1-4/PS 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Matthew 16:13-19

**Tuesday: Optional Memorial of St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr**

Isaiah 55:10-11/PS 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Matthew 6:7-15

**Wednesday:** Jonah 3:1-10/PS 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Luke 11:29-32

**Thursday:** Esther C: 12, 14-16, 23-25/PS 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8

**Friday:** Ezekiel 18:21-28/PS 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Matthew 5:20-26

**Saturday:** Deuteronomy 26:16-19/PS 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Matthew 5:43-48

**Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent**

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/PS 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (R/9)

Romans 8:31b-34/Mark 9:2-10

**Liturgical Reflection:**

The forty days Jesus spent in the desert was a time of intense focus on his relationship with God. We can follow his lead, stripping away distractions and making ourselves more available to the Father in prayer. Make a plan for this spiritual work. Some people live in a desert-like state of existence all the time, due to poverty or physical or mental illness. What service could you commit to during your forty days?

**Family Perspective:**

Jesus cautions it is not enough to provide food for our children; "one does not live on bread alone." Let Lent 2021 be a time when you are "led by the Spirit" to explore new ways to be a moral guide to your children.

**The Message of St. Francis- A Message of Peace and Penance**

Francis was anxious to invite the whole world to repent and give it new life in Christ. So he told his companions, "Go and bring to all a message of peace and penance, that their sins may be forgiven. Be patient in trials, watchful in prayer, and never cease working. Be considerate in your speech, well-ordered in your actions and grateful to your benefactors. Remember that for all this an eternal kingdom is being made ready for you".

