

MASSES FOR THE WEEK December 03, 2023

The First Sunday Of Advent

Please note that all daily masses will be held in the chapel unless otherwise noted. In the event of a funeral mass there will be NO (8:00 AM) daily mass.

Monday 8:00 AM: NO MASS DUE TO FUNERAL

Monday 10:00AM: Funeral Mass For Mary Gardill

Tuesday 7:00 PM: Tom Wambaugh By: Harry & Diana Feather

Wednesday 8:00 AM: Delores Costello By: The Hoffman Family

Thursday 8:00 AM: Larry Benning By: Dianne & Glenn Murphy

Thursday 7:00 PM The Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary: Margaret Lynch
By: Wayne & Theresa Fochtman

Friday 8:00 AM The Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary: George Schlaghauser (Anniv) By: Pauline Will
Friday 7:00 PM The Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary: For The People

Second Sunday Of Advent:

Saturday 6:00 PM: Mary Louise Bittlebrun By: Pat, JoAnn and Family

Sunday 8:00 AM: Jim Davis (Anniv) By: The Restly Family Reunion

Sunday 10:30 AM: Larry Benning By: Paul Fochtman

Sanctuary Candle: Pat Stoe

By: George and Carol Will

St. Peregrine Candle:

Mass Readings for the Week:

- Monday:** Optional Memorial Of St. John Damascene, Priest And Doctor Of The Church
Isaiah 2:1-5/PS Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Matthew 8:5-11
2 Timothy 1:13-14, 2:1-3/PS Psalm 19:10/Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-23
- Tuesday:** Isaiah 11:1-10/PS Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (R/cf.7)/Luke 10:21-24
- Wednesday:** Optional Memorial Of St. Nicholas, Bishop
Isaiah 25:6-10a/ PS Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Matthew 15:29-37
Isaiah 6:1-8/PS Psalm 40:8a and 9a/Luke 10:1-9
- Thursday:** Memorial Of St. Ambrose Bishop and Doctor Of The Church
Isaiah 26:1-6/PS Psalm 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Matthew 7:21, 24-27
Ephesians 3:8-12/PS Psalm 89/John 10:11-16
- Friday:** Solemnity Of The Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary
Genesis 3:9-15, 20/PS Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12/Luke 1:26-38
- Saturday :** Optional Memorial Of St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26/PS Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (R/cf. Isaiah 30:18d)
Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8/ 1 Corinthians 1:26-31/Matthew 11:25-30
- Sunday:** Second Sunday Of Advent
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11/PS Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (R/.8)/ 2 Peter 3:8-14/Mark 1:1-8

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come."

St John The Baptist Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule:

Mon: 8:00 AM **Tues:** 7:00 PM

Wed - Fri: 8:00 AM **Sat:** 6:00 PM (Vigil)

Sun: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Secretary Office Hours:

Mon :8:00 AM-1:00PM

Wed :8:00 AM-1:00PM

Thurs :8:00 AM-3:00 PM

Fri :8:00AM -1:00 PM

Baptism: Arrange in advance for pre-baptismal instructions.

Confessions: Saturday 5:00 – 5:45 PM

Holy Communion:

Low Gluten hosts will be available for anyone with a low gluten tolerance. If you have a low gluten tolerance, please tell the priest before mass so a low gluten host can be placed in a pyx for you.

Matrimony: Arrange nine months in advance. Couples expected to participate in pre-marriage preparation program

Rosary: Saturday Evenings beginning at 5:25 PM

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



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. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas. 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:

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. The pink candle represents joy and hope in awaiting Jesus' birth. The light radiating from the four candles represents Christ, the Light of the World.

Blessing The Advent Wreath:

Father, today we begin our time of preparation for the birthday of your Son. We ask you to bless this wreath and help us who use this wreath to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ the Lord. Amen.

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



HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION- Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

On Friday, December 8th, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which is a **holy day of obligation**. Mass will be celebrated in the Church on Thursday December 7th at 7:00 PM and on Friday December 8th at 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM. This feast day reminds us of the importance of Mary's role in our salvation. Please come join us in honoring our Blessed Mother.

Second Collection (Retirement Fund for Religious):

Help our elders. In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. **Please give in next weekend's (December 10th) Retirement Fund for Religious Collection and use the envelope provided in this weekend's bulletin.** Thanks for your generosity!

Advent Prayer Service

All are invited to a special evening of prayer, here in the Church on **Tuesday, December 12th at 7:00 PM**. In the midst of this busy season, here is an opportunity to pause and direct our minds and hearts to the coming of Jesus Christ, our Messiah. There's no better way other to prepare your heart and mind for the coming of Jesus than to spend it in prayer! The evening will begin with mass and include liturgy of the hours, a brief homily and conclude with the recitation of the rosary in honor of that day's Feast Day which is The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Extended Confessions: During Advent Extended Confessions will take place on Tuesday evenings from 6:15 PM to 6:45 PM (Retreat Center Entrance near the Chapel).

PRAYER LIST

Abby Barnes, Debbie Brady, Fr. Mark Begly, Jane Beyer, Ed Boyer, Tonya Brown, Mark Bruck, Carol Burcaw, Macy Burke, Doug Burkett, Kara Bussard, Randy Clites, Denis Crum, Andrew Davenport, Sara Davenport, Michael Davis, Larry DeArmitt, Thomas DeArmitt, Jane Diamond, Joyce Dively, Tara Dively, Lisa Easter, George Faidley III, Tabitha Flick, Bradley Fochtman, Harry Fochtman, Myrna Fries, Debbie Foor, Carol Ann Gallagher, Jarrett Gowatty, Paisley Goetzl, Donald Grasser, Helen Greenway, Kelsey Grove, Grayson Gumbert, Pam Habinyak, Sam Hall, Ron Hagens, Eugene Hankinson, Phyllis Harris, Mary Jo Harrington, Elizabeth, Ken & Kennaley Heider, Sandra Herzing, George Hickey, Ida Mae Hillegass, Missy Hillegass, Tara Hillegass, Todd Hillegass, David Hinson, Amy Jo Hoffman, Phyllis Hoppert, Tina Hoover, Ernest Imgrund, Mary Janachovski, Pam Kach, Martha (Lewis) Kalbach, Matt Karns, David Krieie, Fr. Robert Kaylor, Todd Kline, Jerry Kochinski, Ellie May Koontz, Virginia Lambert, **Teresa Lamens**, Tim Landis, Kelly Legarski, Bruce Leonard, Linda Leonard, Carol Leppert, Gordon Leppert, Katie Lewis, Barry Leydig, Barlow Luhn, Don Lynch, John Lynch, **Jane McGregor**, Toots Maddy, Martha Marker, Justin Martin, Tim Martin, George Maser, Declan McCahan, Tony and Janet Miele, Micki McCahan, Linda McCahan, Joan McGreevey, Shirley McVicker, Virginia Meslovich, Betty Meslovich, Terry Metevier, Mary Meyers, Erica Miller, Ray & June Miller, Tara Miller, Mike Montreal, Reed Morgan, Tracey Mowry, Bonnie Murphy, Doug Murphy, Kai Musselman, John Myers, Ashley Nail, Eugene Nickelow, Charlene Norris, Laird Ober, James O'Bryon, Shannon Plush, Michael Price, Fr. Gavin Quinn, Sabina Restly, Cindy Robb, Katherine Rosenbaum, Nancy Schrock, Roberta & Steve Sontus, Barb Sarver, Paula Saunders, Shirley Sechler, Greg Seeley, Jordon Seville, Rodney Shaffer, Sandra Shaffer, Terry Shaffer, Harold Shannon, Tom Shippy, Daniel Smith, Eddie Smith, JoAnne Smith, Marie Smith, Merdith Speicher, Michelle Speicher, Margaret Ann Stevens, Tommy Stiffler, Pat Stoe, Jim Suhrie, Leo Suhrie, Toni Suhrie, Gary Tataleba, Carol Taylor, Mary Jane Thomas, Michael Valentine, Gail Wade, Anna Lee Wambaugh, Tom Warren, Jr., Aaron Weiss, Bonnie Welsh, Dee Werline, Bob & Mereada Werner, John & Doris Werner, Christina Whetstone, Logan Weyand, Charlotte Will, George Will, Jan Will, Pat Will, Tracy Williams, Larry & Alice Winegardner, Nicholas Winegardner, Angie Wolfhope, Ron Wolfhope, Steve Wolfhope, John Wolfhope, Shirley Varchetti, Fr. Allen Zeth

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.

OFFERTORY

Sunday Loose: \$813.00 Sunday Adults: \$2071.00 Total Sunday: \$2884.00 Thanksgiving: \$265.00

We're always collecting non-perishable food items for our local foodbanks. Items can be placed in the bins in the back of church.

First Sunday Of Advent - A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar:

Today's gospel tells us to "Be watchful." This comes natural to families. Parents are watchful of their children's health, grades and 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

The Pope's Prayer Intention For December:

For Persons with Disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

ASKING FOR YOUR HELP: We are Looking for old photographs of the cemeteries; especially the old cemetery, church and town. If anyone has any they are willing to let us reproduce please let us know. All originals will be returned back to their owners.



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IMPORTANT PLEASE READ - CCD RETREAT INFORMATION:

All **Diocesan Required Retreats** for our **9th, 10th and 11th grade** students will be held virtually this year. All Students are required to attend these retreats as part of the formation process for confirmation. Please review dates of the actual retreat and the deadlines to register by with the parish office.

Virtual Baptism Retreat (3 Zoom Sessions)

9th Grade or any 10th or 11th Grade Student

Sunday, Wednesday 8:00PM, Sunday 7:00 PM

January 7, 10, 14 Register at parish office no later than Friday December 17, 2023.

January 14, 17, 21 Register at parish office no later than Friday December 29, 2023.

This retreat is designed for student and an adult. Adult may be parent, Godparent, or Confirmation Sponsor.

Explore the sacrament of Baptism and the gift it is in our faith life. We will look at the gift of Baptism as the foundational sacrament of the Catholic Faith as well as the Apostle's Creed as it outlines Catholic beliefs and doctrine. There are two opportunities to choose from.

Virtual Confirmation Retreat Discipleship (5 Zoom Sessions)

11th Grade Students Only

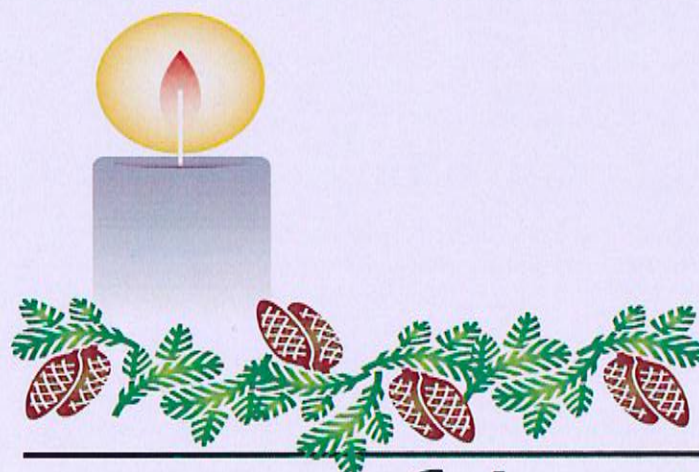
Sunday, Wednesday, Sunday Wednesday 8:00pm, Sunday 7:00 PM

February 18, 21, 25, 28, and March 4 Register at parish office no later than Friday January 29 2024

March 10, 13, 17, 20, 24 Register at parish office no later than Monday February 19 2024

Explore the role of the Disciple and the connection of Baptism and Confirmation through the reflection on the baptismal prayer of being anointed to be priest, prophet and king. Emphasis is made on the springboard of moving forward in one's faith journey of being a priest, a prophet, and a king in our church and culture today. There are three opportunities to choose from.

Final registration needs to be sent from the parish office at least **2 weeks** before retreat begins to Sr. Suzanne Thiabult. There is no cost to the student as it will be covered by the parish. All retreats are conducted via Zoom by Sr. Suzanne Thibault of Bethany Youth Retreat Center. Sr. Suzanne Thibault has been presenting youth retreats since 1986. She is best known for the ability to engage students and adults on retreat. The Virtual Retreat format includes live presentations on the Zoom Platform. Each session is 30-45 minutes in length and includes breakout rooms with small group sharing. Each session is followed with discussion and reflection work for the student and sponsor to take a deeper look into the presented material. The reflection work is returned to the presenter before the next zoom session. Make Up Sessions Must Be Arranged by the Candidate directly with Sr. Suzanne. This Virtual Retreat would be presented in as an 8-10 hour in-person retreat with large group, small group and one-on-one sharing between student and sponsor. For more information or questions please contact Sr. Suzanne at the Bethany Youth Retreat Center: Bethanyyouthcenter@gmail.com or srsuzanneth@bethanyministries.org or by phone at (814) 263-4177.



FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Diocesan News & Upcoming Events:

Stewardship Reflection For Sunday December 3, 2023 — First Sunday Of Advent:

Today we begin the beautiful and holy season of Advent. With all that we have going on this time of year, it's no wonder that Advent doesn't always seem to get the attention it deserves. But if we will commit to living this season well, we will experience a deeper conversion to Christ and find real transformation in our lives as Christian stewards. Why? Advent calls us not only to look back in grateful contemplation of Christ's first coming, but it also calls us to look forward in preparation for His Second Coming. Advent is a time to reset and regroup, to repent over any misplaced priorities, to turn our minds and hearts back to God while we still have time. We do so not out of fear or guilt, but out of gratitude for Love Incarnate lying in a manger bed. Our lives are a gift. This holy season is a gift. Let us awaken if we have grown weary or complacent, and recommit to living the stewardship way of life. Love came down to us as a Baby. And He is coming again. Be watchful!

HISTORIC CHURCH BUS TRIP – On **Saturday December 30th** All Saints Parish in Boswell will host a bus trip to visit historic churches in our region. Pick up locations include Boswell and Central City. The bus pilgrimage will visit the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady of Mt Carmel in Altoona, Queen of Peace in Patton, and Mass at the historic St. Joseph Mission Church (weather permitting) near Carrolltown. At each stop, Professor Nicholas Will will play two great organ pieces and Father Aron Maghsoudi will offer a brief tour. The price includes a meal of roast beef, mashed potatoes, stuffing, coleslaw, vegetable, Italian Wedding Soup, and homemade cream puffs. The price is \$65.00 per person. To register, please contact All Saints office, 814-629-5551. All are welcome.

HOLY NAME ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE:

All are invited to a special evening of prayer, story, and song to be held in the church on **Tuesday, December 12 at 7:00 PM**. In the midst of this busy season, here is an opportunity to pause and direct our minds and hearts to the coming of Jesus Christ, our Messiah. The service will feature music by the Adult Handbell Choir (preludes beginning at 6:45 PM) and a presentation of the cantata "Emmanuel, God with Us" by the combined Men's and Women's Choirs. Following the service, light refreshments will be served in the Narthex.

Good Shepherd Parish located at 867 Gray's Woods Boulevard, Port Matilda, PA 16870 sincerely invites you to join us as we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary who gave us our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and calls us to surrender our lives to Him. The celebration of **the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**, Patroness of the Americas, will take place on **Tuesday, December 12th**. It will begin at 4:30 with the prayer of the Holy Rosary, then at 5:00 PM the music and singing will be offered by a professional band from Washington D.C. area called "Mariachi Esmeralda". The band will also lead the congregation in singing during the mass that will begin at 5:30 PM. After the celebration of the Eucharist a reception will take place in the parish hall

MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH COOKBOOK

Reprint of the 1991 Italian & American Parish Cookbook (Over 175 pages of Italian, American, and other nationality recipes) Can be purchased for \$20.00 (Cash or Check) at the Mount Carmel Parish Office, 806 11th Street, Altoona 16602 [Monday—Friday from 9:30 am—11:30 am; 1 pm—3:30 pm] Please receive an Order Form by email, please email the Parish Office at olomcaltoona@dioceseaj.org or call Virginia Seidel at 814-943-5321

Basilica of St. Michael, Loretto, 2023 Christmas Concert:

All are invited to "A New and Glorious Morn!" A night of Christmas music performed by the Basilica Choir and the St. Michael Children's Choir. **6 PM Wednesday December 27, 2023**. Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel, Loretto, Pennsylvania

An Advent Prayer:

Father, in the wilderness of the Jordan you sent a messenger to prepare people's hearts for the coming of your Son. Help me to hear his words and repent of my sins, so that I may clearly see the way to walk, the truth to speak, and the life to live for Him, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

COME LORD JESUS!

**Hat and Mitten Tree:**

Our Hat and Mitten Tree will be located in the basement of the Church and 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 17th**.



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 you 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. **Only the names submitted by December 17th will be published.**

SJTB Christmas Fun Event and Breakfast With Santa Sign-Up:

Anyone wishing to volunteer for the Christmas event or plans to attend Breakfast with Santa on **Sunday December 17th** should sign up in the back of the church.

Christmas Eve Musicians:

Prior to the 6:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass, the choir will be singing a variety of Christmas pieces. It would be wonderful if we also had special music prior to the 10:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass. If you or someone you know would be interested in performing prior to that service, please contact Linda Gardill @ (814) 285-1366 or lgardill@comcast.net. Vocal solos, duets, trios and or instrumental numbers would be welcome.

**With Deepest Sympathy:**

We extend our sympathy to the Gardill family at the death of **Mary Gardill** who passed away on **Wednesday November 29th**. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Obituary For Mary E. (Gardill) Gardill:

Mary E. Gardill, 60, of Buffalo Mills, Pennsylvania went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at her home on Glade Pike Road. Mary was born in Bedford on December 21, 1962, daughter of the late R. Carl and Pauline (Klink) Gardill. She is survived by sister- Debra Jean Gardill, of Danville; brother- Robert Gardill, of Manns Choice; niece- Alicia Bollman, of Imler. Mary is preceded in death by brother- Richard Gardill and sister- Jerlyn Ann. Mary was a member of St. Johns the Baptist Church. She worked in the bakery at Giant Eagle for numerous years. A visitation will be held Monday, December 4, 2023, from 9-10 AM at St. John's the Baptist Church, New Baltimore. A funeral mass will be held on Monday, December 4, 2023, at 10 AM at St. John's The Baptist Church, New Baltimore with Father Mark Pattock- Celebrant. Interment will be at St. Johns Cemetery, New Baltimore. Online condolences may be expressed at <http://www.geiselfuneral.com/>. Arrangements entrusted to Mickle-Geisel Funeral Home, Schellsburg, Pennsylvania.

**"Come to me and I will give you rest."
-Matthew 11:25-30**



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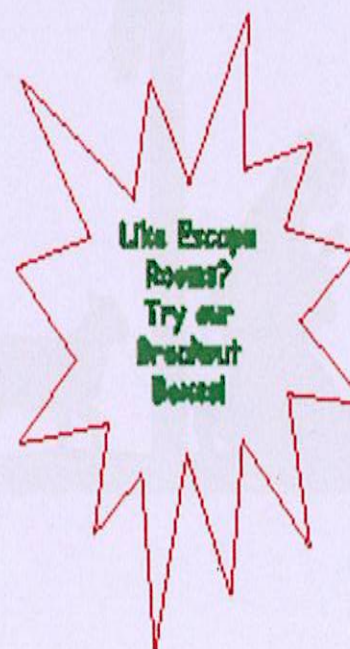


12/17/23

9:00am-12:00pm Breakfast with Santa

12:00pm-12:30pm Live Nativity

12:30-3:30 Activities and Games



Please RSVP for breakfast

Sign up in the back of church or

call/text: 814-979-2205

email: kmsivec@gmail.com

