

**MASSSES FOR THE WEEK January 14 2024**  
**Second Sunday In Ordinary Time**

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.

<u>Monday 8:00 AM:</u>	Robert Gaffron	By: Mary Jo Thalheimer
<u>Tuesday 7:00 PM:</u>	Genora Restly (Anniv)	By: The Restly Family Reunion
<u>Wednesday 8:00 AM:</u>	Gladys Hankinson (B'day)	By: Mary Hankinson
<u>Thursday 8:00 AM:</u>	The Steven Doe Family	By: Carol Hranek
<u>Friday 8:00 AM:</u>	Tom Connor (B'day)	By: The Restly Family Reunion

**Third Sunday In Ordinary Time**

<u>Saturday 6:00 PM:</u>	Phil Darbyshire (Anniv)	By: The Loving Family
<u>Sunday 8:00 AM:</u>	For The People	
<u>Sunday 10:30 AM:</u>	Raymond & Irene McGreevey	By: The McGreevey Family

Sanctuary Candle: For Peace  
St. Peregrine Candle:

**Mass Readings for the Week:**

<b>Monday:</b>	1 Samuel 15:16-23/PS Psalm 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mark 2:18-22
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>Memorial Of SS. Berard and companions, protomartyrs of Franciscan Order</b> 1 Samuel 16:1-13/PS Psalm 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mark 2:23-28
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>Memorial Of St. Anthony, Abbot</b> 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/PS Psalm 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mark 3:1-6 Ephesians 6:10-13, 18/PS Psalm 16:5/Matthew 19:16-26
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>Saint Charles of Sezze</b> 1 Samuel 18:6-9, 19:1-7/PS Psalm 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13 (R/.5b)/Mark 3:7-12
<b>Friday:</b>	1 Samuel 24:3-21/PS Psalm 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mark 3:13-19
<b>Saturday :</b>	<b>Optional Memorial Of St. Fabian, Pope And Martyr</b> <b>Optional Memorial Of St. Sebastian, Martyr</b> <b>Optional Memorial Of The Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/PS Psalm 80:2-3, 5-7 (R/.4b)/Mark 3:20-21 1 Peter 5:1-4/PS Psalm 40:8a and 9a/John 21:15-17 1 Peter 3:14-17/PS Psalm 34:5/Matthew 10:28-33
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>Third Sunday Of Ordinary Time</b> Jonah 3:1-5, 10/PS Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ 1 Corinthians 7:29-31/Mark 1:14-20

**Here am I Lord; I come to do your will**

**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:

## Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

The end of the Christmas season was marked by the Baptism of the Lord, January 8th this year, and we have now moved into the season of **Ordinary Time**. Despite its name, there is nothing inherently “ordinary” about this season of the year. The term ordinary is just used because the weeks are numbered in an ordinal way-the Third Week in Ordinary Time, the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time, and so on. **Liturgical calendars were not** always structured in this way. In the earliest days of the Church, every Sunday was treated as an Easter Sunday-there was no distinction in the season for Christmas, Lent, and Easter. While we no longer treat every Sunday as Easter Sunday, “Sunday is the pre-eminent day for the liturgical assembly. In addition to participating in the Eucharistic liturgy, in Ordinary Time, Sundays remain days that should be set aside for prayer, reflection, rest, and time with family.

**Offertory Envelopes:** The 2024 Offertory Envelopes can now be picked up in the church basement.

### 2024 Calendars:

The 2024 Calendars are **FINALLY HERE HOT OFF THE PRESS!** They are available in the basement of the church. Thank You for your patience and understanding as there was a delay at the printers.



**Anyone wishing to take a poinsettia home is welcomed to do so from the back of the Church.**



**Just A Friendly Reminder . . .** As we are still battling Coronavirus, RSV and many new respiratory illnesses and entering into the heart of cold and flu season now is a good time to remind everyone that if you are ill to please stay **HOME!** Staying home when you are ill shows concern for the other person. It is an act of Charity for our brothers and sisters to keep them safe. Watch the televised live Mass from Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. on WATM ABC 23 or the rebroadcast every Sunday at 9:00 P.M. on Atlantic Broadband channel 9.



### FISH FRY PLANNING MEETING:

Our first initial meeting about the fish fry has been scheduled for this **Wednesday January 17th at 6:30 PM in the hall.** We invite anyone interested in helping to attend the meeting as your input on this year's fish fry is greatly appreciated. Thank you!!

### Empty Egg Cartons Needed:

Harry Fochtman a parishioner is looking for empty egg carton containers and is asking the parish for our help. If anyone has any empty egg cartons they wish to give please place them in the back of the Church in the Food Pantry Bins or in the plastic bags provided. Thank You for your generosity!

### 9 Days for Life Novena:

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena, *9 Days for Life*, beginning on **Tuesday, January 16th** and concludes on **Wednesday January 24th**. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more by Signing up at [9daysforlife.com](http://9daysforlife.com)! Abbreviated versions of the novena have been placed on the table in the back of church for anyone wishing to **PRAY TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE!**



**Will you take a stand? Join us for the National March For Life in Washington, D.C. on Friday January 19, 2024. The Theme for this year is “With Every Woman, For Every Child.”** With the role of the states being more important, we are also growing a strong state march for life initiative quickly, however, we will continue to march every January at the national level until a culture of life is restored in the United States of America.

## PRAYER LIST

Abby Barnes, Debbie Brady, Cindy (Miller) Bearer, 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, 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, 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, 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:** \$636.00      **Sunday Adults:** \$1612.00      **Total Sunday:** \$2248.00

**Mary Mother Of God:** \$20.00      **Local Needs:** \$147.00

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

### Second Sunday In Ordinary Time - A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar:

Jesus' question in today's gospel is still valid today: “What are you looking for?” What do you want from your spouse, children or parents? Families are populated with imperfect people. To expect perfection is unreal. To expect and accept imperfection is wisdom

### The Pope's Prayer Intention For January:

*For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church*

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.



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**“Come, and you will see.”**



**IMPORTANT PLEASE READ - CCD RETREAT INFORMATION:**

All **Diocesan Required Retreats** for our **9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> 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 Confirmation Retreat Discipleship (5 Zoom Sessions)**

**11<sup>th</sup> 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 Thiabault. 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](mailto:Bethanyyouthcenter@gmail.com) or [srsuzanneth@bethanyministries.org](mailto:srsuzanneth@bethanyministries.org) or by phone at (814) 263-4177.



**FAMILY EVENT- SNOW TUBING AT BLUE KNOB SKI RESORT:**

Please join us for a day of snowtubing on **Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Blue Knob Ski Resort in Claysburg, PA.** This is open to the students of our religious education program and their families and friends. Minimum age for snowtubing is 5 years old. Ages 5-9 must be under adult supervision and able to ride in a tube by themselves. **The cost is \$22.00 per person** with a **\$10.00 deposit** required at time of registration. For more information or to sign up please contact Brian Leonard at (814) 434-1342.

**Explaining God's Word:**

Be sure to get your **FREE** copy of Explaining God's Word weekly in the back of the church. These engaging full-color lessons explain the Sunday Gospel to pre-school through 2nd-grade children (through First Eucharist) with the interaction children need and love. Every week, "Simon the mouse" provides a delightful commentary that our youngest parishioners can understand. Explaining God's Word includes age-appropriate games and activities for in-pew, home or classroom use. Take one home for yourself or a friend. Available year-round.

**Did You Know?**

Simon's name is changed to Cephas which in Aramaic means "rock".

**“Speak, for your servant is listening.”**

**What is the March for Life?**

The March for Life began in Washington, DC as a small demonstration in direct response to the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion. Taking place every year since 1974, the March for Life rapidly grew to be the largest pro-life event in the world. This peaceful gathering of hundreds of thousands is a powerful witness to the truth concerning the greatest human rights violation of our time, legalized abortion on demand.

**Why March For Life?**

The March for Life is more than the remembrance of the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, it is the voices of thousands of men and women standing up for life. We invite you to let your voice be heard and let the world know why life is worth protecting!

**A Prayer for Life:**

Father and maker of all, you adorn all creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in your image and likeness. Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands, and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen

**Remember to pray daily** for the protection and greater respect for the gift of human life from the moment of conception to natural death.



*“A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer.” —Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae*



## Diocesan News & Upcoming Events:

**SLOVAK CLASS** – Queen of Angels Parish in Central City (Somerset County) will host a lecture by Joseph Bielecki who will offer a presentation on Slovak culture on **Monday January 22, 2024** in their activity center (738 Sunshine Avenue). The presentation will focus on three topics – regional differences in Slovakia, why Slovaks came to Western Pennsylvania, and cherished Slovak Easter customs. Joseph S. Bielecki received his BA, MA and JD from Duquesne University. He was the recipient of a Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Travel Grant to Hungary in 1982. Attorney Bielecki has been the Chairman of the Czechoslovak Classroom Committee at the University of Pittsburgh's Nationality Rooms Program since 1992. In 2000 he received a Millennium International Volunteer Award from the United States Department of State. The talk will be held from 6:30 PM until 8:30 PM and will include refreshments. To register please call the Queen of Angels Parish Office, (814) 754-5224.

### **Stewardship Reflection For Sunday January 14, 2024--: The Second Sunday In Ordinary Time**

Our readings today focus on the vital attributes of being a disciple of Christ. Our First Reading from Samuel unfolds the relationship between Samuel and the Lord. If we put ourselves in Samuel's shoes, we can wonder how many times the Lord has spoken to us but we did not recognize His voice. God's voice might already be present in the quiet of our hearts, in Scripture, or even in speaking through someone else. He speaks to us in various forms, but to recognize that it is Him, we must give Him a portion of our time by being still and listening to what He is calling us to do or not do.

Our journey as disciples of Christ is an ongoing adventure. To grow on this journey, we can seek first the Kingdom of God, listen to God's voice in our lives, and be good stewards of what He has gifted us. With that, the Lord will respond with "Come, and you will see!"

### **The Week of Prayer For Christian Unity:**

This Thursday January 18<sup>th</sup> begins the Week of Prayer For Christian Unity and will conclude on Thursday January 25<sup>th</sup>. The theme for this year is *"You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbor as yourself,"* from the Gospel of Luke 10:27. This theme highlights the call for charity, mercy, justice, and unity in inter-communal relations. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has a history of over 100 years, in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity. By annually observing the WPCU, Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one." (cf. John 17:21)

### **Prayer for the Week Of Christian Unity:**

We pray, O gracious Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that we all may be one as you are one. In your community of complete unity, we have our beginning and our end. To you we pray, asking for the gift of visible unity among all who believe in your Christ. As we commemorate this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we are reminded by your Word that all human beings are our neighbors and that we are to love them like ourselves and in the same way we love you. Help us to overcome the barriers and divisions we have nurtured against your will. Grant to us, O Lord, a new Spirit of love and solidarity, that we may proclaim your good news to all of creation. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit are one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



### **Capuchin thought for the day...**

Backs were meant for bending not to have an iron rod running down through them or you might be susceptible to being struck with lightning and be destroyed. ⚡ Be like the trees that sway in the wind are able to bend low, not crack and break because you think you are so strong on your own. Fr. Mark

## **Be Ready to do God's Will**

In today's first reading, God called young Samuel in a special way. Samuel's life had been dedicated to God, and because he was willing to follow God's plan, God made Samuel a holy prophet.

In the Gospel reading, Saint John the Baptist tells his followers that Jesus is the Messiah. Two of them decided to follow Jesus, and one of them, Andrew, went and got his brother Simon. When Simon went to follow Him, Jesus told him that his name would now be "Cephas," or "Peter," which means 'rock.' God had a special plan for Simon Peter. He was to become the leader of the Church- the first pope!

God does not call all of us to very important jobs like the prophet Samuel and Saint Peter. But each of us should follow Jesus and be ready to do His will. If we always try to do what God wants, then we will be ready if He does have a special job for us! How can you do God's will today?

