

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK April 14, 2024**

**Third Sunday Of Easter**

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 8:00AM:** For The People  
**Tuesday 7:00 PM:** Marg Lynch *By: Audrey Benning*  
**Wednesday 8:00 AM:** Gertie Fleming *By: Wayne & Theresa Fochtman*  
**Thursday 8:00 AM:** Michael Hadwen (B'day) *By: The Restly Family Reunion*  
**Friday 8:00 AM:** Robert Gaffron *By: Don & Carol Hillegass*  
**Fourth Sunday Of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday):**  
**Saturday 6:00 PM:** Josephine Suhrie (Anniv) *By: The Family*  
**Sunday 8:00 AM:** George Hickey *By: Oscar Speicher*  
**Sunday 10:30 AM:** Lawrence & Zita Speicher *By: The Loving Family*  
**Sanctuary Candle:** For Peace  
**St. Peregrine Candle:** Loretta Fochtman *By: Patti, Ron and Family and The Fochtman Family*

**Mass Readings for the Week:**

**Monday:** Saint Caesar de Bus  
Acts 6:8-15/PS Psalm 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 (R/1ab)/John 6:22-29

**Tuesday:** Saint Bernadette Soubirous  
Acts 7:51-8:1a/PS Psalm 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/John 6:30-35

**Wednesday:** Saint Benedict Joseph Labre  
Acts 8:1b-8/PS Psalm 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/John 6:35-40

**Thursday:** Blessed James Oldo  
Acts 8:26-40/PS Psalm 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 (R/1)/John 6:44-51

**Friday:** Saint Gianna Beretta Molla  
Acts 9:1-20/PS Psalm 117:1bc, 2 (R/Mark 16:15)/John 6:52-59

**Saturday:** Saint Conrad of Parzham  
Acts 9:31-42/PS Psalm 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/John 6:60-69

**Sunday:** Fourth Sunday Of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)  
Acts 4:8-12/PS Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29/ 1 John 3:1-2/John 10:11-18

**“Peace be with you.”**

**St John The Baptist Catholic Church**

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Br. Stephen Wright OFMcap In Residence

**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:

## Third Sunday Of Easter



### CONFIRMATION NEWS:

Confirmation will be on **Sunday April 21st at 4:00 PM** in St. Peter's Church, Somerset. Please arrive by 3:30 pm. A mandatory practice will be held on **Saturday April 20th at 10 AM**. You must bring your sponsor or a parent to this practice.

### Dress Code for Confirmation:

As a sign of respect and reverence we ask that everyone adheres to the following dress code:

- o Hairstyles should be neat
- o All facial piercings should be removed for the liturgy. Earrings are permitted.
- o Make-up should be modest
- o **Boys:** please wear dress trousers, dress shirts (with collar), tie, dress socks and shoes, and suit jacket is welcome but optional
- o **Girls:** appropriate dresses of modest length (at least to the knee), no sleeveless dresses or tops, no spaghetti straps, low necklines or halter dresses. If the dress has spaghetti straps or no sleeves, please wear a cardigan. If not wearing a dress, please wear dress slacks and dress shirt. Shoes must be appropriate.
- o **Boys and Girls:** No flip flops, jeans, tennis shoes, or polos.

### Vacation Bible School:

Vacation Bible School Will Be Held **June 10<sup>th</sup> thru June 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the HALL**. The theme for this year is **SCUBA – Diving Into Friendship With God**. It is open to 4 years of age and older. Please call the office at (814) 733-2210 to register your children. Our older students in grades 9, 10, 11 are also invited to help our younger students to grow in their faith. This is also a great opportunity to earn service hours.

**Volunteers are needed! Please Note That Anyone helping with VBS must in compliance with Diocesan Policy For Youth Protection. Please note this is a 3-Step Process that all volunteers, teacher's and employees need to complete. Please call the Church office immediately if interested so the process is completed by the first day of VBS.**

### Women At The Well:

There is a women at the well group being formed here at St. John's we meet on **Mondays** after mass in the chapel praying lectio divina - praying with that Sundays gospel. For more information contact Lindsay Hankinson 814 233 8786. We would love to have you join us.

### Catholic Ministries Drive Update:

Thank you to all who have participated in our Catholic Ministries Drive. To date we have received **\$2,895.00** towards our goal of **\$21,404.00**. Thank you for your generosity!

### Stewardship Reflection For Sunday April 14 2024: Third Sunday Of Easter:

During this Easter season, in addition to celebrating all that Christ did for us, we are also reminded of how His sacrifice impacts our lives. The knowledge of His sacrifice should not only affect our minds but also our hearts, changing how we live. Through sin, we betray Jesus once again. It is like saying, "crucify Him!" Sometimes we deliberately turn away from Jesus out of pride and selfishness, and other times, we are not even aware of the gravity of our sin. Whether we know our weaknesses or are ignorant to them, let us ask God to reveal the areas of our lives in which we are betraying Him – maybe through addiction, materialism, and how we spend our money or time and putting things above God. And let us ask for the grace to repent and change our ways. As we are still in the midst of this Easter season, let us take some time to think about what Christ did for us and the changes we should make in our daily lives to help us grow closer to Him.

**"Lord Let Your Face Shine On Us."**

### PRAYER LIST

Abby Barnes, Debbie Brady, Cindy (Miller) Bearer, Fr. Mark Begly, Jane Beyer, Tonya Brown, Mark Bruck, Carol Burcaw, Macy Burke, Doug Burkett, Kara Bussard, Randy Clites, Denis Crum, Andrew Davenport, Sara Davenport, Michael Davis, Larry DeArmitt, Alice Deitz, Joyce Dively, Tara Dively, Lisa Easter, Ray Engleka, George Faidley III, Tabitha Flick, Bradley Fochtman, Harry Fochtman, Paul Fochtman, Loretta Fochtman, Myrna Fries, Dave Foor, 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, Aaron Hay, **Paisley Hay**, Elizabeth, Ken & Kennaley Heider, Sandra Herzing, 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, Kelly Legarski, Bruce Leonard, Linda Leonard, Carol Leppert, Gordon Leppert, Katie Lewis, Barry Leydig, Barlow Luhn, Don Lynch, John Lynch, Jim Macy, Toots Maddy, Martha Marker, Justin Martin, Tim Martin, George Maser, Declan McCahan, Tony and Janet Miele, 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, Dr. Cyril Nathaniel, Eugene Nickelow, Charlene Norris, Laird Ober, James O'Bryon, Michelle Plush, Shannon Plush, Michael Price, Fr. Gavin Quinn, Cindy Robb, Katherine Rosenbaum, Nancy Schrock, Roberta & Steve Sontus, Barb Sarver, Paula Saunders, Shirley Sechler, Greg Seeley, Joanne Seese, Jordon Seville, Rodney Shaffer, Sandra Shaffer, Terry Shaffer, Harold Shannon, Tom Shippy, Daniel Smith, Eddie Smith, JoAnne Smith, Marie Smith, Shaun Smith, Oscar Speicher, Margaret Ann Stevens, Pat Stoe, George Stout, Leo Suhrie, Rosalie Swingle, Carol Taylor, Mary Jane Thomas, Michael Valentine, Gail Wade, Anna Lee Wambaugh, Tom Warren, Jr., Aaron Weiss, Bonnie Welsh, Dee Werline, John & Doris Werner, Christina Whetstone, Logan Weyand, Alyssa Will, 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: \$921.00	Sunday Adults: \$2233.00	Total Sunday: \$3154.00
Local Needs: \$279.00	Holy Thursday: \$2.00	Good Friday: \$2.00
Easter: \$55.00		

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

### Third Sunday Of Easter - A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar:

The apostles were afraid of Jesus until He ate with them and they touched Him. In your family the ordinary acts of eating together, touching, embracing not only confirm our love for each other, but also celebrate God's presence in your family. These 'ordinary' moments contain the 'Extraordinary.'

### The Pope's Prayer Intention For April

*For The Role Of Women*

Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.



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**"Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away."**


## Diocesan News & Upcoming Events:

*St. Peter's Church Women's Group*  
**Invites You To Attend**  
**2024 Spring Benefit and Diaper Drive for Birthright**

**When:** Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> - 1:00pm  
**Where:** St. Peter's Catholic Church Hall  
 433 W. Church St., Somerset, PA 15501  
**Donation:** \$20.00 per person

**\*To Purchase Tickets please contact:**  
**Contact - Margaret Charney – 814-442-1697**  
**Sue Hook – 814-443-3593**

**50/50 and Raffle Drawings**  
**OPTIONAL: Donation of a Package**  
**Of Diapers (all sizes needed) for Birthright**  
**\*Seating is limited to 100**  
**Deadline to Purchase Tickets: April 15<sup>st</sup>**



### Prayer for the Synod on Synodality

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

Mary, Mother of the Church, Pray for us!

### Food For Thought This Week:

Do you feel a sense of peace that comes from the Lord? How can you pass that onto your neighbor?

### Parish 500 Card Party:

There will be a Parish 500 Card Party at St. John's Church hall on **Saturday April 20th** from 3:00 PM – Close. The Doors will open at 2:00 PM. Casual and Tournament Play (\$10 Buy in). Potluck so bring a favorite dish or dessert. If able, bring a square or round table.



### BIG 50 BINGO!

Will be played in the parish hall here in New Baltimore on **Sunday April 21st** beginning at 1 PM (Doors open at 11:30 AM Admission is \$30. Payouts: Regular Games-\$50 Specials-\$100 Jackpot- \$500. Refreshments available.

### An Afternoon Of Painting and Fellowship:

St. John's Parish invites you to an afternoon of Painting and Fellowship on **Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>** at 1:00 PM. The cost to attend the event is \$35.00 per person. Tickets must be purchased by **April 28<sup>th</sup>** by calling Mandy Leonard at (814)-434-1109. Bring a refreshment to share. Name and money can also be placed in collection basket. The event will be held at the Parish hall located at 167 Findley Street, New Baltimore, PA. The class is by Uptown Painting Party. Hope to see you there!



### Mother-Daughter Banquet:

The Annual Mother-Daughter Banquet will be held on **Friday May 10<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 PM in the Church hall. It is a covered dish dinner. The meat & drink will be provided. The cost is \$2 per person, children 5 & under are Free. We ask you to bring a covered dish and everyone 16 & up to bring a \$5 exchange gift. To make reservations use the sign-up sheet in the back of the Church or call Theresa Fochtman at (814) 733-4548.

### MONEY TREE- FOURTH OF JULY RAFFLE TICKETS:

The prizes are ready for the Money Tree Raffle to take place at the picnic on July 4<sup>th</sup>. The prizes include \$300 cash, \$300 in gift cards, and \$150 in lottery tickets. **If you are interested in purchasing or selling tickets, Suzanne Heller will be available after all the masses this weekend, April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, as well as at Bingo on Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup>, and they will be available for purchase at the picnic. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. If you are unable to get tickets at any of these time periods, please text or call Suzanne Heller at (814) 442-5781, and she will make arrangements to get tickets to you. Thank you for your anticipated participation.**

### 4<sup>th</sup> of July Raffle:

It's that time of year again to start thinking of the Fourth of July Raffle. The Fourth of July will be here before we know it. I am welcoming the usual gift cards and cash donations, but also any prize items. Perhaps something you have made or something of interest that would make our raffle extra special. I know all of you might have something in mind or something new that hasn't been done before. Donations are not needed right away, but I would appreciate it if you would please call the Church Office with your donation **By May 3rd** so we can send the list for the raffle ticket to the printers. **Please call the Church Office at 814-733-2210** or send an email to [dwambaugh@diocesaj.org](mailto:dwambaugh@diocesaj.org) with any donations or questions. Everyone involved with the raffle, including myself, are hopeful all of our parishioners will help make the Fourth of July Raffle a success.



### Theme Baskets:

In planning for this year's Fourth of July Picnic it is time to start planning your theme basket for the **Theme Basket Booth**. Over the past years it has been a great success because of your participation in making a basket and buying and selling tickets. Hopefully more of you will be interested in making a basket this year. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church or you can call or email Dayna if you wish to participate. **Baskets need to be a minimum of \$25. Please no used items!** If you would rather donate money towards a basket and have someone else put a basket together with your donated funds contact the parish office. Thank you for your support!

**ALLELUIA!**

### Liturgical Reflection for Third Sunday of Easter:

Open your mind and heart to a deeper understanding of the Easter Scriptures. Read the Acts of the Apostles from start to finish. Imagine your way into the experience of the first Christians. Where do you encounter the Risen Christ during your day? Take your own Emmaus walk. Head outside one day this spring, paying close attention to everyone you encounter along the way. Be open to meeting Christ in the person of a stranger along the way.



### The Third Sunday of Easter Reflection:

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices, my body, too abides in confidence; because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption



### The Surprising Meaning Behind Easter Lilies:

Referred to as "white-robed apostles of hope," lilies are believed to have sprouted from the ground where Christ's blood and tears fell during crucifixion, as well as in the Garden of Gethsemane after his betrayal. It's also said they grew in the Garden of Eden from Eve's anguished tears. Because they represent purity, lilies are identified with the Virgin Mary, and in artworks depicting the Annunciation to the Virgin they are often found in the angel Gabriel's hand. The flower is also associated with the saints Anthony of Padua and Catherine of Siena. It's thought that Easter lilies came to symbolize Christ not only because they embody purity—the trumpet-shaped blooms recall the horns that heralded the resurrection of Christ. And the life cycle of Easter lilies, which grow from a bulb for several years beneath the earth before blossoming into magnificent flowers, recalls Jesus' death and resurrection. Known to some as the "white-robed apostles of hope," white lilies

are believed to symbolize the purity and innocence of Christ. The white color signifies peace, hope, and purity. Mentioned many times in the Bible, the white lily symbolizes purity, rebirth, new beginnings and hope and is most often associated with the resurrection of Jesus Christ as observed on Easter. Also the white lily (later known as the Madonna lily) is a symbol for the Virgin Mary—its whiteness symbolizing Mary's purity, innocence, fertility, and connection to the divine.

## Jesus' Body Came Back to Life!



When Jesus rose from the dead, was He just a spirit or did He have a real living body?

Some of the disciples thought He was just a spirit or ghost at first and were afraid. But Jesus showed them He was really alive again, with a real body, by eating some fish. Of course, a ghost can't eat anything because it doesn't have a real body.

When we die, our body will be buried in the ground and turn back into earth. But our soul will not die. At the end of time we will get our body back, but not an old worn out body. This body will really be our own body, but it will be new and fresh, with no problems in it! Jesus showed us what it would be like when He came back to life after His death.



Did you know that we will get our bodies back one day in Heaven? God made people to have a soul and a body, so when we are perfectly happy with Him in Heaven we will be able to rejoice with our bodies and our souls!

*Alleluia!*

