

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF March 09, 2025

First Sunday Of Lent

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: Elizabeth McGreevey *By: The McGreevey Family*
Tuesday 7:00 PM: John & Veronica Marko *By: Robert & Jean Marko*
Wednesday 8:00 AM: Larry Benning *By: Tommy & Linda Stiffler*
Thursday 8:00 AM: Karen Will *By: Ed & Missy Hankinson*
Friday 8:00 AM: For The People

Friday 7:00 PM: Stations Of The Cross

Second Sunday Of Lent:

Saturday 6:00 PM: Paul Fochtman *By: Colleen Carroll*
Sunday 8:00 AM: Don Lynch *By: Pauline Will*
Sunday 10:30 AM: Phil Huston *By: Wife, Ann*

Sanctuary Candle: For Peace
St. Peregrine Candle:

<u>Mass Readings for the Week:</u>	
Monday:	Saint Dominic Savio Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18/PS Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15 (R/. John 6:63b)/Matthew 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Saint John Ogilvie Isaiah 55:10-11/PS Psalm 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/ Matthew 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Blessed Angela Salawa Jonah 3:1-10/PS Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Luke 11:29-32
Thursday:	Saint Leander of Seville Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25/PS Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/ Matthew 7:7-12
Friday:	Saint Maximilian Ezekiel 18:21-28/PS Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/ Matthew 5:20-26
Saturday:	Saint Louise de Marillac Deuteronomy 26:16-19/PS Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 / Matthew 5:43-48
Sunday:	Second Sunday Of Lent Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18/PS Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/ Philipians 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1 Luke 9:28b-36

“You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve.”

St John The Baptist Catholic Church

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Fr. Stephen Shin, OFMcap	In residence-Pastor of Ss. Philip & James, Meyersdale & St. Gregory, MacDonaldton
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:

First Sunday Of Lent

Prayer, Fasting, & Almsgiving:

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent, a time of sacrifice and repentance as we strive to turn our hearts to Jesus. The ashes we receive at church remind us of our mortality and the need to repent of our sins. The shape of the cross reminds us that we have a savior in Jesus Christ. Traditionally, there are three pillars of Lent to help us in our journey closer to the Lord: **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving**. By making sacrifices and practicing these three things, we can deepen our love for Jesus this Lent.

First Sunday of Lent Reflection:

Take a moment to remember your day or your week. Light a candle, close your eyes, and begin with a prayer. Give thanks for the blessings and notice the details. Where were you most conscious of God's presence? What actions or habits might be hindering your relationship with God?

CRS Rice Bowls- Lenten Alms Change Lives:

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. There are additional rice bowls on the Lenten giveaway table in the back of church. To participate in CRS Rice Bowl or to obtain these useful resources please visit <https://www.crsricebowl.org/families>.

Lenten Reflection Book and Giveaways:

There are free Lenten reflection books and giveaways on the table in the back of Church. Please take one! Additional Rice Bowls can be found on this table as well.

Extended Confessions:

Will take place on Tuesday evenings from 6:15 PM to 6:45 PM (Retreat Center Entrance near the Chapel). Please encourage your family to come for the healing Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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".



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.

RCIA (Rite Of Christian Initiation): If you are interested in becoming Catholic or already are a baptized Catholic but need to finish your initiation (1st Confession/Communion and/or Confirmation) into the Catholic Church or want to grow deeper in your faith, please let Fr. Mark know or call the office ASAP!

The Word Among Us:

Be sure to get your **FREE** copy of the **Word Among Us** for the **months of March and April** on the table in the back of Church. The **Word Among Us** magazine offers daily meditations based on the Mass readings of the Catholic Church, inspirational essays, stories of the saints and more!

Upcoming Meetings:

Christian Mothers Meeting will be on **Tuesday March 18th** following evening mass in retreat center dining room.

Happy Belated Employee Appreciation Day On Monday March 3rd to all the Staff here at St. John The Baptist Catholic Church and Retreat Center. Thank You for all you do!

PRAYER LIST

John Andzelik, Abby Barnes, Lori Barnes, Debbie Brady, Cindy (Miller) Bearer, Jane Beyer, Theresa Beyer, Lisa Bischof, Tonya Brown, Mark Bruck, Carol Burcaw, Macy Burke, Doug Burkett, Larry Clarr, Randy Clites, Denis Crum, Lee Crum, Andrew Davenport, Sara Davenport, Michael Davis, Velma Davis, Larry DeArmitt, Alice Deitz, Mike Deitz, Donna Dennison, Tracy Dickey, Nancy Diehl, Dorothy Dittmer, Joyce Dively, Tara Dively, Travis Dull, Lisa Easter, Chris Edes, Ray Engleka, George Faidley III, Debbie Fisher, Tabitha Flick, Bradley Fochtman, Harry Fochtman, Loretta Fochtman, Mike Fochtman, Teresa Ann Fochtman, Myrna Fries, Becky Foor, Dave Foor, Debbie Foor, Carol Ann Gallagher, Brian Gardill, Jarrett Gowatty, Paisley Goetzl, Helen Greenway, Kelsey Grove, Grayson Gumbert, Pam Habinyak, Sam Hall, Ron Hagens, Nellie Hall, Eugene Hankinson, Owen Hankinson, Phyllis Harris, Mary Jo Harrington, Aaron Hay, Paisley Hay, Bob Jenkins, Elizabeth, Ken & Kennaley Heider, Sandra Herzing, Ida Mae Hillegass, Lisa Hillegass, Missy Hillegass, Tara Hillegass, Todd Hillegass, Amy Jo Hoffman, Phyllis Hoppert, Tina Hoover, Ernest Imgrund, Pete Innis, Mary Janachovski, Martha (Lewis) Kalbach, Matt Karns, Marie Kickler, David Krieie, Fr. Robert Kaylor, Todd Kline, Eric Knott, Virginia Lambert, Eli Lankey, Kelly Legarski, Bruce Leonard, Carol Leppert, Gordon Leppert, Brenda Leister, Chase Lester, **Lillian Lewis**, Barry Leydig, Barlow Luhn, John Lynch, Toots Maddy, Ron Makarun, Martha Marker, Justin Martin, Tim Martin, George Maser, Brooks May, Janet Michael, Tony and Janet Miele, Linda McCahan, Shirley McVicker, Betty Meslovich, Terry Metevier, Mary Meyers, Erica Miller, Ray & June Miller, Tara Miller, Mike Montreal, Gary Moore, Reed Morgan, Tracey Mowry, Carol Murphy, Kai Musselman, John Myers, Ashley Nail, Dr. Cyril Nathaniel, Eugene Nickelow, Elissa Nunamaker, Rick Otto, Michael Price, Sabina Restly, Tara Ritchey, Cindy Robb, Katherine Rosenbaum, Mary Lou Rosborough, Fr. Lamonte Sayers, Teri Schreiber, Nancy Schrock, Roberta Sontus, Barb Sarver, Shirley Sechler, Greg Seeley, **Richard Seese Jr.**, Jordon Seville, Lorraine Shadduck, Sandra Shaffer, Terry Shaffer, Harold Shannon, Clyde Shippy, Tom Shippy, Daniel Smith, Eddie Smith, Marie Smith, Shaun Smith, Oscar Speicher, Pat Stoe, Linda Stiffler, Rosalie Swingle, Carol Taylor, Mary Jane Thomas, Janet Valentine, Michael Valentine, Gail Wade, Anna Lee Wambaugh, Tom Warren, Jr., Staci Weaver, Aaron Weiss, Bonnie Welsh, Dee Werline, John & Doris Werner, Christina Whetstone, Logan Weyand, Alyssa Will, Charlotte Will, Jan Will, Pat Will, Tracy Williams, Larry & Alice Winegardner, Nicholas Winegardner, Lucy Wright, Angie Wolfhope, Ron Wolfhope, Steve Wolfhope, Shirley Varchetti, Roger Yarnell

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: \$593.00	Sunday Adults: \$3055.00	Total Sunday: \$3648.00
Ash Wednesday: \$757.00	Heating Oil Fund: \$500.00	Local Needs: \$273.00
Easter Flowers: \$20.00		

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 Lent - A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar:

Jesus "was led by the Spirit in the wilderness." What is the wilderness in your life to which the Holy Spirit is leading you this Lent? Perhaps there are uncharted areas in your marriage or family relationships. Spend this Lent in your "wilderness" with God work. Where is the Spirit leading you this Lent?

The Pope's Prayer Intention For March

For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their diff



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Diocesan News & Upcoming Events:

Padre Pio Relic Tour:

The Catholic Daughters of America, Court of Roses #2766 will be hosting the Padre Pio Relic Tour. The relics will be at St. Peter's Church in Somerset, **March 11th to March 12th starting at 11 AM**, for prayers, veneration, and divine mercy. **The Holy Sacrifice of the mass will be said each evening at 7 PM.**

The Basilica Of St. Michael The Archangel Men's Turkey Dinner:

The Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel in Loretto Annual Men's Turkey Dinner will be held on **Sunday, March 16, 2025, 11AM – 3PM or until sold out.** Turkey dinner with all of the trimmings. **Dine in for \$14 or take-out for \$15.** Two lines this year for faster takeout service! Please stop by for a dinner!

St. Aloysius Parish, Cresson PA:

St. Aloysius Church is offering "The 2nd Greatest Story Ever Told" through the Divine Mercy Video Series. The videos will be presented on Tuesdays during Lent, beginning on **March 11 and continue March 18 and 25, April 8 and 15, from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the Faith Education Center** at St. Aloysius Church, Cresson. This program will end right before the Divine Mercy Novena. This is a great addition to your 2025 Lenten journey. Hope to see you there!

Holy Name Parish, Ebensburg Lenten Parish Mission:

Holy Name Parish in Ebensburg will have their Lenten Parish Mission with retired U.S. Elite Navy Seal, Dom Raso on **Friday, March 28 at 7:00 P.M.** in the church. All are welcome to attend.

Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown STRENGTH IN CHRIST Men's Conference:

The Diocese Of Altoona-Johnstown's STRENGTH IN CHRIST Men's Conference will be on **-Sunday, March 30th, 2025** from **11:30 AM-5:30 PM** at Mount Aloysius College, Cresson. Join us for a day that includes lunch, Sunday Mass, talks from local priests, personal testimonies, and a panel discussion with local Catholic men. There is no cost to attend. Visit www.dioceseaj.org to register online. For those unable to register online, paper registration forms can be found at each parish to complete and return via mail. **Registration closes March 21st. Online registration is encouraged due to limited seating.**

PARISH MISSION - The Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel, Loretto will hold their annual *Lenten Mission in Honor of Our Lady of Loretto*, **March 30-April 3, 2025.** **Rev. Fr. Joseph Tuscan, OFM Cap is the Mission Director.** The Mission opens **Sunday, March 30 at 7 PM** with Prayers, homily and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Bishop Mark Bartchak, JCD, presiding. **Mass with mission prayers and homily will be offered at 7 PM Monday through Thursday. Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration offered at 6PM Mon-Thurs.** Prayer intentions may be sent to: Fr. John D. Byrnes, Rector PO Box 10, Loretto PA. 15940

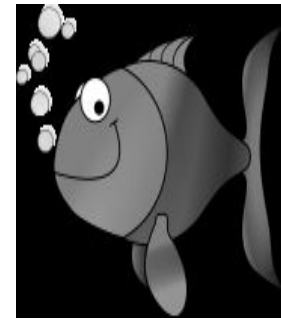
St. Mark/Holy Rosary Parish's:

Invite you to join them for a bus trip to see **Noah-30th Anniversary Limited Showing at the Sight & Sound Theatre** on **April 9, 2025.** The cost of the bus trip includes the 11:00 AM Show and 2:15 Pm Lunch Smorgasbord at Hershey Farm Restaurant. **\$195.00/Adult, \$140.00 /Child (3-12)** Please Contact Robyn Murphy (814) 931-5683 or Diane O'Leary (814) 935-2114 to reserve your seat.

DIVINE MERCY JUBILEE CELEBRATION ON SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025 AT OUR LADY OF THE

ALLEGHENIES PARISH IN LILLY: Divine Mercy Sunday is April 27, 2025 and you are invited to celebrate this devotion at one of the Diocese's Jubilee Pilgrim sites with Sunday Mass beginning at 2:00pm followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will conclude this devotion, but we will have 2 opportunities for the Sacrament of Confession at 1:15pm to 1:45pm and again after the Devotion is concluded. All are welcome! If you are a pilgrim, you may bring your Pilgrim Passports to be stamped at the end of the day's prayers.

"One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."



LENTEN FISH FRIES IN NEW BALTIMORE:

Our Lenten Fish Fry's for 2025 will be on **March 8th; 14th; & 21st, 28th and April 4th and 11th** from **3:30-6:30pm** with the option of EAT-IN or TAKE-OUT. There will also be the option to Pre-Order Your Take-Out Dinner by calling (814) 733-2210 before **NOON** on Friday The menu includes choice of 2: Baked Cod, or Yuengling Beer Battered Haddock, or fried shrimp, broccoli and cheese soup, clam chowder, baked potato, stewed tomatoes, green beans, huluski, cole slaw, with the choice of pudding or cake for dessert and Beverage. Please note **THIS WILL NOT BE ALL YOU CAN EAT.** One Time Through the Line Only! The cost is **Adults: \$16; Under12: \$6; Under 5: Free**

PRE-ORDER TAKE OUT ORDER SHEET

PLEASE CIRCLE MENU ITEMS OF YOUR CHOICE

Choice of 2 Fish (Beer Battered or Baked or Fried Shrimp)

ADULTS: \$16.00 Children 6 to 12: \$6.00 Under 5: FREE

FISH	SOUP	BAKED POTATO	VEGETABLE	COLE SLAW	DESSERT
Yuengling Beer Battered Haddock	BROCCOLI	PLAIN	STEWED TOMATOES	YES	PUDDING
BAKED	CLAM CHOWDER	CHEESE	GREEN BEANS	NO	CAKE
FRIED SHRIMP		SOUR CREAM	HALUSHKI		

NAME:

PHONE:

OF ADULT MEALS:

PICKUP TIME:

OF CHILDREN MEALS:



In preparation for the Lenten Fish Fry, Help is **ESPECIALLY NEEDED on Friday's from 3:00 PM and Beyond for Floor Help and Clean Up.** This is an excellent opportunity for our young people in the religious education program to obtain service hours. There is a worker sign-up sheet for each week on the table in the back of the Church.



Cake Donations:

There is a sign-up sheet for each week on the table in the back of the church for cake donations for the Fish Fry Dinners on **March 14th, and 21st, 28th and April 4th and 11th 2025.** Please deliver your cake(s) to the parish hall by **Noon on Friday.**

Stewardship Reflection March 09, 2025: –First Sunday Of Lent:

And so it begins – the holy and, for some, daunting season of Lent. This is the season in our liturgical year when the Church encourages us to increase our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to enter more deeply into the mystery of our Lord’s Passion and Death and to celebrate more fully His Resurrection. Our outlook as Christian stewards can help us embrace this season with enthusiasm and even joy. As grateful stewards ourselves, we can look at these 40 days as “soil” that God is giving us as a gift to grow closer to Him and become more like Him. We can choose to use each of the days intentionally to make a generous response to our God, who sent His only Son to deliver us from the affliction and oppression caused by sin. If we find this difficult sometimes, then we’re doing it right! It means we will have some wonderful ‘first fruits’ to present to our Lord at the close of the season; we will be prepared to enter into the grace-filled days of the Triduum and we will, through the power of the Holy Spirit, be resurrected as a new creation with our Lord come Easter. Let us begin!

Jubilee 2025 “Pilgrims of Hope”:

The Holy Father has announced that the 2025 Church Year will be a jubilee year, something which happens every 25 years. The theme for this upcoming Jubilee year is “Pilgrims of Hope” and it will be a year of hope for a world of suffering the impacts of war, the lasting effects of the Covid- 19 pandemic and the climate crisis.

Pilgrims’ Passport:

All are invited to use the **Pilgrims Passport from December 29, 2024 to September 8 2025. These passports along with the jubilee prayer card can be found on the back table next to the jubilee banner.** Pilgrims’ Passport is a booklet, modeled after a Passport, includes 13 Holy Site Churches named by Bishop Mark as well as **EVERY** Church in our diocese. All special prayers are included. A special incentive for individuals and families to win two overnight packages and special gift cards are part of the *Pilgrim’s Passport*. QR codes are printed in the booklet for easy access to information for directions, Mass and Confession schedules. Please encourage your people to “get on the road” during the upcoming months and enjoy the beauty, warmth and strength of rich history of our diocese. All the information is on the inside cover. **Holy Site Churches will be given additional booklets and stampers.**

Jubilee of the World of Volunteering:

The Holy See has designated a number of Jubilee Days throughout 2025 to recognize and celebrate different groups of people and various ministries in the Catholic Church. **The Jubilee of the World of Volunteering will be held from Saturday, March 8, to Sunday, March 9, 2025;** engaging and celebrating volunteers can be at any time throughout the Jubilee Year. Volunteering has allowed the lay faithful to step forward into the universal call to holiness in service to the Church and society. The heartbeat of my parish and civic communities across the United States are the dedicated and selfless volunteers who respond to great needs and contribute their stewardship of time, talent, and treasure to the benefit of others. There are also countless Catholic volunteers who engage in domestic and international mission work in service to the poor, vulnerable, and marginalized communities.

The Jubilee Prayer:

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise forever. Amen.

Women At The Well:

There is a Women At The Well group forming here at St. John’s. Come and learn how to pray Lectio Divina – praying with that Sunday’s Gospel. We meet after Monday morning 8:00 AM mass in the Chapel. For more information please contact Lindsay Hankinson at (814) 233-8786. We would love to have you join us.

Babysitter Needed In West End Area:

John Burns and his wife Jenna, who live in the trailer at the Farm along Route 31 going toward West End, are looking for a teenager to babysit their 1 1/2 year old boy for a few hours a week while they work around the farm. If you know of anyone interested, please have them contact John or Jenna at 480-323-5722 or email Jenna at jennaleedeee@gmail.com or John at rexydog@hotmail.com

Volunteer to take up the Offertory At Mass: During Mass, there’s a little moment that often goes unnoticed. After the collection baskets are passed, there is a very meaningful part of the Mass: members of our parish carry the gifts of bread, wine and the offertory to the priest. **The entire congregation is represented by those who bear the gifts. Through this act, we return to God a small part of the many blessings that He has given to us. What a wonderful way to express thanks and joy to God by bearing these gifts! There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church for the month of February and March for families to sign up to carry the offertory gifts up at mass.**



Lent: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving.