

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF August 31 2025
Twenty 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 (8:30 AM) daily mass.

Monday 8:30AM:	NO MASS	
Tuesday 8:30 AM:	Gertrude Fleming (Anniv)	By: Susan Dibert Fleming and Family
Wednesday 8:30 AM:	Todd Diorio	By: Jeannie & Bob
Thursday 8:30 AM:	Barbara Kane	By: The Cabin Prayer Group
Friday 8:30 AM:	Henry “Ike” Will	By: Cletus Robb
Twenty-Third Sunday Of Ordinary Time:		
Saturday 6:00 PM:	Larry Benning (Anniv)	By: The Family
Sunday 8:00 AM:	Clarence & Charlotte Imgrund	By: Gary & Dorothy Wolfhope & Family
Sunday 10:30 AM:	Pat Stoe	By: Dorothy Castillo

Sanctuary Candle: Peace
St. Peregrine Candle:

Mass Readings for the Week:

Monday:	Labor Day 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18/PS Psalm 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Luke 4:16-30 Genesis 1:26-2:3 (907-1)/PS Psalm cf. Psalm 127:1 (909-2)/Matthew 6:31-34 (911-1)
Tuesday:	Optional Memorial Of Bl. Apollinaris of Posat, Capuchin Priest and Martyr 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11/PS Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14/Luke 4:31-37
Wednesday:	Memorial Of St. Gregory The Great, Pope And Doctor Of The Church Colossians 1:1-8/PS Psalm 52:10, 11/Luke 4:38-44/ 2 Corinthians 4:1-2, 5-7 PS Psalm 96:3/Luke 22:24-30
Thursday:	Colossians 1:9-14/PS Psalm 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Luke 5:1-11
Friday:	Colossians 1:15-20/PS Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Luke 5:33-39
Saturday:	Optional Memorial Of The Blessed Virgin Mary Colossians 1:21-23/PS Psalm 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Luke 6:1-5
Sunday:	Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time Wisdom 9:13-18b/PS Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (R./1)/ Philemon 9-10, 12-17 Luke 14:25-33



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Mass Schedule:
Mon: No Mass Tues: 8:30 AM Wed - Fri: 8:30 AM Sat: 6:00 PM (Vigil) Sun: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Secretary Office Hours:
Mon :8:00 AM-3:00PM Wed :8:00 AM-3:00PM Thurs :8:00 AM-3:00 PM Fri :8:00AM –3:00 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:

22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

SECOND COLLECTION-Next weekend, (September 6 and 7 2025), our parish will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Now more than ever, the University is strategically positioned to pave the way forward and help the laity play a significant role in healing. Your support of the National Collection will help to solve issues within the Church and educate graduates who will leave campus ready to impact the Church, the nation, and the world. We appreciate your generosity. **Please be generous!**

The Word Among Us:
Be sure to get your **FREE** copy of the **Word Among Us** for the **months of September** 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!

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.

World Day of Prayer For Creation (September 1st):
God, our Father, is the Creator of the heavens and the earth!
God has entrusted creation to the care of humankind. We are called to cultivate and steward the earth with wisdom, manage its resources well, and respectfully care for the creatures of the earth.

Say this prayer for our common home:

Father of all,
Creator and ruler of the universe,
You entrusted your world to us as a gift.
Help us to care for it and all people,
that we may live in right relationship--
with You,
with ourselves,
with one another,
and with creation.

Christ our Lord,
both divine and human,
You lived among us and died for our sins.
Help us to imitate your love for the
human family
by recognizing that we are all connected—
to our brothers and sisters around the world,
to those in poverty impacted by
environmental devastation,
and to future generations.

Holy Spirit,
giver of wisdom and love,
You breathe life in us and guide us.
Help us to live according to your vision,
stirring to action the hearts of all—
individuals and families,
communities of faith,
and civil and political leaders.

Triune God, help us to hear the cry of those in
poverty, and the cry of the earth, so that we may
together care for our common home.

Amen.

This prayer from the United States Conference
of Catholic Bishops is based on Pope Francis'
Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home.

PRAYER LIST

John Andzelik, Abby Barnes, Lori Barnes, Fr. William Barron, Debbie Brady, Cindy (Miller) Bearer, Jane Beyer, Theresa Beyer, Lisa Bischof, Tonya Brown, Mark Bruck, Macy Burke, Doug Burkett, Max Bulger, Tim Bruck, Larry Clarr, Randy Clites, Denis Crum, Lee Crum, Andrew Davenport, Sara Davenport, Michael Davis, Velma Davis, Larry DeArmitt, Alice Deitz, Donna Dennison, Tracy Dickey, Dorothy Dittmer, Joyce Dively, Tara Dively, Lisa Easter, Chris Edes, Ray Engleka, George Faidley III, Tabitha Flick, Bradley Fochtman, Harry Fochtman, Mike Fochtman, Mark Frankenfield, Myrna Fries, Becky Foor, Carol Ann Gallagher, Brian Gardill, Jarrett Gowatty, Paisley Goetzl, Helen Greenway, Kelsey Grove, Grayson Gumbert, Sam Hall, Ron Hagens, Nellie Hall, Eugene Hankinson, Phyllis Harris, Mary Jo Harrington, Aaron Hay, Paisley Hay, Bob Jenkins, Elizabeth, Ken & Kennaley Heider, Nickole Herdman, Sandra Herzing, Dale Hickey, 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, Jason Kinzer, David Krieie, Fr. Robert Kaylor, Todd Kline, Eric Knott, Virginia Lambert, John Lancaster, Eli Lankey, Kelly Legarski, Bruce Leonard, Carol Leppert, Gordon Leppert, Brenda Leister, Chase Lester, Kaitlyn Lewis, Barry Leydig, John Lynch, Toots Maddy, Ron Makarun, Martha Marker, Susan Martin, Tim Martin, George Maser, Angie Matey, Joseph Matey, Brooks May, Janet Michael, Tony and Janet Miele, Linda McCahan, Shirley McVicker, Betty Meslovich, Terry Metevier, Erica Miller, Ray & June Miller, Tara Miller, Mike Montreal, Reed Morgan, Tracey Mowry, Carol Murphy, Kai Musselman, John Myers, Ashley Nail, Dr. Cyril Nathaniel, Eugene Nickelow, Elissa Nunamaker, Donna Otto, Rick Otto, Michael Price, Sabina Restly, Tara Ritchey, Cindy Robb, Katherine Rosenbaum, Teri Schreiber, Nancy Schrock, 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, Edith Smith, Marie Smith, Shaun Smith, **Bruce Snyder**, Oscar Speicher, Linda Stiffler, Rosalie Swingle, Carol Taylor, Mary Jane Thomas, Leroy Turner, 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, Lucy Wright, Angie Wolfhope, Dorothy Wolfhope, Ron Wolfhope, Steve Wolfhope, Tim Wyles, 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: \$365.00	Sunday Adults: \$2371.00	Total Sunday: \$2736.00
Heating Fund: \$70.00		
We’re always collecting non- perishable food items for our local foodbanks. Items can be placed in the bins in the back of church.		

22nd Sunday Of Ordinary Time - A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar:
Family life well lived confirms the words of Jesus in today’s gospel, “Those who humble themselves will be exalted.” Commitment, intimacy, loyalty and love are the rewards of humble service and care for one another.

Labor Day - A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar:
Labor Day we celebrate our ability to respond to the challenge of Genesis. Our labor an opportunity to enter into partnership with The Creator, unfolding the possibilities within ourselves and within our world through the creative skills planted within us.

The Pope’s Prayer Intention For September:
For our relationship with all of creation
Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

Duncansville Parish to Host Birth of Mary Celebration

The annual Birth of Mary Celebration will happen on **September 8th** at Saint Catherine of Siena Parish in Duncansville. Masses will be celebrated in the church at 7:45 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. and then an outdoor Mass and Rosary procession at the shrine behind the church at 5:30 p.m. The Rosary will be prayed at various times during the day. There will be exhibits in the church hall and a birthday cake for Mary after the evening Mass.

OMOS To Host Fall Workshop:

Our Mother of Sorrows is hosting a workshop featuring author Dr. Michel Therrien on **Saturday, September 13, 2025 from 8:00AM-4:00PM**. His current book "Wounded Witness" offers a compelling analysis of the current state of the Church and the obstacles that have hindered its evangelizing mission. This workshop will offer an opportunity for insight regarding our fellow Catholics and a pathway towards understanding and deeper fellowship. We hope to reach many people with this important message, and with your help, we can accomplish this goal.

“SPONSORS OF HOPE” CAMPAIGN:

The Permanent Diaconate Community of the Altoona-Johnstown diocese is launching a **“Sponsors of Hope” campaign** to raise funds to continue supporting our foreign missions’ program. Our foreign mission program encompasses many facets. What is prompting us to begin our “Sponsors of Hope” campaign is the dedication of our contact, Pakistani priest Father Khalil Maqsood. With his guidance, we have opened a school for the “Brickyard Children," who work daily in the brickyards and have no opportunity to receive an education. In addition, we have been helping the many persecuted Christians who are deprived of the basic necessities of life, such as food, medicine, and clothing. Hopefully, by joining our efforts to raise funds, we can not only help further the education of these impoverished children but also serve as a beacon of hope by bringing the mercy of Christ and His love into their world. Though the main thrust of our work is helping the children, our long-term goal is to continue to reach out by providing food, medical supplies, clothing, and prayerful support through the guidance of our trusted friend, Father Kahlil. We also provide assistance in India and other parts of the world as the need arises. We are now open to anyone who may want to join us on this journey. If you would like to know more about our foreign mission’s program, we have provided information in the gathering space. Or please see the Deacon’s Website: <http://www.deaconaj.org/>

Precious Life 24th Annual Walk For Life:

Precious Life of Bedford County Invites you to take part in their **24th Annual Walk For Life on Saturday September 20th at 10:00 AM. Registration begins at 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM. The walk will start at Bedford Methodist Church/Burkett’s Watch Me Grow Early Learning Center located at 132 E. John Street Bedford PA 15522.** They will be walking the sidewalks of Bedford Borough to show our support for the unborn by raising awareness and donations that will make a difference in the lives of countless women and children in our community. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Giovanelli by calling or texting @ (814) 494-0069 or email@ amy@plinc.org. Last year Precious Life raised over \$6,000, thanks to the kindness and generosity of our attendees. Registration Forms for the walk can be picked up on the back table of the Church.

Our Lady Queen Of Angels Fall Sportsmen Raffle:

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish will be hosting their annual **Fall Sportsmen Raffle on Sunday, September 21st** at the parish activity center in Central City. In addition to the chance to win the prizes listed on the ticket, an entrance ticket entitles the bearer to an all you can eat meal, beer, and the chance to buy tickets for the walk around prizes (everything needed for a sportsman, cash, meat, and other prizes). **The event starts at 1:00 PM, tickets are \$35.00. Please call the parish office at 814-754-5224 for tickets or prize information .**

Johnstown Cathedral to Welcome Musicians for Jubilee Concert

In celebration of the Jubilee Year, **Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown** will host an ecumenical concert on **October 5 at 2:00 p.m.** Featured performers include a diocesan high school choir featuring students from Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, Bishop Guilfoyle Academy, and Bishop McCort Catholic High School; the Westmont Presbyterian Choir; the Greater Johnstown Community Choir; and the Greater Johnstown Diocesan Festival Choir.

Marian Celebration Planned at Johnstown Parish

The annual Marian Celebration will be held on **October 5th at 3:00 p.m.** at **Saint Benedict Parish in Johnstown**. The gathering will include the praying of the Rosary and then Mass with Bishop Mark as celebrant and homilist

"Invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be.

Diocesan News & Upcoming Events:

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE BUS TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC:

The Diocese of Altoona Johnstown is having bus trip for a Jubilee Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC on **Friday, October 17, 2025**. Trip will include a tour of the Shrine, confessions and Mass with the Bishop. You can purchase lunch at the Shrine Cafeteria or bring a lunch. There will be a rest stop on the way to Washington and a stop on the way back to Somerset for dinner on your own. **To make reservations beginning August 4th, please call Linda Gattian at 814-443-6574 or email: lgattian@dioceseaj.org. The cost of the trip is \$50.00/person, which includes the gratuity for the driver. The bus will leave at 6:30 am from Saint Peter, Somerset. The deadline to reserve a seat (s) and make the payment is September 20th**



Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgies:

Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years of marriage in 2025 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend **Sunday, September 21 in ALTOONA** at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or **Sunday, September 28 in JOHNSTOWN** at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at **2:00 p.m.** Most Rev. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families. **Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Friday, September 12th.**

St Gregory’s Annual Festival – MacDonaldton, PA

All You Can Eat Family-style ham and turkey dinners with noodles, mashed potatoes, gravy, church slaw, green beans and desserts will be served on Sunday **August 31st from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** **Takeout will be available! The cost is Adults: \$14.00 and Children under 12: \$7.00** -games, bake sale, themed baskets, refreshments – fun for all ages – come and enjoy reminiscing with family and friends in our air-conditioned hall. \

Invitation to Labor Day Festival: Parishioners of SS Philip and James Catholic Church at 247 High Street in Meyersdale invite you to their Labor Day Festival on **Monday, Sept.1st**. A ham and turkey buffet will be served from 11:30 to 2:00, with take-out meals available. Dinner tickets sold at the door are **\$13; Children (5-10) \$7; Under 5 are Free.** Outdoor activities from 11:30 to 3:30 include music entertainment by guitarist/singer Ray Christiansen. There will be games, basket raffle, funnel cakes and refreshments. Drawings for the baskets will be at 3:00. Participants do not need to be present

Stewardship Reflection August 24 2025: – 21st Sunday In Ordinary Time

Today’s readings remind us of a chief virtue that characterizes the Christian steward: humility. This is a virtue that is widely thought of as a form of self-abasement. But that understanding is off the mark. Humility is simply the awareness of who (and Who’s) we truly are. On one hand, we are children of the Most High God who loved us into existence; children whose Father sent His son to die for our sins, children who, by virtue of our Baptism, have the Holy Trinity dwelling within us. On the other hand, we are children who are completely dependent on God for our very existence and for every breath we take. The Christian steward lives with an awareness of these two realities – our great dignity as sons and daughters of God, and our total dependence on Him for all that we are and all that we have been given. Our attitude and how we serve and share should be centered on true humility – recognizing that we are all ‘little’ ones in the eyes of God. We are all His children; brothers and sisters invited to our Father’s heavenly banquet.

The Jubilee 2025 Pilgrim’s Passport used by many persons and families during this Jubilee year **need to be returned, or postmarked by September 8 and sent, to the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Pastoral Center, 2713 West Chestnut Avenue, Altoona PA 16601** to be eligible for prizes that were listed on the inside cover of the Passport: An overnight stay in Washington DC the weekend of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Pilgrimage, October 17, an overnight stay in Pittsburgh, or the monetary amounts, and various gift cards. You still have some weeks to travel and visit Holy Sites in our five deaneries!

HAPPY LABOR DAY!

Religious Education News:

Religious Education Registration:

Currently asking ALL students in grades K-11 to please register by calling the office at (814) 733-2210 or sending an email so materials can be ordered. The first day of Religious Education will be Sunday September 21 2025 from 9:10 AM to 10:10 AM.

Religious Education Teachers:

Please contact the office ASAP! if you DO NOT plan on teaching this year so a replacement can be found.

Also a teacher is needed for Seventh and Eighth Grade, and Ninth through Eleventh Grade so please call the office if interested ASAP so preparations can be made to obtain child abuse clearances and the Virtus Training. All teachers must have both Clearances and Virtus completed before the start of Religious Education on Sunday September 21st

SHYCON:

Information was received on Monday August 18th from the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown regarding SHYCON 2025. SHYCON 2025, is scheduled for Sunday October 19th beginning promptly at 11:30 AM at the Stokes Center at St. Francis University in Loretto. Gathering our young people in grades 9-12 not only is an opportunity to grow in their faith but to see themselves members of Christ’s body the young Church on a bigger scale than their parish. It is necessary that we Support and Encourage our young people to participate in events like these. This is open to anyone in grades 9 -12. Just a reminder that this is part of the formation for confirmation. This year’s theme for SHYCON is based on the Jubilee of Hope Psalm 71:5 “For You are my hope, O Lord God; You are my trust from my youth. The keynote speaker is Joe Melendrez. Joe is one of America’s most exciting Catholic performers. Joe is a natural MC, dynamic and sought after musical performer as well as captivating and inspirational speaker and retreat leader. Please call or email the office to register your child or children for this event. The deadline to register is Wednesday October 1st at 3:00 PM. Please feel free to call Francine Swope @ 814-317-2646 if there are additional questions.

Office Of Youth Protection- “Empowering God’s Children Lessons For Youth:

Youth protection Lessons for students in our Religious Education Programs will need to be completed and turned into the Office NO LATER THAN December 31, 2025 (For All Grades) which then will be recorded ONLINE!! Unless they are recorded online, they are considered incomplete. Year after year, many are not completing these until the last minute and we are chasing around students up to the end of their session. Since both St. John The Baptist Catholic Church and the Diocese Of Altoona-Johnstown gets either an in-person or paper audit EVERY year, this information is needed in order to get it prepared for the reports. The lessons will be emailed to the parents for each child (s) grade level in the upcoming weeks. The email address that is on file for religious education will be the email the lessons are sent to. If you don’t receive these lessons please call the office to ensure correct contact information is on file.

2025-2026 Confirmation Retreat Schedule for Grades 9 to 12:

Praying With Scripture	3 Zoom Sessions	December 7 th , 10 th , and 14 th
Praying With Scripture	3 Zoom Sessions	January 18 th , 21 st and 25 th
Gifts And Fruits of the Holy Spirt	3 Zoom Sessions	November 2 nd , 5 th , and 9 th
Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit	3 Zoom Sessions	January 11 th , 14 th , and 18 th
Living The Discipleship And Mission Of Jesus Christ	5 Zoom Sessions	Sept 28 th , October 1 st , 5 th , 8 th and 12 th
Living The Discipleship And Mission Of Jesus Christ	5 Zoom Sessions	February 1 st , 4 th , 8 th 11 th and 15 th
Living The Discipleship And Mission Of Jesus Christ	5 Zoom Sessions	March 8 th , 11 th , 15 th , 18 th and 22nd

Students need to attend one zoom session for each retreat. 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. For more information call Sr. Suzanne at 814-263-4177 or by email BethanyYouthCenter@gmail.com

Sign Decorating Social:

You are invited to a sign decorating social in the parish hall on Sunday, October 5th at 2:00 PM. Each sign is \$25.00. Your design choice and payment are due to Theresa Fochtman or Mandy Leonard by September 20th. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church. Drinks will be provided. If you choose, bring a snack to share. Open to all. We hope to see you there.



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