

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF September 28 2025
 Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time
 Priesthood Sunday

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:	Mike Hankinson	By: Bill & Elaine Merriner
Wednesday 8:30 AM:	Jean Marko	By: Husband
Thursday 8:30 AM:	James Davis (B'day)	By: Wife, Betty Davis
Friday 8:30 AM:	Josephine Suhrie	By: Don & Carol Hillegass
Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time:		
Saturday 6:00 PM:	Dorma Raupach (B'day)	By: Mary Jane Smith
Sunday 8:00 AM:	Loretta Fochtman	By: Anna Lee, Kim & Dayna Wambaugh
Sunday 10:30 AM:	Cecilia Speicher Harrison	By: The Loving Family
Sanctuary Candle:	Peace	
St. Peregrine Candle:	The Sick Of The Parish	By: A Parishioner

Mass Readings for the Week:

Monday:	Feast Of SS. Michael, Gabriel And Raphael, Archangels Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12a/PS Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/John 1:47-51
Tuesday:	Memorial Of St. Jerome, Priest And Doctor Of The Church Zechariah 8:20-23/PS Psalm 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7(R./Zechariah 8:23)/Luke 9:51-56 2 Timothy 3:14-17/PS Psalm 119:12/Matthew 13:47-52
Wednesday:	Memorial Of St. Therese Of The Child Jesus Nehemiah 2:1-8/PS Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/PS Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Luke 9:57-62 Isaiah 66:10-14/Matthew 18:1-4
Thursday:	Memorial Of The Holy Guardian Angels Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/PS Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11/ Exodus 23:20-23 PS Psalm 91:11/Matthew 18:1-5, 10
Friday:	Transitus Of St. Francis of Assisi Baruch 1:15-22/PS Psalm 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8-9/Luke 10:13-16
Saturday:	Memorial Of St. Francis Of Assisi Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29/PS Psalm 69:33-35, 36-37/Luke 10:17-24 Galatians 6:14-18/PS Psalm cf. Psalm 16:5a/Matthew 11:25-30
Sunday:	Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4/ PS Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/ 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14/Luke 17:5-10



HAPPY FEAST DAY Of ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI on October 4th!

St John The Baptist Catholic Church
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Fr. Mark Pattock, OFMcap Pastor **Sacramental Emergencies:** 724-272-5474

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

Christian Mothers: Meets the 3rd Saturday of each month from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM in the basement.

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:

Twenty –Sixth Sunday Of Ordinary Time

Priesthood Sunday

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Today **September 28th we celebrate Priesthood Sunday.** Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. This is a day set aside to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church. Every day, your parish priest works hard helping your parish community to grow and flourish – from the various ministries he oversees to all the Masses he celebrates and Sacraments he administers. On top of the spiritual aspects that need tending, the general business of running a parish – for instance, keeping all the buildings maintained – falls on the shoulders of your Pastor and his staff.



HAPPY PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY TO FR. MARK,!
Fr. Mark Thank You For All You Do and May God Bless You!!



Blessing of Animals:
The blessing of pets for the memorial of St. Francis of Assisi will take place on **Sunday October 5th at 1:30PM** in the circle in front of the Church



Rosary Rally to honor Our Blessed Mother:
The month of October is the month of the Holy Rosary, a period of special devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. There will be Rosary Rally with Exposition Of The Blessed Sacrament to honor Our Blessed Mother on **Sunday October 12th here at St. John’s beginning at 2:00PM** We will pray the entire rosary and close with the Litany Of The Blessed Virgin Mary. All are invited to come honor our Blessed Mother and seek her intercession for peace in the world and our homes.

Per the Cemetery Guidelines-
All seasonal decorations are to be removed from the cemetery by **October 20th.** American and Military flags will remain on graves until after Veterans Day.

Operation Christmas Child:
My name is Doris Werner. We will once again be collecting filled shoeboxes for Samaritan’s Purse Shoebox Ministry. These boxes will be sent to children in countries around the world. The main purpose is to introduce these children to Jesus Christ. **Shoeboxes and information can be found on the table in the back of Church.** We ask that you please include a **\$10** donation to help pay for shipping. If you have any questions, you may contact me at **(814)-733-4611 or 814-937-5122.** **All items are due at the latest by Sunday November 02, 2025. Thank You!**

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 Monday morning at 9:00 AM in the Church Basement.** For more information please contact Lindsay Hankinson at (814) 233-8786. We would love to have you join us.

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 for families to sign up to carry the offertory gifts up at mass.

Christian Mothers News:
Christian Mothers will meet the **3rd Saturday of each month** from **3:00 PM to 5:00 PM** in the church basement.

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, 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, Kaitlyn Lewis, Barry Leydig, John Lynch, **Norma Jean 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, 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, 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: \$601.00	Sunday Adults: \$1885.00	Total Sunday: \$2486.00
Heating Fund: \$80.00		

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

Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time - A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar:
In today’s gospel the rich man died and was condemned to “a place of torment” because he ignored the poor. He asked Lazarus to go and warn his five brothers to change their ways. Evidently ignoring the poor was a family pattern. Is your family sensitive to the poor?

The Pope’s Prayer Intention For October:
For collaboration between different religious traditions
Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.



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Diocesan News & Upcoming Events:

Bedford County Life Chain:

Please join us on **Sunday October 5th between 2:30 PM and 3:30 PM** for a silent, peaceful, and prayerful witness for life on **National Respect Life Sunday. Register And Get Your Sign Between 2:00 PM and 2:30 PM at the Bedford Elementary School Parking Lot.** The chain will begin at Bedford Elementary and align Old Route 220/ North Richard Street to St. Thomas Catholic Church. **For further information call Kelly Wenger at (814) 839-4806.**

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

Stewardship Reflection September 28th- The Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Our Lord Himself gives us a very clear illustration of the urgency for us to put our powers to good use in today’s Gospel Passage from Luke. He tells the rather chilling parable of the rich man who ignored poor Lazarus during their lifetimes. At the moment of the rich man’s death, he goes down to the netherworld while Lazarus is taken to the eternal joy and comfort in the bosom of Abraham. The rich man keenly regrets his complacency towards the needs of Lazarus, but it is too late for regret. His choices have played out and now the rich man will face the consequences of his failure to use the gifts God gave him. We have all been given power by God, in the form of our time, talents and treasure. Today’s readings remind us to use that power for great good, and not let it go to waste.



HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

You are invited to the first in a series of active, inspiring, age-appropriate opportunities:

A guided small group tour of Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament

With Msgr Stanley Carson

Sunday, 10/26/25 from 1:30-2:30

This is a unique opportunity to join Msgr Carson to learn more about our beautiful Cathedral's history, architecture, rich art and stained-glass that together symbolize the presence of God in a different and transformed world. Invite a friend to join you!

RSVP interest by 10/12/25: Reply to your flock note invitation, or akcurtis@verizon.net

Religious Education News:

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

Feast of SS. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael Archangels:

Monday (September 29th) is the feast of SS. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. These archangels, messengers sent by God are the only ones named in the Bible. In the Book of Daniel, Michael is called “the great prince”; in the Letter of Jude, he argues with the devil over Moses’ body; and in the Book of Revelation, he leads the battle against Satan. He is patron of the sick, radiologists and mariners. Gabriel explains Daniel’s visions to him in the Book of Daniel, and in the Gospel of Luke announces to Zechariah and Mary the births of their respective sons. He is the patron of messengers and telecommunications and postal workers. Raphael guides Tobiah in the Book of Tobit; he is patron of the blind, physicians and travelers. The church created their joint feast after the Second Vatican Council.

Prayer to One’s Guardian Angel: Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God’s love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

Respect Life Month Begins this Wednesday! October is Respect Life Month! Join Catholics nationwide in celebrating throughout October. Learn more at <https://www.respectlife.org/respect-life-month>

The Word Among Us:

Be sure to get your **FREE** copy of the **Word Among Us** for the **month of October** 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!

Spaghetti Dinner: The Knights of Columbus of St. John's Parish in New Baltimore is sponsoring a **DINE IN OR TAKE OUT Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday October 19th from 10:30AM to 1:00 PM.** The dinner includes spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread and dessert. Adults (12 and over) **\$10**, Children (5 -11) **\$5** Under 4: **FREE**. WALK-INS are also welcome! All proceeds are donated to local food banks and local charities!

TAKEOUT ORDER FORM

Name:

Phone:

Orders:

_____ Adult

_____ Child

Pickup Time: _____

Please return back to parish office.

NEW BALTIMORE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY 10/11
10AM-2PM

Come out and meet your local firefighters, explore the firetrucks, and enjoy great food and games.

526 Juniata Street
New Baltimore, PA 15553

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Saint of the Week:

St. Francis of Assisi
1182–1226

Feast Day: October 4

The son of a wealthy Italian merchant, Francis experienced a profound conversion after going to war for Assisi, being imprisoned, and enduring a debilitating illness. He renounced his family and riches and lived a life of radical poverty and service because he believed Christ had asked him to. In response to God’s call a new mendicant Order of Friars Minor sprung up, or Franciscans, and other branches of the order such as the Poor Clares and the Franciscan Third Order. Pope Pius XII said Francis could be called “a second Christ,” and in 2013, Argentine Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio took this medieval saint’s name when he was elected pope. Francis is the patron of animals, environmentalists, merchants, Catholic Action, and Italy.

Wolf of Gubbio: An Invitation to Peacemaking

From the Life Of St. Francis Assisi: Reconciliation by: Bro. Didacus R. Wilson, T. O.R.

There was in the town of Gubbio a fearfully large and fierce wolf which was so rabid with hunger that it devoured not only animals, but humans too. It was so fierce that the whole town was in terror, afraid to go outside the walls. Francis went out to meet the wolf, blessed it, and said: “Brother Wolf, you have done great harm t this region, not only destroying other creatures wihtout mercy, but you even have the brazeness to kill and devour human beings made in the image of God. You deserve severe punishment; but I want to make peace between you and the town, so that they will not be harmed by you anymore and after they have forgiven you, neither men or dogs will pursue you any more.” The wolf indicated that it would accept these terms, and offered the saint his paw as a sign of the pact, “I promise that the town will feed you everyday; I know that what you did, you did out of hunger.” The town promised to do what the saint had bargained, and the town adopted the wolf, and fed him until the day he died.

Reflection: Whether the wolf was real or whether he symbolized ‘il lupo’, the murderer and thief, the story points out the need for the ministry of reconciliation whether by prayer or activity. Indeed, Francis’ whole life was marked by peacemaking, despite his youthful experiences of war. He was a peacemaker amongst the factions of Assisi, between sultans, kings, and bishops, as well as wild animals. The prayer of reconciliation most people associate with St. Francis is “**make me an instrument of your peace,**” though this prayer can only be found in twentieth century sources and is therefore not an authentic prayer written by St. Francis. However, it does express, most poetically, the spirit of Francis’ life and vision. It is, wihtout doub, A Franciscan Peace Prayer. So the next time you pray this popular prayer, keep in mind Francis’ invitation to be a reconciler in a world often torn by anger, violence and despair.