

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF January 11 2026

Feast Of The Baptism Of The Lord

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: **Karen Will**

By: James & Debbie Fisher

Wednesday 8:30 AM: **Paul Fochtman**

By: Ed & Missy Hankinson

Thursday 8:30 AM: **Philip Sarver**

By: Parishioners Of St. John's

Friday 8:30 AM: **Vera (Straub) Restly & Ida Mae (Weimer Straub**

By: The Restly Family Reunion

Second Sunday In Ordinary Time:

Saturday 6:00 PM: **Larry Plush**

By: Mary Ellen & Patty

Sunday 8:00 AM: **Don Lynch**

By: George & Carol Will

Sunday 10:30 AM: **Raymond & Irene McGreevey**

By: The McGreevey Family

Sanctuary Candle:

St. Peregrine Candle:

Mass Readings for the Week:

Monday: **Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys**

Memorial Of St. Bernard of Corleone, Capuchin Brother
1 Samuel 1:1-8/PS Psalm 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mark 1:19-20

Tuesday: **Optional Memorial Of St. Hil**

1 Samuel 1:9-20/PS Psalm 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd (R./cf.1)/Mark 1:21-28
1 John 2:18-29/PS Psalm 110:4b/Matthew 5:13-19

Wednesday: **Saint Gregory Nazianzen**

1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20/PS Psalm 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mark 1:29-39

Thursday: **Saint Devasahayam Pillai**

1 Samuel 4:1-11/PS Psalm 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 (R./27b)/Mark 1:40-45

Friday: **Memorial Of SS. Berard and Companions, protomartyrs of Franciscan Order**

1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a/PS Psalm 89:16-17, 18-19 (R./2)/Mark 2:1-12

Saturday: **Memorial Of St. Anthony, Abbot**

1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1/PS Psalm 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mark 2:13-17
Ephesians 6:10-13, 18/PS Psalm 16:5/Matthew 19:16-26

Sunday: **Second Sunday Of Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6/PS Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/ 1 Corinthians 1:1-3/John 1:29-34

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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

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.



“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

St. John's News & Upcoming Events:

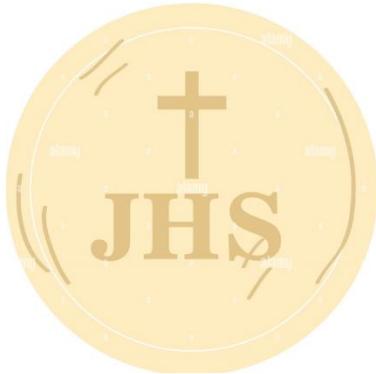
Feast Of The Baptism Of The Lord

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord:

Today, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord! The origin and foundation of Christian Baptism is Jesus. Before starting his public ministry, Jesus submitted himself to the baptism given by John the Baptist. The waters did not purify him; he cleansed the waters. "He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake . . . to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water" (St. Gregory Nazianzen, Liturgy of the Hours, I, 634). Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will. Jesus did not need to be baptized because he was totally faithful to the will of his Father and free from sin. However, he wanted to show his solidarity with human beings in order to reconcile them to the Father. By commanding his disciples to baptize all nations, he established the means by which people would die to sin—Original and actual—and begin to live a new life with God.



Just A Friendly Reminder . . . As Flu cases are surging and reaching record highs and we are 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. **Receiving Holy Communion during illness, particularly contagious illness, involves special care: sick individuals should receive in the hand (not on the tongue) and avoid the chalice to prevent contamination.** 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.



When a person receives the consecrated host and then dips it in the chalice to receive the consecrated wine it is called Self-Intinction. The practice of **Self-intinction is strictly forbidden**. At the Last Supper the invitation that Christ gave to the Apostles and gives to us at the celebration of the Eucharist is: "Take and eat. This is my body." "Take and drink. This is my blood poured out for you..." The Eucharist we receive is truly the body, blood, soul and divinity of Christ. It is no longer bread and wine. In receiving it by eating and drinking we are called to become the Body of Christ pouring out ourselves for others. The Church teaches that the whole Christ (body, blood, soul, and divinity) is present under each form of the Eucharist (the bread alone or the wine alone). Therefore, receiving only the host provides the fullness of the sacrament.

If Sick How Does One Receive Holy Communion At Mass:

- **Receive in the Hand:** If sick, receive Communion in the hand to prevent saliva from contaminating the minister's hand, even if you usually receive on the tongue.
- **Avoid the Chalice:** Refrain from receiving from the cup (chalice) if you are feeling ill or contagious.
- **Do Not Dip:** Never dip the host into the chalice (intinction) as it's irreverent and spreads germs.
- **Spiritual Communion:** If unable to receive, you can still make an act of spiritual communion, asking Jesus to come into your heart.

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, Tim Bruck, Macy Burke, Doug Burkett, Max Bulger, Sara Cairo, Larry Clarr, Randy Clites, Denis Crum, Lee Crum, Andrew Davenport, Sara Davenport, Michael Davis, Velma Davis, Larry DeArmitt, Alice Deitz, Donna Dennison, Peg Diehl, 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 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, **Amanda Miller**, 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, **Karissa Riberdy**, Tara Ritche, 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, Tom Shippy, Daniel Smith, Eddie Smith, Edith Smith, Marie Smith, Shaun Smith, Tom Smith, Oscar Speicher, Linda Stiffler, Rosalie Swingle, Carol Taylor, Janet Valentine, Michael Valentine, Julianne Viselli, Gail Wade, Tom Warren, Jr., Staci Weaver, Aaron Weiss, Bonnie Welsh, Dee Werline, John & Doris Werner, Christina Whetstone, Logan Weyand, Alyssa Will, Charlotte Will, Jan Will, Joe Will, Pat Will, Tracy Williams, 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: \$466.00

Local Needs: \$295.00

Sunday Adults: \$2780.00

Mary Holy Mother Of God: \$883.00

Total Sunday: \$3246.00

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

Feast Of The Baptism Of The Lord - A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar:

The words in today's gospel, "This is my beloved, with Him I am pleased," are words every child needs to hear often. Affirmation is important to raise happy and confident children.

The Pope's Prayer Intention For January:

For prayer with the word of God

Let us pray that praying with the word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



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No Christian Mothers Meeting For January:

There will be NO Christian Mothers Meeting for the month of January 2026. The next monthly meeting will be the third Saturday of February which is February 21st.

Knights of Columbus Meeting:

The next knights of Columbus meeting will be held **Sunday January 18th at 6:00 PM** in the church basement.



FISH FRY PLANNING MEETING:

Our first initial meeting about the fish fry has been scheduled for this **Wednesday January 28th 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!!

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.

Religious Education News:

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 **ASAP** 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	January 18th, 21st and 25th
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 Thibault. 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

Diocesan News & Upcoming Events

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 **Friday, January 16th** and concludes on **Saturday January 24th**. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more by Signing up at 9daysforlife.com! There will be abbreviated versions of the novena on the table in the back of church for anyone wishing to **PRAY TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE!**

St. Peters Men's Group Spaghetti Dinner:

St Peters Men's Group in Somerset, PA is having a spaghetti dinner on **Friday January 16, 2026**. Serving will be from **4:00 PM to 7:00 PM**. Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, roll, beverage and dessert. Adults **\$10** and children **\$5**. Take out or dine in. All proceeds benefit St. Peters Lenten Mission.

Saint Matthew Parish in Tyrone -Thirty- Eighth Annual Respect Life March:

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE MARCH - Sunday January 18, 2026 at 12:00 noon sponsored by the Knights of Columbus - St. Gregory Council. The March will begin with a Prayer Service at St. Matthew Catholic Church in Tyrone, followed by the 1.25 mile walk to St. Matthew Oak Grove Cemetery to the grave of Baby Agnes Doe, for another short prayer service. For those that cannot make the walk but want to participate, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. Rita will recite the rosary and the Divine Mercy chaplet at Saint Matthew Church. The faithful are then invited for a hot luncheon to be served in the parish hall after the march.

SLOVAK PRESENTATION – JANUARY 18TH –Queen of Angels Parish in Central City (Somerset County) will host a presentation on the Cultural History of Slovakia by Dr. Renáta Kamenárová on Sunday January 18TH in the parish activity center (738 Sunshine Avenue, Central City). Dr. Kamenárová is the Director of the Slovak Studies Program at the University of Pittsburgh, the only university program in North America where students can take Slovak language and culture classes and opt to receive a Minor in Slovak Studies. Dr. Kamenárová holds a PhD in Slovak Language, and a MA (combined) in Slovak Language and Literature / History from Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia. In addition to teaching at Pitt, she has been a visiting researcher at the University of Regensburg and the University of Leipzig in Germany as well as serving as a visiting scholar at the Institute of Polish Philology at the University in Lublin in Poland. She has received numerous awards and has published many scholarly works. Her presentation will begin at 2:00 PM and will serve to be an occasion for fascinating information about Slovak culture and history presented in a down-to-earth way by a serious scholar. **The talk is free and open to all; however, those who wish to participate are asked to register by calling the parish office at (814) 754-5224 or emailing parish secretary Maggie Adomink at madomnik@dioceseaj.org.**

THE ART OF STAINED GLASS MAKING – JANUARY 25TH & FEBRUARY 1ST – All Saints Parish in Boswell will be hosting a two-class course by Owen Shotts on the art of making stained glass at 2:00 PM on January 25TH and February 1ST in their parish hall (505 Center Street, Boswell). Because of the nature of stained glass making, the course extends over two classes and due to the cost of the materials there will be a \$50 fee per student. Students will learn the basics of stained glass, walk through a project, and make their own project. The class is limited to twelve students. **To register please call All Saints Parish office (814) 629-5551 by January 20TH.**

67th Magnificat Meal:

The 67th Magnificat Meal will be held on **Saturday January 24, 2026** at Rizzo's Banquet Hall, 126 Rizzo Rd., Crabtree, PA 15624. During the meal, you will have the opportunity to engage with Fr. Joe Freedy and learn from his wealth of wisdom and experience. As we gather together, we will enjoy a delightful meal, participate in prayer and worship, and forge connections with other women on the same spiritual journey. This is a unique chance to be inspired by Fr. Joe's testimony, experience the transformative power of prayer, and build connections with a community of women who share your passion for Christ. The cost is **\$28.00** but space is limited, so it is strongly recommended to register early. Walk-in registration is not available and **online registration will close on Thursday, January 15th. Mail in registration must be post-marked by Tuesday, January 13th.** Any registration (online or by mail) received by January 1st, will be entered in our early-bird incentive drawing to win one of our flower arrangements at the event. **The doors will open at 8:15 am, Meal begins at 9:00 am. Registration is available online here : <https://magnificatgreensburg.com/registration/>**

Baptism "the best gift we have received," enabling rebirth in Christ.

"The Lord will bless his people with peace."

Stewardship Reflection January 11th – Feast Of The Baptism Of The Lord

Jesus's baptism is a story we've heard before, so it is easy to lose sight of just how incredible it is – that Jesus wished to be baptized in the Jordan River by His cousin, John. We just spent the last two weeks marveling at the fact that this Savior of ours was born as a baby in a crude stable for our sake, and now this! Stop and contemplate our Lord, in all His perfection, waiting quietly and patiently in line with a bunch of sinners (like us) in order to "lead by example." His love and humility in serving and self-giving are beyond all telling.

And just in case there was any doubt about the extraordinary actions of Jesus that day at the Jordan River, we learn of the powerful affirmation of the Father. Who, immediately after the baptism, opens the heavens and sends the Holy Spirit upon Jesus in bodily form and says audibly, "This is My beloved Son with whom I am well pleased!" Wow!

March For Life:

Will you take a stand? Join us for the National March For Life in Washington, D.C. on **Friday January 23, 2025**.

The Theme for this year is: **"Life is a Gift"**.

The March for Life is an inspiring, peaceful, vibrant, and joy-filled rally of women, men, young people, and children from all across the country. Every year, tens of thousands of pro-lifers converge on the National Mall and march on Capitol Hill on the anniversary of the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling which legalized abortion in all 50 states. It's the largest annual human rights demonstration in the world. But this is not just a protest... TOGETHER, WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE LIFE. We celebrate each and every life, from the moment of conception. We envision a world where every life is celebrated, valued, and protected. We celebrate life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death, and every moment in between. We envision a world where these moments are celebrated, valued, and protected by everybody—both in the private sector and in the public sphere. Abortion is the most significant human rights abuse of our time.



Thank You! The outpouring of love and support our family received during our mother (Anna Lee Wambaugh's) recent passing, was so very comforting. There are simply no words to express our gratitude to each and every one of you whether you said prayers, sent a card, gave us a hug, offered a mass in her memory, or provided a meal. We also wish to thank , the ladies that prepared and served her funeral luncheon and those that donated food to make her funeral mass and meal a comforting time for our family as we said goodbye to our mother. Your kindness was deeply appreciated and shall never be forgotten.

**May God Bless You,
The Family of Anna Lee Wambaugh.**



As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord! Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will.

What is Baptism?

Baptism is the foundational sacrament by which a believer in Christ enters the community of the Church, as by various rites the Jewish child took their place in the community of Israel.

Baptism has two elements identified by Christ in John 3:1-6, water and the Holy Spirit. To the visible action of baptizing with water, already a purification ritual in Judaism, is added an invisible element that only Christ through His merits can give, the spiritual renewal of the individual through the Holy Spirit.

To be baptized, the Church teaches that water must flow on the body of the person (whether by immersion in water or by pouring water across the forehead), while the one baptizing, usually a priest or deacon, says, "I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Mt. 28:19).

Catechism of the Catholic Church 1263. By Baptism all sins are forgiven, original sin and all personal sins, as well as all punishment for sin. In those who have been reborn nothing remains that would impede their entry into the Kingdom of God, neither Adam's sin, nor personal sin, nor the consequences of sin, the gravest of which is separation from God.

Further, the Catechism says,

Baptism not only purifies from all sins, but also makes the neophyte "a new creature," an adopted son of God, who has become a "partaker of the divine nature," member of Christ and coheir with him, and a temple of the Holy Spirit (paragraph 1265).

What is the importance of Baptism?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (paragraphs 1257) states,

The Lord himself affirms that Baptism is necessary for salvation. He also commands his disciples to proclaim the Gospel to all nations and to baptize them. Baptism is necessary for salvation for those to whom the Gospel has been proclaimed and who have had the possibility of asking for this sacrament. The Church does not know of any means other than Baptism that assures entry into eternal beatitude; this is why she takes care not to neglect the mission she has received from the Lord to see that all who can be baptized are "reborn of water and the Spirit." God has bound salvation to the sacrament of Baptism, but he himself is not bound by his sacraments.

Who can be baptized?

Baptism is given to those who having not yet been baptized, and who, having expressed faith in the Trinity and in Christ, desire to be baptized into Christ for the remission of their sins (Cf. Acts 2:38). The use of water and the Trinitarian formula with the proper intention accomplishes this even outside the Catholic Church. Thus, the Catholic Church does not rebaptize validly baptized Christians being received into the Church.

