

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF February 01 2026
 Fourth 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:	Mary Harbrant	<i>By: Richard & Cheryle Engbert</i>
Wednesday 8:30 AM:	Robert P. Smith (Anniv)	<i>By: Mary Jane Smith</i>
Thursday 8:30 AM:	Barbara Kemple Hart	<i>By: Family</i>
Friday 8:30 AM:	Karen Will (Anniv)	<i>By: Greg Will and Family</i>
<u>Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time:</u>		
<u>Saturday 6:00 PM:</u>	David Suhrie (Anniv)	<i>By: The Family</i>
<u>Sunday 8:00 AM:</u>	Mary Grasser	<i>By: Glenn & Dianne Murphy</i>
<u>Sunday 10:30 AM:</u>	William H. Wambaugh Sr.	<i>By: Harry & Diana Feather</i>

Sanctuary Candle:
St. Peregrine Candle:

Mass Readings for the Week:

Monday:	Feast Of The Presentation Of The Lord Malachi 3:1-4 and Hebrews 2:14-18/PS Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10/ Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Tuesday:	Optional Memorial Of St. Blaise, Bishop And Martyr Optional Memorial Of St. Ansgar, Bishop 2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/PS Psalm 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mark 5:21-43 Romans 5:1-5/PS Psalm Mark 16:15/Mark 16:15-20 Isaiah 52:7-10/PS Psalm 96:3/Mark 1:14-20
Wednesday:	Memorial Of St. Joseph of Leonessa, Capuchin Priest 2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17/PS Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 (R/.cf. 5c)/Mark 6:1-6
Thursday:	Memorial Of St. Agatha, Virgin And Martyr 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12/PS Psalm 1 Chronicles 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/ Mark 6:7-13 1 Corinthians 1:26-31/PS Psalm 31:6/Luke 9:23-26
Friday:	Memorial Of SS. Peter Baptist, Priest and Companions, Martyrs of Japan Memorial Of St. Paul Miki And Companions, Martyrs Sirach 47:2-11/PS Psalm 18:31, 47 and 50, 51 (R/. cf. 47b)/ Mark 6:14-29 Galatians 2:19-20/PS Psalm 126:5/Matthew 28:16-20
Saturday:	Optional Memorial Of The Blessed Virgin Mary 1 Kings 3:4-13/PS Psalm 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mark 6:30-34
Sunday:	Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time Isaiah 58:7-10/PS Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ 1 Corinthians 2:1-5/Matthew 5:13-16

“Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven.”

St John The Baptist Catholic Church

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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.



St. John’s News & Upcoming Events:

Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time



What Is Candlemas Day?

Candlemas Day is another name for the feast of **The Presentation of the Lord which falls on February 2nd**. Forty days after His birth, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple for the rites of purification and dedication as prescribed by the Torah. So the Presentation is a proclamation of Christ — Messiah and Priest, Lord and Savior. He is the light who came into this world to dispel sin and darkness. For this reason, traditionally at least since the seventh century, candles have been blessed at Mass this day that will be used throughout the year, hence coining the term “Candlemas.” Candlemas Day also was important in the lives of farmers. An old English song went as follows: “If Candlemas be fair and bright, / Come, Winter, have another flight. / If Candlemas brings clouds and rain, / Go, Winter, and come not again.” So if the bright sun “overshadows” the brightness of Candlemas Day, there will be more winter. However, if the light of Candlemas Day radiates through the gloom and darkness of the day, the end of winter is near. In America, Protestants decided we should replace Catholic Candlemas Day with Groundhog Day.

World Day of Prayer For Consecrated Life (February 2nd)

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on **Monday February 2nd** and in all parishes on the this weekend. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day!



Feast of St. Blaise is on February 3rd:

Blaise, who had studied philosophy in his youth, was a doctor in Sebaste in Armenia, the city of his birth. When the bishop of the city died, he was chosen to succeed him. In 316, when emperor Licinius gave the order to kill the Christians, Blasé was arrested. According to the Acts, while Blaise was being taken into custody, a distraught mother, whose only child was choking on a fishbone, threw herself at his feet and implored his intercession. Touched at her grief, he offered up his prayers, and the child was cured. Consequently, Saint Blaise is invoked for protection against injuries and illnesses of the throat. As the hunters led Blaise back to Sebastea, the story goes; they met a poor woman whose pig had been seized by a wolf. At the command of Blaise, the wolf restored the pig to its owner, alive and unhurt. When he had reached the capital and was in prison awaiting execution, the old woman whose pig he had saved came to see him, bringing two fine wax candles to dispel the gloom of his dark cell. In many places on the day of his feast the blessing of St. Blaise is given: two candles are consecrated, are then held in a crossed position by a priest over the heads of the faithful or the people are touched on the throat with them. At the same time the following blessing is given: "May Almighty God at the intercession of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, preserve you from infections of the throat and from all other afflictions". Then the priest makes the sign of the cross over the faithful.

We will be blessing throats here after all the Masses this weekend on January 31st & February 1st.

Did You Know ?

February is the Month of the Passion of the Lord but also is commemorated on Good Friday. As Lent approaches (and indeed will begin in March this year) how appropriate to set our thoughts, prayers, and hearts more firmly on Our Lord's Passion.

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, the kingdom of heaven is theirs!”

PRAYER LIST

John Andzelik, Abby Barnes, Lori Barnes, Fr. William Barron, Debbie Brady, **Delmas Brick Jr.**, 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 Ritchey, Cindy Robb, Katherine Rosenbaum, Teri Schreiber, Nancy Schrock, Barb Sarver, Shirley Sechler, Greg Seeley, Richard Seese Jr. , Jordon Seville, Lorraine Shaddock, Sandra Shaffer, Terry Shaffer, Harold Shannon, Tom Shippy, Daniel Smith, Eddie Smith, Edith 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, Donnie Weyant, 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: \$253.00 **Sunday Adults:** \$1115.00 **Total Sunday:** \$1368.00

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

Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time - A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar:

It is in our family where we learn to be merciful and comforting to others. The Beatitudes of the Kingdom of God begin at home and depend on you. Parents lead the way.

The Pope’s Prayer Intention For February:

For Children with incurable diseases
Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.



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Diocesan News & Upcoming Events

Healing Mass:

Holy Spirit Ministry will hold a special Healing Mass on **Tuesday, February 3rd at 7 pm**, at St. Michael Church, Hollidaysburg. This powerful night of hope and healing is for all who are suffering physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Fr. Jeremy Mohler will be the main celebrant. Praise and worship will precede the Mass at 6:30 pm and prayer ministry will follow the Mass. If you are suffering physically, or from an addiction, or hurting or struggling in any way, come and experience the healing power of Jesus and be set free! All are welcome!

CENTRAL CITY CASH BASH – Queen of Angels Parish in Central City will host a “Cash Bash Elimination Tournament” on **Saturday February 14TH**. Every ticket provides entrance to a high-spirited raffle full of suspense, surprises, and cash-prize drawings. Additionally, the evening includes great food and an open bar. Every dollar raised goes toward supporting the parish’s work. **Doors (and bar) open at 5:00 PM with the drawing starting at 6:00 PM** at the parish activity center (738 Sunshine Ave, Central City). **Tickets are \$25 and include your number, food, and drink.** You won't want to miss out on what promises to be an enjoyable evening — reserve your ticket now by calling the parish office (814) 754-5224 or emailing parish secretary Maggie Adomnik at madomnik@dioceseaj.org. A far more exciting Valentines Day date than sitting at a stuffy overpriced restaurant!

All Saints in Boswell to Present A Talk By Italian Garden Project Founder:

Many people remember the beauty and charm of traditional Italian American (and other old immigrant generation) backyard vegetable gardens. All Saints Parish in Boswell will host a talk about those old-time gardens and learn about their relevance for reconnecting to our food, our families, and God’s creation. Mary Menniti (pictured above), founder of The Italian Garden Project, will share how these gardens serve as glimpses into the past that can lead to a brighter future. Growing up with an Italian immigrant grandfather, Mary came to know and value his self-reliant lifestyle, his careful use of resources, and his extensive gardening knowledge. Mary founded The Italian Garden Project to preserve old-world food and gardening traditions and demonstrate that the wisdom Italian American vegetable gardeners possess is highly relevant today. Due to her efforts, an Italian American vegetable garden is now digitally archived in the Archives of American Gardens at the Smithsonian Institution. Since its founding, the Project has offered educational programs on a wide range of topics including heirloom seed saving, fig tree growing, and foraging. Her work has been featured on NPR, PBS, and media outlets throughout the United States and Italy. The talk will be on **February 23 at 6:30 p.m. at All Saints Parish Hall, 505 Center Street, Boswell.** It is free and open to all, however those wishing to attend are asked to kindly register by calling the parish office at (814) 629-5551. Italian refreshments will be served.

Stewardship Reflection February 1st – Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Today’s Gospel Reading from Matthew recounts what we know as Christ’s Sermon on the Mount. This entire reflection could be devoted to that, of course, but as always, there are also messages that are important in the other readings. The Sermon on the Mount is the first of five teachings Jesus gives us in the Gospel of Matthew. The Lord gives this relatively early in His Ministry, not long after He has been baptized. In the entire New Testament this is the longest continuous section of Jesus speaking, and it is perhaps the most widely quoted part of the four Canonical Gospels. It contains, after all, the central rules of discipleship. Today’s Gospel provides us with instructions from Jesus as to what kind of people His disciples should be. There are more than enough key words on which to reflect and pray: poor, mourn, meek, hunger, mercy, peacemakers, clean and persecuted – to name a few. We could concentrate on each one, but it is worth pointing out that these all are traits the Lord calls us to. For example, when Jesus says that to be blessed, we need to ‘hunger and thirst for righteousness,’ He is reminding us of what our focus in life should be. In our world people hunger for many things that may not be that important – things like power, success, wealth, possessions and comfort. The idea of being righteous in His eyes is more important than any of those

Diocese Celebrates 125 Years

The year 2026 marks the 125th anniversary of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. Established in 1901 as the Diocese of Altoona, and later as the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, our Diocesan Church serves more than 67,000 Catholics throughout eight counties and is home to 87 parishes and 15 Catholic schools. A special anniversary Mass will be celebrated later this year. In honor of the milestone, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown social media is in the midst of 125 days of photos of people and places from around the diocese over the years. Travel down "memory lane" by following the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown on [FACEBOOK](#) and [INSTAGRAM](#). The photo series will conclude on May 27, the actual anniversary of the diocese.



To those at St. John’s Catholic Church, Thank You so much for donating to Santa’s Workshop. Because of you we helped over **100 Children** have a happy Christmas. Your Hats, Gloves and Socks are always a big hit!

Thank You!

April Logue, Berlin FP



Dear St. John The Baptist Catholic Church,

On behalf of the Berlin Food Pantry, thank you for your financial support of \$165.00 from your Thanksgiving Collection and also the two \$10.00 Weis Gift Cards. This donation will assist those who struggle to make ends meet within the greater Berlin and Shanksville School Districts. May God continue to share these blessings.

Sincerely,

The Berlin Food Pantry

610 Main Street

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Religious Education News:

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

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



When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them.

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.

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.**

Be sure to get your **FREE** copy of **the Word Among Us** for Lent 2026 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!

Answer To Beatitudes Word Find: Will Be Happy

We will be holding a sign painting party in the church hall on **Sunday March 1st at 1:00 PM**. All parishioners and friends are welcome to join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. A sign up sheet is located in the back of the church. All signs are **\$25**. **Please sign up and pay Theresa Fochtman (814) 733-4548 or Mandy Leonard (814) 434-1109 by February 15th**. Drinks will be provided. Please bring a snack to share.

