

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF January 25 2026

Third 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: **Brian Heath (Anniv)**

By: Greg Will and Family

Wednesday 8:30 AM: **Ronald Castillo**

By: Dorothy Castillo

Thursday 8:30 AM: **Tommy Stiffler**

By: Dorothy Castillo

Friday 8:30 AM: **Larry Plush**

By: Audrey Benning

Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time:

Saturday 6:00 PM: **Claudine Plush**

By: The Plush Family

Sunday 8:00 AM: **Lucy (Wambaugh) Restly (Anniv)**

By: The Restly Family Reunion

Sunday 10:30 AM: **Larry & Alice Winegardner**

By: Audrey Benning

Sanctuary Candle:

St. Peregrine Candle:

Mass Readings for the Week:

Monday: Memorial Of SS. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5/PS Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/Luke 10:1-9

Tuesday: Optional Memorial Of St. Angela Merici, Virgin

Optional Memorial St. Maria Di Jesu Sanctacanale, Capuchin Sister, Virgin and Founder

2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19/PS Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mark 3:31-35

1 Peter 4:7b-11/PS Psalm cf .Psalm 148:12a and 13a/Mark 9:34b-37

Wednesday: Memorial Of St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor Of The Church

2 Samuel 7:4-17/PS Psalm 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mark 4:1-20

Wisdom 7:7-10, 15-16/PS Psalm 119:12/Matthew 23:8-12

Thursday: Servant of God Brother Juniper

2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29/PS Psalm 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14 (R./Luke 1:32b)

Mark 4:21-25

Friday: Memorial Of St. Hyacintha Mariscotti, Franciscan Tertiary Sister

2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/PS Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11 (R./cf.3a)

Mark 4:26-34

Saturday: Memorial Of St. John Bosco, Priest

2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17/PS Psalm 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mark 4:35-41

Philippians 4:4-9/PS Psalm 103:1/Matthew 18:1-5

Sunday: Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13/PS Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (R./Matthew 5:3)/1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Matthew 5:1-12a

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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:

Third Sunday In Ordinary Time Word Of God Sunday

Sunday of the Word of God:

Today (**January 26th**), is the **Sunday of the Word of God**. This observance, which is marked on the third Sunday of Ordinary Time each year, was established by Pope Francis in 2019, in the apostolic letter *Aperuit illis* ("Opened to them"). Its purpose is to devote time and emphasis to the celebration, study, and sharing the Word of God, because the relationship between the risen Jesus Christ, the church and sacred Scripture is essential to who we are as Christians. For Catholics, some important considerations are: That Sunday Mass is a time when people are nourished by Word AND Eucharist. Every sacrament is founded and constructed upon the Word of God. Every proclamation of the Word of God is sacramental. The liturgical reform following Vatican II greatly increased people's appreciation of the role of the Word of God in every liturgical celebration, while the three-year lectionary led to far more scripture being proclaimed during liturgies and a better understanding of the importance of the Word of God people's spirituality. This observance is a time to think about the Word of God, ie Scripture, and also to consider how the Word is honored in the church's worship, symbolically in the books that Scripture is proclaimed from, and practically in the effort put into preparing readers, and making the environment a good one in which to share and reflect on scripture.

Explaining God's Word:

Be sure to get your **FREE** copy of Explaining God's Word weekly in the back of the church. These engaging full-color lessons explain the Sunday Gospel to pre-school through 2nd-grade children (through First Eucharist) with the interaction children need and love. Every week, "Simon the mouse" provides a delightful commentary that our youngest parishioners can understand. Explaining God's Word includes age-appropriate games and activities for in-pew, home or classroom use. Take one home for yourself or a friend. Available year-round



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!!



NBVFD Soup Fundraiser:

Support the New Baltimore and Area Volunteer Fire Department by participating in their soup fundraiser. Soups are available for **\$10** per quart and include chicken noodle, loaded potato chowder, and beef vegetable. Fresh homemade bread will also be available for **\$5** per loaf. Pickup will be held at St. John's church hall in New Baltimore on **Saturday February 7th from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM**. **This is Pre-Order only! Orders should be placed by Saturday Jan 31st** by contacting a local fireman or call Bella Speicher at 814-803-0253 or the fire hall at (814) 733-4155. . Thank you for supporting those who serve our community!

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.

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 Shadduck, 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: \$441.00

Heating Oil Fund: 315.00

Sunday Adults: \$2034.00

Total Sunday: \$2475.00

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

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

When Jesus called his disciples, they came "immediately." Parents wish their children would respond as quickly, but they don't. Children grow slowly into responsibility. It is a process like walking, not done "immediately", but in small steps. Parenting demands patient encouragement.

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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Diocesan News & Upcoming Events

OLQA Monthly Bingo :

Our Lady Queen of Angels Monthly Bingo - **Sunday, February 1, 2026** - Please join us at the Activities Center (738 Sunshine Ave., Central City) for Bingo on **Sunday, February 1, 2026**. Doors open at **11:30am** and games start at **1:00pm**. **Entrance is \$25**. Games of chance and food/snacks will be available for purchase. **Wear something Red/Pink to be eligible to win a Bingo gift certificate**

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 January 25th – Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

Today’s readings remind us that stewardship is not just a thing we do – rather, stewardship is at the core of who we are as disciples of Christ. Our first reading, from Isaiah, contains this prophecy of Christ and what His saving message would mean to all who embrace it. “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.” We are among those blessed people on whom the light of Christ has shone. By virtue of our Baptism, we who were once in the darkness and gloom of original sin have been born again into the great light that is God’s grace in us.

We have become cherished members of God’s family. What a privilege! Yet, with this privilege comes the responsibility to actually live for God and to bring His good News to all those we meet at work, at school, in our community and right in our own home. This is the essence of a stewardship way of life – to be always ready for the ways that our Lord is calling us to bring His light to others. It’s more than something we do – it’s who we are.

Catholic Ministries Drive Update:

Thank you! to all who have participated in our 2025 Catholic Ministries Drive. We received **\$5315.00** towards our goal of **\$22,000.00**

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:

Living The Discipleship And Mission Of Jesus Christ 5 Zoom Sessions
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**February 1st, 4th, 8th 11th and 15th
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



“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” At once they left their nets and followed him.

The Retreat Center Ministry here in New Baltimore is doing exceptionally well.

Here's the spring schedule from this weekend January 2026 to May 2026. Keep in mind that there are always more possible retreats to be scheduled as people inquire.

January 23 - 25 Washington County, PA Men's group (26 men).
February 6-8 Stuebenville University men's lacrosse team (35 men).
February 16-21 Canonical retreat for Seminarian to be ordained.
February 27-March 1 College retreat for University of Pittsburgh Johnstown campus (15 students).
March 8-10 Capuchin Emmaus 5 program
March 20 -22 Men's Group from Herman/Cabot pa
March 25-29 Scrapbookers retreat
April 17-19 St. Monica men's prayer group Harrisburgh PA
April 24-26 Sacred Heart Washington D.C. Marriage Encounter Retreat.
May 1-3 Sister Catherine's group from Chester County PA.
May 9 - Day of Recollection for women at the well lectio divina ministry for all of Southern Pennsylvania.

Jesus Tells us to Repent

Today we hear about Jesus beginning His mission of preaching and healing the sick. The very first thing He tells the people is that they should repent from their sins.

Why do we need to repent of our sins? Why don't we just stop thinking about the bad things we did and start trying to be good?

Well, pretend your soul is like a garden. When you sin, it's like making a big hole in the ground. You can't grow flowers in a hole, and someone might trip on it and make the hole bigger. That's what can happen with sins too- little sins can cause bigger ones.

When you are sorry for your sins and go to confession it's like filling in the holes and planting flowers where they used to be. Keep your soul like a good garden and make sure you don't have any holes in it!



Sign Decorating Social:

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.

