

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF January 04 2026

### Solemnity Of The Epiphany 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:** **Larry Plush**

*By: The Plush Family*

**Wednesday 8:30 AM:** **Vincent Thayer**

*By: Family*

**Thursday 8:30 AM:** **Dorma Raupach (Anniv)**

*By: Mary Jane Smith*

**Friday 8:30 AM:** **Greg Will (Anniv)**

*By: Greg Will and Family*

### Feast Of The Baptism Of The Lord:

**Saturday 6:00 PM:** **William H. Jr. & Polly Wambaugh**

*By: Harry & Diana Feather*

**Sunday 8:00 AM:** **The People Of The Parish**

*By: Gale & Kelsey Grove*

**Sunday 10:30 AM:** **Matthew Will**

*By: George & Carol Will*

**Sanctuary Candle:** **Pat Stoe**

### Mass Readings for the Week:

#### Monday: Memorial Of St. John Neumann, Bishop

1 John 3:22-4:6/PS Psalm 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25  
Isaiah 6:1-8 (719-4)/PS Psalm 89:2 (771-4)/Matthew 28:16-20 (724-4)

#### Tuesday: Optional Memorial Of St. Andre Bessette, Religious

1 John 4:7-10/PS Psalm 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 (R/.cf.11)/Mark 6:34-44  
1 Kings 19:4-9a, 11-15a (737-5)/PS Psalm 128 (739-8)/Luke 9:57-62 (742-19)

#### Wednesday: Optional Memorial Of St. Raymond Of Peñafort, Priest

1 John 4:11-18/PS Psalm 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 (R/.cf.11)/Mark 6:45-52  
2 Corinthians 5:14-20/PS Psalm 103:1/Luke 12:35-40

#### Thursday:

1 John 4:19-5:4/PS Psalm 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 (R/.cf.11)/Luke 4:14-22

#### Friday: Saint Adrian of Canterbury

1 John 5:5-13/PS Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Luke 5:12-16

#### Saturday: Saint Gregory of Nyssa

1 John 5:14-21/PS Psalm 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b (R/.cf.4a)/John 3:22-30

#### Sunday: Feast Of The Baptism Of The Lord

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7/PS Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 (R/.11b)/Acts 10:34-38/Matthew 3:13-17

### As Pope Francis stated:

*It is not enough to know where Jesus was born, as the scribes did, if we do not go there. It is not enough to know that Jesus was born, like Herod, if we do not encounter him. When his place becomes our place, when his time becomes our time, when his person becomes our life, then the prophecies come to fulfillment in us. Then Jesus is born within us. He becomes the living God for me. Today we are asked to imitate the Magi. They do not debate; they set out. They do not stop to look, but enter the house of Jesus. They do not put themselves at the center, but bow down before the One who is the center.*

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:

## **Solemnity Of The Epiphany Of The Lord**

**"Epiphany: this word indicates the manifestation of the Lord**, who, as Saint Paul tells us in Eph 3:6, makes himself known to all the nations, today represented by the Magi. In this way, we see revealed the glory of a God who has come for everyone: every nation, language, and people and is welcomed and loved by him. It is symbolized by the light, which penetrates and illuminates all things."



The blessing of homes on Epiphany is a very Old Catholic custom. When the Wise Men or Magi became an important focus of the celebration of epiphany, the blessing of homes was a natural conclusion. The Wise Men came to bring gifts to honor the King of Kings; but when they entered the home at Bethlehem, he whom they came to bless blessed them! To dedicate our home to Christ is to gain untold blessings from him who manifested himself in glory to the world on Epiphany. Have each family member gather round the door to your home and with a piece of chalk, above the entrance, mark **20+C+M+B+26**. (The numbers are the year and the letters stand for the wise men, Balthasar, Casper, and Melchoir).

### **After completing the above markings, pray the following prayer:**

May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is Lord of all people, forever and ever. Amen

### **Did You Know ?**

The legendary names of the three Maji are: Casper, Melchoir, and Balthasar. The initials **C+B+M** also stand for their Latin words, "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" which means: **"May Christ bless this dwelling."**

### **Blessing of the Home:**

May God always send his angels to dwell in this home. May He keep us always in his peace and love. May we provide welcome to strangers and to those in need. May He bless our coming and our going so that the light of faith, hope, and love may always guide everything that comes to this home or goes forth from this home. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

### **Offertory Envelopes and Calendars:**

The 2026 Offertory Envelopes and Calendars can now be picked up in the church basement.

### **The Word Among Us:**

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

### **Christmas Cards and Rosaries For Sale:**

The Knights of Columbus have some beautiful Christmas cards and rosaries for sale on the back table of the Church. The cost for either item is **\$15.00** each. The rosaries are **not** blessed and will need to be blessed.

### **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.

# **Merry Little Christmas!**

### **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, 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, 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:** \$622.30

**Christmas:** \$4928.00

**Sunday Adults:** \$2145.00

**Christmas Flowers:** \$100.00

**Total Sunday:** \$2767.30

**Heating Fuel Fund:** \$180.00

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

### **Solemnity Of The Epiphany Of The Lord - A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar:**

Today's gospel tells us "all Jerusalem" was upset because "King Herod was deeply troubled." A similar ripple effect happens in families; one person's negative attitude can affect the whole family. If you want a peaceful and joyful home, it must start with you. Be peaceful and joyful!

### **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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# 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	<b>January 18<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup></b>
Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit	3 Zoom Sessions	<b>January 11<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup></b>
Living The Discipleship And Mission Of Jesus Christ	5 Zoom Sessions	<b>February 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup></b>
Living The Discipleship And Mission Of Jesus Christ	5 Zoom Sessions	<b>March 8<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 22nd</b>

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](mailto:BethanyYouthCenter@gmail.com)

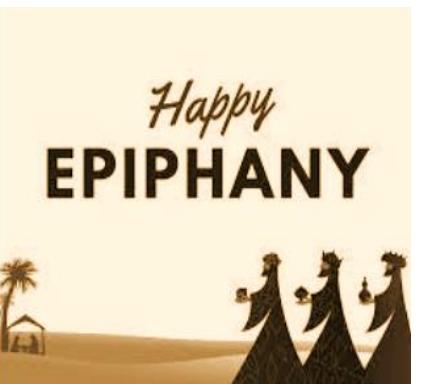
## Volunteer to take up the Offertory At Mass:

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.

## Empty Egg Cartons Needed:

Harry Fochtman and his wife Wilma are looking for empty egg carton containers and is asking the parish for our help. If anyone has any empty egg cartons they wish to give please place them in the back of the Church in the Food Pantry Bins or in the plastic bags provided. Thank You for your generosity!



**“Let us imitate the Magi: looking upwards, setting out, and freely offering our gifts.”**

# Diocesan News & Upcoming Events

All Saints Parish in Boswell (Somerset County) will host their annual singing of Polish Christmas Carols (known as Kolędy or Pastoralki) this **Sunday, January 4th, at 2:00 PM** at the church (325 Quemahoning Street, Boswell). The hymns will be sung by their Polish choir. Following the singing of hymns by the parish's Polish choir, there will be benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and refreshments. While the singing of koledy was once a very common practice in the Polish-American community, in recent times church choirs that continue the tradition of singing koledy have become increasingly rare. These hymns help to capture some of the finest sentiments, values, and emotions of the Polish religious, national, and artistic heritage. Polish Christmas customs are very rich; whether you are Polish or not, please come and experience the time-honored hymns celebrating the birth of Christ. For more information please call the parish office at 814-629-5551

## 67<sup>th</sup> Magnificat Meal:

The 67<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>. Mail in registration must be post-marked by Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**. Any registration (online or by mail) received by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 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/>**

## Stewardship Reflection January 4th – Solemnity Of The Epiphany Of The Lord

As our celebration of Christmas continues, this week we observe the great feast of The Epiphany of the Lord. The word 'epiphany' comes from Greek and means manifestation of appearance. The stewardship way of life is one in which we live in grateful response to God's countless manifestations in our lives. As Christian stewards, we are all called to manifest God's love to each other in the sharing of our gifts. St. Paul describes this beautifully in our second reading in his letter to the Ephesians, saying, "You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit..." We have all been given unique and wonderful gifts from our good and generous God. He wants us to share these gifts to benefit others and so to give Him glory. Let us rejoice in God's manifestations in our lives and be watchful for the new ways He is calling us to share ourselves and our gifts in gratitude to our King in the year ahead.

## What the Gifts of the Magi Tell Us about Jesus:

### 1. Gold – the Kingship of Jesus:

The gold represents Jesus' kingship. Jesus' kingship transcends all earthly rulers – the Magi recognized that, and they came to worship him.

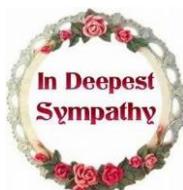
### 2. Frankincense – the Deity of Jesus:

The frankincense represents Jesus' deity. In the Old Testament, frankincense was traditionally burned in the temple as an offering to God (Leviticus 2:2). By bringing this gift, the Magi affirmed Jesus was no ordinary man; he is both fully man and fully God.

### 3. Myrrh – the Death of Jesus:

Commonly used to embalm bodies, the gift of myrrh foreshadows Jesus' death. We see in John 19:38-40 that Nicodemus brought myrrh at the time of Jesus' burial: In this way, the full story of Jesus' coming is revealed. Jesus was born so that we might have salvation. Through Jesus' death, we have eternal life.

The Magi's Gifts: Pointing to the Ultimate Gift: The gifts of the Magi illuminate the different aspects of Christ's identity. He is king, he is God, and, in his marvelous grace, he died, so that we might live. As the Magi actively pursued Jesus, so too should we follow Christ without hesitation, letting him be our guiding star.



## With Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Dayna and Kim Wambaugh and their family at the death of their mother Anna Lee Wambaugh on Friday December 26 2025. May her soul and all the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



Anna Lee Wambaugh, 80, of New Baltimore, Pennsylvania went to be with the Lord on Friday, December 26, 2025, at her home surrounded by her loving family. Anna Lee was born in Buffalo Mills on October 25, 1945, daughter of the late Harvey and Marian (Shirey) Ranker. On October 23, 1965, she married her husband Kenneth J. Wambaugh, who preceded her in death on April 9, 2018. She is survived by daughter- Kim A. Wambaugh, of New Baltimore; daughter- Lea wife of Greg Storm, of Cresson; daughter- Dayna M. Wambaugh, of New Baltimore; three grandchildren: Joseph, Kayla and Emilee; three great-grandchildren: Jewelyia, Alicia, Elliana; siblings: Robert "Beanie" Ranker, of Hyndman; Richard Ranker, of Hyndman; Gary Ranker, of Buffalo Mills; Virginia Merritt, of Cumberland, MD; Ray Ranker, of Hyndman. Anna is preceded in death by infant sons: Joseph and Gerald. Anna Lee was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, New Baltimore, and the Christian Mothers. She was a loving mother and grandmother who loved baking. She worked at the Landmark Restaurant, Bedford and then the Post Office in New Baltimore as the Clerk. A viewing will be held on Tuesday, December 30, 2025, from 2-6 PM at Geisel-Styer Funeral Homes, Schellsburg. A Funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday, December 31, 2025, at 10 AM at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, New Baltimore, with Father Mark Patoock, OFMCAP, Celebrant. Committal Service will be at St. John's Catholic Cemetery, New Baltimore, PA. Online condolences may be expressed at <http://www.geiselfuneral.com/>.



Look at the CANDY CANE  
What do you see?  
Stripes that are red  
Like the blood shed for me  
White is for my Savior  
Who's sinless and pure!  
"J" is for Jesus My Lord,  
that's for sure!  
Turn it around  
And a staff you will see  
Jesus my shepherd  
Was born for Me!



## Prayer for the New Year

On New Year's Eve or New Year's Day, the household gathers at the table or at the Christmas tree or manger scene. Many people make New Year's Day a day of prayer for peace.

*All make the sign of the cross. The leader begins:*

Let us praise the Lord of days and seasons and years, saying:  
Glory to God in the highest!  
R/. And peace to his people on earth!

*The leader may use these or similar words to introduce the blessing:*

Our lives are made of days and nights, of seasons and years,  
for we are part of a universe of suns and moons and planets.  
We mark ends and we make beginnings and, in all, we  
praise God for the grace and mercy that fill our days.

*Then the Scripture is read, Book of Genesis 1:14-19:*

Listen to the words of the Book of Genesis:  
God said: "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky, to separate day from night. Let them mark the fixed times, the days and the years, and serve as luminaries in the dome of the sky, to shed light upon the earth." And so it happened: God made the two great lights, the greater one to govern the day, and the lesser one to govern the night; and he made the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky, to shed light upon the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the

darkness. God saw how good it was. Evening came, and morning followed—the fourth day.

(The family's Bible may be used for an alternate reading such as Psalm 90:1-4.)

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

*After a time of silence, members of the household offer prayers of thanksgiving for the past year, and of intercession for the year to come. On January 1, it may be appropriate to conclude these prayers with the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary (in Part VII: Litanies) since this is the solemn feast of Mary, Mother of God. In conclusion, all join hands for the Lord's Prayer. Then the leader continues:*

*Let us now pray for God's blessing in the new year.*

*After a short silence, parents may place their hands on their children in blessing as the leader says:*

Remember us, O God;  
from age to age be our comforter.  
You have given us the wonder of time,  
blessings in days and nights, seasons and years.  
Bless your children at the turning of the year  
and fill the months ahead with the bright hope  
that is ours in the coming of Christ.  
You are our God, living and reigning, forever  
and ever.  
R/. Amen.



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