

# MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF February 15 2026

## Sixth 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:** Helen Deiriggi (B'day) *By: Mary Jane Smith*

**Ash Wednesday 8:30 AM:** Philip Speicher *By: The Loving Family*  
**Ash Wednesday 7:00 PM:** Tommy Stiffler *By: Family*

**Thursday 8:30 AM:** Raymond McGreevey *By: The McGreevey Family*

**Friday 8:30 AM:** James Restly (Anniv) *By: The Restly Family Reunion*

**Friday 7:00 PM:** **Stations Of The Cross**

**First Sunday Of Lent:**

**Saturday 6:00 PM:** Larry Plush *By: The Plush Family*  
Living & Deceased Christian Mothers of St. Johns *By: Christian Mothers Of St. John's*

**Sunday 8:00 AM:** Cyril Suhrie *By: The Family*

**Sunday 10:30 AM:** Cathy Smith *By: Don & Peggy Miller*

**Sanctuary Candle:**

**St. Peregrine Candle:**

### Mass Readings for the Week:

- Monday: Saint Gilbert of Sempringham**  
James 1:1-11/PS Psalm 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 (R/.77a)/Mark 8:11-13
- Tuesday: Optional Memorial Of The Seven Holy Founders Of The Servite Order**  
James 1:12-18/PS Psalm 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mark 8:14-21  
Romans 8:26-30/PS Psalm 34:2/Matthew 19:27-29
- Wednesday: Ash Wednesday**  
Joel 2:12-18/PS Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 (R/.cf.3a)/ 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: Saint Conrad of Piacenza**  
Deuteronomy 30:15-20/PS Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 (R/.40:5a)/Luke 9:22-25
- Friday: Saints Jacinta and Francisco Marto**  
Isaiah 58:1-9a/PS Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Matthew 9:14-15
- Saturday: Optional Memorial Of St. Peter Damian, Bishop And Doctor Of The Church**  
Isaiah 58:9b-14/PS Psalm 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (R/.11ab)/Luke 5:27-32
- Sunday: First Sunday Of Lent**  
Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7/PS Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 (R/.cf.3a)/Romans 5:12-19  
Romans 5:12, 17-19/Matthew 4:1-11

*“What eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him.”*

## 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 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:

## Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

### Lent Is Almost Here!

It's hard to believe but **Lent begins this February 18th. Mass with the distribution of ashes will be celebrated here at St. John's at 8:30 am and 7 pm in the Church.** It is not a sin to miss Ash Wednesday Mass, but it is a great way to start the Lenten season, so please try to come if you are able. **The collection taken up at the Ash Wednesday Mass will be to support of the Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica**



**This Wednesday February 18th, is Ash Wednesday** when the Church begins the forty day journey toward the Triduum (The Three Days) with the annual discipline of fasting, praying, and giving alms. **Ash Wednesday (February 18th) and Good Friday (April 3rd) are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays of Lent (February 20th, 27th, March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th) are days of abstinence. FASTING** refers to only one full meal, with two small meals and no eating otherwise for the day. **ABSTINENCE** refers to not eating meat at all during the day for all those 14 years old and older. The Church directs holy FAST to all those in their 18th year until their 59th year.

**Lent is a time** for reflection, repentance, and restoration. Jesus offers forgiveness to us through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As Catholics, we are called to experience Reconciliation at least once a year. We encourage you to begin your Lenten journey with a clean heart and an open mind. Remember to make a nightly examination of conscience during the Lenten season.

### Lenten Prayer Partners:

Please sign up in the next three weekends in the back of the Church for the prayer partner Lenten devotion. We will draw the name of our prayer partner on **Ash Wednesday February 18th.** At Easter, you can exchange a card or note with your prayer partner expressing your privilege to pray for them and revealing yourself – we'll call that "Knee-mail".



### Stations of the Cross:

Bring the family to pray the **Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM** on Friday evenings and be strengthened during this time of lent in walking in the footprints of Jesus Christ.



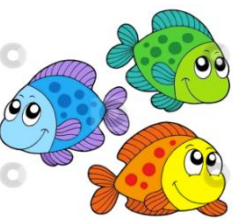
### Chicken BBQ

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The Knights of Columbus Of New Baltimore will be sponsoring an Eat in or Takeout BBQ Chicken Dinner **Today Sunday February 15th.** The doors will open at 10:30 AM, they'll be serving until 2:00 PM. The cost of the meal is **\$10.00.** The meal includes: Juicy flavorful BBQ Chicken, Dinner Roll and The Choice of two sides: Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, and Mac N Cheese.



**In preparation for the Lenten Fish Fry, Help is ESPECIALLY NEEDED on Friday's from 3:00 PM and Beyond for Floor Help and Clean Up.** There is a worker sign-up sheet for each week on the table in the back of the Church.



### LENTEN FISH FRIES IN NEW BALTIMORE:

Our **Lenten Fish Fry's for 2026** will be on **Feb 20th, 27th, March 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th** from **3:30-6:30pm** with the option of EAT-IN or TAKE-OUT. There will also be the option to Pre-Order Your Take-Out Dinner by calling (814) 733-2210 before **NOON on Friday** The menu includes Baked Cod, & Yuengling Beer Battered Haddock, fried shrimp, broccoli and cheese soup, clam chowder, scalloped potatoes, stewed tomatoes, green beans, huluski, cole slaw, with the choice of pudding or cake for dessert and beverage. Please note **THIS WILL NOT BE ALL YOU CAN EAT.** The cost is **Adults: \$17; Under 12: \$6; Under 5: Free**

### PRAYER LIST

John Andzelik, Abby Barnes, Lori Barnes, Fr. William Barron, Debbie Brady, Delmas Brick Jr., Cindy (Miller) Bearer, Jane Beyer, Theresa Beyer, Tom Bezila, 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, **Jerica Lamens,** John Lancaster, Eli Lankey, Kelly Legarski, Bruce Leonard, Carol Leppert, Gordon Leppert, Brenda Leister, Chase Lester, 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, 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, **Andrew "Drew" Simmons,** 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:** \$428.00      **Sunday Adults:** \$1615.00      **Total Sunday:** \$2043.00  
**Local Needs:** \$20.00

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

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

To experience the peace which Christ promises we must shed our grudges, jealousy and feelings of being misunderstood, unappreciated or ignored. Peace and anger don't mix. Today's gospel warns, if you want peace in your heart and home, get rid of your anger. Anger is too costly.

### 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

## 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.



### Cake Donations:

There is a sign-up sheet for each week on the table in the back of the church for cake donations for the Fish Fry Dinners on Feb 20th, 27th, March 6th; 13th; 20th; & 27th 2026. Please deliver your cake(s) to the parish hall by Noon on Friday

## Stewardship Reflection February 15th– Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Today’s readings challenge us to reflect on the true state of our hearts as it relates to stewardship. Do we think of stewardship as something we take care of once a year, simply a matter of ticking off boxes on a commitment card – or do we choose to embrace it as a spirituality and way of life that allows us to grow in conformity to Christ every day? The concept of stewardship helps us to live out the fundamental choice to put God first. Stewardship is not meant to be a mere external exercise in which we participate on an occasional basis. It is meant to be embraced as a way of life that involved a continuous conversion of heart. Our Lord is asking us not only for exterior acts, but for a true change of heart. In stewardship terms, that means seeing everything as a gift from Him, to be used for His glory and the good of others. In the week ahead let us examine the state of our hearts to ask ourselves if we have chosen to allow stewardship to become a way of life for us. Only then will we experience its true depth and heart-changing possibilities. The choice is ours.

## Catholic Charities Transitioning to New Altoona Location :

(ALTOONA, PA) – The Blair County office of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, previously located at 1300 12th Avenue, Altoona, is in the process of relocating to a new site in city of Altoona. During this time of transition, Catholic Charities is committed to serving the needs of clients in Blair County through a collaboration with the Salvation Army, where Catholic Charities will have a temporary, limited presence at the Salvation Army Church, 1813 6th Avenue, Altoona. “The Altoona Salvation Army is humbled to partner with this vital agency which blesses our community in so many ways,” said Major Christopher Blessing of the Salvation Army. “Working together allows us to efficiently and effectively provide services for those in need, within our community.” Catholic Charities is grateful to the Salvation Army for its hospitality and support. **Until further notice, those seeking the assistance of Catholic Charities in the Altoona area are advised to contact Catholic Charities by phone at (814) 944-9388 or by email at [charitiesinfo@dioceseaj.org](mailto:charitiesinfo@dioceseaj.org).** Catholic Charities, which serves residents throughout the eight counties of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown – Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Centre, Clinton, Fulton, Huntingdon and Somerset – looks forward to sharing more details about its new Altoona office location soon and continuing the great tradition of accompanying its brothers and sisters in need.

## Johnstown Parish to Continue Beloved Novena Tradition

The annual **Infant of Prague** will once again be prayed at Saint Andrew Parish in Johnstown **March 1-9** with Masses at 4:00 p.m. on weekends and 6:30 p.m. on the weeknights during those nine days

## 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.

## PRE-ORDER TAKE OUT ORDER SHEET

**PLEASE CIRCLE MENU ITEMS OF YOUR CHOICE**

**Choice of 2 Fish (Beer Battered or Baked or Fried Shrimp)**

**ADULTS: \$17.00   Children 6 to 12: \$6.00   Under 5: FREE**

FISH	SOUP	SCALLOPEDPO TATO	VEGETABLE	COLE SLAW	DESSERT
Yuengling Beer Battered Haddock	BROCCOLI	YES	STEWED TOMATOES	YES	PUDDING
BAKED	CLAM CHOWDER	NO	GREEN BEANS	NO	CAKE
FRIED SHRIMP			HALUSHKI		

**NAME:**

**PHONE:**

**# OF ADULT MEALS:**

**PICKUP TIME:**

**# OF CHILDREN MEALS:**

## Shadow Stations to Be Prayed

A local faith community is getting ready for a solemn and beautiful Lenten tradition. **Saint Clement Parish in Johnstown** is once again praying the Way of the Cross Shadow Stations on **February 20 at 6:30 p.m.** All are welcome. Live portrayals will transport the faithful to Jerusalem for a “mini pilgrimage” reflecting on Christ’s Passion and Death. Portrayals will also pray the **Shadow Stations on March 1 at 2:00 p.m. at the All Saints Parish, Boswell, activity center on Center Street.**

## Capuchin Franciscan to Lead Lenten Mission at Basilica

The historic Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel in Loretto will be the site of the annual Lenten Mission in honor of Our Lady of Loretto. Father John Petrikovic, OFM Cap., will be the mission director. The Mission will open with prayers, homily, Benediction, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **March 15 at 7:00 p.m.** and continue **March 16-19 with Adoration at 5:30 p.m., Confessions at 6:00 p.m., and Mass with mission prayers and homily at 7:00 p.m. each night.**

## National Black and Indian Mission Collection:

**Next week (February 21 and 22nd),** our parish will take up the 140th annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend upon your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Please use the envelope provided in this weekend’s bulletin.

# 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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)

### 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.

### The Word Among Us:

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!

### Christian Mother's Meeting:

There will be a Christian Mothers Meeting on **Saturday Feb 21st @ 3:30 PM in the Church Basement.** Our monthly mass for the living and deceased Christian Mothers of St. John's in New Baltimore will be on this evening at the 6:00 PM mass.

### 4<sup>th</sup> of July Raffle:

It's that time of year again to start thinking of the Fourth of July Raffle. The Fourth of July will be here before we know it. I am welcoming the usual gift cards and cash donations, but also any prize items. Perhaps something you have made or something of interest that would make our raffle extra special. I know all of you might have something in mind or something new that hasn't been done before. Donations are not needed right away, but I would appreciate it if you would please call the Church Office with your donation **By May 3rd** so we can send the list for the raffle ticket to the printers. **Please call the Church Office at 814-733-2210** or send an email to [dwambaugh@dioceseaj.org](mailto:dwambaugh@dioceseaj.org) with any donations or questions. Everyone involved with the raffle, including myself, are hopeful all of our parishioners will help make the Fourth of July Raffle a success.

### Liturgica Reflection:

Today Jesus calls us to reconcile with one another. Apologize to someone you have hurt. Consider promises you have made. Has your yes meant yes? Read paragraphs 26-29 of *Deus caritas est* to discover what Pope Benedict XVI states about justice and charity.



**HAPPY BELATED VALENTINE'S DAY!**

### 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 today February 15th.** Drinks will be provided. Please bring a snack to share.

