

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF February 22 2026

First Sunday Of Lent

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: Paul Fochtman *By: Philip & Kathy Suhrie and Family*

Wednesday 8:30 AM: Lucy Wambaugh Restly (B'day) *By: The Restly Family Reunion*

Thursday 8:30 AM: Ronald Castillo *By: Dorothy Castillo*

Friday 8:30 AM: Claudine Plush (Anniv) *By: The Plush Family*

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

Second Sunday Of Lent:

Saturday 6:00 PM: Anna Lee Wambaugh *By: Teresa Lamens*
Sunday 8:00 AM: Robert P. Murphy *By: Ron & Patti Hankinson and Family*
Sunday 10:30 AM: Mary Anderson *By: The Diehl Family*

Sanctuary Candle:
St. Peregrine Candle:

Mass Readings for the Week:

Monday: Optional Memorial Of St. Polycarp, Bishop And Martyr
Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18/PS Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15 (R/. John 6:63b)/Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday: Blessed Luke Belludi
Isaiah 55:10-11/PS Psalm 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday: Blessed Sebastian of Aparicio
Jonah 3:1-10/PS Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Luke 11:29-32

Thursday: Saint Maria Bertilla Boscardin
Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25/PS Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Matthew 7:7-12

Friday: Optional Memorial Of St. Gregory Of Narek, Abbot And Doctor Of The Church
Ezekiel 18:21-28/PS Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 / Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday: Blessed Daniel Brottier
Deuteronomy 26:16-19/ PS Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/ Matthew 5:43-48

Sunday: Second Sunday Of Lent
Genesis 12:1-4a/PS Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/ 2 Timothy 1:8b-10/Matthew 17:1-9

“At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry.”

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:

First Sunday of Lent

The First Sunday of Lent:

On the First Sunday of Lent, begin your journey with self-reflection and allow yourself to experience the mercy of the Lord. How will you renew your commitment to prayer, fasting and almsgiving this season?

Prayer, Fasting, & Almsgiving:

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent, a time of sacrifice and repentance as we strive to turn our hearts to Jesus. The ashes we receive at church remind us of our mortality and the need to repent of our sins. The shape of the cross reminds us that we have a savior in Jesus Christ. Traditionally, there are three pillars of Lent to help us in our journey closer to the Lord: **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving**. By making sacrifices and practicing these three things, we can deepen our love for Jesus this Lent

CRS Rice Bowls- Lenten Alms Change Lives:

Lent looks a little different this year. Catholic Relief Services has resources to keep your family engaged, including reflections, meatless recipes and stories from around the world. There are additional rice bowls on the Lenten giveaway table in the back of church. To participate in CRS Rice Bowl or to obtain these useful resources please visit <https://www.crsricebowl.org/families>.

Lenten Reflection Book and Giveaways:

There are free Lenten reflection books and giveaways on the table in the back of Church. Please take one! Additional Rice Bowls can be found on this table as well.

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.



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 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; Under12: \$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, **Ralph Leister**, 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, Daniel Smith, Eddie Smith, Edith Smith, Shaun 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: \$558.00 Sunday Adults: 2105.00 Total Sunday: \$2663.00
Ash Wednesday: \$768.00 Local Needs: \$70.00 Heating Oil Fund: \$370.00

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

First Sunday Of Lent - A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar:

In today's gospel Jesus cautions it is not enough to provide food for our children; "one does not live on bread alone." Let Lent 2026 be a time when you are "led by the Spirit" to explore new ways to be a moral guide to your children.

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

Stewardship Reflection February 22nd– First Sunday Of Lent

As we begin the beautiful and challenging season of Lent, our readings this week remind us why we need these 40 days so much. They also suggest a particular strategy we Christian stewards might take as we make the journey towards Easter, so that we arrive there as better disciples – more focused on Christ and His mission for us. Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, shows us by the example of Jesus Himself one way that we can attain spiritual strength and grow to become more effective disciples and stewards. In this passage we find our Lord in the desert, fasting for 40 days and 40 nights. Like Adam and Eve, He is confronted by the evil one. But unlike our fallen parents, our Lord triumphs over the devil’s lies and sends him slithering away. How did He do it? By knowing the Scriptures and by proclaiming them confidently, and by His perfect trust in the Father. This Lent, let’s embrace this 40-day spiritual reset. Let’s commit to prayerfully studying the Scriptures. This could take the form of a daily family Gospel reflection, a few moments with the Psalms at the beginning of a lunch break, “fasting” from social media, or any other countless ways. As faithful stewards, we are called to prioritize our use of time to seek a relationship with our loving God. Let’s get to know Him better by studying His word this Lent.

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.** 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

ST. ANDREW CHURCH Infant of Prague Novena

St. Andrew Church in Johnstown will host The 69th Annual Novena to the Infant of Prague beginning on **Sunday, March 1 at 4:00 PM** and will continue every evening until **Monday, March 9 at 4:00 PM**. Mass time Monday- Friday is 6:30 PM, Saturday – Sunday is 4:00 PM. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the Church 1 hour before Mass begins. There will be Confessions after Mass every night. Please join us!

Friday Pierogi Sales:

All Saints Parish in Boswell will be selling homemade potato/cheese, sauerkraut, and lekvar (prune) pierogi every Friday of Lent (**Not Good Friday**) from 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM at their parish hall (505 Center Street, Boswell), hot or frozen - **\$12 per dozen, \$14 per dozen hot**. Please phone the parish office at (814) 629-5551 for more information. All proceeds benefit the pilgrimage to Eastern Europe for All Saints Parish Students scheduled in 2027.

Shadow Stations to Be Prayed

A local faith community is getting ready for a solemn and beautiful Lenten tradition.. Portrayers 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.**



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

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:

Diocese Planning Family Conference in the Fall

In celebration of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown's 125th anniversary, the diocese will host a Diocesan Family Conference on **September 19, 2026, at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School in Ebensburg**. The gathering, which will replace the usual men's, women's and youth conferences this year, will present an opportunity for local Catholics of all ages to gather as one family of faith. The day will include inspiring keynote addresses, Mass with Bishop Mark, Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and more. Save the date. More information to come.

THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS, A SACRED RELIC PRESENTATION

Join us for a powerful presentation centered on the Holy Face of Jesus . Drawing from the Church’s rich devotional tradition and the relic associated with the Veil of Veronica. The presenter will be Vicki Schreiner, Holy Face Apostolate. **The presentation schedule is as follows: Saturday, March 7 at 6:30 PM at Visitation Church, Johnstown; Sunday, March 8 at 1:00 PM at St. Benedict Church Johnstown; Sunday, March 8 at 4:00 PM at Resurrection Church; Monday, March 9 at 5:15 PM at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Duncansville, Pa.; and Monday, March 9 at 7:30 PM at Most Holy Trinity Church, Huntingdon, Pa.** This is a free presentation. A love collection will be taken to support Vicki’s ministry.

“One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.”

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

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!

4th 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 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.

Wishing Well:

After one of the events this past year there was a Wishing Well left in the hall. It taking up space that can be utilized for storage. If this belongs to you or you know who left it at the hall please have them call the office to arrange for it to be picked up or it will be thrown away.

Extra Pineapple:

If anyone is baking an upside pineapple cake for the fish fray the hall has several large cans of pineapple rings that can be used. Please call the office if interested and to arrange pickup.

Liturgical Reflection:

Genesis tells us that God placed the first human beings in a garden to practice stewardship there, to cultivate and care for it. (Gn 2:15). "We are called to respect and protect all of creation. It means protecting all creation, the beauty of the created world, as the book of Genesis tells us and as St. Francis of Assisi showed us. It means respecting each of God's creatures and respecting the environment in which we live." Caring for the world should not be a chore. Are you doing your part to protect the earth and all that lives upon it? Are you living as a good steward to ensure life for generations to come?

Picking Your Sacrifices For Lent:

While you're having dinner as a family, take some time to discuss what you are all giving up for Lent. Keep the three pillars of Lent in mind. *How can you practice prayer, fasting, and almsgiving this Lent?* Make sure to write down what you're giving up and place it in an easy-to-see spot, such as the refrigerator or dinner table. While your family is coming up with your Lenten sacrifices, listen to some beautiful music to help inspire you and bring you closer to the Lord.

"Even now, says the LORD, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning; rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the LORD, your God."

Joel 2:12-13

Liturgical Reflection:

The forty days Jesus spent in the desert was a time of intense focus on his relationship with God. We can follow his lead, stripping away distractions and making ourselves more available to the Father in prayer. Make a plan for this spiritual work. Some people live in a desert-like state of existence all the time, due to poverty or physical or mental illness. What service could you commit to during your forty days?

PRAYER FOR LENT

O God, bless us during this season of spiritual renewal. Fill our minds and hearts with love, that we may be a sign of Jesus to all those living in our midst. Amen.

The Message of St. Francis- A Message of Peace and Penance

Francis was anxious to invite the whole world to repent and give it new life in Christ. So he told his companions, "Go and bring to all a message of peace and penance, that their sins may be forgiven. Be patient in trials, watchful in prayer, and never cease working. Be considerate in your speech, well-ordered in your actions and grateful to your benefactors. Remember that for all this an eternal kingdom is being made ready for you".

