

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF February 08 2026

Fifth 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: Claudine Plush (Anniv) By: *The Restly Family Reunion*

Wednesday 8:30 AM: Philip Speicher By: *The Loving Family*

Thursday 8:30 AM: Robert Murphy By: *Richard & Cheryle Engbert*

Friday 8:30 AM: Josephine Suhrie By: *John Lynch*

Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time:

Saturday 6:00 PM: Donny Bavin By: *Family*

Sunday 8:00 AM: Mary Grasser By: *Shirley McVicker*

Sunday 10:30 AM: Phil Huston By: *Daughter, Beth Mayfield*

Sanctuary Candle:

St. Peregrine Candle:

Mass Readings for the Week:

Monday: Optional Memorial Of Bl. Leopold Of Alpandiere, Capuchin Brother
1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13/PS Psalm 132:6-7, 8-10/Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday: Memorial Of St. Scholastica, Virgin
1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30/PS Psalm 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 (R/.2)/Mark 7:1-13
Song Of Songs 8:6-7/PS Psalm cf. Psalm 148:12a and 13a/Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday: Optional Memorial Of Or Lady Of Lourdes
1 Kings 10:1-10/PS Psalm 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mark 7:14-23
Isaiah 66:10-14/PS Psalm Judith 15:9/John 2:1-11

Thursday: Saint Apollonia
1 Kings 11:4-13/ PS Psalm 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mark 7:24-30

Friday: Saint Giles Mary of Saint Joseph
1 Kings 11:29-32, 12:19/PS Psalm 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 (R/.11a and 9a)/Mark 7:31-37

Saturday: Memorial Of SS. Cyril, Monk And Methodius, Bishop
1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34/PS Psalm 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22 (R/.4a)/Mark 8:1-10
Acts 13:46-49/PS Psalm Mark 16:15/Luke 10:1-9

Sunday: Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time
Sirach 15:15-20/PS Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/ 1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Matthew

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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.



You are the Salt and Light

St. John's News & Upcoming Events:

Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time World Marriage Day

National Marriage Week:

The observances of **National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14)** and **World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb. 8)** are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. This year's theme is *"Man and Woman He Created Them: Together with Purpose."*

Prayer for Married Couples:

Almighty and eternal God, You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church: look with kindness on them. Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



We welcome the Franciscan University Men's Lacrosse Team to our retreat center this weekend.

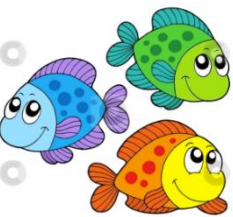


Chicken BBQ:

The Knights of Columbus Of New Baltimore will be sponsoring an Eat in or Takeout BBQ Chicken Dinner On **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**



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**.

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, 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, 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: \$609.00 Sunday Adults: \$3035.00 Total Sunday: \$3644.00
Local Needs: \$432.00

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

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

Today's gospel challenges us to be a "light" to our family. Parents shine their guiding light, not in front but behind them, inviting their children to follow their "good deeds."

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

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 8th– Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Today’s readings are part pep talk and part marching orders for us as Christian stewards. They offer wonderfully clear guidance on what matters most to God in the way we prioritize our lives and the way He intends for us to use the gifts He has given us.

The first reading, from the prophet Isaiah, gives us very straightforward instructions: “Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed, and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own.” The Lord gives no wiggle room here – care for our brothers and sisters in need is a “must-do” for the Christian steward. Note, too, that these instructions require action – to share, to shelter, to clothe, and to hang in there with your family members, even the demanding ones.

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, sends us out on our stewardship way with a bang as Jesus declares to us, His disciples, that we are the “salt of the earth” and the “light of the world.” But, He adds, salt no longer gives flavor if allowed to go stale, and light cannot bring its blessed brightness if left hidden. Therefore we must act! We must live our lives so that others will see the things that we do – the ways that we serve others, care for the vulnerable, prioritize our family relationships, and, above all, our love for God – and then give Him glory!

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.

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!

Lenten Prayer Partners:

Please sign up in the next two 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”.

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.

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.

You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden



World Day of the Sick 2026: Wednesday Feb 11th is recongized as the **Thirty-Fourth World Day of the Sick**, an observation introduced by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The theme for this year is *“The compassion of the Samaritan: loving by bearing another's pain”*. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes and is an important opportunity for those who serve in Catholic health ministry to reflect on caring for those who are sick as well as those who provide care to them. People around the world take the time to pray for the sick and for those who work very hard to alleviate the sufferings of the sick on this day. Faith organizations mark this day especially to provide the sick with medicines, food, and spiritual guidance. On this day we pray for all those suffering from illness, especially those whose health has been impacted by the Coronavirus. We also pray for their caregivers and family members.

Prayer For World Day of Sick:

Tender and merciful God, you watch over your creatures with unflinching care, keep us in the safe embrace of your love. With your strong right hand, make whole all who are suffering. Give them the strength of your power and the stillness of your peace. Minister to them through the compassionate service of others and heal their every affliction. Fill those who serve the sick with new hope and joy for the good they do in your name. Amen **OUR LADY OF LOURDES, PRAY FOR US!**

What is the Angelus Prayer?

The **Angelus prayer** is a famous Catholic devotion, said 3 times each day: at dawn, noon, and dusk (7:00 AM, 12:00 PM and 6:00 PM). These bells invite the faithful to pause at what they are doing and pray. It recounts the message from the angel Gabriel to Mary announcing God’s plan for her life. Praying the Angelus prayer is unique because we say it at specific times of the day. God brings our minds and hearts to Christ throughout the day.

The Angelus prayer originated as a way **for workers to pray toward the evening**, the end of the work day. This would often **coincide with monks** praying Evening Prayer, or Compline. At first, this only meant 3 Hail Mary’s to call to mind the Annunciation. This was a pivotal moment in history, where Mary’s yes, her fiat, began Christ’s salvific work for humanity.

The Angelus Prayer

∇. The Angel of the LORD declared unto Mary,

℞. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace; the LORD is with thee: blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

∇. Behold the handmaid of the LORD.

℞. Be it done unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary, full of grace; the LORD is with thee: blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

∇. And the Word was made flesh.

℞. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, full of grace; the LORD is with thee: blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

∇. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

℞. That we might be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray, Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O LORD, Thy grace into our hearts; that, we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord.

℞. Amen.

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.

