

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF March 15 2026
Laetare Sunday (Fourth 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: **Mary J. Raszewski** *By: Ed & Tammy Fochtman*

Wednesday 8:30 AM: **Rose Restly** *By: Frank & Franky Restly*

Wednesday 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM: Confessions In The Church

Thursday 8:30 AM: **Tom Wambaugh** *By: George & Carol Will and Family*

Friday 8:30 AM: **Michael Murphy (Anniv)** *By: Glenn & Dianne Murphy*

Friday 7:00 PM: Stations Of The Cross

Fifth Sunday Of Lent:

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

Sunday 8:00 AM: **Tommy Stiffler** *By: Krystyna Sanderson*

Sunday 10:30 AM: **Teri Davis (Anniv)** *By: Audrey Benning*

Sanctuary Candle:
St. Peregrine Candle:

Mass Readings for the Week:

- Monday: Saint Clement Mary Hofbauer**
Isaiah 65:17-21/PS Psalm 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/John 4:43-54
- Tuesday: Optional Memorial Of St. Patrick, Bishop**
Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12/PS Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/John 5:1-16
- Wednesday: Optional Memorial Of St. Cyril Of Jerusalem, Bishop And Doctor Of The Church**
Isaiah 49:8-15/PS Psalm 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/John 5:17-30
- Thursday: Solemnity Of St. Joseph, Spouse Of The Blessed Virgin Mary**
2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 and Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22
PS Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 (R./37)/ Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a
- Friday: Saint Salvator of Horta**
Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22/PS Psalm 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday: Blessed John of Parma**
Jeremiah 11:18-20/PS Psalm 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/John 7:40-53
- Sunday: Fifth Sunday Of Lent**
Ezekiel 37:12-14/PS Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Romans 8:8-11
John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

St John The Baptist Catholic Church

Box 10 New Baltimore, PA 15553 Phone: 733-2210 Hall: 733-4113
 Email: dwambaugh@dioceseaj.org Website: <https://newbaltimorecatholic.com/>

Fr. Mark Pattock, OFMcap Pastor Sacramental Emergencies: 724-272-5474

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.



HAVE A BLESSED AND HAPPY LAETARE SUNDAY!

St. John's News & Upcoming Events:

Laetare Sunday (Fourth Sunday Of Lent)

This Sunday March 15th is The Fourth Sunday of Lent the midpoint and known as *Laetare Sunday*. Laetare means **“rejoice”** and the Church expresses hope and joy in the middle of our penitential Lenten practices. Rose is the color of rejoicing so we briefly change the liturgical color, using rose-colored vestments and paraments. As we reach this milestone, reflect on the spiritual goals you set at the beginning of the season. How are you fulfilling them?

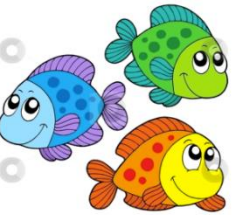


We'll Leave The Light On:
We'll Leave The Light On For You on **Wednesday March 18th from 6:00 to 9:00 PM in the Church.** Please encourage your family to come for the healing Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Knights of Columbus Meeting:
The next knights of Columbus meeting will be held this **Sunday March 15th at 6:00 PM** in the church basement.



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.



LENTEN FISH FRIES IN NEW BALTIMORE:
Our Lenten Fish Fry's for 2026 will be on **March: 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**

We served 441 Meals (425 Adults and 16 Children) at our third fish fry!



Please join St. John the Baptist parish for an Easter egg hunt on **Sunday, March 22 at 2:00 PM at the parish hall.** Parishioners are encouraged to bring children and grandchildren of all ages. Activities will be held outdoors pending weather. Refreshments will be provided.



There is an envelope in your offertory box to remember loved ones with a donation towards the Easter Flowers. Please clearly write the names on the back of the envelope so that we can publish those names in the bulletin. Only the names submitted by **March 29th** will appear in the bulletin.

The Lord is my Shepherd...

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.

<u>OFFERTORY</u>		
Sunday Loose: \$639.62	Sunday Adults: \$2225.00	Total Sunday: \$2864.62
Easter Flowers: \$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.

Laetare Sunday Fourth Sunday Of Lent - A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar:
Failure to forgive blinds us to another's goodness. Lent provides an opportunity to wash away our blind spots in the pool of forgiveness. Listen to Jesus in today's gospel: "Go wash and see."

The Pope's Prayer Intention For March:
For disarmament and peace
Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



WE LOVE HAVING YOU AS PART OF OUR FLOCK. Keep in touch with us via email and text. Just simply Text BALTIMORE to 84576 Or Connect with Us Online At: newbaltimorecath.flocknote.com

HITMIX MUSIC BINGO – Will be held on **Saturday, April 25th** at St. Francis Activity Center at 134 Barron Avenue, Johnstown. Doors open at 4:30 PM with first game beginning at 7:00PM. Tickets are \$25 each which includes turkey dinner and non-alcoholic beverages, one bingo card for each game, and cash prizes every half hour. Also available for purchase are extra bingo cards, Qualifiers, 50/50, chances on baskets and \$10 beer bracelets. Cash bar. **NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL PERMITTED.** Must be 18 or older to participate! Please contact Fran King at 814-536-3667 with any questions!

St. John Catholic Church and Immaculate Conception Church Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit:

We are excited to invite you to our Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit at the New Germany Grove Hall on **Friday, April 10 thru Sunday, April 12.** Join us for a self-guided tour of 150 Eucharistic Miracles collected from 22 countries, prayerfully gathered by St. Carlo Acutis. All verified and approved by the Vatican. This is an amazing opportunity to delve deeper into your faith and witness the *True* Presence of Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Eucharist. Admission to this event is free! For more info, please visit: www.stjic.org/eucharistic-miracles-exhibit.

Details of the event are as follows:

- Friday, 4/10 – 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM
- Saturday, 4/11 – 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM
- Sunday, 4/12 – 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Saint Joseph

This Thursday, March 19th, is the feast day of Saint Joseph. He is one of the greatest saints in the Church. The Bible doesn't tell us very much about him, but we know that he was very obedient and trusted God, and that he must have been a very holy man- God chose him to look after His own Son, Jesus!

Saint Joseph was just a poor Jewish carpenter, but God saw that he was a very good man so He chose him to be the husband and protector of Mary, who would be the Mother of Jesus. Saint Joseph provided for Mary by his hard work.



When Jesus was born Saint Joseph protected Him from the evil King Herod, who wanted to kill Him. He spent his days working to support Jesus and Mary and taught Jesus how to be a carpenter. Saint Joseph was Jesus' teacher, but he also learned from Jesus how to be holy.

Saint Joseph died a holy and peaceful death in the arms of Jesus and Mary. Now he is in Heaven, helping us when we pray to him. We should pray to him because he is a great protector and teacher for us, just like he was for Jesus.



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 March 20th; & 27th 2026. Please deliver your cake(s) to the parish hall by Noon on Friday



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.

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		

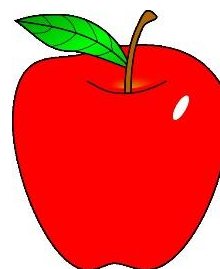
NAME:

OF ADULT MEALS:

OF CHILDREN MEALS:

PHONE:

PICKUP TIME:



The First Apple. The oldest computer was owned by Adam and Eve. It was an apple with very limited memory. Just one *byte*, and everything crashed.

Olive Wood Religious Gifts from Holy Lands:

The weekend of (March 14th and 15th) we welcome Mike from Holy Grotto to our parish with his Olive Wood Gifts from the Holy Land. **Mike can be found in the basement after all the weekend masses.** Qumsey is honored to bless your home and the homes of your loved ones with unique, handmade gifts lovingly carved by talented craftsmen. Each one-of-a-kind piece will serve as a devout and stunning visual reminder of the presence of God, your relationship to the Lord, and your connection to the Holy Land. Olive Wood from the Holy Land – A Work of Faith and Hope Christian families in the Holy Land continue the ancient tradition of carving olive wood, using trees grown in the land where Jesus lived and walked. Today, these families face great challenges, and this craft remains one of their primary sources of income. Your support through the purchase of these handmade items helps sustain their faith, their families, and their presence in the Holy Land. Thank you for standing with them in prayer and love.

CRS Rice Bowls- Lenten Alms Change Lives:

Lenten 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>.

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.**

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 is 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.

***“Go wash in the Pool of Siloam” —which means sent.
So he went and washed, and came back able to see.***

Diocesan News & Upcoming Events:

Stewardship Reflection March 15th– Laetare Sunday (Fourth Sunday Of Lent)

Today's readings on this fourth Sunday of Lent are filled with contrasting images – God's vision versus human vision, the light of Christ versus the darkness of sin, spiritual blindness versus spiritual sightedness. Embracing a stewardship way of life can free us from spiritual blindness, allow us to see as God sees, and help us to reflect the light of Christ's love in the way we live our daily lives. In our Gospel passage from John, Christ says of Himself, “I am the light of the world.” This passage recounts a miracle our Lord performs, restoring sight to a man born blind. The man responds to the Pharisees who question him about his healing by declaring to them that Jesus “opened my eyes.” These Lenten days are an excellent time for us to ask Jesus to open our eyes, too. Let us ask Him to show us where we may be suffering from spiritual blindness, perhaps even in subtle ways. As we continue on our Lenten journey, let's intensify our efforts in any of these areas where we have become a little blinded so that by Easter, we are truly living as children of the light.

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.

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH Nut Roll, Poppysseed, & Braided Bread Fundraiser:

Is taking orders for Nut Rolls, Poppy Seed Rolls and Braided Bread. To order, please call **(814) 535-1133, limited quantities available.** The cost is **\$15.00 per roll/ \$5.00 per bread.** Pick-up will be in the St. Clare of Assisi School Hall. **PICK-UP IN SCHOOL HALL Nut Roll and Poppysseed Roll Pick-up; Friday, 03/27, and Saturday, 03/28 (10am-6pm); Pick up for the Braided Bread is Saturday, 03/28 (10am-6pm).**

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.

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:

St. Mary's Altoona Confirmation Candidates will be doing Witness Stations of the Cross (Dramatic Stations):

St. Mary's Altoona Confirmation Candidates will be doing Witness Stations of the Cross (Dramatic Stations) on Palm Sunday evening (**March 29th**) at 7pm in St. Mary's Church Altoona 1401 Fifth Avenue. Please join us; this is something you really don't want to miss. Everyone is welcome to attend.

St. John the Evangelist Church in Altoona Lenten Mission:

St. John the Evangelist in Altoona invites you to their Lenten Mission by Catholic Speaker Paul Koleske Sunday March 22nd thru Tuesday March 24th. Catholic Christian speaker, singer, songwriter and recording artist, Paul Koleske, will be offering a parish mission, **‘IGNITING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST WITHIN YOU’ March 22nd-March 24th at 4:00 p.m.** each day at St. John the Evangelist Church in Altoona. He will give you inspirational direction to experience an increased presence of the Holy Spirit in your life! Paul has been on EWTN and is known throughout the nation for his music and speaking presentations. This mission will empower you to live a more successful spiritual life! For additional information on Paul's ministry go to www.paulkoleske.com. Contact St. John's Parish Office at 814-942-5503 for questions. All are invited and this Mission is free to attend. Please join us!