

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF September 06 2026
Twenty-Third Sunday Of 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.

<u>Monday 8:30AM:</u>	NO MASS / OFFICE CLOSED	
<u>Tuesday 8:30 AM:</u>	Larry Plush	<i>By: The Plush Family</i>
<u>Wednesday 8:30 AM:</u>	For All The Miscarried Souls	<i>By: The Parents</i>
<u>*Thursday 8:30 AM:</u>	Pat Stoe	<i>By: Dick & Alzine Hoffman</i>
	*Office Closing Early at 10:00 AM today and will reopen normal hours on Friday.	
<u>Friday 8:30 AM:</u>	NO MASS	
<u>24th Sunday In Ordinary Time:</u>		
<u>Saturday 6:00 PM:</u>	Anna Lee Wambaugh	<i>By: Don & Carol Hillegass</i>
<u>Sunday 8:00 AM:</u>	Jim Davis (B'day)	<i>By: The Restly Family Reunion</i>
<u>Sunday 10:30 AM:</u>	Robert Murphy	<i>By: The Family</i>
<u>Sanctuary Candle:</u>	<i>By:</i>	

Mass Readings for the Week:

Monday:	Labor Day 1 Corinthians 5:1-8/PS Psalm 5:5-6, 7, 12 (R/.9)/Luke 6:6-11 Genesis 1:26-2:3 (907-1)/PS Psalm cf. Psalm 127:1 (909-2)/Matthew 6:31-34 (911-1)
Tuesday:	Feast Of The Nativity Of The Blessed Virgin Mary Micah 5:1-4a/PS Psalm 13:6ab, 6c (R/.Isaiah 61:10)/Romans 8:28-30 Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Wednesday:	Memorial Of St. Peter Claver, Priest 1 Corinthians 7:25-31/PS Psalm 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Luke 6:20-26 Isaiah 58:6-11/PS Psalm 40:5a/Matthew 25:31-40
Thursday:	1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13/PS Psalm 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/Luke 6:27-38
Friday:	Patriot Day 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27/PS Psalm 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12 (R/.2)/Luke 6:39-42
Saturday:	Optional Memorial Of The Most Holy Name Of Mary Optional Memorial Of The Blessed Virgin Mary 1 Corinthians 10:14-22/PS Psalm 116:12-13, 17-18/Luke 6:43-49 Galatians 4:4-7/PS Psalm Luke 1:49/Luke 1:39-47
Sunday:	24th Sunday In Ordinary Time Sirach 27:30-28:7/PS Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (R/.8)/Romans 14:7-9 Matthew 18:21-35

HAPPY LABOR DAY!

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

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:

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults):

If you are interested in becoming Catholic or already are a baptized Catholic but need to finish your initiation (1st Confession/Communion and/or Confirmation) into the Catholic Church or want to grow deeper in your faith, please plan to attend The first initial meeting for OCIA is on **Wednesday September 9th at 6:30 PM in the Sacristy (the room usually adjacent to the altar).** All are welcome to attend!

SECOND COLLECTION-Next weekend, (September 13 and 14 2026), our parish will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Now more than ever, the University is strategically positioned to pave the way forward and help the laity play a significant role in healing. Your support of the National Collection will help to solve issues within the Church and educate graduates who will leave campus ready to impact the Church, the nation, and the world. We appreciate your generosity. **Please be generous!**

Religious Education News:

Religious Education Registration:

Currently asking **ALL** students in grades K-11 to please register by calling the office at (814) 733-2210 or sending an email so materials can be ordered. Please note that those who were confirmed early still need to attend religious education classes. The first day of Religious Education will be **Sunday September 20, 2026 from 9:10 AM to 10:10 AM.**

Religious Education Teachers Needed:

A Religious Education Teacher is needed for the **Confirmation Class which consists of 9th, 10th, and 11th grade.** If interested in teaching please contact the office ASAP so you can get setup for Clearances and Virtus Training. The person teaching must have both Clearances and Virtus completed before the start of Religious Education on Sunday September 20th.

Religious Education Teachers:

Please contact the office ASAP! if you **DO NOT** plan on teaching this year so a replacement can be found.

All teachers must have both Clearances and Virtus completed before the start of Religious Education on Sunday September 20th.

Bake Sale:

The Christian Mothers will be sponsoring a Bake Sale after Mass this weekend **9/5/26 and 9/6/2026.**

The proceeds will benefit the children of the parish.

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.

Country Store Chairperson(s) Needed:

With much consideration, Christopher and Brittany Clark have informed the church of their decision to step down from overseeing **The Country Store** at future Fourth of July celebrations. Chris and Brittany are deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside members of our congregation over the last nine years. As Chris and Brittany step down, **a new chairperson will be needed ASAP** to lead The Country Store so this cherished part of our celebration continues to thrive in the years ahead.

PRAYER LIST

John Andzelik, Abby Barnes, Lori Barnes, Fr. William Barron, Gene Barron, Debbie Brady, Delmas Brick Jr., Cindy (Miller) Bearer, Jane Beyer, Theresa Beyer, Tom Bezila, Tonya Brown, Mark Bruck, Tim Bruck, Macy Burke, Doug Burkett, Max Bulger, Sara Cairo, Larry Clarr, **Deb Cornell**, Randy Clites, Denis Crum, Lee Crum, Andrew Davenport, Sara Davenport, Michael Davis, Velma Davis, Larry DeArmitt, Alice Deitz, Donna Dennison, Kathy Diamond, Peg Diehl, Tracy Dickey, Dorothy Dittmer, Joyce Dively, Tara Dively, Lisa Easter, Chris Edes, Rick Earley, George Faidley III, Connie Fake, Tim Felten, Debbie Fisher, Tabitha Flick, Bradley Fochtman, Harry Fochtman, Mike Fochtman, Mark Frankenfield, Myrna Fries, Becky Foor, Carol Ann Gallagher, Brian Gardill, Patty Ann Gardner, Jarrett Gowatty, Paisley Goetzl, Helen Greenway, Kelsey Grove, Grayson Gumbert, Larry Habinyak, 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, Ida Mae Hillegass, Lisa Hillegass, Missy Hillegass, Tara Hillegass, Amy Jo Hoffman, Phyllis Hoppert, Jeff Horn, Tina Hoover, Pete Innis, Mary Janachovski, Martha (Lewis) Kalbach, Matt Karns, Bob Kemerer, Jason Kinzer, David Krieie, Fr. Robert Kaylor, Katie Koontz, Todd Kline, Eric Knott, Virginia Lambert, John Lancaster, Bill Lankey, Eli Lankey, Kelly Legarski, Ralph Leister, Bruce Leonard, Carol Leppert, Gordon Leppert, 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, Abe Mills, Mike Montreal, Reed Morgan, Tracey Mowry, Carol Murphy, Kai Musselman, John Myers, Ashley Nail, Eugene Nickelow, Elissa Nunamaker, Tina Maddy Ostravich, Donna Otto, Rick Otto, Michael Price, Sabina Restly, Karissa Riberdy, Tara Ritchey, Cindy Robb, Katherine Rosenbaum, Debbie Rowan, Teri Schreiber, Nancy Schrock, Barb Sarver, Shirley Sechler, Greg Seeley, Jordon Seville, Lorraine Shadduck, Sandra Shaffer, Terry Shaffer, Harold Shannon, Tom Shippy, Daniel Smith, Eddie Smith, Edith Smith, Kayleigh Smith, Shaun Smith, Oscar Speicher, Linda Stiffler, Riley Grace Sweeney, Rosalie Swingle, Leo Suhrie, Sherry Suttmiller, Carol Taylor, Janet Valentine, Michael Valentine, Julianne Viselli, Gail Wade, Tom Warren, Jr., Staci Weaver, Aaron Weiss, Dee Werline, John & Doris Werner, Christina Whetstone, Logan Weyand, Alyssa Will, Charlotte Will, Jan Will, Pat Will, Tracy Williams, Lucy Wright, Angie Wolfhope, **Gary 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: \$881.00	Sunday Adults: \$1956.00	Total Sunday: \$2957.00
Local Needs: \$5.00	Heating Oil: \$80.00	

We’re always collecting non- perishable food items for our local foodbanks. Please place items in the bins in the back of church.

23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar:

The key word in today’s gospel is “listen.” We cannot change another person; not alone, not with others and not with a whole Church. All we can do is state our position and “if he listens to you” then he / she can take the steps necessary to change themselves. Change comes from within.

The Pope’s Prayer Intention For September

For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.



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Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgies:

Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating **1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years of marriage in 2026** (and their families) to attend the **Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy**. Couples may attend Sunday, **September 13** in **ALTOONA** at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, **September 20** in **JOHNSTOWN** at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at **2:00 p.m.** Most Rev. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families. **Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Friday, September 11th.**

Our Lady Queen Of Angels Monthly Bingo:

OLQA Monthly Bingo - Please join us at the Activities Center for Bingo on **Sunday, September 13, 2026**. Doors open at 11:30am and games start at 1:00pm. Entrance is \$25. Games of chance and food/snacks will be available for purchase. **Wear something Tie-Dye to be eligible to win a Bingo gift certificate.**

Holy Family Parish In Hooversville:

Holy Family Parish in Hooversville will host their annual **Hungarian Picnic on Saturday September 19th** at the Fireman's Grove in Hooversville (Somerset County –Near Flight 93 National Memorial). The menu features homemade Hungarian food including gulyas, fire roasted pork chops (cooked around a fire for 6 hours), homemade kolbasz, potato pancakes, hurka sausage, Hungarian style pickles, and more. Bar with wine from Hungary, domestic and import beer, and spirits. Live Hungarian music by Gypsy George Batyi and Gypsy Stringz, as well as Hungarian folk dance by Cserkész Regös Csoport from Cleveland. Outdoor Mass at 4:00 PM with Hungarian hymns. Bar opens at 5:00 PM, food starts at 5:30 PM. Basket raffles and games of chance. More than a celebration of Hungarian heritage, all are invited to a real Hungarian picnic in the old-world spirit

Precious Life 25th Annual Walk For Life:

Precious Life of Bedford County Invites you to take part in their **25th Annual Walk For Life on Saturday September 19th^hat 10:00 AM. Registration begins at 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM. The walk will start at Bedford Methodist Church/Burkett’s Watch Me Grow Early Learning Center located at 132 E. John Street Bedford PA 15522.** They will be walking the sidewalks of Bedford Borough to show our support for the unborn by raising awareness and donations that will make a difference in the lives of countless women and children in our community. **Please put this date on your calendar and consider coming out to lead your team on this short (just 2 miles) but significant Walk for Life.** Your support means so much! If you have any questions, please contact Amy Giovanelli by calling or texting @ (814) 494-0069 or email@ amy@plinc.org. Last year Precious Life raised over \$8,000, thanks to the kindness and generosity of our attendees. Registration Forms for the walk can be picked up on the back table of the Church.

HOLY NAME PARISH, EBENSBURG:

On **Monday, September 21st at 7:00 P.M.** in collaboration with the **Catholic Speakers organization, Independent Catholic Foundation, and St. Benedict Parish, Carrolltown, Holy Name Parish** is sponsoring from the **Archdiocese of Miami, Fr. Rafael Capo**. He is known as the “bodybuilding priest” and has connected with countless young people through speaking engagements across the U.S. and around the world. Ordained in 1996, he has served as a teacher, high school president, campus minister, vocations director, and outreach leader for street children and immigrant youth. He currently serves as vice president of Mission at St. Thomas University in Miami Gardens.

Stewardship Reflection September 6th- The 23rd Sunday Of Ordinary Time

Today’s readings are all about relationships. Among the many lessons we have learned as a result of the global pandemic is the deep importance of the relationships and communities in our lives. Our families, our neighbors, our friends, and our parish family need us and we need them – not just for survival, but to be our best selves, and to help each other on the path to heaven. Our readings today show us how we can be good stewards of these vital relationships, beginning with the first reading from the prophet Ezekiel. God says to Ezekiel, “I have appointed watchmen for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me.” Because of our Baptism, we are all “watchmen” for one another. We have been given the gift of our Catholic faith and we have a responsibility to lovingly and generously share that gift. As Christian stewards, God has designed us in such a way that we must help each other on the journey towards heaven. Let us take care to steward our relationships well.

Parish Work Day:

The maintenance committee would like to institute a quarterly community day to both help maintain the church grounds and build fellowship. **On Saturday September 19th at 8am** please meet at the church hall to work on the playground, the hall, the cemetery and grounds in general. What we can accomplish depends on you! So bring your shovels, rakes, weed eaters, and anything you think would help. Feel free to bring drinks or a covered dish so we can enjoy a day of work and community with our parish family.

Spaghetti Dinner:

The Knights of Columbus of St. John's Parish in New Baltimore is sponsoring a **DINE IN OR TAKE OUT Spaghetti Dinner Sunday September 20th from 10:30AM to 1:00 PM.** The dinner includes spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread and dessert. Adults (12 and over) **\$10**, Children (5 -11) **\$5** Under 4: **FREE**. WALK-INS are also welcome! All proceeds are donated to local food banks and local charities!

TAKEOUT ORDER FORM

Name:

Phone:

Orders:

_____ Adult

_____ Child

Pickup Time: _____

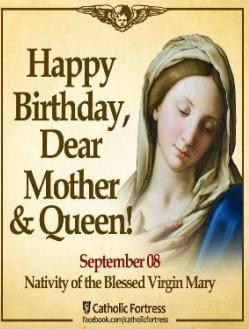
Please return back to parish office.

Rosary Group:

On **Friday September 25th at 6pm** our parish Rosary group will hold a potluck dinner to join in fellowship and prayer. Please join us for friendship, good conversation, and the Rosary.

BIG 50 BINGO!

Will be played in the parish hall here in New Baltimore **Sunday September 27th beginning at 1pm** (Doors open at 11:30 AM Admission is **\$30**. Payouts: Regular Games-\$50 Specials-\$100 Refreshments available.



The Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

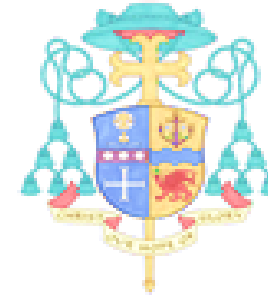
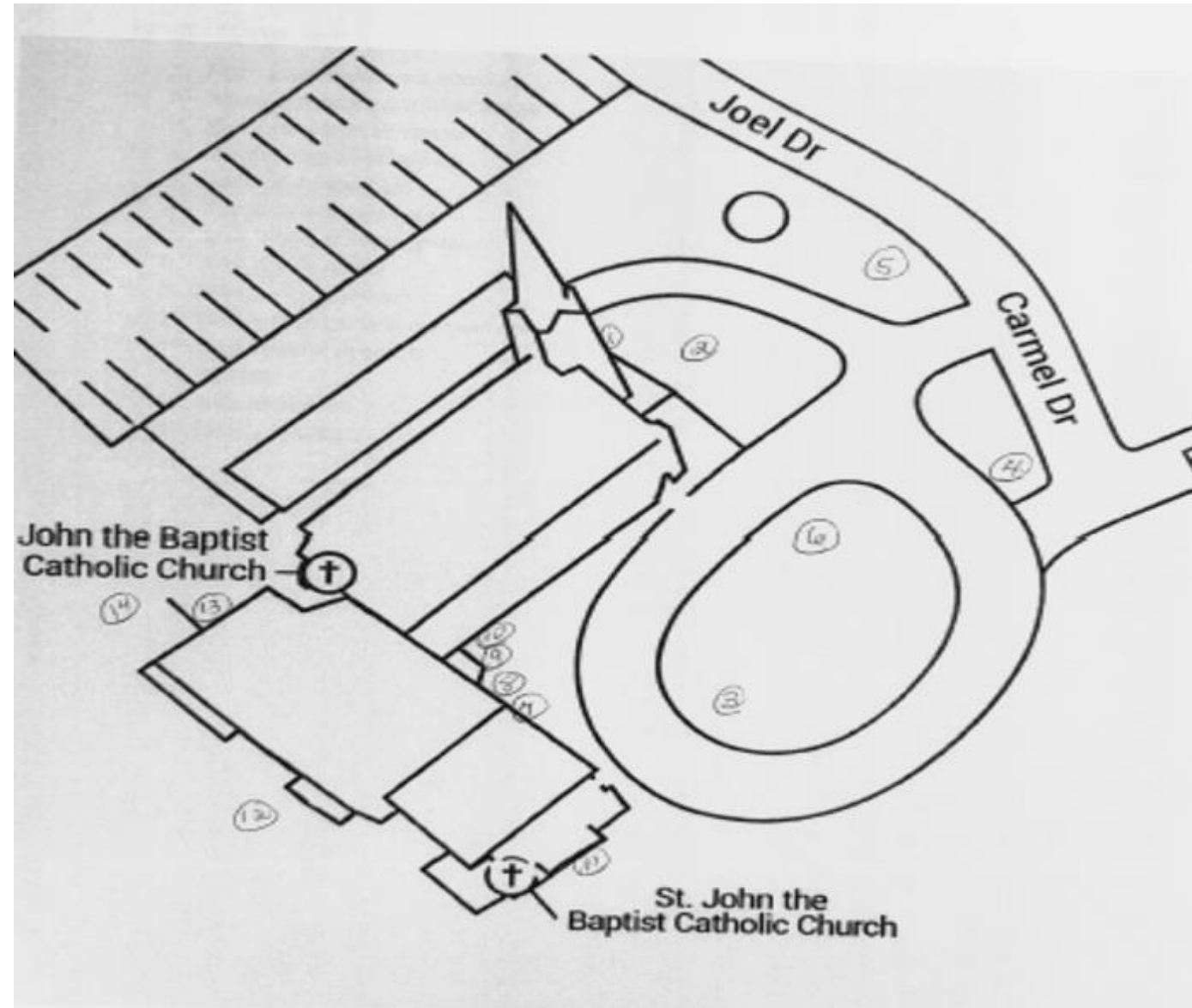
This **Tuesday September 8th** is known as the **Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. The Church has celebrated Mary’s birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8th date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8. Scripture does not give an account of Mary’s birth. However, the apocryphal *Protoevangelium of James* fills in the gap. This work has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child who will advance God’s plan of salvation for the world. Such a story, like many biblical counterparts, stresses the special presence of God in Mary’s life from the beginning. Saint Augustine connects Mary’s birth with Jesus’ saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. “She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed.” The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary’s Son as the dawn of our salvation, and asks for an increase of peace. *Saint Mary, we celebrate your holy birth in the land your Son made holy. Your discreet life of prayer and service obscures so much but speaks loudly as well. May our lives be discreet in their goodness, known to God and to those few who have the eyes to see and the ears to hear*

Volunteers Needed:

We are looking for volunteers interested in the care of our flower gardens. This could be one person or a group of people committed to keeping the designated area free of weeds. You would provide your own supplies. We have an area where weed debris can be disposed. We would like to start this fall so we can prepare for winter and be ready for spring. Contact Tracey May at 814-279-8847.

Church Flower Beds:

1. Right side main front door
2. Stone cross bottom front steps
3. Statue at circle driveway
4. Planter sign at entrance
5. Second retreat sign
6. Circle driveway pipes
7. Area 1 – left of rectory door
8. Area 2 – left center
9. Area 3 – right center
10. Area 4 – right side basement door
11. By screened in porch
12. Fire Pit
13. Side of Portico
14. Front of Portico

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September 2, 2026

A Letter to All the Faithful of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown
Concerning the 8th Centenary of the Death of St. Francis of Assisi

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

At the direction of Pope Leo XIV, the Apostolic Penitentiary has decreed a Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi to be observed from January 10, 2026, to January 10, 2027. In the decree, Pope Leo XIV invites us as pilgrims to transform hope into action by following the example of St. Francis of Assisi so that we may become models of holiness of life and constant witnesses of peace.

Our Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has been blessed by the ministry and service of so many in consecrated life who have been inspired by the example of the Seraphic Patriarch, St. Francis of Assisi. These include the Franciscan Friars, TOR, of the Sacred Heart Province in Loretto; the Franciscan Friars TOR, of the Immaculate Conception Province in Hollidaysburg; the Order of Friars Minor Conventual who serve in parishes in Cambria County; and members of the Order of Friars Minor serving in Cambria and Centre counties.

In observance of this 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis, Pope Leo XIV has directed that Mass for the Solemnity of St. Francis should be celebrated at the Saturday Vigil Mass on October 4 and at all Sunday Masses on October 5, 2026.

This Jubilee Year of St. Francis invites all pilgrims to transform their hope into action, following the example of St. Francis of Assisi. We are to become models of holiness of life and constant witnesses of peace. Information concerning indulgences during this time may be found at: [How to obtain a Plenary Indulgence? - Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America](#). All parishes and Catholic schools in our diocese are encouraged to discover or rediscover the simple, yet powerful ways in which St. Francis preached the Gospel by word and especially by his actions.

With prayers and best wishes,

+ Mark J. Bartchak

Most Rev. Mark L. Bartchak
Bishop of Altoona-Johnstown