MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF October 25 2026
Thirtieth 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.

Monday 8:30AM: **NO MASS**

Tuesday 8:30 AM: **Keith Hankinson** *By: Don & Carol Hillegass*

Wednesday 8:30 AM: **Michael & Sophie Kemple** *By: Family*

Thursday 8:30 AM: **Zita Speicher** *By: Susan Doepel*

Friday 8:30 AM: **Carl Murphy (B'day)** *By: The Family*

Solemnity Of All Saints:
Saturday 6:00 PM: **Mary Imgrund (Anniv)** *By: Daughters and Families*
Sunday 8:00 AM: **Niecie Hickey (B'day)** *By: The Hickey Family Reunion*
Sunday 10:30 AM: **Joyce Ansell** *By: Kay Walters*

Sanctuary Candle: *By:*

Mass Readings for the Week:

Monday: **Saint Peter of Alcantara**
Ephesians 4:32-5:8/PS Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 (R/.cf. Ephesians 5:1)/Luke 13:10-17

Tuesday: **Blessed Bartholomew of Vicenza**
Ephesians 5:21-33/PS Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Luke 13:18-21

Wednesday: **Feast Of SS. Simon And Jude, Apostles**
Ephesians 2:19-22/PS Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5/Luke 6:12-16

Thursday: **Saint Narcissus of Jerusalem**
Ephesians 6:10-20/PS Psalm 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Luke 13:31-35

Friday: **Saint Alphonsus Rodriguez**
Philippians 1:1-11/PS Psalm 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Luke 14:1-6

Saturday: **Memorial Of St. Angelo of Acri, Capuchin Priest**
Optional Memorial Of The Blessed Virgin Mary
Philippians 1:18b-26/PS Psalm 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Luke 14:1, 7-11

Sunday: **Solemnity Of All Saints**
Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14/PS Psalm 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 (R/.cf.6)/1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12a

"Love God, serve God; everything is in that."

-St. Clare of Assisi

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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.

Hospital Visits and Sick Calls:
Due to federal privacy regulations (HIPAA), hospitals and nursing homes are generally unable to notify the parish when a patient is admitted. As a result, our priests may not know when a parishioner is hospitalized, in a nursing home, or in need of pastoral care. **If you or a loved one is hospitalized, enters a nursing facility, or is homebound due to illness, please contact the parish office or a priest directly. You or your guardian must notify the Church if you would like a priest to visit, bring Holy Communion, or administer the Sacraments. Please do not assume that the parish has been informed. Your call ensures that we can provide the spiritual care and support you need during times of illness.**

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:

Thirtieth Sunday Of Ordinary Time

Weekly Offertory Reminder
As the weather gets colder and utility and maintenance costs increase, we are especially grateful for your continued support of our parish through the weekly offertory. Your generosity helps keep our church warm, welcoming, and able to continue its ministries throughout the winter months. If you are away or miss a weekend, please remember to make up your offertory when you return. Thank you for your faithful stewardship and for helping sustain our parish family.

Book of Remembrance:
During the month of November, we are called to "remember our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest." To help you to remember all who have died from our families and friends we will place a book in the back of the church in which, we the faithful, may write the name of our beloved dead who should be remembered in prayer. This book will be part of our Offertory procession and placed on the altar at all Sunday Masses during November along with our gifts of money, bread, and wine

Rosary Group:
On **Friday October 30th at 6pm** our parish Rosary group will hold a potluck dinner in the hall. Please join us for friendship, good conversation, and the Rosary.

Operation Christmas Child:
My name is Doris Werner. We will once again be collecting filled shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Ministry. These boxes will be sent to children in countries around the world. The main purpose is to introduce these children to Jesus Christ. **Shoeboxes and information can be found on the table in the back of Church.** We ask that you please include a **$10** donation to help pay for shipping. If you have any questions, you may contact me at **(814)-733-4611 or 814-937-5122.**
All items are due at the latest by Sunday November 08, 2026. Thank You!



TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT:
New Baltimore Borough will be sponsoring Trick or Treat Night on **Sunday, October 25th from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM**. **** Leave Porch Light On If You Want To Participate**.** New Baltimore Volunteer Fire Department will be providing traffic control during that period.



BIG 50 BINGO!
Will be played in the parish hall here in New Baltimore **Sunday November 22nd beginning at 1pm** (Doors open at 11:30 AM Admission is **$30.** Payouts: Regular Games-$50 Specials-$100 Refreshments available.

Per the Cemetery Guidelines-
All seasonal decorations should have been removed from the cemetery**.** American and Military flags will remain on graves until after Veterans Day.

CUT AND SAVE . . . .

Sacramental Emergency Contact:

In the case of a Sacramental Emergency including Death or Critical Illness, please contact the following: 724-272-5474.

PRAYER LIST

John Andzelik, **Pat Arnold,** Abby Barnes**,** Lori Barnes**,** Fr. William 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**,** 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, **Julia Evans,** 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, 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, 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, Bill Lankey**,** Eli Lankey, Kelly Legarski, Ralph Leister, Bruce Leonard, Carol Leppert, Gordon Leppert, Chase Lester**,** 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**, Kevin Oldham,** Tina Maddy Ostravich**,** Donna Otto**,** Rick Otto**, M.P.,** 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, 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, Shirley Varchetti, Julianne Viselli**,** Gail Wade, Tom Warren, Jr., Staci Weaver**,** Aaron Weiss, Dee Werline, John & Doris Werner, Christina Whetstone, George Whipple**,** Logan Weyand**,** Alyssa Will, Charlotte Will, Jan Will, Pat Will**,** Tracy Williams**,** Lucy Wright**,** Angie Wolfhope, Gary Wolfhope**,** Ron Wolfhope, Steve Wolfhope

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: $649.00 **Sunday Adults:** $1780.00 **Total Sunday:** $2429.00 **Local Needs:** $15.00
World Mission Sunday: $590.00 **All Soul's:** $50.00 **Heating Oil Fund:** $500.00
We're always collecting non- perishable food items for our local foodbanks. Please place items in the bins in the back of church.

30th Sunday In Ordinary Time A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar:
In today's gospel the Pharisee was talking about commandments (Something we are forced to obey by external pressure) and Jesus was talking about love (an internal exhortation to give our heart, soul and mind to another). One demands allegiance, the other requires personal commitment. In our families we daily lay down our lives for each other not because we 'gotta' but because love compels us.

The Pope's Prayer Intention For October
For Mental health ministry
Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

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.co

Diocesan News & Upcoming Events:

Triduum to St. Jude:
St. Mark's Catholic Church, 416 6th Avenue, Altoona, will be holding their annual Triduum to Saint Jude, Patron of those in despair or in hopeless situations. It will be on **Monday, October 26th, Tuesday, October 27th , & Wednesday, October 28th. Mass will be at 5:30 pm each night.**

Cathedral Candlelight Concert – October 31st:
Railroad City Catholics, a local young adult group, presents the second Cathedral Candlelight Concert, *Requiem, Souls and Saints: A Journey from Grief to Glory* **on Friday, October 31 at 7:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament**. Enjoy sacred and classical music for Hallowtide performed by young adult musicians from across Central Pennsylvania. Free and open to the public. A social will follow in the parish hall.

Catholic Charities Education Workshop:
Catholic Charities is pleased to offer an educational workshop on effective communication on **Saturday, November 14, 2026, at The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona, PA** from **9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information or to register please call 814-535-6538.** Lunch will be provided. Participants will gain practical tools and communication skills that can help build stronger relationships, minimize conflicts and misunderstandings, and foster more positive interactions in daily life.

Annual Holiday Basket Bazaar:
St. Peter's Church, located at 433 West Church Street in Somerset invites everyone to its Annual Holiday Basket Bazaar on **Saturday, November 7, from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm and Sunday, November 8, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm**. Browse more than 100 beautiful themed baskets on display in our parish hall! There will also be a cash/quilt raffle, a delicious bake sale and refreshments. Everyone is welcome! Come join us for a fun-filled weekend of holiday shopping and community fellowship!

Annual Holiday Boutique-Our Lady of Lourdes-Altoona:
Our Lady of Lourdes in Altoona invites you to their Annual Holiday Boutique on **Saturday, November 14th 8:00am-3:00pm.** Pancake and Sausage breakfast 8:00am-10:00am Lunch - 11:00-2:00pm Homemade cinnamon rolls, soups, meatballs and much more. Takeout available Crafts, Jewelry, Kids Carnival, Baskets, Prize-a-Rama, Sweet Find, Collectibles, Baked Goods with homemade lollipops Come for Santa photo 11:00am-1:00pm. Beautiful backdrop and soooo much cheaper than the mall. Come for the fun and enjoy!!!

Stewardship Reflection October 25th- The 30th Sunday Of Ordinary Time
Today's readings are all about love – the radical love of God for His people and the radical love we are called to live out in response. The stewardship way of life is nothing more and nothing less than the practical application of loving God and neighbor in our daily lives. From the very beginning, God reveals Himself as a loving and compassionate father Who has a particular concern for the most vulnerable of His people. He requires this same compassion from His people in our treatment of one another. Jesus sums up the message of all the prophets as well as the purpose of all God's laws in today's Gospel passage, from Matthew. It is a message we have likely grown up hearing – but it is so beautiful and so challenging, it bears repeating again and again. It is Christ's response to a question about which commandment is greatest. His answer reveals both the greatest and the second greatest commandments. He says, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind… The second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself." The stewardship way of life is the unique way that each of us applies these two greatest commandments to our daily lives. To sum it up, it's all about love.

"The measure of our love for God is found in the way we love our neighbor."



To the Wonderful Congregation of St. John. Thank You so much for your food donation! Thru out the year, you give so generously!

Also on behalf of the Berlin Food Pantry, thank you for your financial support of $130.00. This donation will assist in helping those who struggle to make ends meet within the greater Berlin and Shankesville School Districts. May God continue to share these blessing.

Sincerely,
Berlin Food Pantry
610 Main Street
Po Box 122
Berlin, PA 15530

Religious Education News:

Religious Education Teachers Needed ASAP:
A Religious Education Teacher is needed for the **4th and 5th Grade Class and 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.

Office Of Youth Protection- "Empowering God's Children Lessons For Youth:
Youth protection Lessons for students in our Religious Education Programs will need to be completed and turned into the Office **NO LATER THAN December 31, 2026 (For All Grades)** which then will be recorded ONLINE!! Unless they are recorded online, they are considered incomplete. Year after year, many are not completing these until the last minute and we are chasing around students up to the end of their session. **Since both St. John The Baptist Catholic Church and the Diocese Of Altoona-Johnstown** gets either an in-person or paper audit **EVERY** year, this information is needed in order to get it prepared for the reports. The lessons will be emailed to the parents for each child (s) grade level in the upcoming weeks. The email address that is on file for religious education will be the email the lessons are sent to. If you don't receive these lessons please call the office to ensure correct contact information is on file.

2026-2027 Confirmation Retreat Schedule for Grades 9 to 12:

Praying With Scripture	3 Zoom Sessions	**December 6, 9, 13, 2026**
Praying With Scripture	3 Zoom Sessions	**March 7, 10, 14, 2027**
Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit	3 Zoom Sessions	**Jan 10, 13, 17, 2027**
Living The Discipleship And Mission Of Jesus Christ	3 Zoom Sessions	**November 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 2026**
Living The Discipleship And Mission Of Jesus Christ	3 Zoom Sessions	**Feb 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 2027**
Living The Discipleship And Mission Of Jesus Christ	3 Zoom Sessions	**Apr 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 2027**

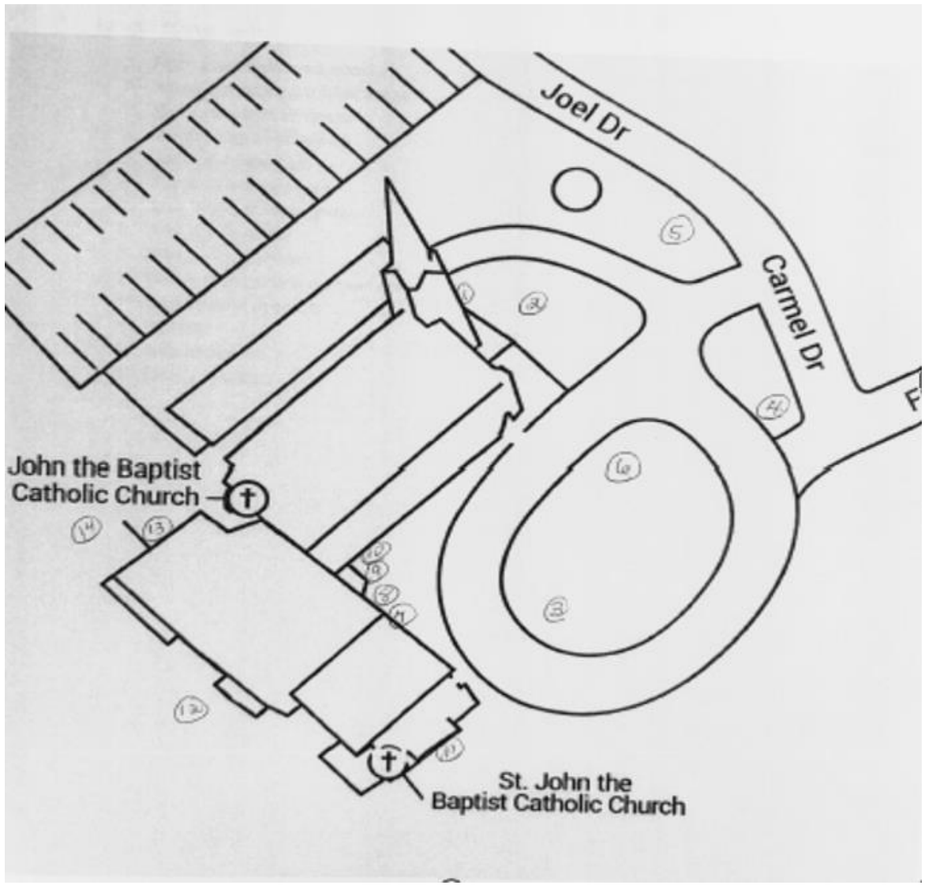
Students need to attend one zoom session for each retreat. Final registration needs to be sent from the parish office at least **2 weeks** before retreat begins to Sr. Suzanne Thiabult. There is no cost to the student as it will be covered by the parish. All retreats are conducted via Zoom by Sr. Suzanne 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

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.**

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**



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind… You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Matthew 22:37, 39

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

When the Pharisees asked Jesus which commandment in the Law was the greatest, they expected a complicated answer. Instead, Jesus revealed the very heart of God's plan for His people:

Love God. Love your neighbor.

These two commandments are inseparable. We cannot truly love God without loving those whom He created. Likewise, our love for others finds its deepest meaning when it flows from our love of God.

The saints understood this well. Their lives were marked not only by prayer and worship, but by kindness, mercy, forgiveness, and sacrifice. They recognized Christ in every person they encountered.

In a world often divided by anger, selfishness, and indifference, Christ calls us to something greater. He calls us to become living witnesses of His love.

REFLECT
Ask yourself:
• Do I make time each day for prayer and worship?
• Is my love for God reflected in the way I live?
• Do I treat others with patience and respect?
• Have I forgiven those who have hurt me?
• Do I see Christ in the poor, the lonely, and the suffering?
Love is more than a feeling. It is a choice we make every day through our words, actions, and sacrifices.

A PRAYER FOR CHARITY
Lord Jesus, Teach me to love You above all things and to love my neighbor as You have loved me. Help me to be patient with those who test me, compassionate toward those who suffer, and generous toward those in need. Remove from my heart all bitterness, resentment, and pride. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit so that my thoughts, words, and actions may reflect Your love. May all that I do give glory to You and lead others closer to Your Sacred Heart. **Amen.**