



Saint John the Baptist CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mission Statement:

Our mission at St. John the Baptist Parish is to prepare people for the coming of the fullness of God's Kingdom by sharing the Catholic Faith and its tradition.

Parish Personnel

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Masses

Weekdays 7 a.m.
Saturdays 8 a.m. / 4:30 p.m.
Sundays 7 a.m. / 9 a.m. / 11 a.m.

HEARING LOOP INSTALLED



Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.

Sacrament of Baptism

Expectant parents are to participate in the Baptism preparation program. Contact the parish office for details.

Sacrament of Penance

First & Third Fridays 6:00 p.m.
Saturdays Following the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Those preparing for serious surgery are to contact the Rectory Office at 715-384-3252.

Parish Membership

Call the Rectory Office at 715-384-3252

MASS SCHEDULE**MON 1/18/21**

7:00am Herbert Schneider

Scripture Readings: Heb 5:1-10

Mk 2:18-22

TUES 1/19/21

7:00am Raymond Kelly

Scripture Readings: Heb 6:10-20

Mk 2:23-28

WED 1/20/21 St. Fabian, Pope, Martyr, St. Sebastian, Martyr

7:00am Living & deceased members of the Stanley &

Florence Iwanski family

Scripture Readings: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17

Mk 3:1-6

THUR 1/21/21 St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

7:00am John Zinthefer

Scripture Readings: Heb 7:25—8:6

Mk 3:7-12

FRI 1/22/21

7:00am Mitchell Bryant

Scripture Readings: Heb 8:6-13

MK 3:13-19

SAT 1/23/21 St. Vincent, Deacon, Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

8:00am Herbert Weigel

Scripture Readings: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14

Mk 3:20-21

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

4:30pm John Pritzl

SUN 1/24/21

7:00am Living & deceased members of the Wesley Schar family

9:00am Living and deceased members of the Irban Aumann family

11:00am Henry & Doris Gadke

Scripture Readings: Jon 3:1-5, 10

1 Cor 7:29-31

Mk 1:14-20

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS**January 23rd & 24th 2021****LECTORS**

4:30pm Monte & Patti Willkom

7:00am Ray Housworth

9:00am Ann Kundinger

11:00am John Salzmann

Eucharistic Ministers

4:30pm Louise Kobylinski

7:00am Al or Barb May

9:00am Patty Kraus

11:00am Lori Salzmann

SERVERS4:30pm **Open / Open**

7:00am Paige Schlagenhaft / Abigail Schuld

9:00am Nathaniel & Christina Nemitz

11:00am Kendall Bisek / Elizabeth Kitzhaber

Music Minister

4:30pm Ashley Nikolai / Karen Isaacson

7:00am **Open**9:00am **Open**11:00am **Open**

Confessions are held on Saturday mornings after the 8:00am Mass and on the first & third Fridays of each month beginning at 6:00pm.

FUNERAL SERVERS January 18th - January 24th, 2021

Ardell Klein / Bernie Knoeck / Denny Loughlin / Dan Mroz

At this time we are looking for more men to assist as funeral servers. Never served before? No worries! We have willing and experienced servers to train you. Please call the parish office to inquire.

Weekday Mass Servers: We are looking for a couple of men to sign on as weekday Mass servers so that we can rotate one day a week or even once every other week if we get enough volunteers! If you are able to attend morning Mass, and would like to help out, please call the parish office at 715-384-3252.

Monday - David Gouin**Tuesday** - Marty Draxler**Wednesday** - Dan Flees**Thursday** - Ray Housworth**Friday** - Dennis Spencer**Saturday** - Nick & Kolbe Landwehr**STEWARDSHIP - JANUARY 9th - 10th, 2021**

Adult / Youth / Plate	\$12,249.80
Parish Improvement	170.00
Month to Date	\$27,321.80
Amount Needed Month of January	\$56,446.00

To have a prayer added to St. John's Prayer Chain, please call Shirley 715-384-3613 and Donna 715-384-2479 (there are 2 lists). If you would like to become a member of the prayer chain, please call Jane Gerend at 715-387-2019 or Ann Bohnert at 715-389-2726.

Children's Envelopes: We have a number of boxes available. If you would like your child to have their own 2021 envelopes for tithing, they will be available in the entranceway of the Church.

The schedule for Masses at St. John's in 2022 is ready. 2021 is full. If you want to have Mass intentions scheduled, please contact the parish office. Please keep in mind that it might happen that a Mass will have to be cancelled now and then depending upon the availability of a priest to cover. **Also**, we have started a list of Mass Intentions for the Priests on their day's off. These are private Masses. If you have an intention you would like to be said more quickly, call the office at 715-384-3252.

Private Mass Intentions: If you would like a Mass intention for a loved one, and would like it soon, there is an opportunity to do so in a privately said Mass by one of our priests. Please call the parish office or send in your intention with the stipend of \$10 if you would like to submit a name for one of these private Masses.

Attention engaged couples: Registration is now open for the *Married Love: two becoming one* classes. Available dates are: Feb. 13th & April 10th, 2021. Couples should first contact their priest and then plan to attend a class at least six months before their wedding. For questions or to register, contact Alanna Hart at hart_alanna@yahoo.com or 715-650-7310.

Adoration: Find Peace and Joy in the radiating love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament! Available adoration hours at John Paul II Adoration Chapel are: Mon. at noon, Tues. from 2-3 & 4-5pm, Thurs. from 7-8am, Sat. from 8-9am, 2-3pm, 7-8pm. Please contact Jean, 715-387-0571 or Deacon Ray, 715-207-6085.

ACH (automatic withdrawal) is another way you can choose to do your tithing. There are benefits to using this method of financial giving to St. John's. Not only does it save the parish in the cost of envelopes and postage, but it helps one to remain consistent in their tithing while away on vacation. If you would like to switch to this method, call the parish finance office at 715-384-3252. Pam will provide you with the needed information.

The Bulletin and Annual Report are funded by ad donations which appear on the back side of the bulletin. If you or someone you know would like to place an ad, please contact the parish office 715-384-3252 or stop by during business hours, 9am-5pm. The cost for the year per block is \$175 for black & white, \$200 for color. We appreciate all those businesses and individuals who continue to make this possible.

Diocesan Annual Appeal 2020-2021. As of January 6th, we have 417 donors and a total of **\$110,822.00** pledged toward our goal of \$136,700.00. We still need \$26,043.00 to reach our goal so we ask that if you have never given to this appeal, please consider to help our parish this year! **At this time we thank** Mike & Sherri Spencer / Linda Strenger / John & Suzanne Voros / Paul & Lynetta Zimmermann / Sylvester & Mary Jane Weis / Dennis & Darlene Rhodes / Jack & Audrey Ably / Bernadine Baltus / Joyce Bauer / Greg Doll / Rita Hasenohrl / Karl & Cathy Zimmermann / Kenneth & Virgean Heintz / Evelyn Hemmy / Tim & Kris Herr / James & Karleen Hlavac / Patrick & Helga Imhoff / Susan Jahr / Ron & Roberta Jevaltas / Brian & Jean Kaiser / Bernard & Donna Knoeck / John & Phyllis Kollross / Martin & Rosemary Laidlaw / Dale & Linda Lewer / Gary & Allyson Mayeux / Dan & Clare Mroz / Alberta Strey

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Human Life is Valuable

Every January for the past 38 years there has been a March For Life in Washington D.C. For the past 10 years or so, there have been regional marches as well. Although there will be a March this year, it will be far from what has been expected in the past. Why do so many people, estimated at close to 500,000 people any given year, make the sacrifice to make a pilgrimage to our nation's capital? It is a statement that life is valuable. This year it will be more important than ever to make a statement to our nation's leaders, as we will be losing one of the most powerful voices for life at the presidential level for one that has stated over and over his intention to disband and eliminate the laws and protections that have been put in place over the past four years.

As Catholic Christians, we believe each human life is valuable, unique and irreplaceable. Jesus Christ did not become man to save humanity, but to save each of us; from Adam and Eve to the last person conceived before he returns a second time. It is our belief that human dignity does not come from a government decree, a popular vote of a nation's population, a judge or a person's parent who decides to choose life; life is a gift God gives to each of us and is determined by Him. We hear this truth from the prophet Jeremiah: *Before you were born, I knew you.*

Although it is easy to see the value and dignity in a professional athlete, a popular politician, the rich or powerful; we claim an equal dignity for the poor, the marginalized, the sick, the elderly and even the unborn. All human persons are made in the image and likeness of God, and have dignity, period. Our dignity is not about what we might offer in a particular field; rather our dignity is part and parcel of who we are as children of God. It is difficult to see this dignity as it is physically invisible, but Christians see all things differently than the culture or the world.

The cultural worldview is that the things which make life worth living is the material wealth we attain through our jobs and the accomplishments that bring applaud and notoriety. Our culture says we need abortion because women can't find happiness if a baby gets in the way between them and their plans; women cannot climb the corporate success ladder if an unexpected child comes along; we need abortion to ensure all lives are loved and are wanted and we need euthanasia because a terminal illness takes away quality of life.

The Christian worldview is that what makes life worthwhile are love, generosity and self-sacrifice. This point of view changes the way we look at issues like abortion, euthanasia and embryonic stem cell research. Christ teaches we need the unborn child because no one can find happiness without learning how to sacrifice for another; he teaches we cannot get ahead by stepping on and sacrificing our brothers and sisters; he teaches that if we kill those we don't want, we abandon the heart of true love. Lastly, Christ teaches quality of life comes from accepting his love and mercy; something we can appreciate to a higher degree when we are sick, frail weak or elderly.

As our bishops have repeated again and again, the pro-life issue is the pre-eminent issue of our time. We are pro-life because this is a reflection of Christ's heart and ministry, a ministry filled with faith, hope and love. Christ chose to come into the world as an infant, with all the limitations this implied. He was totally dependent on others; he was powerless and born into a poor family; for a time, he was an unexpected, unborn child and as such speaks powerfully to our world today. Without speaking a word, he teaches us 'This is where love begins, and real power begins in love'. Loving the most inconsequential (according to the world) person, this is what being a Christian is all about.

God bless

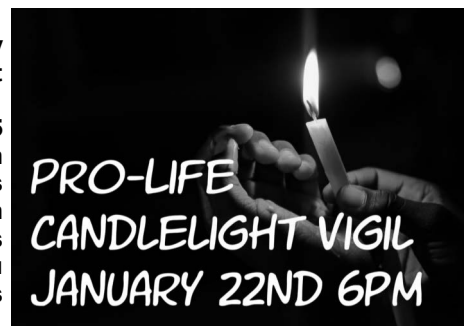
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From Dave Alcott: Director of Faith Formation

Please join us Friday January 22nd at 6pm (the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade) at Gate of Heaven Cemetery for a pro-life Candlelight vigil. We will gather around the unborn memorial stone near the entrance. Candles will be provided.

Please wear boots, dress warmly and maintain social distancing.

We will pray a rosary and provide hot chocolate at the end. It will last about 45 minutes. Please sign up on the St. John's website so we can plan supplies correctly. Hope you can join us! All ages are welcome.



Diaconate Discernment Retreat Are you a man at least 35 years of age who feels a yearning to give yourself more radically to the service of God and the Church – preaching the Gospel, serving those in need, assisting at the altar? If you think God may be calling you to be a deacon, talk to your pastor about attending the Diaconate Discernment Retreat at St. Mary's Church in Altoona on February 27th, 2021. Then contact Deacon Bryan Hilts, at bhilts@diolc.org. A new deacon formation class will begin in the fall of 2021 and attendance at the Discernment Retreat is a prerequisite.

Marshfield Deanery Catholic Men's Group Week 15: Join us Wednesday morning at 6am in Dillenberg Hall located at Our Lady of Peace as we start getting into the meat of our spring semester with a *That Man is You!* session from Dr. Scott Hahn. If you haven't joined us before, this is a great time to start.

Columbus Corner: Be sure to **purchase Scrip** and support Columbus Catholic Schools! For details, contact our Gift Card Coordinator at 715-387-1177 x3219 or giftcard@columbusdons.org.

Substitute teachers are needed for all grade levels! We have small class sizes, cooperative students and supportive staff. Visit our website to apply. Are you a college student learning from home and interested in a part-time job? Extended Care at St. John's has openings. Working hours are 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm on school days. The number of days per week is flexible. \$10.00 per hour. Contact HR at HumanResources@columbusdons.org to apply.

Promethean Boards Update: We currently have enough donations to purchase 17 BOARDS! We are still in need of donations to purchase 16 more, for a total of 33. Promethean Boards combine a whiteboard and a projector into one device. This makes it easier for teachers to show subject content and let the students interact with the content. These boards replace the current setups our first through eighth grade classrooms have. The cost is \$2,250 per board. If you are interested in making a monetary donation to purchase a board, put money towards a board, or if you have any questions, please contact our IT Administrator Brandon Wolf at 715-387-1177. **We were able to meet our goal of \$249,700 to pay for Phase 1 of our Windows Project!** This means we can now move on to Phase 2 with a goal of \$250,000. When this goal is reached we can finish installing new windows in the entire Columbus building! We are looking for donations to complete this project. Visit our website for details. **Our current cancellations** and postponements: Solo/Ensemble Competition (was Feb. 19) and Steppin' Up Day (scheduled for Jan. 8) will be held in the spring (date TBD). Visit our website for updates. Our 2020-2021 **Annual Appeal** is currently underway! This year our goal is to raise \$75,000 for our general fund... which helps to keep tuition as low as possible. We are currently at 52%! Thank you to all who have already donated. For more information - and to read a message from Ed Hastreiter (class of '67) and Helen Voss (class of '21) - or to make a donation, visit our website! **Grandparents Day** has been postponed until Catholic Schools Week. Please stay tuned for details!

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