



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

Fr. Jim Weighner, Pastor 715-384-3252 ext. 2
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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 12/20/21**

7:00am Harold & Dorothy Hellenbrand

Scripture Readings: Is 7:10-14

Lk 1:26-38

TUES 12/21/21 St. Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor of the Church

7:00am Gerald & Nancy Bauer

Scripture Readings: Sg 2:8-14

Lk 1:39-45

WED 12/22/21

7:00am Living & deceased members of the Rottscheit family

8:00am Jack Wallace

Scripture Readings: 1 Sm 1:24-28

Lk 1:46-56

THUR 12/23/21 St. John of Canty, Priest

7:00am Clarence & Patricia Ottelien

Scripture Readings: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24

Lk 1:57-66

FRI 12/24/21**No 7:00am Mass**

4:00pm John & Betty Hartl

6:00pm Marvin Michalski

8:00pm Andrew Hornick

Scripture Readings: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Lk 1:67-79

SAT 12/25/21 The Nativity of the Lord

8:00am Army Staff Sgt. Joseph J. Altmann

10:00am Jack Lang

Scripture Readings: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Lk 1:67-79

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

4:30pm St. John the Baptist Parish Family

SUN 12/26/21

7:00am Charles Hastreiter

9:00am Allen & Maria Sternitzky

11:00am Marvin & Joe Michalski

Scripture Readings: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

Col 3:12-21

LITURGICAL MINISTERS**DECEMBER 18th & 19th, 2021****LECTORS**

4:30pm Marcy Gotz

7:00am Connie Manlick

9:00am Ann Kundinger

11:00am Gayle Specht

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30pm Marcy Gotz / Becky Kaiser

7:00am Al & Barb May

9:00am Linda Lewer / Lonny Roberts

11:00am Jane Lamer Mayer / Chris Rutschow

SERVERS4:30pm **Open / Open**

7:00am Koffee Hansen / Ava Rootellis

9:00am Christine & Jonathan Nemitz

11:00am Audrey & Luke Clubb

MUSIC MINISTER

4:30pm Cindy Penker / Roni Machtan-Steines

7:00am Cindy Penker / Roni Machtan-Steines

9:00am Cathy Heuer

11:00am Cathy Heuer

Confessions are heard on the first and third Fridays of the month at 6:00pm. Two priests are available at this time. They are also available on Saturdays after the 8:00am Mass.

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 -** Dan Alsides**Wednesday -** Dan Flees**Thursday -** David Schlinsog**Friday -** No 8am Mass**Saturday -** Christmas Morning Masses

"Advent is, so to speak, an intense training that directs us decisively toward him who already came, who will come, and who comes continuously."

Pope Saint John Paul II

CHRISTMAS LITURGICAL MINISTERS**December 24th & 25th****Christmas Eve (Friday):****4:00pm****Lector: Monte & Patti Willkom****Eucharistic Ministers: Louise Kobylinski / Open****Servers: Lily & Neil Adler / Open****6:00pm****Lector: Dorothy Flees****Eucharistic Ministers: Dan Flees / Open****Servers: Abigail & Sullivan Schuld / Open****8:00pm****Lector: John Salzmann****Eucharistic Ministers: Argelia Moya / Lonny Roberts****Servers: Open / Open / Open****Christmas Day:****8:00am****Lector: Dale & Judy Garfield****Eucharistic Minister: Brian Zygarlicke / Tonya Schlagenhaft****Servers: Paige Schlagenhaft / Open / Open****10:00am****Lector: Rita Blenker****Eucharistic Minister: Michael Clubb / Kim Rybicki****Servers: Audrey, Grace and Luke Clubb**

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).

The parish office will be closed on Friday, December 24th. The parish staff wishes all a Merry Christmas!

Any donations you wish to have included on your December 2021 statement must be dated no later than December 30th 2021 and into the parish office by Thursday, December 30th as it gives the finance office plenty of time to get it to the bank. Thank you!

Roll Up Your Sleeves & Grab a Bucket or Mop Can you spare a couple of hours to help clean the church in preparation for Christmas on Tuesday, December 21st at 6:00pm? Bring your own gloves if desired. All other cleaning materials are provided. Please contact Dorothy at 715-387-8224.

STEWARDSHIP FOR DECEMBER 11th & 12th

Adult / Youth / Plate	\$14,435.92
Parish Improvement	\$190.00
Total	\$14,695.92
ACH	\$14,139.00
Total to Date for the month of December	\$52,636.97

*We welcome these child through the
Living Waters of Baptism*

Joseph Philip - son of Philip & Danielle Rummells

Our sympathy to the families of:

Myron Williams / James Hlavac

*May the Souls of Myron & James
and the Souls of all the Faithful Departed,
through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen*



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

THE REAL PRESENCE IN THE EUCHARIST

At their fall meeting, the bishops of the United States offered a statement on the Eucharist and what this means for Catholic Christians. In the November 2021 issue of *Columbia Magazine* from the Knights, of Columbus, Archbishop William Lori reflects on the Real Presence. He begins by restating the study that concluded not only do many Catholics not participate regularly in the Sunday Eucharistic celebration, but there is also a declining percentage that believes in the Real Presence of the Eucharist. As Catholics, we believe that when the consecration is prayed, the elements of bread and wine are substantially changed into the body and blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ, and are no longer bread and wine, although they retain the outer characteristics of the these elements.

Archbishop Lori states: *Restating the Church's teaching is not enough. We need to deeply reflect on the critical role the Real Presence of the Lord in the Eucharist plays in our lives. The consecration of the bread and wine is not a riddle or a magic trick, but a beautiful mystery which, when taken to heart, has the power to transform our lives.*

Christ is present in the world in many ways, but in the Eucharist he uniquely gives himself as whole and entire, as food and drink, in sacrificial love. He ardently desires to unite himself with each member of his Mystical Body, which is why we use the term 'communion'. When we worthily receive the Eucharist we enter into a deep and personal union with Jesus and his Church. The Lord wishes to enter into our hearts, to make of us his dwelling place, to infiltrate and transform each and every aspect of our lives; our thoughts, decisions, relationships, work, joys and suffering.

Social occasions and gift exchanges are wonderful and even necessary traditions, but even the most valuable or thoughtful gift fails to bring us lasting happiness. The real gift we are seeking, at Christmas and throughout the year, is love. In receiving the Eucharist, we truly encounter Jesus and are changed, leading us to say with St. Paul 'It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me' (Gal 2:20). As Jesus unites himself to us, he also knits fraternal bonds of charity and unity with our fellow worshippers, thus building up and strengthening the Church.

We should never take our Eucharistic Lord for granted. In the Eucharist, Christ still enters into our depths. However, if we are in mortal sin, he is not able to penetrate the barriers to his love we have raised until we receive sacramental absolution. It is also important that we spend time adoring the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. When we take the time to adore, praise and thank Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, he fills us with grace and joy. Our gloom is dissipated and we find ourselves simply rejoicing to be in his presence, just as we do when with good friends. Christmas is all about that pure, infinite and eternal love for which our hearts are longing. For some, this gift of love seems out of reach, an event locked in the past, removed from the hardscrabble realities of our lives.

But it is not so. Just as God the Father gave the world its redeemer on that first Christmas night, so too, Jesus, our great high priest, continuously gives himself to us in the Eucharist, where we truly receive the One who loves us like no other; the One who emptied himself, became one of us, preached, healed, suffered and died, rising from the dead to defeat sin and death. In the Eucharist, we make living contact with Jesus, the gift of the Father, the gift of love and the gift of peace.

What should be our response to so great a gift? At the very least, we should participate in holy Mass every Sunday, unless we have a truly serious reason for not doing so. Not to take part in the Eucharist is like refusing to open a present from a loved one on Christmas morning.

Unthinkable! The way we "open" the gift of the Eucharist is through faith, which is itself a gift of the Holy Spirit. Faith enables us to believe in, accept and indeed welcome Jesus' gift of self in our own lives and in our parishes and communities of faith. How important that we nurture and strengthen the gift of faith we received through baptism through daily prayer and conversation with the Lord, by reading Scripture, and by regularly confessing our sins.

Merry Christmas

Fr Jim

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Christmas Blessings From Mary's Place: Thanks to the generosity of so many, Mary's Place was able to pay off a \$35,000 mortgage to assure that we will be able to continue to assist low income and homeless individuals in getting a new start in life. Special thanks to the Heiman Family & Nasonville Dairy for partnering with us. We beat our goal and additional funds will be used to pay heating expenses this winter.

Columbus Corner: Christmas Break will be from Dec. 23, 2021 - Jan. 2, 2022, with school resuming on Jan. 3, 2022. All offices will be closed during this time. / We now have the ability to take Prayer Requests via our website www.columbuscatholicschools.org. Anyone with a prayer request can fill out our online form; all requests will be confidentially sent to our Chaplain and will be included in an intention at school Masses. People needing prayer requests can opt to have their prayers made public on our website (to unleash the positive power of group prayers or prayer chains) or they can opt to keep it confidential as well. Additionally, we will soon have a Prayer Box in our Chapel too. This locked box will take Prayer Requests and be monitored by our Chaplain. If you or someone you know is in need of a prayer, fill out our online form by visiting our website and clicking on "Get Involved." / Stepping Up Day is January 7, 2022. On this day, students in second, fifth and eighth grades visit the new buildings they will be attending next school year.



The PCCW thanks all parishioners for their generous support in the December 2021 sweepstakes raffle. We also wish to thank all the

ladies who donated the beautiful baskets for the raffle drawings and the gift cards. The lucky winners this year are: Jean Wagner / Tammy Schmitt / Celeste Hilgart / Paula Bisek / Mary Ann Brinkman / Leona Aumann / Cindy Penker / Dorothy Flees / Kim Rybicki / Marcy Gotz / Sr. Rita and Sr. Barbara / Mary Greschner / Gloria Strupp / Keith Alsleben / Denise Roberts / Kathy Gessert / Karen Pernsteiner / Joleen Jones / Diane McIntee / Ann Werner / Linda Dick / Patti Willkom / Gail Guldán / Gretchen Gotz / Bernice Stark. Congratulations!

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: We continue to make steady progress! As of December 13th, we have **330** donors and have pledged \$85,891.00 towards our goal of \$134,825! **It would be great to reach 350 donors before Christmas!** If you have not received a pledge card, call the parish office. Please consider how you can help our parish reach that goal together this year. All mailings get sent directly back to the Diocese in the envelope they provide. If you do not receive a mailing from the Diocese, please call the parish office: 715-384-3252.

As the Diocese updates us on our progress we will list those who have contributed. **We now thank,** Matt & Gloria Strupp / Shirley Tremmel / Mark & Patti Wittman / Jean Wagner / Richard & Marilyn Wagner / Tom & Ann Iwanski / LaMalle Winkler / Roman Zinthefer / Randy & Heidi Flannery / Jerold & Mary Weis / Michael & Angie Pero / Mike & Elaine Gonerig / Sharon See / Russell & Carol Hoffman / Richard Wilcott / Richard Johannes / Tom & Rose Esser / Norma Potter / Dorothy Vogel / Phil & Dana Prusinski / Paul & Elizabeth Arneson / Jeff & Meredith Kean / Marilyn Lezotte / Mary Ystad / Robert Apfel / Gary & Mary Anderson / Ron & Patty Kraus

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