

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



315 N. Constitution Ave., New Freedom, PA 17349

Parish Clergy

Rev. Sylvan P. Capitani, Pastor
Rev. Bernard Wamayose, A.J., Parochial Vicar
Rev. Robert Nugent, S.D.S., Resident Adjunct Clergy
Rev. Mr. Michael Bahn, Pastoral Associate
Rev. Mr. Fred Horn, Pastoral Associate

Parish Office Hours

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Monday – Friday
(Summer Hours 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM)

Phone Numbers

Parish Office	717 235-2156
Parish Fax	717 235-8595
Rectory	717 235-2156
School/Pre School	717 235-3525
Religious Education Office	717 235-2439
Corpus Christi Chapel	717 227-9387
Dial-A-Prayer	717 227-2135

Administrative Staff

Parish Manager & Bookkeeper <i>Parish Secretaries</i>	<i>Mary Jane Waro</i> <i>Shelley Pokrivka</i> <i>Kathy Scheibner</i> <i>George Fischer</i> <i>Susan Mareck</i> <i>Sally Beck</i>
Maintenance Manager	
School Principal	
Parish Publicist	

Pastoral Staff

Liturgy Director	<i>Tom Lauer</i>
Music Director	<i>Nelle Bailey</i>
Parish Council Chairperson	<i>Mike Hare</i>
Parish Nurse	<i>Judy Newberger</i>
Religious Education Director	<i>Sharon Wisniewski</i>
RCIA Coordinators	<i>Susan & Skip Snell</i>
Volunteer Coordinator	<i>Kathy Scheibner</i>
Youth Ministry Coordinators	<i>Duffy Thorn</i> <i>Mark Tauzin</i>

Masses

Saturdays 5:00 PM **Sundays 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 AM**

Weekdays (Mon. thru Sat.) 9:00 AM

First Fridays 6:00 AM (Historic Church), 9:00 AM

Holy Days 7:00 PM (Vigil)
9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Masses are held in the Main Church unless specified otherwise.
Weekday Mass held in the Historic Church from October through May

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 – 4:30 PM and 6:00 – 6:30 PM

Baptisms

Third Sunday of the month 12:30 PM

Parents are to be examples to their children by being registered, active members of the Parish. Parents are required to attend a Preparation Class. Arrangements must be made two months in advance. Please contact the Parish Office 235-2156.

Marriages

Arrangements must be made nine months in advance.



E-Mail Addresses

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 19, 2012

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SAT.	5:00 PM	Charles Hooper <i>(The Swade Family)</i>
SUN.	7:30 AM	Leona Quinn <i>(Rose Marie Shuchart)</i>
	9:00 AM	Parishioner's Intentions
	11:00 AM	Salvatore & Kate Tuminello <i>(Antoinette)</i>
MON.	9:00 AM	Eugene Shuchart <i>(Bequest)</i>
TUES.	9:00 AM	Jerry & Elizabeth Sullivan <i>(Their Children)</i>
WED.	9:00 AM	Steve & Jim Eikenberg <i>(Mom & Dad)</i>
	5:00 PM	Joel Wickens <i>(Susan & Skip Snell)</i>
	7:00 PM	Kathleen Stover <i>(Ray & Doris Bintrim)</i>
THUR.	9:00 AM	Charles Hooper <i>(Bob & Margaret Bird)</i>
	7:00 PM	Linda Glock <i>(Jerry & Pat Budzynski)</i>
FRI.	6:00 AM	Patricia Freed <i>(The Edick Family)</i>
	9:00 AM	Sp. Int. 50th Wedd. Anniv. David & Joann Nies <i>(Jerry & Pat Budzynski)</i>
SAT.	9:00 AM	Special Intention Jill Avery <i>(Kathy & Family)</i>
	5:00 PM	Kathryn Lutz <i>(Wilfrid Shuchart)</i>
SUN.	7:30 AM	Salvatore & Adelena DiPaula <i>(Theresa & Sal)</i>
	9:00 AM	Elizabeth Fischer <i>(Avis & Larry Scherer)</i>
	11:00 AM	Parishioner's Intentions
	6:00 PM	Special Intention Michael Davis <i>(Rosemary Reisig)</i>

Next Week's Scripture Readings

Gn 9: 8-15 1 Pt 3: 18-22 Mk 1: 12-15



Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR THE GLORY OF GOD (\$60 for one large bouquet or two small) In Memory of the Precious Souls of Abortion

- BLESSED MOTHER BOUQUET** (Cost \$20)
- CORPUS CHRISTI CHAPEL** (2 Arrangements \$40)
- JESUS and CHILDREN STATUE** (Atrium) (Cost \$20)
- ST. JOHN NEUMANN STATUE** (Cost \$20)
- MARY and JESUS STATUE** (Cost \$20)

VOTIVE CANDLES 2/12 In Loving Memory of Danny Sciarretta; Special Intentions 2/13



VISITATION OF THE SICK: Please notify the parish office when a parishioner is in the hospital or is unable to attend mass, and wishes to receive Holy Communion.



From the Pastor's Desk...

The three pillars of Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. During Lent at St. John's we have ample opportunity for all of these.

The Lenten Appeal and the parish Debt Reduction provide us with a wonderful opportunity for almsgiving.

The Theme of the Lenten Appeal this year is *Our Church, Our Children, Our Community*. St. John's assessment for 2012 is \$166,400. All this money goes to support important programs throughout the diocese. You have already received a letter from Bishop McFadden detailing where the money from the Lenten Appeal is dispersed.

It is important to note that St. John's is required to pay this assessment to the diocese even if we do not raise that amount in the appeal. If every household does its part, we will have a good chance to make our assessment.

So we are asking each parish household to give in proportion to your means and God's blessing to you. What is needed is for each household to give a minimum of \$45 each month or \$450 over 10 months. Last year 350 households gave \$141,750. Of that amount 98 households gave leadership gifts of \$500 or more totaling \$89,780. This is indeed generous, but more households must join us to meet our goal.

Again this year, we will be asking you to help us reduce our parish debt on the parish center. That debt now stands at \$807,324. In order to further reduce our debt we are asking each family or household to give a minimum of \$30 each month or \$300 over 10 months. We were successful in paying off our new church using this combined program. Hopefully we can be successful again.

During Lent these giving programs give us an opportunity to practice almsgiving. These acts of giving can become acts of love. They can be a thank you to the Lord for all He has given us.

George Lavery will be speaking to you next weekend about the Lenten Appeal and Deacon Mike and I will be speaking the following weekend March 3rd and 4th about both the Lenten Appeal and the Debt Reduction.

Thank you for all you do for St. John's and thank you for your generous giving.

Fr. Capitani

We are a Tithing Parish Following God's Plan for Giving

Total Collection 2/12/12	\$ 13,603
Total Collection 2/13/11	\$ 16,394
Weekend of 2/11 & 2/12/12	
Envelope Collection	\$ 13,309
<i>(334 Env. \$39.85 Avg. Gift)</i>	
2nd Collection School Fund	\$ 2,550
Debt Reduction	\$ 1,216

In Memoriam

We remember in sympathy the following parishioners who passed away: **Mabel E. Hobbs 2/4/12; Betty Hardesty 2/11/12**



A special 'Thank You' to all those who offered prayers and get well wishes during my recovery.

God Bless

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Each Sunday this column will contain reflections on the first and second readings of the mass.

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 1st Reading

Isaiah 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25

God Remembers

Sometimes we are the last ones to forget the sins of our past. We said words we regret. We did things we wish we had not. Many of the people we hurt have long forgotten what happened. But sometimes the memory stays deep within us. We are the last ones to forget the sins of our past.

Actually, not quite the last. God remembers. God remembers even when we have forgotten. But God does not desire to hold a grudge, to torment, or to punish. God desires above all to forgive.

Through the prophet Isaiah, God told ancient Israel to forget the events of the past. Their sins had cost them dearly, but now they could start over. God permitted them to forget that they had abandoned prayer and burdened God with sins. God was ready to forgive.

In rescuing the chosen people from their place of exile and restoring them to Jerusalem, God offered them something new. With a new beginning, they could establish their covenant more strongly.

Significantly, God wanted to forget the past. "Your sins I remember no more."

Even when it is hard for us to forget our sins, God stands ready to forgive. And to forget even what we remember.

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2nd Reading

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time B 2

2 Corinthians 1:18-22

God's Yes

If you want a raise, you might ask an experienced coworker for advice. If you want a law revised, you might ask a lawyer to help. If you want your dad to give you permission, you might ask your mom first.

When we want God to hear our prayer, we ask Christ to intervene. Almost all our prayers end with the same formula: "Through Christ our Lord. Amen." We go to God with an advocate, Jesus.

Saint Paul says Jesus makes the perfect advocate because he embodied the word "yes". God had made promises to our ancestors. Jesus was the "yes" to those promises. When we pray to God, we pray through Christ, to remind God of the promises of old, and of the "yes" they received in Jesus.

We conclude our prayers with the word "Amen". That is our "yes" to God. We are the children of the promise, and God's promises will continue to unfold through our faithful worship and service. When we pray to God, we back up our prayer with "yes" upon "yes". We pray through Christ, and we add our "Amen." Paul says, "The Amen from us also goes through him to God for glory."

If someone says, "Would you pray for me?" There is a word we can say. It's a word that stands in the tradition of God's promises, a word of trust, hope, and confidence. That word is "yes".

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Perpetual Adoration

Open hours that need to be filled:

THUR Mid. - 1:00 AM On Call Substitute

THUR 11:00 PM - Mid. Prayer Partner Needed

SAT Mid. - 1:00 AM Adorer Needed

SAT 7:00 - 8:00 PM Adorer 1st, 3rd, 5th Week of Month

SUN 5:00 - 6:00 PM Adorer 2nd, 4th, 5th Week of Month

If interested in helping with this most important devotion, please contact: Julie Whitmore 443-491-3120 E-mail sheepnamedcoco@yahoo.com or Rick Winkelman 235-7115.

Also, if you are able to help only one or two hours a month, please let us know!



Catholicism DVD Series to be Presented

Witness the Catholic Faith as you have never seen it before with **Deacon Fred Horn**, on 5 Sundays of Lent following 11:00 AM Mass, beginning at 1:00 PM, in SJNC (*Lower level of the Main Church*), on **Feb. 26, March 4, 11, 18 and 25th**. Light refreshments will be available for participants after Mass, prior to the program. Each episode runs 50-60 minutes. A list of all 10 episodes plus a preview of the series contents is available at www.wordonfire.org/The-Catholicism-Project/Trailer.aspx

We will journey with acclaimed author, speaker, and theologian, Fr. Robert Barron to more than 50 locations throughout 15 countries as the fullness of Catholicism is revealed. Call Donna at 235-4289 if you plan to attend. All are welcome.



ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Masses: 9:00 AM, 5:00 & 7:00 PM (MC)*

Prayer Service 12:00 PM (HC)*

*Ashes will be distributed at ALL services

LENTEN REGULATIONS on Fasting and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and **Good Friday** are days of fast (*one full meal, two smaller meals, and nothing in between for those 18-59 years of age*) and abstinence (*No meat for all those over 14*). All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR SERVERS

Ash Wednesday - Main Church

FEB 22 9:00 AM Daniel & Dominic Snyder
Jordan & Kaitlyn Mayers
5:00 PM Josh Bruce, Josh Senn
Julien Sherman, Stephen Ventura
7:00 PM Cara & Olivia McLain
Amanda Udzenski, Grace Weikert

Lenten Mass - Historic Church

FEB 23 7:00 PM Chris Casserly

Stations of the Cross - Historic Church

FEB 24 7:00 PM Brianna Anderson, Michaela Elsen
Grace Weikert
FEB 25 5:00 PM Rose Pence, Brett & Chris Casserly
FEB 26 7:30 AM Claire & Miriam Gamache
Mark Freidhoff
9:00 AM Josh Elsen, Jordan & Kaitlyn Mayers
Josh Alwine
11:00 AM Leah & Carly Deter, Justin Ventura
6:00 PM Katie Martin, Alex & Jordan Williams

Women's Council News

◆ ROSENA ITZOE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

St. John's Women's Council is offering a \$500 scholarship to a young woman who will graduate high school in the class of 2012, who plans to further her education at an institution of higher learning. The scholarship is in memory of Rosena Itzoe, who was a life long member of St. John's and the Women's Council. Applicants must be confirmed and a member of the parish. Applications are available in the parish office. The deadline for submitting your application is April 15th. Questions or additional information contact Leslie Corriveau 227-2728 or Patti Evans 235-8833.

◆ NIGHT OF REFLECTION

Plan to join us on Wednesday, March 14th at 7:00 PM in SJNC for a "Night of Reflection" which will include soup and fellowship. Our guests will be from New Life For Children. Join us and be inspired to hear their stories. Seating is limited; this will be a first come/first serve basis. Don't hesitate to make your reservation. Call Dee Nycz 235-3721 for reservations

Lenten Bible Study

How do you get to know Christ? Through prayer, the sacraments, and studying the Word of God, just to name a few. Christ reveals Himself to us through Scripture. Treat yourself to a "spiritual growth spurt" this Lent through one of three St. John's Bible Study Video Series...

- Matthew: The King and His Kingdom
Daytime: Mondays, 10:00 AM in the SJNC
- Matthew: The King and His Kingdom
Nights: Mondays 7:00 PM in the School Library
- The Bible Timeline: Salvation History
Tuesdays, 7:00 PM in the School Library

For more information, call Sandy Despeaux 227-3827 or Mary Ferg 235-7285. Walk-ins also welcome!

ASH WEDNESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Join us on **Ash Wednesday, February 22nd from 3:00 – 7:00 PM** in the Parish Center Social Hall for an "All You Can Eat" Pancake and Pizza supper. Adults \$6.00 / Children (6-12) \$3.00 (5 and under Free) School and Religious Education families – plan to enjoy a meal before attending either the 5:00 or 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday masses.

Altar Society Forming

Looking for Volunteers!

St. John's will be forming an Altar Society made up of volunteer s to assist with various duties inside the church. Some of the duties will include replenishing candles and hosts, laundering altar linens, maintaining floral arrangements among other things. If you feel you would be able to give a small portion of your time to be a part of this ministry, or would like additional information, please leave your name in the parish office.



GIFT CARD PROGRAM

Gift Cards Are Not Just For The Holiday Season! Retailers such as Ruby Tuesday, Wal Mart, Target, CVS, Starbucks, Kohls, Bon Ton and more are kept on hand for immediate purchase! Order forms with the list of retailers and information are available in the racks outside the parish office. Contact **Sally Beck at 235-2156 Ext. 214** or sbeck@stjncath.org with questions or to place orders. **GIANT FOOD** cards are *also* available in the parish office after Sunday masses. **Remember 5% of every Giant card sold goes directly to St. John's, and many of the other retailers give an even higher percentage!**



St. John the Baptist Catholic School

2011 - 2012 School Year ◆ Pre K - Grade 1
717-235-3525 ◆ www.stjnschool.org

SCHOOL NEWS

St. John's School Auction and Dinner - April 21, 2012 Red Carpet Event!

This fundraiser, the largest fundraiser for our school, has been hugely successful in the past because of the commitment and generosity of our parish community as well as the local community. We continue to be amazed by the support of each of you. We are asking for you to help us make this event overwhelmingly successful this year by contributing monetary donations, your services, and/or items for the Auction. We are also in need of volunteers prior to and during the evening and would appreciate any time you can offer to help. Donation information packets are available in the church and school offices. It is important that all monies and items be received no later than March 30, 2012 so that we can recognize you in the program.

The theme this year is "Red Carpet Event" and promises to be an exciting and fun filled evening. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 21, 2012 and join us for a fabulous event. Ticket information and details about this event are available on our website at www.stjnschool.org. If you have any further questions, please contact Sue Mareck, Principal, at 235-3525 or at smareck@stjncath.org.

REGISTRATION

St. John the Baptist Catholic School is now accepting registrations for the 2012-13 school year in grades K, 1st and 2nd. After our Open House on January 29th there were some families who expressed interest for a third and even a fourth grade. Please contact Principal Susan Mareck 717-235-3525 if you are interested. We encourage families to schedule a shadow day here at school in the grade level your child will be entering. What better way to catch the spirit that is St. John's than participating in a typical school day.

SCRIP PROGRAM

We are now processing our orders to Great Lakes on Thursdays with a delivery the following Tuesday. We have several families in the religious education program who participate and this makes delivery and pick up so much easier. We have Giant and Browns Market cards on hand and you can continue to order from over 400 retailers. Remember your purchase benefits our scholarship program and enables a family to attend the school. Please continue to support us in our efforts to make quality Catholic Education affordable.

TEACHING POSITIONS AVAILABLE

St. John the Baptist Catholic School has an opening for a Preschool Teacher and a part time art teacher for the 2012-13 school year. Please call 235-3525 for more information or send a resume and cover letter to smareck@stjncath.org.

GIANT A+ School Rewards Program

To date we have earned \$2,997 for the school. Remember we want to be number ONE in Southern York County this year! If you have not already done so you may register online at www.GiantAplus.com with St. John the Baptist and school ID 02634. You can purchase Giant gift/shopping cards at school in \$25, \$50 and \$100.

HAVE AN EXTRA WORKING COMPUTER? If you are replacing your desk top computer with a lap top computer, please keep our school in mind. We are always in need of working computers! *Thank you.*



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NOTES...

OFFICE HOURS

Tues. - Fri. 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
and During ALL Rel. Ed. Classes

2011 - 2012 Class Schedule

Table with 2 columns: Day/Time and Grade/Class. Includes Sun. 8:45-10:15 AM Gr. Preschool, K, 1; Sun. 8:45-11:45 AM Gr. 8 Includes Mass; Sun. 10:45 AM-12:15 PM Gr. Preschool, K, 1; Wed. 4:45-6:00 PM Grades K,1,3,4,5,6; Wed. 6:30-8:00 PM Grades 5,6,7,8,HS; Thurs. 4:45-6:15 PM Grades K,1,2,3,4,5,6

For more information log onto the parish website www.stjncath.org and go to the Religious Education link or call the office at 235-2439.

LENTEN TEEN FAITH SHARING All high school students are invited to join a teen faith sharing group for this Lenten Season. It will be an opportunity to study Scripture and relate it to our daily lives. It will take place Sunday mornings from 10:15 - 10:55 AM at the Parish Center starting Sunday, February 19. If you are interested, please contact Pam Freidhoff at 873-6173.



Health Ministry News

♦ "Recognizing Heart Attack" will be presented by parishioner and patient educator, Becky Senft RN, BSN in Neumann Hall Wednesday, March 14th at 7:00 PM. Attendees will learn about symptoms, controllable and non controllable risk factors, testing and resources. There will be videos, discussion and a question and answer period. Call Judy in the office with questions and to preregister. Walk-ins and community members are also invited.

♦ New large print copies of new mass responses for use at weekend liturgy have arrived. They are near the assisted listening devices on the choir rail. Please return before leaving church. If you wish a copy of either Braille or large print to keep for personal use, please call Judy in the office.

40 Days for Lent

Throughout Lent, a prayer group will assemble outside the Planned Parenthood facility in York from 9:00 to 10:00 AM to pray for an end to abortions in America and for everyone involved in the abortion business; the abortionist and staff, the women in distress, the mothers and fathers of aborted babies and the babies who were not permitted to be born. This is always a prayerful gathering, never confrontational. All are invited to join in. On Ash Wednesday, there will be a special PRO-LIFE Mass at St. Joseph's, York at 8:00 AM followed by the 9:00 AM prayer service outside Planned Parenthood 728 S. Beaver St., York, led by Father Zenon from St. Joseph's. Thereafter, 7 days per week, there will be people there praying. Come, join in. It's a great way to keep Lent in focus. As Catholics we believe in the power of prayer. For more information, please contact Tom or Pattie Evans, 235-8833 or tomevns54@comcast.net

BOARDER NEEDED

A parishioner is in immediate need of a boarder, 45-60 yrs, \$500 a month includes utilities. Please call the parish office 235-2156 if interested.

SUNDAY - 2/19

Religious Education

Children's Liturgy & Choir at 9:00 AM Mass
Health Ministry Mtg. 10:00 AM (CR)
Respect Life Rosary 10:15 - 10:45 AM (OLC)
Parish Baptisms 12:30 PM (MC)

MONDAY - 2/20 Presidents Day

NO School / Pre School

Rosary 8:30 AM (HC)
Moms in Touch 9:00 - 10:00 AM (L)
Bible Study 10:00 AM (SJNC)
Spanish Class 6:30 - 8:00 PM (PC/CR)
Youth String Group 7:00 - 8:00 PM (MC)
RCIA 7:00 - 9:00 PM (SJNC)
Bible Study 7:00 - 8:30 PM (PC/L)

TUESDAY - 2/21 St. Peter Damian

School / Pre School

Rosary 8:30 AM (HC)
Prayer Group 9:30 - 11:45 AM (L)
RCIC 5:00 - 5:45 PM (L)
Bible Study 7:00 - 8:30 PM (PC/L)
Daystar Rehearsal 7:00 - 9:00 PM (MC)
Circle of Friends 7:00 PM (L)

WEDNESDAY - 2/22 Ash Wednesday

School / Pre School / Religious Education

Rosary 8:30 AM (HC)
Pancake/Pizza Supper 3:00 - 7:00 PM (PC)
Ash Wednesday Masses 9:00 AM, 5:00 & 7:00 PM (MC)
Ash Wednesday Prayer Service 12:00 Noon (HC)

THURSDAY - 2/23 St. Polycarp

School / Pre School / Religious Education

Rosary 8:30 AM (HC)
Children's Choir 6:15 - 7:15 PM (Choir RM)
Cub Scouts 6:30 - 8:00 PM (PC/ RMS 10-12)
Lenten Evening Mass 7:00 PM (HC)
Adult Choir 7:30 - 9:00 PM (Choir RM)
K of C Business Meeting 8:00 PM (NH)

FRIDAY - 2/24

School / Pre School

Lenten 6:00 AM Mass (HC)
Rosary 8:30 AM (HC)
Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM (HC)

SATURDAY - 2/25

Rosary 8:30 AM (HC)
5:00 PM Mass
Blood Pressure Screening After Mass (L)

SUNDAY - 2/26

Second Collection Poor Missions

Religious Education

Youth String Group at 9:00 AM Mass
RCIA Rite of Sending at 11:00 AM Mass
Blood Pressure Screening After All AM Masses
Catholicism Lenten Series 1:00 PM (SJNC)
Evening Mass 6:00 PM (MC)



NEW LIBRARY BOOKS AVAILABLE

♦ Jerusalem: One City Three Faiths, Karen Armstrong. A history of the city from its foundation until modern times.

♦ Blessings on Ellsworth Street, Ray Bielicki The history and culture of growing up Catholic in Philadelphia during the 1940's, 50's and 60's.

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