

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
January 29, 2023**



Good News!

As much as we all might like a hassle-free life, for the person of faith the Beatitudes are markers of when God slips into our consciousness. They are life's doorways to a deepening sense of God-with-us.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit" is not about material poverty, though it may include such times. To be poor in spirit is to be dependent upon God because we have run out of our own self-sufficiencies. There is nowhere else to go.

"Blessed are they who mourn" is about times when we grieve the loss of someone or something we love deeply. Who or what will now sustain us?

"Blessed are the meek" is about giving up the need to have our own way all the time. It recognizes that sometimes God's way is breaking into what we prefer.

"Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness," that is, for a relationship with God. It is ultimately a hunger for harmony.

"Blessed are the merciful" is about being forgiving and about those who live out the corporal works of mercy—feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and the rest. In them we find the presence of God.

"Blessed are the clean of heart" is when we come to realize we cannot have it all. Then there is only one who will satisfy our longing.

"Blessed are the peacemakers" are those who not only love peace but work for peace, for God is peace.

"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness." They live for an ultimate good greater than their own.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	01/28	4:00	P. M.	+Chuck and Sandy Schilling (Their Children)
	SJB	01/28	6:00	P.M.	+Mary Canterbury (Ken and Jackie Gebhart)
Sunday	SJB	01/29	7:30	A.M.	+Donna Klinger (Ray Strahler)
	OLM	01/29	9:30	A.M.	+Patricia Huck (Marilyn and Heather Peters)
	SJB	01/29	11:00	A.M.	People of the Parish
Monday	SJB	01/30	8:00	A.M.	+Emmett Brooker (Mary Brooker and Family)
Tuesday	SJB	01/31	8:20	A.M.	Staff & Students of St. John Central School (School Mass with Bishop Monforton)
	OLM	01/31	5:00	P.M.	+Marian "Huck" Stalter (Max and Tess Huck)
Wednesday	SJB	02/01	8:20	A.M.	+Nick Arnold (Richard and Brenda Arnold Family)
Thursday	SJB				No Mass
	OLM	02/02	5:00	P.M.	+Nathan Heiss (Ken and Sandy Spindler)
Friday	SJB	02/03			No Mass (Father will be out of town)
Saturday	OLM	02/04	4:00	P. M.	+Raymond and Mary Brooker (Julia Brooker)
	SJB	02/04	6:00	P.M.	+Jim Thieman (Anniv. 2/3) (Norma Thieman and Family)
Sunday	SJB	02/05	7:30	A.M.	+Mary E. Huck (Arnold Huck)
	OLM	02/05	9:30	A.M.	+Joe and Ida Huck Family (Greg and Marlene Greene)
	SJB	02/05	11:00	A.M.	+Rob Adams (Charlotte Lang and Family)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

<u>MASS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCH. MINISTER</u>
<u>SATURDAY 6:00 P.M.</u>	Cody and Emma Schaad	Rachel Klinger	Virginia Dyar
<u>SUNDAY 7:30 A.M.</u>	Connor McCartney Sophia Huffman	Hugh Arnold	Veronica Bosner
<u>SUNDAY 11:00 A.M.</u>	Connor and Finn Lauchard	Lacey Lauchard	Roxanne Heiss

<u>COLLECTION</u>	<u>DPSC</u>	<u>BINGO</u>
Total Collection last weekend \$3,205 Needed to meet parish needs \$4,750 Thank you for your generosity!	2023 Collected \$3,680 Thank you!	January 15-Group 7 \$2,082 If you are unable to attend, please find a replacement.
<u>ST. JOHN BINGO WORK SCHEDULE</u> Jan 29 Group 1 with Jeff Brooker Feb 5 Group 2 with Jessica Henke Feb 12 Group 3 with Ryan Lauchard Feb 19 Group 4 with Derrick Pottmeyer Feb 26 Group 5 with Kenley Schwendeman	<u>C.W.C. WORK GROUPS</u> January and February Group D-Elaine Wells March and April Group E-Susan Arnold	<u>PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY</u> Please pray for all of the men and women who are serving our country in the military. May God watch over them and keep them safe.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Parish Council nomination forms will be in the pews beginning next weekend. You may complete and return the form anytime until February 5. Please place your completed form in the collection basket or the box in the church vestibule. Once nominations have been received, current council members will contact those nominated. The election will be held the weekend of March 4-5. All parishioners (18 or older) are encouraged to accept a nomination. Your service to the parish is valuable and appreciated.

SNOW REMINDER

We are entering that time of year again when road conditions may not always be safe for travel. Please remember that if a Level 2 or 3 road emergency is issued by the Sheriff's department, Masses will be cancelled for the day. When St. John Central School in Churchtown is closed due to weather, Mass (and Adoration) that day is cancelled. Our Parish office will also be closed. This policy is for both, St. John the Baptist and Our Lady of Mercy. Masses scheduled for that day will be rescheduled. Also, please keep in mind, if there is a funeral scheduled at St. John's, the Mass for that day is cancelled and will be rescheduled.

CONDOLENCES

Please keep in your prayers, Patricia Thieman, who passed away on January 21. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Pat's family and friends. May she rest in peace with our Lord.

SENIOR CITIZENS MEETING

The Senior Citizen group will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, February 2, at 11:00 a.m. in the Sr. Center.

EUCHRE

Euchre will be held on February 8 and 22 in the Sr. Center at 1:00 p.m.

CARD SHOWER

Card Shower for Anna Mae Brooker's 88th birthday on January 31. If you would like to send a card, please send it to 235 Brooker Road, Marietta, Ohio 45750.

JOHN AND BLANCHE MUSSIO SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for the John and Blanche Mussio Scholarship are located at the Rectory. This scholarship is for any high school senior (who resides in the Diocese of Steubenville boundaries) who is planning to attend any Catholic College or University. Please call the Rectory for an application or questions.

FUNERAL CHOIR

Music is integral to Christian worship, including the funeral rites. To help serve this need, we would like to organize a funeral choir that can serve both parishes. No prior choir experience is needed, just a willingness to pray for the deceased and assist in comforting their family. Funerals are generally held on weekday mornings at 10 am, but you are welcome to join even if your availability is limited. Please call or text Evan and Heather Schaad if you are interested at 740-336-0969.

2023 COLLECTION ENVELOPES

Church collection envelopes for 2023 are in the church vestibule. If you haven't picked up your envelopes yet, please do so as soon as possible. The remaining envelopes will be available until January 29.

2022 COLLECTION STATEMENT

If you would like a 2022 Collection Statement, please call the Rectory or email stjohnchurchtown@yahoo.com. Please keep in mind, if you gave to the DPSC, those statements will be sent separately from the Diocese.

SUPER BOWL SUB SALE

St. John Central School Super Bowl Sunday Sub Sale - February 11 & 12, 2023 after Saturday and Sunday Masses. Cost is \$4.75 per sub. All proceeds from the sub sale will go towards the St. John Central School field trips. Subs will be available to purchase after all Masses (or until sold out). To ensure you get subs, it is recommended that you preorder by calling the school at (740) 896-2697. We will have the subs you order at whatever mass you request. Thank you for your support!

STEUBENVILLE PRIESTS' RETIREMENT PLAN

Steubenville Priests' Retirement Plan – On the weekend of February 4th & 5th, we will have the first-ever collection for the Steubenville Priests' Retirement Plan. This is an effort to help the Plan to become fully funded. Please be mindful that this is a new and distinct collection from the Collection for Retired Religious. We face the same dilemma as religious communities – namely more elderly priests entering retirement and fewer younger priests still in ministry generating support for the retirement plan. There are envelopes for the Steubenville Priests' Retirement Plan in your envelope packets as well as some available in the vestibule of the church and the parish office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your pastor.

ST. BLAISE AND THE BLESSING OF THROATS

On February 3, on the memorial of St. Blaise, the custom is to bless the throat of the faithful after Mass.

For the blessing the priest uses the following words:

“Through the intercession of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”

St. Blaise was probably born to noble and wealthy family who provided him with a Christian education. He went on to become a physician, but eventually was chosen and consecrated a bishop. During the one of the last persecutions of the Church by the Romans – a persecution conducted by Licinius, who at one point was an ally of Constantine – Blaise went to live as a hermit in a cave outside of town, where he was known to heal sick. Ultimately, he was discovered and he was taken to the governor of Cappadocia, and thrown into jail.

St. Blaise was asked to renounce his faith and when he wouldn't, the governor had him beaten, tortured and beheaded in 316 AD.

In time, the custom of blessing the throats of the faithful developed, with priests holding two candles — blessed the day before on Candlemas, Feb 2 — over the head or the throat while invoking the intercession of St. Blaise against any ailment of the throat and body.

St. Blaise is invoked at the blessing of throats, because when he was in prison he miraculously cured a young boy who was choking to death on a fishbone stuck in his throat.

In this season where many of us have ailments related to the throat because of colds and such, let us ask the intercession of St. Blaise and please join us after all Masses the weekend of February 4-5 to have your throats blessed.

