## St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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### MARCH 24, 2013 PALM SUNDAY OF LENT  
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### CALENDAR OF PARISH ACTIVITIES

#### MARCH / APRIL 2013

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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. Samuel Martin, Pastor 715-384-3252 ext. 212
- Fr. Jesse Burish, Associate Pastor 715-384-3252 ext. 213
- Deacon Jeffrey Austin, Permanent Deacon 715-676-3186
- Sister Rita Adikofer, Spiritual Counselor 715-384-9565 ext. 210
- Mary Gouin, Parish Secretary 715-384-9565 ext. 210
- Lori Salzmann, Finance Office 715-384-9565 ext. 215
- Deb Mills, CRE 715-659-4480 ext. 202
- Dan Kitzhaber, Youth Minister 715-384-4989 ext. 3
- St. John School Office 715-384-4989 ext. 1
- David Eaton, CCS President 715-387-1177

### 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. Classes are offered in February, June, and October.

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Weekdays 6:30 - 6:50 AM  
Fridays 7:00 - 8:00 PM  
Saturdays 3:45 - 4:15 PM and 6:15 - 6:45 PM

### SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Those preparing for serious surgery are to contact the rectory; the shut-ins and elderly contact Sr. Rita.

### PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Call the Rectory Office 715-384-3252
MASS SCHEDULE / SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of 3/25/13 - 3/31/13

MON 3/25/13
7:00am Frank Vogel
Scripture Readings: Is 42:1-7 Jn 12:1-11

TUES 3/26/13
7:00am Randy Rehlinger

WED 3/27/13
7:00am Marvin Steinmetz
8:00am Archie & Jennie Leick Family
Scripture Readings: Is 50:4-9a Mt 26:14-25

THUR 3/28/13 Holy Thursday Evening
7:00pm Thomas Yost
Scripture Readings: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 1 Cor 11:23-26
Jn 13: 1-15

FRI 3/29/13 Good Friday
12:15pm Service
Jn 18:1-19; 42

SAT 3/30/13 Holy Saturday Night: The Easter Vigil
8:00pm William & Gladys Patiefield
Scripture Readings: (1) Gn 1:1-2; (2) Gn 22:1-18; (3) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28
(4) Ex 14:15-15,1 (8) Rom 6:3-11
(4) Is 54:5-14 (9) Lk 24:1-12
(5) Is 55:1-11

SUN 3/31/13
5:30am Marlin Deyo
7:00am Violet, Floyd & David Wright
9:00am Lauretta Multerer
11:00am Jerry & Pat Pritzl
Jn 20:1-9

Easter Sunday: The Resurrection Of The Lord

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Easter Sunday March 31st, 2013

LECTORS
5:30am Dorothy Flees
7:00am Laurel Rudolph-Kniech
9:00am Patti Willkom
11:00am Allyson Mayuex

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
5:30am Dan Flees/Margie Rank/Lori Greenwald/Open
7:00am Ed & Lonnie McQuillen/Mary Lou Nenning/Melissa Pittsley
9:00am Gail Snortheim/Dave Fehrenbach/Kathy Specht/Open
Open/Open/Open/Open
11:00am Nancy Bauer/Pam Housworth/Open/Open

SERVERS
5:30am Matthew May/Open/Open
7:00am Ryleigh McGiveron/Flynn & Angela McQuillen
9:00am John, Annie, & Crystal Hoesser
11:00am James, Paul, & Julianna Kollross

MUSIC MINISTER
5:30am Open
7:00am Mary Frey
9:00am Adult Choir/Kris Herr
11:00am Open

WEEK DAY SERVERS
Mar 24th - Mar 29th Bernard Knoeck

FUNERAL SERVERS
Mar 24th - Mar 30th
Bernard Knoeck / Ben Lang / Richard Hoffmann

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Holy Thursday Mass – 7:00pm
LECTOR: Kathy Doebereiner
MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: Lori Salzmann/Dorothy Flees
Connie Manlick/Elizabeth Manlick/Lonnie McQuillen/Gail Snortheim
Jeff Stemberg/Dave Fehrenbach
SERVERS: Matthias Gouin/Steven Salzmann/Dan Purkapile
Dan Flees/Marty Draxler
WASHING FEET: Ed McQuillen/David Gouin/Dennis Spencer/
Jeff Stemberg/Monte Willkom/John Kollross/Jeff Zondlo/Jeff Schultz
Open/Open/Open
Music Minister: Adult Choir/Kris Herr

Good Friday Service - 12:15pm
LECTOR: Dorothy Flees/John Salzmann
MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: Pam Housworth
Lori Salzmann/Ann Kunding/ Dale & Judy Garfield
SERVERS: Dan Purkapile/Dan Flees/David Gouin/Marty Draxler
MUSIC MINISTER: Adult Choir/Kris Herr

Easter Vigil Mass - 8:00pm
LECTORS: Jeff Schultz/Dorothy Flees/Kathy Doebereiner
Jeff Stemberg/Connie Manlick/Elizabeth Manlick/Lori Greenwald
Ann Kunding
MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: Deacon Jeff Austin
Jeff Stemberg/Dale & Judy Garfield
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AREA EVENTS

Fri-Mar 29: KC Fish & Shrimp Fry. 4:00-8:00pm at the KC Hall.
Fri-Mar 29: Fish Fry. 4:30-7:30pm at St. Mary’s, Auburndale.
Fri-Mar 29: Christian Skate Night 7:30-10:00pm at Melody Gardens.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 wish to become a member of the prayer chain, please call Jane Gerend at 715-387-2019 or Ann Bohnt at 715-389-2726.

There are still available openings for lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and Washing of Feet for Holy Thursday, and Easter Sunday. The sign-up sheet will be in the sacristy only until after Masses on Palm Sunday. If we do not have 12 adult men (18 & over) for the Washing of Feet, we will not have it.

Thank you to all who so generously donated to our St. Joseph’s Food Collection. You helped make Easter much nicer for a number of our families and also helped in filling the food pantry at St. Vincent de Paul with which they were able to help many more less fortunate families in our community. SVPD also thanks you for your generosity to those in need. May you and your family have a Blessed Easter and may God bless all those you love.

For those of you who wish to bring Easter Lilies or a spring plant in memory of a loved one this Easter Season, you may bring them to the chapel after the Good Friday 12:15pm service until 5:00pm. Please include a card with the name of your loved one. You may also make a monetary donation. Have your envelope marked Easter flowers with your name and whom it is in memory of.

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Easter flowers with your name and whom it is in memory of.
Praised be Jesus Christ! “Only the good die young” – wasn’t it Billy Joel that sang those lyrics? We often cite such clichés as a means of comforting ourselves when tragedy strikes someone far too young to die. I first met Kylie Hackl in the year 2000 when I was chaplain at Assumption High School in Wisconsin Rapids. She was already then one of the most kind and joyful people I’ve ever known. Her faith gave her a radiance that attracted people to her and to meet her once was to never forget her. I last saw her at the Cranberry Classic in November and she was telling me of her wonderful husband and their five beautiful children. Tragedy struck on February 28th when Kylie had a massive stroke. She died on Sunday, March 3rd, just six weeks short of her 33rd birthday. As I write this column I find myself searching for the right words, not knowing how to convey how shocking evil is when it strikes someone we love. How can this happen? Why does God allow it? Why would God permit this when Kylie loved Him and served Him so well? These are hard questions for us as human beings and I believe God’s most compelling response begins today as His only Son enters Jerusalem to triumphant praise and adoration. This week reminds everyone who ever suffered that God suffers too… and not only once when His Son died a completely undeserved death. Jesus told us that we are to call God “Our Father” - when Kylie died, God’s paternal heart had to bear the anguish He saw in her husband’s heart and the long years ahead for children that are too young to even understand what happened to their Mom. When Jesus died on the Cross His Father’s suffering knew no bounds. But so that we would never feel completely alone in our own suffering, God gently reminds us, “I know. I suffered too. I suffer still in you and in all of my children.” Mother Teresa said once, “I have discovered the paradox that if I love until it hurts, then there is no hurt, only more love.” I hope with all my heart that Kylie has discovered the love that heals all of our hurts. I pray God’s grace will guide her family through the hurt to find healing and hope again. Finally, I believe this story will have a happy ending – and we have Easter to thank for that!

May God bless you and your family!

Your friend in Christ,

Father Martin

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

NOTES FROM FR. MARTIN

You may be wondering why some of the statues in our sanctuary are covered by purple and red cloth. The Church encourages us to focus more primarily on the Paschal mystery (i.e. the death and resurrection of Jesus) during these last days of Lent. The Crucifix will be covered until Good Friday when Our Lord makes the Cross His final statement of love for us. The other statues will be uncovered before the Easter Vigil to remind us that holiness is only possible through reception of the Sacraments (and they are instituted when Jesus defies death and leaves His tomb forever). These are little practices that remind us that the Lenten pilgrimage will last not forever - thanks be to God! By the way, please let us know what you think. If you like this way of accentuating the Lenten season, we can also cover the statues on the side altars.

Year of Faith Pilgrimage to Rome: Join Father Martin and parishioners from Christ the King and St. John’s on a wonderful trip to the Eternal City and beyond! Information is available in the church. The dates are August 19th-30th and there is room for 50 pilgrims. I hope you’ll consider joining us on an unforgettable journey to the land of countless saints. Update: This pilgrimage is now available to the general public but some spaces still remain available. Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to grow in Faith together as a parish!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Divine Mercy Sunday: On April 30th, 2000 Pope John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina Kowalska and this officially designated the first Sunday after Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday.

Christ the King Parish in Spencer will for the second consecutive year offer an opportunity to celebrate this wonderful feast by hosting a Divine Mercy celebration. The celebration will take place from 1:30 until 3:30pm on Sunday, April 7th. Information and materials about the origin and practice of “Divine Mercy” will be offered. Fr Samuel Martin and Fr. Jesse Burish will both be featured speakers during the event. Reconciliation will also be available as part of the plenary indulgence offered with the celebration of this event. Please plan on attending and celebrating with us. Questions can be directed to Judy Baumgarten at 715-659-5185 or to Rosie Frank at 715-387-6520.

Shadow Stations Bring more meaning to Lent by attending one of the two presentations of the Shadow Stations on March 27th. They will be held at 1:30pm and 6:30pm at Columbus High School.

St. John Catholic Book Club will meet next on March 26th, 2013. We will discuss “The Shadow of His Wings” by Gereon Goldman. Next month we will read, “My Sisters the Saints” by Colleen Carroll Campbell. For more information, call Mari at 715-384-3919.

Parishioners are invited to assist in serving the Fellowship meal at St. Vincent de Paul on Wednesday, March 27th. Join us in helping at anytime. Prep is 3:00-5:00pm, serving begins at 5:00pm followed by clean-up. Call Gail at 715-384-4474 for details or questions.

Toward the Altar of God: We thank those that have so generously pledged or made payments to this campaign. Those that have not yet pledged we ask to do so. We have a long way to go to accomplish our goal in restoring the beautiful altars.

Diocesan Annual Appeal: As we are still falling short of reaching our goal, we ask again to please send in your pledges and/or payments to help us in completing this appeal for this year!

Marshfield Deenary Perpetual Adoration: Immediate openings for adoring are available on Mondays at noon and 12:00am as well as on Fridays at 7:00am. Call Jean Kaiser at 715-387-0571 or Bob Adler at 715-389-1197 to schedule your Holy Hour!

CCS Corner: For students at Columbus Catholic Schools stewardship is integrated into their daily lives. One way that many Columbus High School students give of their time and talents is in the creation of bible bytes. They find inspiring, comforting, and uplifting bible verses which are printed and matted on heavy paper. These bible bytes are donated to St. Joseph’s Hospital and can be found at the front information desk. Patients, as well as their families and friends who visit, are welcome to take the bible bytes which they can post in their hospital rooms, homes, and even their cars. The bible byte ministry, started by Vern and Theresa LaMere over 10 years ago and continued by Columbus Catholic students, is just one of the many ways CCS students serve as stewards of the faith in our community.

Prayer Corner: To encourage a deeper celebration of this Year of Faith, I will be running a different prayer in this corner each month. You’re very welcome to cut it out and commit it to memory or just put it on your refrigerator or bathroom mirror. This idea surfaced from our education committee and I think it is a good one. Please pray for me while you’re at it!

ACT OF HOPE

O My God, relying on Your almighty power and infinite mercy and promises, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins, the help of Your grace, and life everlasting through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer.