

Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church

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January 13, 2019 – The Baptism of the Lord



Parish Clergy

Rev. Monsignor Vincent T. Kelly, Pastor
Reverend William H. Bowles
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Office Hours: Monday 12pm–4:00pm,
Tuesday–Friday 8:30am–4:00pm

Confession: Saturdays from 4-5pm

† Mass Schedule †

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00, 10:30, Noon & 5:00pm

Daily Masses:

Monday-Friday: 7am and 8:45am

Saturday: 8:45am

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 12

8:45am **Int.** Maureen Purcell Carretta and Kevin Purcell

5:00pm † Joan & Brad Winningham and Dr. Robert Dublis

Sunday, January 13

7:30am **Int.** Jack O'Connell Family and Dolores San Miguel

9:00am † Jodi Esser and Thomas Braatz

10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and † Walter, Helen & Walter, Jr. Peterson

12:00pm † Eileen Corrigan Lonergan and Teresa Martinez

5:00pm † Mary & Stan Marko and Jean Lindsey

Monday, January 14

7:00am **Int.** Maureen Purcell Carretta, Kevin Purcell and † Charlene Hayes

8:45am † Michael Bienes and Pasqualina Zanghi

Tuesday, January 15

7:00am **Int.** Maureen Purcell Carretta and Kevin Purcell

8:45am **Int.** Laura Simmons and Earlene McInnis

Wednesday, January 16

7:00am † Rose M. Goodman and **Int.** Dennis Frisco

8:45am **Int.** Maureen Purcell Carretta and Kevin Purcell

Thursday, January 17

7:00am **Int.** Maureen Purcell Carretta and Kevin Purcell

8:45am † Alvaro Visbal and **Int.** Ron Poskos

Friday, January 18

7:00am † Catherine Yardley and **Int.** Marie Modic

8:45am **Int.** Maureen Purcell Carretta and Kevin Purcell

Saturday, January 19

8:45am † Geoffrey Lyden, **Int.** Kevin Purcell and Maureen Purcell Carretta

5:00pm **Int./†** Counihan/Purcell Families and † Frances Jean Jacino

Sunday, January 20

7:30am † Barbara & Roland Faria and **Int.** Maura Hopkins Family

9:00am † Bill Thies and Eugene Hudak

10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and † Rosemary Peterson

12:00pm † Gjergj (George) Markaj and Nicholas Menza

5:00pm † Joanne Seijo and Jean Lindsey

Jan. 19 & 20	Celebrant	Lector	Extra-ordinary Ministers
Sat. 5:00pm	Fr. Kelly	Richard Spinogatti	Mary Ellen Spinogatti Daniel Toomey Susan Toomey
Sun. 7:30am	Fr. Callan	Greg Coican	Frank Finlon Leah Finlon
Sun. 9:00am	Msgr. Sheahan	Ed Merrigan	Colette Wolf Courtney O'Loughlin Maria O'Neill
Sun. 10:30am	Fr. Bowles	Albert/Valerie Rode	Sue Hooley Lyn Fazioli Tom McCracken
Sun. 12 Noon	Fr. Callan	Paul Loree	Mary Dellaporta Pam Jabbour
Sun. 5:00pm	Fr. Naughton	Louise McDonough	Mike O'Connor Sharon O'Connor

Baptism: Previously registered parishioners should contact the Parish office at least one month in advance. Baptisms are held on the 2nd Sunday after the 12pm Mass.

Marriage: Arrangements are made for previously registered and participating parishioners with six months of preparation.

Homebound: Please contact the Rectory to register for home visits for those unable to attend Mass.

Women's Guild: Monthly meetings are held Oct - May, 2nd Wed. at 9:30am. Boutique workshops are Wed. at 9:30am

Men's Club: Meetings on the 4th Tuesday, Sept - May. Breakfast is hosted after First Friday 8:45am Mass.

Divine Will Group meets Wednesday evenings from 6- 9pm and Saturday from 2-4pm in the Parish Hall. Monthly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the 3rd Sunday, 1-3pm.

Our Novena and Benediction Service and Rosary:

Please join us Monday-Saturday at 8:20am for the Rosary and on Mondays for our Novena and Benediction service immediately following the 8:45am Mass.

Lent Cycle C: Road to Redemption



Bible Study resumes, Thursday, February 28th. Please submit \$15 payment for this 6 week course to the office. Classes are Thursdays at 9:30am and 7:00pm.

Monthly Food Drive:

Next Sunday, January 20th! Please help stock the community food pantry!



The donation letters for the 2018 tax year will be mailed prior to January 31, 2019. Thank you for your generous support throughout the year!

“Baptism with Eternal Merit”

Today we celebrate what is called the Baptism of the Lord. One might ask what relevance the Baptism of Jesus has. After all it was not a sacramental Baptism like our Baptism, since the sacrament was not yet instituted. John was offering a symbol of repentance for all the people who desired to reform their lives. Jesus wished to affirm John in his efforts of preparing the way of the Lord, and at the same time He was being formally introduced to mankind by God as “the beloved son in whom I am well pleased.”

The mission for Jesus now was to go forth and aggressively seek to offer a ray of hope to people who were in total darkness. He wished to enable the blind to see the light of faith and the people subjected to any type of bondage to be free from their enslavements. He wanted the external healing of physical ailments to be seen as a symbol of the internal healing that accompanied it. Jesus wanted to bring about the realization that the living of life as an opportunity to do good for others was a privileged invitation, and the ability to see that everything we do in life can give hope of eternal happiness. Yes, Jesus at his Baptism set out to give witness to the mission for which He had come.

Have you ever considered that we too have a mission from the Almighty in view of our Baptism? Many might consider baptism as a simple ritual that takes place shortly after birth which dedicates a child to God. It is undoubtedly a dedication, but much more. With Baptism in the Spirit comes an upgrading in life that makes us heirs to the eternal kingdom. However, Baptism also challenges us to take up the mission of Jesus. He invites us to heal the broken-hearted, give hope to the downtrodden, encourage the depressed, provide light to those searching, and give direction of eternal life to all we encounter. Yes, Baptism calls each of us to be aware that we all share in the journey of the soul intended to achieve eternal happiness.

The historic reality of mankind since the time of Jesus' Baptism has been one of violence, aggression and turbulence. Trampling on the rights of people to exist prevails in every culture. It is difficult to eke out an existence in many lands today without aggression, corruption and injustice. The mission of Jesus needs to be reviewed by people everywhere since they are the beneficiaries of His efforts and the recipients of His challenge.

All people are called to respond to the Lord's challenge, whether they are Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, or atheist, since we are citizens of the world. As a temporary occupant of the earth on the way to eternal life, each one has rights and responsibilities. We need to share burdens, not inflict unjust loads to carry. We must be cautious about arrogance, selfishness, materialism and isolationism. We need each other as we share the same planet. We must complement and supplement each other and not trample on one another's rights. The Baptism of the Lord gives us hope that what we do in life has eternal merit.

Blessings,
Father Vincent T. Kelly

PARISH APPRECIATION RECEPTION



We are most appreciative of all who volunteer for the caring operation of our parish. The annual reception to express our gratitude will be held on **January 25th from 5:30 to 7:30pm** in the parish hall. Please join us for this chance for us to express our gratitude and to spend some time with your fellow volunteers. Thank you for your continued support!

Archbishop's Charities & Development Drive for 2019 is about to begin!

Please be generous in your support as our parish works to reach its annual quota! Thank you for your support.



The Archdiocese of Miami will be mailing envelopes to your homes. Envelopes with our address label will be available on the tables. Please place them in the collection basket and we will process them in the rectory and submit them to the Archdiocese for proper accounting to the parish.

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual pro-life novena, *9 Days for Life*, Monday, January 14-Tuesday, January 22. Pray for the respect of all human life with daily intentions, brief reflections, and more.



Download a free mobile app, or sign up to receive the novena through daily emails or text message. Sign up at [www.9daysforlife.com!](http://www.9daysforlife.com)