

# Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church

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## January 28, 2018 - Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time



O God, your love is never-ending and you care for us in all ways and at all times. Awaken in us the desire to build our faith family and the will to give of ourselves with generous hearts and mind. May we use our gifts to show your love to one another.

One in Faith,  
One in Hope and  
One in Charity, we ask this  
through your Son, Jesus Christ,  
Our Lord. Amen.



### Parish Clergy

Rev. Monsignor Vincent T. Kelly, Pastor  
Reverend William H. Bowles  
Reverend John Callan, Sch.P.

**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: 7:00, 8:45am

Saturday: 8:45am

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, January 27**

8:45am ✠ Shirley Anderson  
 5:00pm ✠ Alphonse Della-Donna and  
 Mary & Anthony Sorrentino

**Sunday, January 28**

7:30am **Int.** Rose Poponi and  
 ✠ Roland & Barbara Faria  
 9:00am ✠ Tony Contillo and Patricia Peabody  
 10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist  
 and ✠ Deacon Jack Thesing  
 12:00pm ✠ H. J. & Ursula Graewe and Marilyn Mee  
 5:00pm ✠ Donna A. McFadden and Steve Faucett

**Monday, January 29**

7:30am **Int.** Dan & Asia Lyons and ✠ Mrs. Hazen  
 8:45am ✠ Frank L. Hurley and Andrew DiBattista

**Tuesday, January 30**

7:00am ✠ Bud Tight and Maria Bellemare  
 8:45am ✠ Robert Strait and Tommy Longo

**Wednesday, January 31**

7:00am ✠ Andrew DiBattista and Agnes Saglime  
 8:45am ✠ William J. Bauman and  
 Vita Marie Tartarelli

**Thursday, February 1**

7:00am ✠ John Casey and William Thies  
 8:45am ✠ Rosaleen McKenna and  
 Susan Parker Rachanski

**Friday, February 2**

7:00am ✠ Rev. Gerald McGrath  
 8:45am ✠ Butler/Haran Family and  
 Maria Natalina Capone

**Saturday, February 3**

8:45am ✠ Ernest Guido and Carol Trunk  
 5:00pm ✠ Betsy Russo and Ed & Agnes BiMonte

**Sunday, February 4**

7:30am **Int.** James Ginley Family and Kyle  
 9:00am ✠ Dr. Louis Cantilena & daughter Amy  
 10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist  
 and ✠ John Coppola  
 12:00pm ✠ Helen Ruth Houser and Anthony Zanghi  
 5:00pm ✠ Rose Doran and  
 Steve & Jody Langsenkamp

Feb. 3 & 4	Celebrant	Lector	Extra-ordinary Ministers
Sat. 5:00pm	Msgr. Sheahan	Mary Joe Clark	John Lindsey Rosemary Lindsey Gigi Wiborg
Sun. 7:30am	Fr. Bowles	Dottie Raimondi	Eileen Higgins Leah Finlon
Sun. 9:00am	Fr. Kelly	Dan Perry	Bev Green Garnett Byrd Vickie Byrd
Sun. 10:30am	Msgr. Sheahan	Dave Corey	Cesar Coral Veronica Coral Bertha Martos
Sun. 12 Noon	Fr. Callan	Bob Bulfin	Gail Bulfin Jody Williams
Sun. 5:00pm	Fr. Kelly	Bill Lank	Catherine Miethe



Save the Date! Our Lenten Parish Mission will be conducted on the evenings of February 26th, 27th and 28th. The Mission will be conducted Fr. Kevin MacDonald, C.Ss.R., a Redemptorist priest.

**Theme: "Beginning Today"**

**FIRST NIGHT**

Symbol: **BIBLE**, representing God's communication to all people.  
 Topic: **SALVATION**; God's dream for our happiness...and our response.  
 Goal: To deepen our acceptance of God's tremendous love for us.

**SECOND NIGHT**

Symbol: **EASTER CANDLE**, representing the risen Jesus, who conquers sin/death.  
 Topic: **SIN, RECONCILIATION AND HEALING**; living the life of conversion.  
 Goal: To be freed of the burden of our sinfulness and of past grudges and pains.

**LAST NIGHT**

Symbol: **ALTAR**, representing Jesus pouring Himself out for us.  
 Topic: **YOUR MISSION**; our baptismal vocation and share in the work of Jesus Christ and the Church (parish).  
 Goal: To become more aware of how we need to go forth and proclaim the Good News.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with hosting each night. Please contact Alice or Holly in the rectory office (Tues.—Fri. 9am—4pm) if you are interested in helping.

**Congratulations**  
 to our 8th grade  
 parishioners who have  
 been notified of their  
 Catholic high school  
 acceptances!

**“Only Light Drives Away the Darkness”**

Most of us have difficulty seeing in the dark. Attempting to forage around a room at night without light can be hazardous with bumps, falls and even breakages. Thus we appreciate light that attempts to simulate natural light.

Jesus uses the metaphor of light frequently to distinguish good from evil: *Be you children of the light*; and even to identify one’s own natural talent: *No one puts a light under a bushel basket*. The ultimate example of light is in Jesus himself: *I am the light of the world*. Undoubtedly as we seek to remain in the light, we must pursue Jesus and identify with him.

In this age of electricity and daily advancement in technology, we wonder what message could be found in the analogy of light? We live in a world darkened by sin. This is not a popular concept - surely we are too *enlightened*. Yet turn on any television program, read any newspaper or flip through advertisements in a magazine. Where are our priorities? Are we seeking faster cars, better conditioned bodies, or higher incomes? These may be accomplishments - but surely not that important. Other concerns ought to take precedence, but regrettably we sometimes put them off. How about concern for the homeless in the streets, children who are not cared for and nations still in turmoil with civil conflict? Is our bushel basket, on which Jesus cautions us, hiding the effect of our light?

Christ is asking of us the same thing he asked of his disciples, to be the light of the world. How do we do that? First we must act responsibly according to our conscience as just stewards of all God has given us. Then we must rely on God as a point of light to illuminate our way. Lastly, we must give some thought to caring for the basic needs of others. How and when will be up to us. When we begin to measure everything we do in the *light* of the gospel values, it is called conversion - a change of heart.

We must develop a new attitude, a concern for others. When we begin to focus our actions on the betterment of humanity rather than attainment of material goods, we bring the light of Christ into the world through our active evangelization.

Blessings,  
Father Vincent T. Kelly



**National Catholic Schools Week 2017: January 28<sup>th</sup>–February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

This year’s theme, “Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.” encompasses the core products and values that can be found in Catholic schools across the country.

“Catholic schools are a vital aspect of the Church’s mission to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and so an important aspect of our own teaching mission,” said Archbishop George Lucas of Omaha, Nebraska, chairman of the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Committee on Education. “Pope Francis has reminded us that the New Evangelization is not precisely about what we do and what programs we adopt; rather, it is about what God is doing, the graces we are being blessed with, and the Spirit that is always being poured-out over our ministry.”

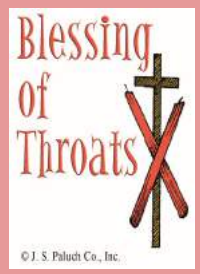
**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT,  
FIRST FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>**



Adoration begins after the 8:45am Mass and concludes at 5pm. The Men’s Club breakfast after the 8:45 Mass in the Parish Hall. Confessions will be Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup> from 4–5pm.

**FEAST DAY OF ST. BLAISE**

In honor of St. Blaise, to invoke protection from illness, Blessing of Throats will take place after all Masses the weekend of February 3<sup>rd</sup> & February 4<sup>th</sup>.



**We appreciate your kindness:**

Your most thoughtful giving to the current Archbishop’s Charities Drive will be most welcome news to those who will benefit. Thank you sincerely on behalf of the Lord himself.  
- Father Vincent Kelly