

Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church

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February 11, 2018 - Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time



I turn to you,
Lord,
in time of
trouble, and
you fill me
with the joy
of salvation.

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, February 10

8:45am ✝ Betsy Russo and Mary Jane Lang
 5:00pm ✝ Joan & Brad Winningham, Betsy Russo and Dr. Robert Dublis

Sunday, February 11

7:30am ✝ Mary Jane Lang and
Int. Dolores San Miguel (Birthday)
 9:00am ✝ William & Michelina Williams and Albert Di Bella
 10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and ✝ Chris "Bubba" Walker
 12:00pm ✝ Oskar & Marlis Lohfink and Robert McGrath
 5:00pm ✝ Antonio Lemos and Randy DeMarco

Monday, February 12

7:30am ✝ Angelo Tilocca
 8:45am **Int.** Diana Pirich

Tuesday, February 13

7:00am **Int.** Heather & Bob Childs
 8:45am ✝ William Thies

Wednesday, February 14

7:00am ✝ Bud Tight and Jean Ann Stock
 8:45am ✝ Joseph Doyle and Peggy Blaikie
 12:00pm ✝ Helen Dunn and
Int. Lencia Small Liberation
 5:00pm ✝ Lucinda Hicks

Thursday, February 15

7:00am ✝ Deceased Benefactors of SJB
 8:45am ✝ Robert & Florence Mucker
 12:00pm ✝ Ken O'Gorman

Friday, February 16

7:00am ✝ Souls in Purgatory
 8:45am ✝ Donna Hoyas
 12:00pm ✝ Linda S. Chasse

Saturday, February 17

8:45am ✝ William Thies
 5:00pm **Int.**/✝ Counihan & Purcell Families and ✝ Marge Waxman

Sunday, February 18

7:30am **Int.** Paul Luca Family and ✝ Roseann Misuraca
 9:00am ✝ Allie Beck and Andy DiBattista
 10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and ✝ Rosemary Peterson
 12:00pm ✝ Geraldine Heinz and Alice Bujalski
 5:00pm ✝ Julia Sorantino and Carmella Caira

Feb. 17 & 18	Celebrant	Lector	Extra-ordinary Ministers
Sat. 5:00pm	Fr. Bowles	Richard Spinogatti	Mary Ellen Spinogatti Daniel Toomey Susan Toomey
Sun. 7:30am	Fr. Bowles	Joe Amaturro	Wini Amaturro Rose Bonell
Sun. 9:00am	Fr. Kelly	Greg Martin	Judy Tight Mary Cooney Stephen Cooney
Sun. 10:30am	Msgr. Sheahan	Rudy Frei	Anne Bloom Kari Macdonald Jean Roberts
Sun. 12 Noon	Fr. Callan	Herbert Moriarty	Katherine Privateer Jody Williams
Sun. 5:00pm	Fr. Callan	Mary Schack	Ed Grenet Christine Grenet

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.

“A Means to an End”

It would likely be an exaggeration to say that most people look forward to Lent. Likewise, it would be incorrect to state that many fear the experience of Lent. Some don't even know it is the Lenten season - especially if they have not been to Church recently. Yet, Lent is a special time, a sacred time that gives opportunity to recall ourselves to the reality of our mortality and the constant need for repentance. Lent is a sequence, orchestrated annually in memory of the Lord's forty day fast in the desert, to give us a chance to re-emphasize the keys of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

Historically, it was the Pharisees' custom to make the practice, fasting and almsgiving, almost ends in themselves. The winner of the "spiritual race" was the one who, with the greatest flourish, gave the most money, looked the gauntest as they suffered a meager diet or was the most obvious in the religious practice of prayer. Jesus tried to help people understand the deeper meaning of these practices then and seeks to do so today.

The reason scripture calls us to pray, fast and serve is two-fold. On the one hand, just like all customs, these things bind the community of believers together, helping to defuse and express who they are. By joining with all members of the community in these religious practices, the Church is energized and strengthened. On the other hand, by getting back to basics, Christians make themselves open and willing to reflect the true Christ to a world sadly in need.

Jesus lived a life as a servant to humankind. Focused by prayer, fasting and service to the poor, he did his Father's will. He was supported by a small, fledgling community and strengthened by the Holy Spirit, and so was able to face all adversity, even death. By imitating our master, Jesus, we too can face any challenge knowing we are making an effort to do God's will. As we begin the Lenten season this week on Ash Wednesday, let our prayers, fasting and almsgiving at this time be the means to an end, not the end in themselves. Make Lent matter.

Blessings,
Father Vincent T. Kelly

**The Holy Season of Lent begins
Ash Wednesday,
February 14th**

Ashes will be distributed at the end of each service.

Masses: 7am, 8:45, 12noon & 5 pm
Eucharistic prayer service: 7pm



The collection at all services on Ash Wednesday will provide food vouchers for the homeless.

There will be an additional weekday mass during Lent at 12 noon. Stations of the Cross will follow the 12 noon Mass on Fridays.

THANK YOU!

Sincere appreciation to all who have contributed and pledged to this year's Archbishop's Charities & Development Drive and have helped the parish to achieve its annual quota. Your generosity will go to assist in the many worthwhile programs in our local area.

- Father Vincent Kelly



**Food Drive next weekend,
Sunday, February 18th:**

St. Vincent De Paul Society food bank operates out of Blessed Sacrament Church. They served 714 clients, representing 2404 people, in January. Thank you for helping feed these members of God's family.



MANY THANKS



A wonderful picnic was held last Sunday for the families of our Religious Education program. What a wonderful way to experience Sunday worship, CCD Class and share food, fun and friendship! Thanks to all who made it possible. Our most special gratitude to Felipe Echarte and John Mate for coordinating our picnic this year.



**No Religious Ed classes next Sunday,
February 18th. Enjoy your long weekend!**

The Women's Guild will be selling raffle tickets before and after all masses this weekend, February 11th, and next weekend, February 18th. The winning cash prizes will be drawn at the Luau Luncheon. You do not have to be present to win. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

