

Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church

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March 10, 2019 – First Sunday of Lent



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: 7am, 8:45am & Noon

Saturday: 8:45am

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 9

8:45am ✠ Gregory Jean-Baptiste and Dr. Franklyn Chinn
 5:00pm ✠ Joan & Brad Winningham and Dr. Robert Dublis

Sunday, March 10

7:30am **Int.** Hank Langsenkamp Family and ✠ Jodi Esser
 9:00am ✠ Kelly Moynahan, Betsy Russo and Maureen Haugh
 10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and ✠ Chris "Bubba" Walker
 12:00pm ✠ John P. Bauer and Harrison Charles Smith
 5:00pm ✠ Mafalda LaMarca and Bill & Andrea Lenzner

Monday, March 11

7:00am ✠ Thomas Braatz
 8:45am ✠ Anna Marmorstone and Lynn Boscher
 12:00pm ✠ Linda Schultze and Jeanne Silvestri

Tuesday, March 12

7:00am ✠ Mark Kirby
 8:45am ✠ Thomas Braatz and Lynn Boscher
 12:00pm ✠ Mary Obidinski and Jeanne Silvestri

Wednesday, March 13

7:00am ✠ Joe Ferguson, Jr.
 8:45am ✠ Drs. Shirley & Garrett Swain and Lynn Boscher
 12:00pm **Int.** Charlotte DeMars (Birthday)

Thursday, March 14

7:00am ✠ Thomas Braatz
 8:45am ✠ Lynn Boscher and **Int.** Jan Joyce
 12:00pm ✠ Jeanne Silvestri

Friday, March 15

7:00am ✠ Douglas James Roberts
 8:45am ✠ Peggy Blaikie and Lynn Boscher
 12:00pm ✠ Virginia & Manuel Melo and Franca & Dominick Cuzzupe

Saturday, March 16

8:45am ✠ Bobbie Salvati and **Int.** Jan Joyce
 5:00pm **Int.**/✠ Counihan & Purcell Families and ✠ Skip Campbell

Sunday, March 17

7:30am ✠ Betsy Russo and **Int.** Edward Slane Family
 9:00am ✠ Tom & Helen McBride and William & Michelina Williams
 10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and ✠ Joseph Doyle
 12:00pm ✠ Mary & Anthony Sorrentino and Dan & Catherlin Redmond
 5:00pm ✠ Bernadette Merrigan and Mafalda LaMarca

March 16 & 17	Celebrant	Lector	Extra-ordinary Ministers
Sat. 5:00pm	Fr. Callan	Charlie Russo	Eileen Borman Gigi Wiborg Alicia Holloway
Sun. 7:30am	Fr. Callan	John Andrews	Debra Andrews Mary Blouin
Sun. 9:00am	Fr. Kelly	Ed Merrigan	Colette Wolf Courtney O'Loughlin Maria O'Neill
Sun. 10:30am	Fr. Bowles	Joanne Jasin	Karen Niles Kris Ahern Stephen Johnson
Sun. 12 Noon	Msgr. Sheahan	Paul DeBianchi	Katherine Privateer Pam Jabbour
Sun. 5:00pm	Fr. Kelly	Denis Merz	Cathleen Mascarenhas

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 provides an opportunity of great grace when we highlight our personal resolve to serve the Lord through prayer, fasting and alms giving. May we foster self-discipline in whatever way we deem appropriate. Both Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, April 19, are days of abstinence from meat for all who are 14 years and older. They are also days of fast (one full meal and two small meals, with nothing eaten between the meals) for adults from 18 to 59 years of age. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat for those 14 years and older. Weekday masses: 7am, 8:45am and 12pm. Stations of the Cross are Fridays during Lent following the noon mass.



“Change Nothing and Nothing Changes”

Adjustment is one of the more difficult experiences in life. Once we are secure in our way of living, it is not easy to adapt to a new demand. Inevitably the winds of change will come upon us and we must have the ability to adapt. Adjusting to the loss of a loved one, a separation for any reason, a change of residence, a change of status, any traumatic experience which assures that the future will be totally different from the past, we be resilient.

Conversion may be one of the most painful of life's adjustments. Conversion, from the Latin "con-vertō", to turn around, envisions turning from something to another. This process assumes a change in attitude in which we make a choice to leave the old way behind and redirect ourselves to a new avenue of action. This change of course is usually based on a desire to improve oneself, one's behavior, one's future. Maturing, reviewing, desiring to be a better person will be the basis for a movement toward conversion.

Through His 40 day desert journey, Jesus models conversion. As a Jew and rabbi, Jesus was accustomed to letting God take care of the Jewish people. After all, God had fed them in the desert, set up a powerful line of kings, and made them into a chosen nation. Jesus could have continued to let God do all the work. But Jesus chose to be converted to a new way of seeing and doing. Jesus would be the New Temple, and those who believed in him would be the chosen ones. He would, in Himself, be the Bread of Life to continue His personal presence to all people throughout the centuries. The temptations in the desert called Jesus to cling to the old and forget the new. Instead, Jesus chose conversion.

May this Lenten occasion draw each of us to change. Let us toss aside patterns that speak of power (which is fleeting), prestige (which is superficial) and manipulation (which is short-sighted). Let us replace selfishness, control and indulgence with simplicity, serenity and service. May prayer be the agency of looking into our souls to explore the meaning in our lives. Only through ongoing conversion will we leave aside accumulated inhibiting baggage and aspire to the grand dignity for which we were created.

Blessings,
Father Vincent T. Kelly

THANK YOU!

We are happy to announce that we have met our Archdiocesan goal for the Archbishop's Charity Drive, ABCD. We thank all who have contributed and pledged to this year's campaign. Many individuals and local programs are greatly assisted by your generosity.



Food Drive next weekend, Sunday, March 17th:

St. Vincent De Paul Society food bank operates out of Blessed Sacrament Church. They served 705 clients, representing 2282 people, in February. Thank you for helping feed these members of God's family.



Women's Guild Day of Recollection
A MORNING OF PRAISE TO GOD
THROUGH THE DIVINE OFFICE & SCRIPTURE
presented by **FR. GARY WIESMANN**

Wednesday, March 13th at 9:30 in the parish hall—Breakfast and Lunch will be served.

Reconciliation opportunity will be available after lunch.



We all know the things that make us happy, but we don't always do them. Lent is an opportunity to change that. This year we invite you to do something different.

To sign up, visit bestlentever.com.

2ND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 17TH: Catholic Relief Services

This collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this Collection provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and show Christ's love and respect to all people. Please give generously to the Catholic Relief Services Collection and **help Jesus in disguise.**

