

Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church

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March 17, 2019 – Second Sunday of Lent



St. Patrick's Breastplate

*I arise today through
God's strength to pilot me,
God's might to uphold me,
God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to see before me,
God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me,
God's hand to guard me,
God's way to lie before me,
God's shield to protect me,
God's host to secure me—
against snares of devils,
against temptations and vices,
against inclinations of nature,
against everyone who shall wish me ill,
afar and anear,
alone and in a crowd...
Christ be with me, Christ before me
Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ where I lie, Christ where I sit,
Christ where I arise,
Christ in the heart of every man who
thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of every man who
speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me,
Salvation is of the Lord,
Salvation is of the Lord,
Salvation is of the Christ,
May your salvation, O Lord, be ever with
us.*

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 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

Monday, March 18

7:00am ✝ Catherine Yardley and **Int.** Kyle
 8:45am ✝ Thomas Braatz and **Int.** Jan Joyce
 12:00pm ✝ Vince Dipietro and
 Dorothy Lionetti & family

Tuesday, March 19

7:00am ✝ Earlene McInnis, Justine & William Grechek and
 Mary & Alexander Millar
 8:45am ✝ William, Mary & Donna McFadden and
 Robert Schulte
 12:00pm ✝ Robert Duenkel and **Int.** Jason Wach

Wednesday, March 20

7:00am **Int.** Tom Devine and ✝ Tammy Eberle (C.G.)
 8:45am ✝ Eugene Hudak and **Int.** Jan Joyce
 12:00pm ✝ Melissa Ann Barmore and
 Rosemarie Pettie

Thursday, March 21

7:00am **Int.** Betsy Banister & family
 8:45am **Int.** Jan Joyce and ✝ Edward Sullivan
 12:00pm ✝ Edgard Muchantef and Gerald Michel

Friday, March 22

7:00am ✝ William K. Banister
 8:45am ✝ Thomas Braatz, Fred H. Fleming and
 Paula Sheahan Karlson
 12:00pm **Int.** Barbara DeReuil and Jim & Joyce Rose

Saturday, March 23

8:45am ✝ George Malcolm and Skip Allen
 5:00pm ✝ Mary Biancardi and Joseph Petrillo

Sunday, March 24

7:30am ✝ Barbara & Roland Faria and
Int. Louis Cervone Family
 9:00am ✝ Betsy Russo and Bernadette Merrigan
 10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and
 ✝ Ruvo & Federici Families
 12:00pm **Int.** Jim DeMars (Birthday) and
 ✝ Harrison Smith
 5:00pm ✝ Dennis & Julia Sorantino and
 Jeanne Theresa Connelly

March 23 & 24	Celebrant	Lector	Extra-ordinary Ministers
Sat. 5:00pm	Fr. Kelly	Jesse Bell	Patty Bell John Lindsey Rosemary Lindsey
Sun. 7:30am	Fr. Kelly	Mike Duval	Rose Bonell Nancy Seiler
Sun. 9:00am	Fr. Naughton	Rebecca Poljak	Jane Burgess Mary Cooney Thomas Cooney
Sun. 10:30am	Msgr. Sheahan	Pio Ieraci	Lisa Ieraci Adriana Newman Steve Newman
Sun. 12 Noon	Fr. Bowles	Paul Loree	Pete Manfredi Danielle Manfredi
Sun. 5:00pm	Fr. Callan	Helen Allen	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 im-



“The Celtic Influence”

The Celts, an ancient people who lived thousands of years ago, occupied land in the Scandinavian countries, Scotland, Ireland and other neighboring territories. Survival was very difficult because of weather conditions, invaders, lack of a stable food supply and health issues. What these people acquired was the skill of survival. This translated into the development of mental and physical stamina that allowed them to face many challenges. Medical researchers of our day may contest this understanding, but in centuries past this incredible stamina was believed and testified to by the capacity of these people to survive the most difficult conditions. Resilience!

The Celtic strain was passed on from generation to generation. These people endured the challenges of nature, enemy confrontation and the advancement of community living, which required serious adaptation. All who kept focus on what was important survived and continued their culture. All who became accepted the status quo and became indolent lost their appetite to achieve and transmit.

When Christianity came to these tribal people in Ireland in the Fifth Century, it acquired some of this Celtic resilience. Hence, the monastic institutions established by Irish monks throughout Europe were the epitome of adaptation to the needs of people. Thus the faith became part of the way of life.

On this St. Patrick’s Day may we salute the resilience of the original immigrants to the United States, especially the Irish. They came unwelcomed, worked tirelessly, advanced in education and achieved acceptance. The Celtic tenacity gave them an edge over others who had different journeys.

One of the great reflections of Irish immigrants was the Catholic faith they brought. This may have been their greatest strength, especially in times of opposition. That strong faith gave them confidence, energy and purpose. Success was seen not just in material achievement, but more so in securing eternal salvation. That Celtic spirit imbued a determination that no person could stall.

Today, the subtle, materialistic and indulgent aspect of American society tests the strength of the Celtic spirit, especially as it relates to our faith. Are we so weak that in our “Garden of Eden” we eat the apple of submission to the false and misleading ways of life? Are we betraying the “Celtic spirit” that really all of us have received regardless of our nationality? In times of trial, the good, the committed and the resourceful will emerge with a faith sufficient to assure them of eternal happiness. Resilience is the “Ace in the Hole” to be renewed in spirit and redirected to the road of salvation.

Blessings,
Father Vincent T. Kelly



Please save the date!
Lenten Fish Fry,
hosted by the Men’s Club
Friday, April 5th!

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. 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.



9th Annual Archdiocese of Miami Men’s Conference

When: March 23, 2019
Time: 7am-3pm
Where: Nativity Catholic Church
Cost: \$30
Mass offered by Archbishop Thomas Wenski
Featured guest speaker: Doug Barry of Battle Ready
For more information: ctgadam@gmail.com



All men of the parish are invited to the next monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 26th at 7pm in the parish hall.



EMMAUS WOMENS RETREAT:
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HE IS WAITING FOR YOU AND
HE IS CALLING YOU!

WHEN: APRIL 26, 27, & 28, 2019 FEE: \$195
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