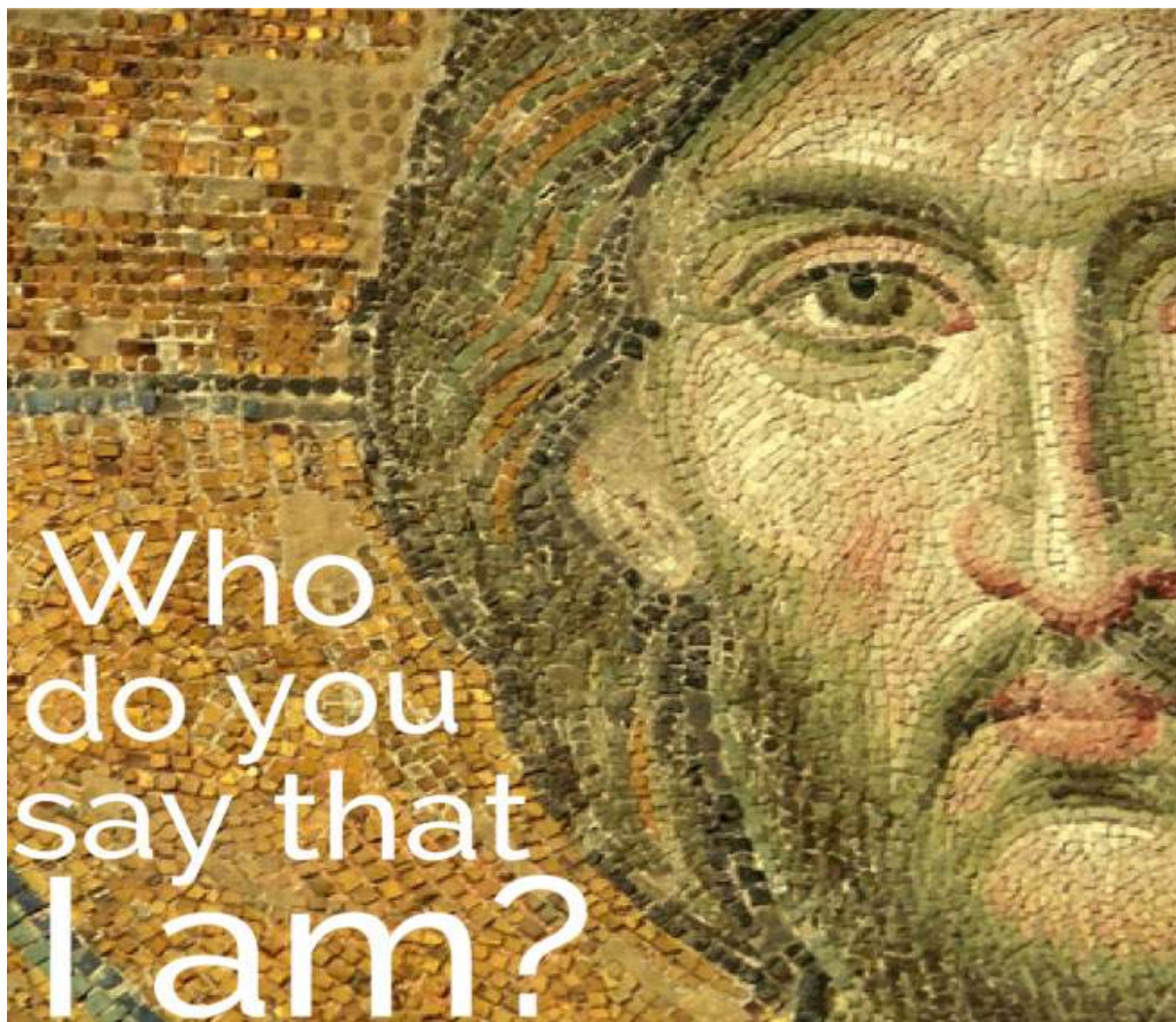


Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church

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September 16, 2018—Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 and 8:45am

Saturday: 8:45am



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 15

8:45am **Int.** Alphonse & Ann Della-Donna and
✠ Al Valderrama, Sr.
5:00pm **Int.** /✠ Counihan & Purcell Families and
✠ Geraldine Heinz

Sunday, September 16

7:30am **Int.** Ann Mack Family and ✠ George Esser
9:00am ✠ Serafina Cammarata and Elizabeth Sais
10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and
✠ Dr. George & Ruth Day
12:00pm ✠ Bill Groenendyke and George Esser
5:00pm ✠ Joan Jenny and Adam Choby

Monday, September 17

7:00am **Int.** Bill & Betsy Banister and Special Friend
8:45am ✠ Charlotte Dissette and **Int.** Carone Family

Tuesday, September 18

7:00am ✠ Catherine Yardley and Jobie Hughes
8:45am ✠ Carlo Ulysse and Mario Nargi

Wednesday, September 19

7:00am ✠ Robert Sullivan and Eugene Bonina
8:45am ✠ Al Valderrama and **Int.** Betsy Lowry

Thursday, September 20

7:00am ✠ Christine Myers
8:45am ✠ Mary & Donna McFadden and
Eugene Hudak

Friday, September 21

7:00am ✠ Henry Lambert
8:45am ✠ Walter O'Rourke and **Int.** Robert Krycki

Saturday, September 22

8:45am ✠ Ernest Guido and Lorna dela Cruz
5:00pm ✠ Mary Broderick and Joseph Ferguson

Sunday, September 23

7:30am **Int.** Tom Smith Family and
✠ Barbara & Roland Faria
9:00am ✠ Kenneth Danielsen and
Constance Vito Tursi
10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and
✠ Deacon Jack Thesing
12:00pm ✠ Victoria Pinto de Serrano and
Nancy Moening
5:00pm **Int.** Robert Banister (Birthday) and
✠ Ines Farina

Sept. 22 & 23	Celebrant	Lector	Extra-ordinary Ministers
Sat. 5:00pm	Fr. Callan	Mary Joe Clark	Jane Conti Cathy Kessler Anne Meretsky
Sun. 7:30am	Fr. Kelly	Greg Coican	Jodi Esser Leah Finlon
Sun. 9:00am	Fr. Naughton	Jack Seiler	Janalyn Reeder Garnett Byrd Beverly Green
Sun. 10:30am	Fr. Bowles	Dave Corey	Cesar Coral Veronica Coral Bertha Martos
Sun. 12 Noon	Fr. Callan	Thomas Gavigan	Pete Manfredi Danielle Manfredi
Sun. 5:00pm	Fr. Kelly	Mary Schack	Ed Grenet Christine Grenet

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.

Legacy Circle: Kindly remember your Parish in your will. Your goodness will continue.

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

Religious Ed Classes (PK-8): Religious education classes begin with the 9am Sunday Mass, followed by an hour of classroom instruction, August- May.

Rite of Christian Formation (RCIA): Classes will begin in September for personal instruction available on Wednesdays from 7:15pm to 8:30pm from September - April.

Women's Guild: Monthly meetings are held at 9:30am on the second Wednesday of the month from October to May. Boutique workshops are held weekly on Wednesdays at 9:30am.

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

Bible Study: Classes on Thursdays at 9:30am or 7:00pm from September through November and January through April. Please contact Jo-Ann Tabry at joanntabry@gmail.com.

Divine Will Group meets Wednesday evenings from 6- 8pm 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.



“We Are One Body, the Body of Christ”

What is Church? Rather than identify physical structures, it would be more appropriate to ask, “Who is Church?” In this question you can get to the core of the true identity of the Catholic Church. It is neither a network of physical buildings or a structural hierarchy. It essentially consists of people, all of us.

Too often, even in our own minds, we are inclined to equate structures, locations, and temporalities as the true meaning of Church when the emphasis should be more on persons, praying, studying and serving. True, the history of the Catholic Church identifies the where, the when and the what. That is part of any entity in which we have to live, work and interact. However, it is important to see beyond the history and the structure. It is essential to see that the person, each of one of us, is the core consideration; we are the vital component.

When Jesus established the early Church with the Apostles, He provided them and their associates with a belief, a practice and a challenge. The critical part of that early commissioning was to bring the message of salvation through Him to all people. This was essentially done by giving witness, preaching and serving. With the addition of great numbers, an organizational structure was necessary and the ability to interact, live, worship and serve others became apparent. Thus emerged, even in a primitive fashion, the structure of the Church which we perpetuate today.

Periodically, we need to recall the essentials of our faith. The Church is the continuance of the mission of Christ on earth. It has gone through turbulent times in its history and is going through challenges today. The important consoling and affirming belief that is ours always is that the essentials of our faith are permanent. They were given by Jesus and regardless of the experience in any given age, they will continue until the end of time.

As the Church today, all of us are invited to renew our faith, fervor and service to Jesus. We seek to live in His love as we serve others. May His promise of eternal life be our strength at all times, especially today. Together we are the Church, the Body of Christ.

Blessings,
Father Vincent T. Kelly



MEN'S RETREAT
Looking to get away and focus on your relationship with God?

Sign up now for a Parish Men's Retreat at Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center in North Palm Beach the weekend of September 21-23. Call Stephen Johnson at (828) 289-4445 or email him at johnson592@yahoo.com.

The MEN'S CLUB will be kicking off their 2018-2019 season with a Baseball Night on September 25th at 7pm in the parish hall. All men of the parish are welcome!



Sept. 21 & 28, answer the U.S. bishops' call to pray and fast that a change in the U.S. Supreme Court will move our nation closer to the day when every human being is protected in law and welcomed in life. Join at www.usccb.org/pray!



CURIOUS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

- **Are you or someone you know interested in joining the Catholic faith community?**
- **Are you a Catholic who desires to complete the initiation process by receiving the Eucharist and Confirmation?**

If you answered “YES” to one of these questions, we warmly invite you to entering the RCIA process. The RCIA is designed to assist adults who have never been baptized, have been baptized in another Christian religion and want to become Catholic, or those who were baptized Catholic but have not received the Eucharist and Confirmation. RCIA begins near the end of September, early October with a meet and greet, and continues to meet weekly until after Easter in the Parish Hall 7:15-8:30pm. Please email church@stjohncc.org.