

# Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church

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## December 9, 2018 – Second Sunday of Advent



*Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths.*

### 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

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**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, December 8**

- 7:30am ✠ Mary Katherine McCormack and Jerrie Asbury
- 8:45am ✠ Susan Kanelidis and John & Rose Ruvo McDermott
- 12:00pm ✠ Giuseppe Viridis and Barbara D'Amico
- 5:00pm ✠ Dr. Robert Dublis and Charles L. Winningham

**Sunday, December 9**

- 7:30am ✠ Bob Krycki and Skip Campbell
- 9:00am ✠ Isabel Ventura and Helen White
- 10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and ✠ Joseph Doyle
- 12:00pm ✠ Bette Schwantes and Ersica Gianna
- 5:00pm ✠ Calogero Brucculeri and **Int.** Eileen Borman

**Monday, December 10**

- 7:00am **Int.** Katie Schack
- 8:45am ✠ Mary O. McFadden and All souls in Purgatory

**Tuesday, December 11**

- 7:00am ✠ Bobby White
- 8:45am ✠ Dan Chichester and All souls in Purgatory

**Wednesday, December 12**

- 7:00am ✠ Elvira & Juan Jose Converse and Magdalena Marta
- 8:45am ✠ All souls in Purgatory and Jean Ann Stock

**Thursday, December 13**

- 7:00am ✠ Paul Kelly
- 8:45am ✠ St. Lucy and All souls in Purgatory

**Friday, December 14**

- 7:00am **Int.** Father James Daly (birthday)
- 8:45am ✠ All souls in Purgatory and Ronald & Antoinette Strzelecki

**Saturday, December 15**

- 8:45am ✠ All souls in Purgatory and **Int.** Oliver Hardin (90<sup>th</sup> Birthday)
- 5:00pm **Int./✠** Counihan & Purcell Families and ✠ Ed & Agnes BiMonte

**Sunday, December 16**

- 7:30am ✠ Wildeline Jean Philippe and Skip Campbell
- 9:00am ✠ Constance & Vito Tursi and Vera & John Kreidich
- 10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and ✠ Deacon Jack Thesing
- 12:00pm **Int.** Kathleen & Marc Cillo and ✠ Juan & Mauricia Corpuz
- 5:00pm ✠ Paulette Ballas and John Boniello

Dec. 15 & 16	Celebrant	Lector	Extra-ordinary Ministers
Sat. 5:00pm	Fr. Callan	Robert Conti	Jane Conti Cathy Kessler Anne Meretsky
Sun. 7:30am	Fr. Callan	Greg Coican	Frank Finlon Leah Finlon
Sun. 9:00am	Fr. Kelly	Dan Perry	Michele Menno Rebecca Poljak Jane Czubay
Sun. 10:30am	Msgr. Sheahan	Pio Ieraci	Lisa Ieraci Adriana Newman Steve Newman
Sun. 12 Noon	Fr. Bowles	Dean McGrady	Mary Dellaporta Pam Jabbour
Sun. 5:00pm	Fr. Naughton	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.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Ushers Needed for Weekend Masses**

We are in need of men and women volunteers to serve as ushers who welcome all attending and accept their offering during mass. Please call Holly at the rectory if you are interested in being an usher.



Saint Coleman Catholic School will have an Open House on Thursday, December 13, 2018 from 6:30pm-8pm for grades Pre-K3 through 8th grade.

***“Prepare, it’s the Chance of Your Lifetime!”***

The obvious message from the Scriptures during these Advent days is: "Prepare the way of the Lord." Repeatedly we are advised to be vigilant, be on guard, be watchful since we do not know the time of the coming of the Lord. How liturgical and how "churchy" this message is! It seems that only those who attend church would hear it, and of those who hear it, only those who have inner conviction will abide by it. But the message of the Scriptures to be on notice is for everyone, whether you pay heed or not to the cautions of the prophets of old.

In a very dramatic way today, the prophets of news casting are telling us the same thing although in a very secular fashion. They report daily on the unreliability of life, most recently with a reduction in life expectancy right here in the U.S. We see headlines of violent deaths in car accidents, in plane crashes, in natural disasters. We are shocked when someone in our area is killed watching television at home. Drug related killings, robbery, homicides and sex-related crimes all caution us to the proximity of someone taking another's life. Regrettably, we seem to be moving to a point in our society where the respect for human life has diminished dramatically. Is anybody safe? Not really, but we must take every precaution possible to protect our own lives and the lives of others.

It is an advisable to heed to the Scriptures to be on guard, to be prepared. But these cautions refer not only to our personal safety, but more importantly to our inner peace with God. Not knowing the moment in which we will meet him as we terminate this life, we must constantly make our peace with God. We must attempt on a daily basis to be in the state of grace with nothing to separate us from him. We, as it were, need to have our bags packed at all times. When he does come eventually, we will be happy at the union. After all, that's why we have lived the life he gave us, so that we could prove ourselves worthy of our eternal place with him. "Prepare the way of the Lord."

Blessings,  
Father Vincent T. Kelly



**The Annual Toy Drive** sponsored by the Men's Club takes place this weekend, December 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> between 8am and 6pm. Thank you for your kind and generous donations.

**Children's Christmas Pageant  
December 16<sup>th</sup> 9am Mass**

Children in PK through 3rd grades are invited to participate in the Nativity (please meet in the Parish Hall at 8:15) and children in the 4th through 6th grades are invited to participate in the Children's Choir (please meet in church at 8:15).



**CHRISTMAS FLOWER REMEMBRANCE envelopes, located on the tables by the doors, are a thoughtful way to remember your deceased loved ones. Envelopes remain on the altar throughout the Christmas season.**



Our **MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE** is today, due to the Children's Pageant next weekend. There will be no food drive next weekend. Our next Food Drive will be January 20th.



**CONFESSIONS:**

Saturday, Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>: 9:15-10am & 4-5pm  
Sunday, Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>: 4-5pm  
Monday, Dec 24<sup>th</sup>: 9:15-10am & 4-5pm

**CHRISTMAS MASSES:**

Pre-Mass Concerts: 4:30pm and 11:30pm  
Vigil: 5pm, 7pm, 12 Midnight  
Christmas: 7:30am, 9:00, 10:30, 12 noon & 5pm



*On this special occasion we invite your most generous giving to the Lord as a reflection of your appreciation of your opportunity of salvation. Blessed Christmas to you and your family.*



Don't miss our pre-mass Christmas Concerts! Our Christmas Choir will perform a short prelude before the 5pm Christmas Eve Mass and the midnight mass. The performances start at 4:30pm and 11:30pm!