

Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church

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December 10, 2017 - Second Sunday of Advent



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

Mark 3:3

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

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 9

8:45am ✝ Florence M. Klein
 5:00pm ✝ Dr. Robert Dublis and Charles L. Winningham

Sunday, December 10

7:30am ✝ Angelo Diana and Mary Lou Hamilton
 9:00am ✝ Lois McCarthy and Joseph Ragusa
 10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and ✝ Chris "Bubba" Walker
 12:00pm ✝ Joseph Doyle and José & Esther Sanchez
 5:00pm ✝ Mary O. McFadden and William L. Lenzner

Monday, December 11

7:00am ✝ Dan Chichester and **Int.** Heather & Bob Childs
 8:45am ✝ John Lowry and Harry Roberts

Tuesday, December 12

7:00am **Int./✝** Counihan/Purcell Families and ✝ Jean Ann Stock
 8:45am ✝ Jean Ann Stock

Wednesday, December 13

7:00am ✝ Romeo Joseph Rodrigues
 8:45am ✝ St. Lucy

Thursday, December 14

7:00am **Int.** Ashley Alexander
 8:45am ✝ Phil Smith

Friday, December 15

7:00am ✝ Catherine & Dan Redmond and Mary & Anthony Sorrentino
 8:45am ✝ John Fitzgerald

Saturday, December 16

8:45am ✝ Allie Beck
 5:00pm ✝ Joan & Brad Winningham and Ed & Agnes BiMonte

Sunday, December 17

7:30am ✝ Robert B. Blaikie, Sr. and **Int.** Dolores San Miguel
 9:00am ✝ Joe Ferguson and Donna Yohanen
 10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and ✝ Alina & Joseph Leokadia
 12:00pm ✝ Charles & Lorraine Seger and Sandy Robillard
 5:00pm ✝ Rose Doran and Dr. Thomas O'Shaughnessy

Dec. 16 & 17	Celebrant	Lector	Extra-ordinary Ministers
Sat. 5:00pm	Fr. Callan	Mary Joe Clark	John Lindsey Rosemary Lindsey Gigi Wiborg
Sun. 7:30am	Fr. Callan	Dottie Raimondi	Eileen Higgins Leah Finlon
Sun. 9:00am	Fr. Kelly	Dan Perry	Bev Green Felipe Echarte Patty Echarte
Sun. 10:30am	Msgr. Sheahan	Sarahnell Murphy	Adriana Newman Steve Newman
Sun. 12 Noon	Fr. Bowles	Paul DeBianchi	Pam Jabbour Mary Dellaporta
Sun. 5:00pm	Fr. Wiesmann	Louise McDonough	Sharon O'Connor

Baptism: Registered parishioners please contact the Parish office at least one month in advance. Baptisms are held on the second Sunday of the month 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.

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.


The Annual Toy Drive sponsored by the Men's Club takes place this weekend, December 9th and 10th between 8am and 6pm. Thank you for your kind and generous donations.



Food Drive Reminder: There will be no food drive next weekend, December 17th. (Our next Food Drive will be January 21st.)

“Prepare the Way of the Lord”

One of the major icons of the Advent Season is John the Baptist, that unpredictable figure who served as the advanceman for Jesus - calling upon people to repent and prepare for the one whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie.” In response to John’s message, the crowd asked, “What then should we do?” He said to them in reply, “Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise”. What a timely message for us during this Advent Season as we prepare for Christ's coming, both his immediate coming in the Christmas feast and his final coming in power and glory, given the excessive commercialism that has become so associated with our observance of Christmas.

In his 1991 magnificent encyclical Centesimus Annus, Pope John Paul II expressed sadness over such consumerism which he described as exhausting. He pointed out that we in the West, in particular, are shaped and conditioned from cradle to grave to live and act as consumers. This trend has continued, and perhaps even increased. We are bombarded incessantly with ever-changing advertising techniques that seek to define and create more and greater need: the superfluous becomes the convenient, the convenient becomes the necessary, and the necessary becomes the indispensable. Moreover, these high-powered advertising techniques seek not only to create and define more and greater needs, but to shape the attitude and the viewpoint of the consumer as well. The self becomes the center of the universe; other people become things to serve one's needs; the norm is efficiency; the means will be whatever works; unethical business practices, adultery, euthanasia or whatever else suits one's convenience.

That is why we need to break away from the lifestyle of high consumption, of the wasteful depletion of resources, and of the excessive use of service and leisure that exist within our society. Then we can truly listen to what the Gospel values have to say: Gospel values that tell us that we are all God's children and that with respect to the goods of this world we are stewards not masters; Gospel values that say how blessed are the poor in spirit; Gospel values that tell us that we should be essentially content to be fed and to be clothed. We must be ready to take the steps to translate these recommendations of the Gospel into realities.

As we approach the Christmas feast, there are all kinds of alternatives to the consumerism so associated with this season. For example, making our own gifts or holiday food, donating a percentage of what we intend to spend on presents to church or to a charity that serves the needy, spending time with family, celebrating Christmas traditions, attending Mass together at the feast or discussing the meaning of Christ's coming in our own day. John the Baptist continues to cry out today, “Make straight the way of the Lord”. Curbing the exorbitant spending on Christmas gifts and parties is a concrete way for us to respond to this exhortation.

Blessings,
Father Vincent T. Kelly



On the Christmas 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.

Christmas celebrations are often full of sound. It would be good for us to make room for silence, to hear the voice of Love.

—Pope Francis



**Children’s Christmas Pageant
December 17th 9am Mass**

Children in K 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).



CONFESSIONS:

Friday, Dec 22nd:
9:15am-10am, 4-5pm, 7-8pm
Saturday, Dec 23rd:
9:15am-10am, 4-5pm, 7-8pm

CHRISTMAS MASSES:

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

