

# Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church

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## December 16, 2018 – Third Sunday of Advent

*Whoever has two cloaks should  
share with the person who has none.  
And whoever has food should do likewise.*

Luke 3:11



### 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, 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 ✠ Wildelmine 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

**Monday, December 17**

7:00am **Int.** Patty Scott and Dennis Thies  
 8:45am Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother & Holy Spirit  
 and ✠ Robert B. Blaikie

**Tuesday, December 18**

7:00am ✠ Catherine Yardley and Diane Jordan  
 8:45am Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother & Holy Spirit  
 and ✠ Anita Julia O'Connor

**Wednesday, December 19**

7:00am **Int.** Isabel Fong Lam and  
 ✠ Fernando Sifuentes  
 8:45am Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother & Holy Spirit  
 and ✠ Joseph Gill

**Thursday, December 20**

7:00am **Int.** Betsy Banister & Family and  
 ✠ Alfio Zappala  
 8:45am Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother & Holy Spirit  
 and ✠ Eugene Hudak

**Friday, December 21**

7:00am ✠ Marcelo Morin and **Int.** Ross Lupo  
 8:45am Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother & Holy Spirit  
 and ✠ John Cooney

**Saturday, December 22**

8:45am Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother & Holy Spirit  
 ✠ Tim Gill and John A. Kelly  
 5:00pm ✠ Ed & Agnes BiMonte and  
 Clement J. Ulliana

**Sunday, December 23**

7:30am **Int.** Eileen Borman and  
 ✠ Barbara & Roland Faria  
 9:00am ✠ William & Michelina Williams and  
 Kellen O'Neil  
 10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and  
 Thanksgiving  
 12:00pm **Int.** Huy Nguyen (Birthday) and  
 ✠ John Boniello  
 5:00pm ✠ Dr. Thomas O'Shaughnessy and  
 Rose O'Shaughnessy

Dec. 22 & 23	Celebrant	Lector	Extra-ordinary Ministers
Sat. 5:00pm	Fr. Kelly	Charles Russo	Eileen Borman Gigi Wiborg
Sun. 7:30am	Fr. Kelly	Kitty Rotella	Maureen Buffington Eileen Higgins
Sun. 9:00am	Fr. Bowles	Richard Zaden	Maria Friedman Felipe Echarte Patty Echarte
Sun. 10:30am	Fr. Wiesmann	Rudy/Carol Frei	Patty Bedley Dennis Bedley Patricia Kearney
Sun. 12 Noon	Msgr. Sheahan	Bob Bulfin	Gail Bulfin Jody Williams
Sun. 5:00pm	Fr. Bowles	Helen Allen	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 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.



Thank you to all in the Women's Guild who helped make the **Annual Christ Child Tea** such a successful event! Respect Life is grateful for all donations made in their honor. Special thanks to Mary Gerage for hosting this special occasion. We offer tremendous gratitude to the dedicated officers of the Guild and to Chairpersons Camille Kreidich, Jan Pozzi and Pat Burke.

**“Sharing and Caring”**

Some years ago a Midwest university conducted a study of nursing homes, particularly those which provided terminal care to the elderly. The purpose of the survey was to determine the most important motivators in each person's life. Now that the residents saw the conclusion of their earthly scene coming to an end, they could look back and see what was really important to them; what made them act in the way they did; what were the essential influences in their lives. To no one's surprise, the two most important influences that lasted through life and gave the most fulfillment were love and service. How individuals shared love with their spouse, children, extended family, co-workers, friends and others was the most glorious feature of their lives. Tied into this emotion was the desire to provide some service to these people and to others in need.

The ideal model of love and service for all of us is Jesus himself. Out of sheer love he came to earth to live, suffer and die so that we might have a chance at eternal life. He could have achieved our redemption by a simple gesture or apology, but to show the depth of his love, he offered his life. In his three year public career, he sought to offer a daily service of healing, consoling, feeding, uplifting, challenging and encouraging the people.

As we prepare to celebrate the wonderful feast of Christmas, we become conscious once again of the importance of Christ coming among us. It is a most powerful reminder that our redemption is near at hand. Regardless of the length of our lives, this frequent reminder brings us back to sobriety of emotion that achieving our redemption is around the corner.

On Christmas there is undoubtedly an emphasis on love and service as exemplified by Jesus. As we prepare to celebrate this beautiful occasion may these sentiments of love of others and service to people be paramount in our lives. Not only will the occasion be totally fulfilling now, but it will be eternally rewarding in the hereafter. Share love and service with each other during this Advent season.

Blessings,  
Father Vincent T. Kelly

The Annual Toy Drive sponsored by the Men's Club took place last weekend. Thank you to all who assisted in this community effort. You have received the true gift of giving and have helped to make many children happy.



*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.*



- No Religious Ed. classes: Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Bible Study classes will resume on 2/28.
  - The Men's Club will not meet this month.

Their next meeting is in January.

- We extend special thanks to Baird Case Funeral Home for sponsoring our annual calendar.



*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.*

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:**

Christmas Eve  
Pre-Mass Music Preludes: 4:30pm and 11:30pm  
Vigil Masses: 5pm, 7pm, 12 Midnight



Christmas Day Masses:  
7:30am, 9:00, 10:30,  
12 noon & 5pm



**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

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

