

Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church

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December 17, 2017 - Third Sunday of Advent



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

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, December 18

7:00am ✝ Diane Jordan
 8:45am ✝ Dora Russo and Susan Vitale

Tuesday, December 19

7:00am ✝ Joseph Gill
 8:45am ✝ Deacon Jack Thesing and Mary Burke

Wednesday, December 20

7:00am ✝ Dennis & Bridget Fitzgerald Riley
 8:45am ✝ Eugene Hudak

Thursday, December 21

7:00am ✝ Margaret Ash
 8:45am ✝ John Cooney and **Int.** Rosalie Ponte

Friday, December 22

7:00am ✝ Tim Gill
 8:45am **Int.** Thanksgiving to God for protecting our family

Saturday, December 23

8:45am **Int.** Cody Huy Nguyen
 5:00pm ✝ Clement J. Ulliana and Lyle Anderson

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday

December 24, 25 & 26 (Christmas Triduum)

✝ Lyle Anderson	✝ Dr. Edward Merrigan
✝ Beatriz Arango	✝ Edward P. Murphy
✝ Arzulia de Arcos	✝ Marie, Carolyn & Frank Policastro
✝ Agnes & Ed BiMonte	✝ Catherine & Dan Redmond
✝ Peggy Blaikie	Int. John & Diane Rau
✝ Timothy Blaikie	✝ Betsy Russo
✝ Marie & John Bonell	✝ John Rocha III
✝ Ena Camargo	Int. Phyllis Rocha
✝ Alphonse Della Donna	✝ Martin Patrick Sallarulo
✝ Alice Del Percio	Int. Dolores San Miguel
✝ Joseph Doyle	✝ Mary & Anthony Sorrentino
✝ Marti Huizenga	Int. Dolores Stamp
✝ Joseph & Anne Jasin	✝ Jean Ann Stock
✝ Veronika Juscakova	✝ James P. Warnock
✝ Donna A. McFadden	✝ William & Michelina Williams
✝ Ruth Menza	✝ Donna Yohanen

✝ and **Int.** of Tight/Campbell Families, Counihan/Purcell Families, and the Seiler/Egan Families
 ✝ Cancer patients, addicted persons & mental patients

Fourth Sunday of Advent Schedule

Dec. 23 & 24	Celebrant	Lector	Extra-ordinary Ministers
Sat. 5:00pm	Msgr. Sheahan	Helen Allen	Paulette Kardos Alicia Holloway Dean McGrady Cathy Kessler Helen Schaffhauser Peg Butler
Sun. 7:30am	Fr. Kelly	Kitty Rotella	Mary Blouin Gordon James Loni James
Sun. 9:00am	Fr. Bowles	Maureen McEnerney	Maria O'Neill Stephen Cooney Thomas Cooney
Sun. 10:30am	Fr. Wiesmann	Rudi Frei	Dennis Bedley Patty Bedley Kari Macdonald
Sun. 12 Noon	Msgr. Sheahan	Estella Moriarty	Jody Williams Pete Manfredi Danielle Manfredi

Christmas Schedule

Dec. 24 & 25	Celebrant	Lector	Extra-ordinary Ministers
Sun. 5:00pm	Fr. Kelly	Jack Seiler	Courtney O'Loughlin Jodi Esser John Lindsey Rosemary Lindsey
Sun. 7:00pm	Fr. Bowles	Mary Joe Clark	Bev Green Paulette Kardos
Sun. 12 Midnight	Fr. Wiesmann	Dave Corey	Steve Newman Adriana Newman Lisa Ieraci
Mon. 7:30am	Fr. Bowles	Dottie Raimondi	Maureen Buffington Eileen Higgins
Mon. 9:00am	Fr. Kelly	Denis Merz	Mary Cooney Jane Burges Jane Czubay
Mon. 10:30am	Msgr. Sheahan	Joanne Jasin	Patricia Kearney Kari Macdonald Jean Roberts
Mon. 12 Noon	Fr. Wiesmann	Herb Moriarty	Jody Williams Pete Manfredi Danielle Manfredi
Mon. 5:00pm	Fr. Kelly		

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE MEN'S CLUB TOY DRIVE!

We offer special appreciation to Jan Reeder, for her tireless dedication. Your giving and has helped to make many children happy.



“Are You Preparing for Christ in Your Preparations?”

The world waited for thousands of years in anticipation of the much sought after Messiah who would be a Savior to all people. When he came, however, he received quite a mixed reaction. 1) Some were ready and eager to accept him. They believed in him and became his followers. 2) There were others who were too busy with their personal interests and so paid little attention to him. 3) Still others were hoping for a political leader who would lead them out of their oppression. 4) There were also those who opposed the “Christ” because he threatened their lifestyle. However, the Savior came to bring hope of eternal salvation to all people.

History repeats itself once again in our day. The previously mentioned categories are now present among us as we prepare once again for the coming of the Messiah. 1) Many are eager, ready and preparing themselves so that on Christmas morning their joy will be great as they welcome their Savior. 2) Others are so consumed today by indulging themselves that they couldn't care less whether Christ came or not. They see this as an opportune holiday to feast and make merry regardless of the spiritual implications. 3) Who are those who have political, social or economic reasons for anticipating a Messiah at this juncture in time? Look around. They are the ones who will turn this spiritual occasion into a profitable experience as they would their most respected trusted, family or friends. Opportunists for material gain will profit but it disperses with the winds of time. (4) Those who oppose the Messiah today are confused fools who because of obstinate conviction not only refuse to believe, but seek to prevent others from a meaningful celebration of what lies ahead. These include atheists, bigots and secularists who resent the joy of discovery of spiritual fulfillment by others.

Where do you stand in anticipation of the coming of the Messiah? Without hesitation, you should say that you eagerly anticipate the coming of our Lord as Savior. But do you say this out of habit or with fervor? This advent may be the major call for many to prepare for their salvation. With our unpredictable time span, may we enter the true spirit of this season and keep Christ as the focus of all our thoughts, greetings and celebrations. Without Christ - the Savior - the Messiah, there can be no true Christmas. With him as the focus, eternal redemption is ours.

Blessings,
Father Vincent T. Kelly

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



DON'T MISS OUR PRE-MASS CHRISTMAS CONCERTS!

Our Christmas Choirs will perform a short musical prelude before the 5pm and 12 Midnight Christmas Eve Masses. The performances start at 4:30pm and 11:30pm!

No Religious Ed. Classes during the Christmas season. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 14th.

OUR PARISH GIFT TO EACH FAMILY IN TIME FOR YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION!

Are you enjoying your Best Advent ever! We are praying for you as you continue to prepare for the Christ Child's coming among us.

We are pleased to offer as our parish gift to you as you start the new year, Perfectly Yourself by Catholic author, Matthew Kelly.

These books will be available beginning the weekend of December 30th and 31st, in time for your New Year's resolution. This new edition will guide you as you grow spiritually, discover your God-given talents, and strengthen your faith so you can pursue God's dream for your life.



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