

Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church

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December 31, 2017 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



Joseph's Lullaby

Go to sleep my Son
This manger for your bed
You have a long road before You
Rest Your little head

Can You feel the weight of Your glory?
Do You understand the price?
Or does the Father guard Your heart for now
So You can sleep tonight?

Go to sleep my Son
Go and chase Your dreams
This world can wait for one more moment
Go and sleep in peace

I believe the glory of Heaven
Is lying in my arms tonight
But Lord, I ask that He for just this moment
Simply be my child

Go to sleep my Son
Baby, close Your eyes
Soon enough You'll save the day
But for now, dear Child of mine
Oh my Jesus, Sleep tight

BY FRED PRATT GREEN, RUSSELL SCHULZ-WIDMAR
PERFORMED BY MERCY ME

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



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† 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 30

8:45am ✝ Andrea Marie Giattino
5:00pm ✝ Ruth Menza and Nelson Jesus Carrodeguas

Sunday, December 31

7:30am ✝ Roland & Barbara Faria and
Int. Maribeth Campbell
9:00am ✝ Rev. Robes C. Charles and Allie Beck
10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and ✝ Dr. Silvia Flores
12:00pm ✝ Sarah Bova and Vincenzo Sebastiani
5:00pm ✝ Michael Bienes and
✝ and **Int.** Counihan/Purcell Family

Monday, January 1

7:30am **Int.** Heather & Bob Childs
8:45am ✝ Barbara Gontarz and Catherine Murray
12:00pm ✝ Francoise Betters

Tuesday, January 2

7:00am ✝ Rev. Gerald McGrath
8:45am ✝ Tony Mazzurco, Jr.

Wednesday, January 3

7:00am ✝ Ursula Cortolillo and
Int. Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
8:45am ✝ Peggy Blaikie

Thursday, January 4

7:00am ✝ Catherine Kelly
8:45am ✝ Annette Shapiro

Friday, January 5

7:00am ✝ John J. Kelly
8:45am ✝ Butler/Haran Family

Saturday, January 6

8:45am **Int.** Blessed Mother and ✝ Joseph Bordaz
5:00pm ✝ Betsy Russo and John Smallwood

Sunday, January 7

7:30am ✝ Veronica Maus and Catherine Gilmartin
9:00am ✝ William & Michelina Williams, Mary Corda and Alvin J. Tight
10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and ✝ Deacon Jack Thesing
12:00pm ✝ Hyman Indowsky and José Sanchez
5:00pm ✝ Rose Doran and Marlene Reynolds



First Friday, January 5th

Confessions: Thurs. Jan. 4th, 4-5pm
Adoration: 9:15am until 5pm
Men's Club breakfast: 9:15am in the parish hall

**THE WOMEN'S GUILD'S
FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW YEAR!**

January 10th at 9:30am in Parish Hall
Guest speaker: Ferial Youakim

Jan. 6 & 7	Celebrant	Lector	Extra-ordinary Ministers
Sat. 5:00pm	Msgr. Sheahan	Mary Joe Clark	Jane Conti Cathy Kessler Dean McGrady
Sun. 7:30am	Fr. Bowles	Gordon James	Loni James Rose Bonell
Sun. 9:00am	Fr. Callan	Jack Seiler	Janalyn Reeder Elena Catana Jane Burgess
Sun. 10:30am	Fr. Kelly	Joanne Jasin	Karen Niles Bertha Martos Patricia Kearney
Sun. 12 Noon	Fr. Callan	Michael Stewart	DeeDee Stewart Anita Nasser
Sun. 5:00pm	Msgr. Sheahan	Mary Schack	Ed Grenet Christine Grenet

SPECIAL WELCOMING OF THE CHRIST CHILD!

Thank you to all who participated in our Christmas celebrations. We offer special appreciation to our adult and student volunteers, our guest violinist, John DiPuccio, The 9am Singers, Louise Cole-Reeser, Catherine Myers and Lisa Lopez.



Tremendous thanks to Wanda Drozdovitch, our Music Director! Wanda coordinated the music and provided rehearsals for vocalists and musicians. Her extraordinary efforts added beautiful depth to our Christmas liturgies!

Christmas Flower Remembrances

Envelopes will remain on the altar throughout the Christmas season in remembrance of our loved ones. Special thanks to Kathy Morgan for putting together a beautiful floral arrangement.

January Calendar Items

Parish Office Closed, Masses: 7:30am, 8:45am and 12noon	January 1st
First Friday Eucharistic Adoration	January 5th
Women's Guild Monthly Meeting	January 10th
Bible Study Classes Resume	January 11th
Children's Religious Ed Classes Resume	January 14th
Annual Volunteer Reception	January 19th
Food Drive & Blood Drive	January 21st
Save The Date: Religious Ed. Family Picnic	January 28th

“Family, Where Life Begins and Love Never Ends.”

With great joy in our hearts, we recall the events of this week in history which surrounded the arrival of God's son on the earth. In the most unobtrusive manner, the long awaited Messiah came in a very simple fashion joining the human race through a family experience. Born the son of Mary, Jesus came almost two thousand years ago to begin his work of salvation which would give each person who ever lived a chance to share eternal life. Into a simple family setting where love, warmth and gentleness were the guidelines, the King of Kings was to be schooled. How unique, yet how exceptionally unsophisticated was the entrance of Jesus to our life!

The occasion of the Feast of the Holy Family invites all of us to review our own participation in family life. The simplicity of Jesus joining the human scene and living such an unspoiled life suggests the norm for our own living experience. Like Jesus, we are people with a special calling - the call to share everlasting joy in heaven. The mechanics of living, most often formed on the foundation of our families, have substantially been left to us. We must then assure that our priorities are in order and that all our experiences help us to secure our eternal goal hereafter.

May this Christmas season be an occasion for reviewing the guidelines under which we function as a family. Such understandings might include:

- love for each other, total respect regardless of response,
- willingness to share time together,
- encouragement for each one to be the best person possible,
- tolerance of each other's limitations,
- finding the best in each other and overlooking the worst,
- a forgiving spirit that holds no grudges,
- a cooperative wish to share the successes and failures,
- a responsible attitude whereby all family concerns are shared by the members
- a sharing approach so that selfishness does not prevail,
- a mechanism of communication to share thoughts and feelings, but also to resolve problems,
- a realistic approach to the problems of family life and a desire to pitch in to solve them,
- a spiritual awareness your own family is the replica of Christ's family, structured to lead all members to the eternal family.

A review of these desirable approaches may be the best gift you can give to your family this Christmas season and is certainly worthy of your New Year's commitment. May each of you share the blessings and joys of family during this Christmas season and the New Year.

Blessings,
Father Vincent T. Kelly



Heartfelt Thanks!

We offer sincere thanks for your gracious generosity on the Christmas occasion. Your gifts to the Lord, in appreciation of His coming among us, reflect your constant feeling of gratitude. We are truly blessed at St. John the Baptist with so many wonderful people of faith in our parish community.

We happily celebrate the New Year with you as we continue to grow closer to the Lord!

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

Please accept our gift to you, *Perfectly Yourself*, one per family. This book by Matthew Kelly guides you as you grow spiritually, discover your God-given talents, and strengthen your faith so you can pursue God's dream for your life.



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