

Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church

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February 23, 2020 — Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Love
your
enemies
and pray for those who persecute you

Matthew 5:44

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-Saturday: 8:45am



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 22

8:45am ✝ Jack Licata and
Int. Marquitos (Birthday)
 5:00pm ✝/**Int.** John H. Winningham Family and
 ✝ Bill Clark

Sunday, February 23

7:30am ✝ Tom Spencer and James Creighton
 9:00am ✝ Phillip Caruso and Michael Del Buono
 10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and
 ✝ Marco Frasca
 12:00pm ✝ Rosemary Peterson and Vito Galofaro
 5:00pm ✝ Cheryl Donnellan and Patricia Bidwell

Monday, February 24

8:45am ✝ Mark Hatzikonstantis and
Int. Linda Cushman (Birthday)

Tuesday, February 25

8:45am ✝ Demetrio & Sergio Castillo and
 Mark Hatzikonstantis

Wednesday, February 26

8:45am ✝ Richard J. Casabonne and
Int. Christine Grenet
 12:00pm ✝ Leo Dileone and Catherine Kelly
 5:00pm ✝ Joan Collins and **Int.** Marcella Woods

Thursday, February 27

8:45am ✝ Mary Nash and
 ✝/**Int.** Counihan & Purcell Families
 12:00pm ✝ Josephine Bruccleri and Rudy Frei

Friday, February 28

8:45am **Int.** Ernest Frederick Guido & Family,
 Diana Kennedy (Birthday) and
 ✝ Catherine "Dodo" Kelly
 12:00pm ✝ Christine Myers and Patricia Coffey

Saturday, February 29

8:45am ✝ Judith Jiran and Suzanne Bordaz
 5:00pm ✝/**Int.** John H. Winningham Family and
 ✝ Robert Ulliana

Sunday, March 1

7:30am ✝ Christopher Thomas and Toni Paoli
 9:00am ✝ Lucille Bujalski and Marco Frasca
 10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and
 ✝ Ann LaViola
 12:00pm ✝ Lee Reheman and
 Salvatore & Mauro Manfredo
 5:00pm ✝ Steve & Jody Langsenkamp and
 Mafalda & Renato LaMarca

Feb. 29 & 1	Celebrant	Lector	Extra-ordinary Ministers
Sat. 5:00pm	Msgr. Sheahan	Richard Spinogatti	Mary Ellen Spinogatti Daniel Toomy Susan Toomy
Sun. 7:30am	Msgr. Sheahan	Gordon James	Loni James Virginia Guadagno
Sun. 9:00am	Fr. Callan	Rebecca Poljak	Jane Burgess Mary Cooney Thomas Cooney
Sun. 10:30am	Fr. Callan	Pio Ieraci	Lisa Ieraci Adriana Newman Steve Newman
Sun. 12 Noon	Fr. Bowles	Paul DeBianchi	Pete Manfredi Danielle Manfredi
Sun. 5:00pm	Fr. Callan	Denis Merz	Cathleen Mascarenhas

THANK YOU!

We are most appreciative to all who have contributed to the 2020 Archbishop's Charities and Development Drive. To date, the parish has pledged \$170,968 toward our assigned goal of \$262,994. Your generosity will have a tremendous impact on the lives of many in our community. We invite those who are still considering a donation to send your pledge to the parish office for processing.

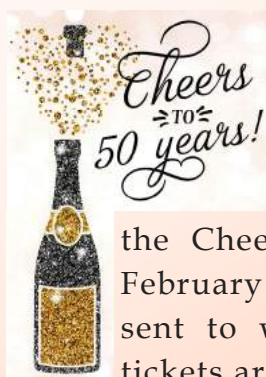


- Father Vincent Kelly

We all know the things that make us happy, but we don't always do them. Lent is an opportunity to change that. This year we invite you to do something different. *To sign up, visit bestlentever.com.*



Women's Guild Cash Ticket Sales



The Women's Guild will be selling cash drawing tickets before and after all masses this weekend. The winning cash prizes will be drawn at the Cheers to 50 Years Luncheon on February 29. You do not need to be present to win. Suggested donations for tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

“Pray, Love, and Act”

Most of us long for simplification in life. In a sophisticated society that is getting more complex by the day, we yearn for a simpler response to the multi challenges which come our way. However, such over simplification may not be readily forthcoming since most of us seem to add on new activities and involvements so readily. Seldom do we or can we reduce involvements thereby reducing unnecessary pressures. But, if reduction of our obligations is not in the immediate future, maybe prioritizing will help.

What are the most important things that concern us? Depending on our interests, disposition, ambition, age, health and status, each of us has a general idea of levels of importance. Each day so many activities appear important and demand attention. But are they that important? Regardless, the motivating factor behind all activity, the rationale of our behavior, needs to be addressed.

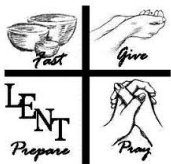
In God's mind, what do you think is important for us? Jesus gives us the answer when He commanded us to love God and love our neighbor. Or, as in today's gospel, to go a step further; “love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” This kind of love calls for a complete and unconditional commitment of self.

Often the love we are willing to give is directly related and proportional to the love we receive. It can be fragile and sometimes shallow. But the love Jesus speaks of is not an easy kind of love to give since He calls us to love with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. The important ingredient which helps us attempt this kind of love is prayer. Without prayer, this immense love that we are asked to give would be impossible. We need the help and grace of God to love so extensively. Without the hope given by the teachings of Jesus, we could be lost in our human efforts to love. Love which ought to be the primary cause of our actions, is to be based in our solid association with Jesus and this in effect is prayer. Pray, love and act.

Blessings,
Father Vincent T. Kelly

**The Holy Season of Lent begins
Ash Wednesday, February 26th**

Masses will be celebrated at 8:45am, 12 noon and 5 pm. There will be a liturgical prayer service at 7pm.



Ashes will be distributed at the end of all of the masses and the prayer service.

The collection at all services on Ash Wednesday will provide food for the homeless. There will be an additional

weekday mass during Lent at 12 pm. Stations of the Cross will follow the 12pm Mass on Fridays.

Lent provides an opportunity of great grace in which we can highlight our personal resolve to serve the Lord through prayer, fasting and alms giving. May we foster self-discipline in whatever way we deem appropriate. Abstinence from meat is obligated to all over the age of 14 on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Other Fridays of Lent are recommended for abstinence. Fasting is the ideal for the other days of Lent.



All men of the parish are invited to the next Men's Club meeting on Tuesday, February 25th at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Guest speaker will be Judnie Francois, Director of Respect Life, Fort Lauderdale.



**2nd Collection: Next Saturday,
Feb. 29th & Sunday, Mar. 1st**

Next Sunday we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Your gift to the Collection will fund catechesis, youth ministry programs, and seminarian education in Latin America. Please support the Church in Latin America and be generous in next weekend's 2nd Collection.

Family Fish Fry

hosted by the Men's Club



**Friday, March 6th at 6pm
in the Parish Hall.**

- Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door (if available).
- Tickets will be sold before and after masses February 29th and March 1st.

**Please purchase your tickets early!
There are a limited number of tickets sold
and the event has sold out in the past.**