

Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church

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Parish Clergy

Rev. Monsignor Vincent T. Kelly, Pastor
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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: 8:45am and Noon
Saturday: 8:45am



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 29

8:45am ✠ Judith Jiran, Suzanne Bordaz and Evelia Valdez
 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

Monday, March 2

8:45am ✠/Int. Counihan & Purcell Families and ✠ Ed & Evelyn Terragni
 12pm Int. Joyce Radwan and ✠ Bob Freeman

Tuesday, March 3

8:45am ✠ Leonardo Valderrama, Sr. and Michael Keir
 12:00pm ✠ Anthony Bologna and Fr. Doug Comstock

Wednesday, March 4

8:45am ✠ Gary Rotella and Carmen & Milciades Aldana
 12:00pm Int. Catherine Miethe & Family and Betsy Banister & Family

Thursday, March 5

8:45am ✠/Int. Counihan & Purcell Families and ✠ Fr. Ron Mrozinski
 12:00pm Int. Jan Joyce & Family and ✠ Michael DiCondina

Friday, March 6

8:45am Int. Fr. William Bowles, ✠ Rudy Frei and The Butler/Horan Family
 12:00pm Int. Catherine Miethe & Family and Betsy Banister & Family

Saturday, March 7

8:45am Int. Blessed Mother and Rose Marie & Charlie Winningham
 5:00pm ✠ Betsy Russo and Dr. Robert Dublis

Sunday, March 8

7:30am ✠ Roland & Barbara Faria and Action Dagrace
 9:00am ✠ Sergio Castillo and Allan Kozich, Sr.
 10:30am Int. Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and ✠ Marco Amidei
 12:00pm ✠ Walter, Helen & Walter Jr. Peterson and Marco Frasca
 5:00pm ✠ Robert F. Schulte and Robert Fahey

Mar 7 & 8	Celebrant	Lector	Extra-ordinary Ministers
Sat. 5:00pm	Fr. Bowles	Robert Conti	Jane Conti Cathy Kessler Anne Meretsky
Sun. 7:30am	Msgr. Sheahan	John Andrews	Debra Andrews Mary Blouin
Sun. 9:00am	Msgr. Sheahan	David Crane	Susan Crane Elena Catana Maria Kamboureelis
Sun. 10:30am	Fr. Bowles	Carol Frei	Patty Bedley Dennis Bedley Patricia Kearney
Sun. 12 Noon	Fr. Callan	Paul Loree	Katherine Privateer Jody Williams
Sun. 5:00pm	Fr. Callan	Helen Allen	Mike O'Connor Sharon O'Connor

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 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.

Lent provides an opportunity of great grace when we 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. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat for those 14 years and older. Weekday masses: 8:45am and 12pm. Stations of the Cross are Fridays during Lent following the noon mass.



“The Lure of the Desert”

Imagine wandering in the desert with a shortage of food, water, shelter, or company. Most of us have never been there, and if we have, it is likely by driving through briefly in the comfort of our air conditioned cars. Our sense of desert is conditioned by movies, books, stories, and our imagination. The desert really suggests isolation inconvenience, endurance, and challenge.

For some people, life might be such a desert. They wander through life as if it were a wasteland. They have endless problems leading to disillusionment, hopelessness, and fear. Lacking motivation and purpose, they meander through the days aimlessly. It doesn't have to be this way, though. With some openness and prayerful review, the desert could become a productive garden.

During Lent, we have the opportunity to enter with Jesus into a “virtual” exercise of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving where we set aside the mundane things that consume our attention. We have occasion to reflect and analyze all we do and don't do. With a change of pace, we can see things in a different light and are able to move profitably and redirect our energies.

In moments of reflection and prayer, we have a chance to consider what God wants us to be. We are special to him, but He expects us to respond by attempting to live a life of goodness, kindness, and love. Instead of the selfish interest mentality, we are invited to serve, give and forgive. The desert is filled with self-distant weeds, which, as obstacles, take us away from our ideals. We need to recharge, renew, and revivify our spirits frequently. As Jesus used the occasion to fortify his challenging life, we too have an ideal opportunity to build up our strength of body and spirit to face the unknown. Let Lent matter!

Blessings,
Father Vincent T. Kelly

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
FIRST FRIDAY, MARCH 6TH**

Adoration begins after the 8:45am Mass and concludes at 5pm. The Men's Club breakfast will follow after the 8:45 Mass in the Parish Hall. Confessions will be Thursday, March 5th from 4-5pm.



The Men's Club First Friday breakfast will be renamed in honor of our first president, Rudy Frei. He was not only the founder of the organization, Rudy and his wife, Carol, initiated the First Friday breakfast. The Men's Club of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church invites all men of the Parish to Rudy's Breakfast on March 6th in the Parish Hall following the 8:45am Mass.

Women's Guild Day of Reflection

FR. STEPHEN J. LACANNE, MDIV., BCC will be presenting *Prayer and Forgiveness, Bringing Kindness and Peace to a Hungry World.*

Wednesday, March 11th at 9:30am in the parish hall. A light breakfast and lunch will be served.



Reconciliation opportunity will be available after lunch.



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.

**Daylight Savings Time begins next weekend.
Next Saturday, March 7th, before you go to bed, . . .**

