

# Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church

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## March 8, 2020 – Second Sunday of Lent



### 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: 8:45am and Noon

Saturday: 8:45am



**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**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

**Monday, March 9**

8:45am ✝/Int. Counihan & Purcell Families and ✝ Mary Joan Weber Detter

12:00pm ✝ Tenart Family and **Int.** Jan Joyce & Family

**Tuesday, March 10**

8:45am ✝ Michael Di Condina & Family and John Moynihan

12:00pm ✝ Don Raffaella and State Trooper Joseph Bullock & Family

**Wednesday, March 11**

8:45am ✝ Rudy Frei and Norman Bennett

12:00pm ✝ Angela Scalera and Helen Forbes

**Thursday, March 12**

8:45am ✝/Int. Counihan & Purcell Families and ✝ Nathaniel Johnson

12:00pm ✝ Peter Thomas Tona, Harry Uhlman and Joe McMahan

**Friday, March 13**

8:45am ✝ Dr. Shirley & Dr. Garrett and Patrick Sweeney

12:00pm ✝ Bill Banister and Patricia O'Malley

**Saturday, March 14**

8:45am ✝ Jose Pessoa Pereira and Bill Banister

5:00pm ✝/Int. John H. Winningham & Family and ✝ Bill Clark

**Sunday, March 15**

7:30am ✝ Peggy Blaikie and Maria Italia Capone

9:00am ✝ Tom & Helen McBride and William & Michelina Williams

10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and ✝ Ann La Voila

12:00pm ✝ Bashir Kachachi and Chris Jackson

5:00pm ✝ Dr. Rudy Frei, Edward Russo, Rose Monaco and Kwock See Chin

| Mar 14 & 15  | Celebrant     | Lector           | Extra-ordinary Ministers                       |
|--------------|---------------|------------------|--|
| Sat. 5:00pm  | Msgr. Sheahan | Jesse Bell       | Patty Bell<br>John Lindsey<br>Rosemary Lindsey |
| Sun. 7:30am  | Fr. Callan    | Mike Duval       | Rose Bonell<br>Nancy Seiler                    |
| Sun. 9:00am  | Fr. Kelly     | Dan Perry        | Michele Menno<br>Rebecca Poljak<br>Jane Czubay |
| Sun. 10:30am | Fr. Callan    | Sarahnell Murphy | Kris Ahern<br>Bob Read<br>Vicci Read           |
| Sun. 12 Noon | Msgr. Sheahan | Dean McGrady     | Mary Dellaporta<br>Anita Nasser                |
| Sun. 5:00pm  | Fr. Bowles    | David Erdman     | Mary Schack                                    |

**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 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.



We have been hearing reports again of people receiving text messages and emails from scammers impersonating clergy, asking for gift cards from Amazon and other retailers. If you, your friends or family receive text messages or emails like this, please do not respond or buy the requested gift cards. Clergy would not ask for gift cards. You can report the scam to Florida's Consumer Protection Division, by visiting [www.myfloridalegal.com](http://www.myfloridalegal.com) and filling out a complaint form, or calling the Fraud Hotline, 1-866-966-7226.

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**“Why Concede the High Ground?”**

Each of us may ask why we exercise restraint in life when the global emphasis appears to be on indulgence, consuming, and enjoying. Think of words that are less frequently used any more, such as self-control, denial and abstinence. One can assume that the old era has passed and a new age advances to more satisfying times.

In many ways research and development has brought to our lives improvement in health, transportation, communication, education and a way of life. Without surfacing the negatives of our day permit me to highlight one deceptive condition that is not in our self-interest— it is the de-emphasis on self-discipline. Why restraint and not full satisfaction in all things? In brief, hedonistic indulgence leads to destruction.

Analyze a free-for-all, uncontrolled, unlimited way of life where the human capacity is saturated with excess. Excess in food, beverage, emotions, buying, spending, controlling, discarding, and lazing are within reach of most. Why restrain? Because as human beings with voracious appetites of all types, we either exercise a disciplined restraint or these innate voices take over and control our every whim.

Scriptural stories, historical tales and our own experiences show us how people can be controlled by outside sources. Is it anymore inconceivable that these outside “forces” now have a disproportionate influence on us if we have no defense?

Yes, we are vulnerable to a host of extreme influences. The obvious ones which appear destructive most likely will be avoided or fought. But the insidious ones that take hold of our will (if we are weak-willed) are the scariest of all. They develop from within us and then as we surrender to whim and fancy they toss us about to the control of other persons or ways. Who wants to be a pawn of a passing fancy? Yet that is what we are if we lack self-control.

During Lent, what more desirable service to a loving God and to ourselves can we render than to develop a reclaiming of our appetites through spiritual means? The survival activities and the futuristic keys are to be found in prayer, self-sacrifice, restraint, simplicity, mediation and service.

Take “the high ground” by adopting a sobering approach to your life.

Blessings,  
Father Vincent T. Kelly

**Women’s Guild Day of Recollection**

**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.  
Please plan to attend this annual Lenten gathering.

Acceptance Sunday for  
Confirmation students is March 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Please keep them in your prayers.



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.

DON’T GIVE UP **chocolate** FOR LENT

*To sign up, visit [bestlentever.com](http://bestlentever.com).*

**Food Drive Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

St. Vincent De Paul Society food bank operates out of Blessed Sacrament Church. They served 807 clients, representing 2126 people, in February. Thank you for helping feed these members of God’s family.



Thank you to all who contributed to the successful annual Men’s Club Fish Fry! Special thanks to Anthony’s Clam House & Grill for their food donation and preparation, and to the Men’s Club, Women’s Guild and Religious Education volunteers.



**In the interest of health security may we ask that we offer a gesture of respect in lieu of shaking hands at the sign of peace, and receive Holy Communion in your hands. Thank you for your consideration.**

