

# Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church

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## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If you pull up the weeds you might  
uproot the wheat along with them.  
Let the weeds and the wheat  
grow together until harvest."

Matthew 13:29-30

July  
**19**  
2020

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### Parish Clergy

Rev. Monsignor Vincent T. Kelly, Pastor  
Reverend Patrick Naughton  
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  
10:00, Noon & 5:00pm

#### **Daily Masses:**

Monday-Saturday: 8:45am



**Mass Intentions for the Week**  
**Saturday, July 18**

8:45am ✠ Maria & Jose Pereira and Mildred Valderrama Sr.  
5:00pm **Int.**/✠ Counihan/Purcell Families and ✠ John Winningham

**Sunday, July 19**

10:00am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and Larry Shack, ✠ Jim Rose, Joe Allen, William & Michelina Williams and Sharon Mackenzie  
12:00pm ✠ Luisa Avvocato Certain and Curtis Brown  
5:00pm ✠ Jerry Purcell and Elaine Weber

**Monday, July 20**

8:45am ✠ Gerald Meehan and Bill Banister

**Tuesday, July 21**

8:45am ✠ Bill Banister and **Int.** Larry Schack

**Wednesday, July 22**

8:45am ✠ Bill Banister and Marie J. Dworsky

**Thursday, July 23**

8:45am ✠ Millie Mom and Bill Banister

**Friday, July 24**

8:45am ✠ Bill Banister and Ray Sais

**Saturday, July 25**

8:45am ✠ Demetrio & Sergio Castillo and Donna Walsh  
5:00pm ✠ Dr. Robert Dublis and Agnes & Edward Bimonte

**Sunday, July 26**

10:00am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and Fr. Bowles, ✠ Michael Bienes, Raymond Richard Bedard, Nicola Marino and Philip Ulliana  
12:00pm ✠ Brenda Elisabeth Kreysig and Joe Allen  
5:00pm **Int.** Jean Antoine Albern Domond & Kerlyne Florvil and ✠ Isabel Williams

July 25 & 26	Celebrant	Lector	Extra-ordinary Ministers
Sat. 5:00pm	Fr. Wiesmann	Richard Spinogatti	Mary Ellen Spinogatti Daniel Toomey Susan Toomey Jane Conti
Sun. 10:00am	Fr. Naughton	Rebecca Poljak	Kari Macdonald Bob Read Vicci Read Sharon O'Connor
Sun. 12 Noon	Fr. Callan	Bob Bulfin	Pete Manfredi Danielle Manfredi Gail Bulfin Jody Williams
Sun. 5:00pm	Fr. Kelly	Catherine Miethe	Denis Merz Louise Cole-Reeser Jody Williams

**ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**Weekly Offering**

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*“The Weeds of Our Lives”*

The presence of evil in the world cannot be denied; we have only to watch the nightly news or read the morning newspaper to recognize the evil in our society. Much has been said and written about the problem of evil. We wonder why God allows it; we wonder how evil could have intruded into a world that God created. Scripture tells us that evil has been present since the beginning of time and will be present until the end. Wondering about evil has no effect on its presence. Ignoring evil allows it to gather strength. Recognizing and acknowledging its presence in our lives is one way to begin to control its effects.

In the Gospel story of the sower seeding the field, Jesus explains to his disciples that the owner of the field warns his workers not to pull up the weeds lest they harm the wheat. Likewise, it is not always possible to identify the weeds in our lives. Grievous sins, such as abortion, adultery or slander, are easily recognized as harmful weeds in the field of God's kingdom. But, how many of us would be surprised to discover little weeds growing right at the heart of our good intentions? For example, how many of our good deeds have at their root a desire for recognition? Does that mean that we should stop doing good deeds? Not at all. If we try to eradicate this very human and understandable weed by waiting until our intentions are pure before we do good, not much good will ever be done. Evil will have yet a larger field in which to grow. It is far better to cultivate the intention to do good deeds, while asking the Eternal Gardener to help us control the weeds that have been planted within us. If we become aware that the weeds of self-interest have become too large in our lives, perhaps spiritual redirection is needed to help us use our gifts to accomplish something good, while at the same time keeping the weeds of pride under control.

The people in the Old Testament times had allowed their own false gods to turn them away from their true calling as God's holy people. The prophet, Jeremiah, is given the terrible task of making people acknowledge the weeds that had grown up in their midst, but pride and self-interest prevented them from understanding. They refused to see themselves in the words of warning that Jeremiah was directed to speak. We, too, are capable of fashioning our own personal gods, and, whether it is pride, envy, or perhaps misguided ambition, we can lose our way to the eternal kingdom as our good deeds become choked with weeds and we become blind to our own spiritual predicament.

We all must learn to step back from our activities, no matter how good or well-intentioned, and examine our underlying objectives. Pray that we may see ourselves not only as others see us, but, more importantly, as God sees us. Listen to the prophet within and read the signs, as God gives us the grace to see them, allowing us to keep the weeds of our lives under control.

Blessings,  
Father Vincent T. Kelly

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“The kingdom  
of heaven is  
like a man who  
sowed good  
seed in his  
field.”

- MATTHEW 13:24 -