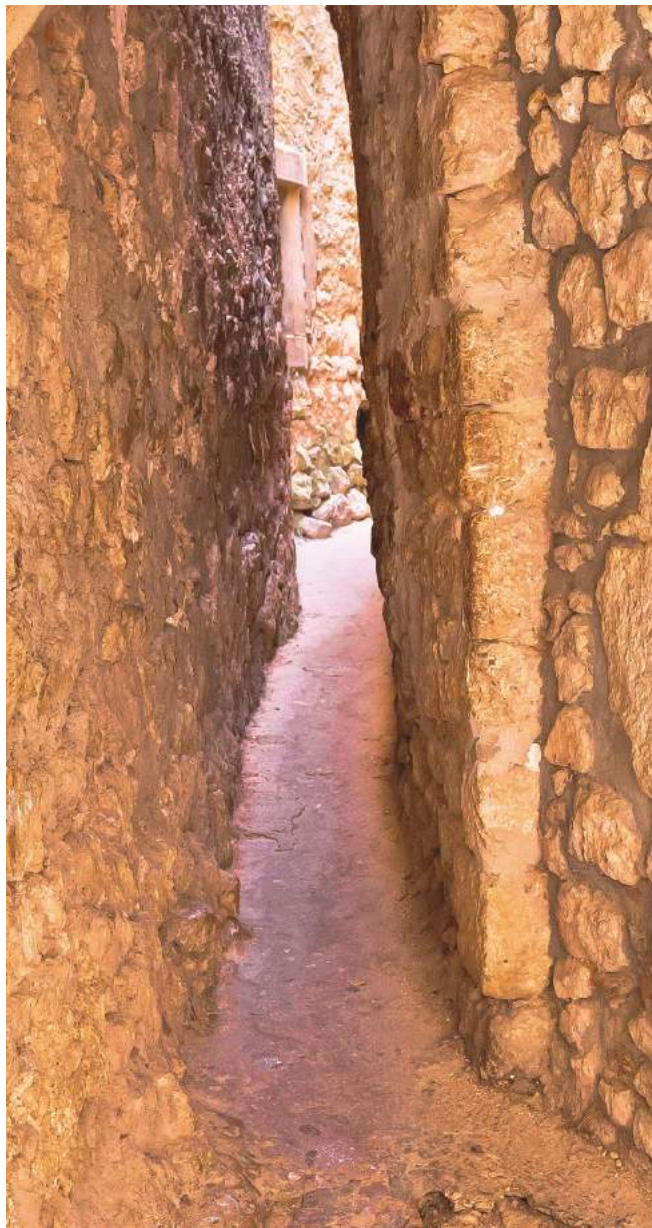


Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church

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Strive to enter
through the
narrow gate,
for many, I tell you,
will attempt to enter
but will not be
strong enough.

LUKE 13:24

Twenty-first
Sunday in
Ordinary Time

AUGUST 25, 2019

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



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of St. John the Baptist Parish is to nurture a community of faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. By means of worship, study, service, and community, each individual is invited to participate in the life of the parish family. Every person has a benefit to receive and gifts to share for the overall good of souls in this location of the Kingdom of God.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, August 24

8:45am ✠ Bill Banister and Gianni Licata
 5:00pm ✠ Clifford Coughlin and Bill Clark

Sunday, August 25

7:30am ✠ Barbara & Roland Faria and Sue Camp
 9:00am ✠ Pat & George Millington and Marge Melbourne
 10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and ✠ Raymond Doumar
 12:00pm ✠ Frank Hart and Lorna De La Cruz
 5:00pm ✠ Anthony & Mary Sorrentino and Dan & Catherine Redmond

Monday, August 26

8:45am ✠ Raymond Doumar and Janie Casoria

Tuesday, August 27

8:45am ✠/**Int.** Counihan/Purcell Families and ✠ William Edward Donleavy

Wednesday, August 28

8:45am ✠ Bill Banister and Linda Dennis

Thursday, August 29

8:45am ✠ Michael Bienes and Chris Gill

Friday, August 30

8:45am ✠ Robert Miethe, Sr. and Jack Licata

Saturday, August 31

8:45am ✠ Gianni Licata and Nora Hardy
 5:00pm ✠ Bill Clark and Bill Banister

Sunday, September 1

7:30am **Int.** Anne Bloom and ✠ John Winningham
 9:00am ✠ Michele Willey and Bill Clark
 10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and ✠ Chris "Bubba" Walker
 12:00pm ✠ Bianca Geronazzo Cecchini and Joey Martorano
 5:00pm ✠ Steve & Jody Langsenkamp and Carol Wightman

Aug. 31 & Sept. 1	Celebrant	Lector	Extra-ordinary Ministers
Sat. 5:00pm	Fr. Naughton	Robert Conti	Jane Conti Anne Meretsky
Sun. 7:30am	Fr. Callan	Kitty Rotella	Maureen Buffington Eileen Higgins
Sun. 9:00am	Fr. Callan	Jack Seiler	Janalyn Reeder Garnett Byrd Beverly Green
Sun. 10:30am	Fr. Kelly	Rudy/Carol Frei	Patty Bedley Dennis Bedley Patricia Kearney
Sun. 12 Noon	Msgr. Dixon	Dean McGrady	DeeDee Stewart Anita Nasser
Sun. 5:00pm	Fr. Kelly	Mary Schack	Dave Cooney

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.

Legacy Circle: Kindly remember your Parish in your will. Your goodness will continue.

Homebound: Please contact the Rectory to register for home visits for those unable to attend Mass.

Religious Ed Classes (PK-8): Religious education classes begin with the 9am Sunday Mass, followed by an hour of classroom instruction, August- May.

Rite of Christian Formation (RCIA): Classes for personal instruction will be available on Wednesdays from 7:15pm to 8:30pm from September - April.

Women's Guild: Monthly meetings are held at 9:30am on the second Wednesday of the month from October to May. Boutique workshops are held weekly on Wednesdays at 9:30am.

Men's Club: Meetings on the 4th Tuesday, Sept - May. Breakfast is hosted after First Friday 8:45am Mass.

Bible Study: Classes on Thursdays at 9:30am or 7:00pm from September through November and February through April. Please contact Jo-Ann Tabry at joanntabry@gmail.com.

Divine Will Group meets Wednesday evenings from 6-8pm 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.

“Our Ultimate Travel Plans”

Have you passed through an airport lately to catch a flight? If so, you are familiar with the security routine, in which you are checked for substances and materials that are considered unacceptable. If you need to go through passport control, some official will verify who you are and that there is nothing of a negative nature in your file. Then, you may pass to the appropriate gate to travel.

It may sound somewhat far-fetched, but we can compare this experience to the Gate to Eternal Life, the most important part of our ultimate travel plans. In this instance, you take nothing with you. Just you, and you alone, will make the journey. As for passport review, all pertinent information is known in advance. Your visa is already in place. Any notations about your character have been previewed from “On High.” Entry through this particular gate to happiness is by Jesus Christ. It is exclusively a spiritual entry, since the body we leave behind will remain on earth. Only through Jesus can this goal be achieved. Any attempt by another access route will not be possible.

What a need to prepare ourselves now! We must condition ourselves that life is limited, that we journey on through challenging experiences, and that the ultimate journey will be the summation of all previous experiences. Throughout the journey, though, we must develop a friendship with our Savior, Jesus.

The basis of our preparation will be found in faith, love, and service. We must have total faith in Jesus as our Savior. He is the one who came to redeem us and, as the Son of God, has the capacity to bring us eternal joy. God loved us first. He evidences that love in sending his only begotten son to save us. What a manifestation of love for each of us and what an incentive to respond with life’s goodness! Our real mission in life is to provide service to others. In so doing we are demonstrating our intent to the Lord himself.

The security gate to eternal life will invite entry someday. Just as you now anticipate any temporary travel, you must also prepare for the ultimate journey. This will be done, not in any morose fashion, but by living a life of faith, love, and service close to the Lord. Boarding shortly!

Blessings,
Father Vincent T. Kelly

Religious Education

We welcome you back today to the new academic year for Religious Education. Classes begin today with our 9am family mass. If you have not previously registered, please visit our online registration system for our PK- 8th Grade program:

<https://parishtrack.aquinas-sta.org/ccd>
The registration fee is \$100.

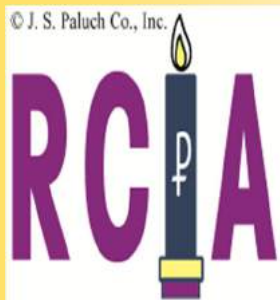
There will be no class next Sunday, September 1st in observance of Labor Day.



Schedule Change

The 7am weekday mass will not resume in September as planned. All mass intentions previously requested for a future 7am mass have been added to the 8:45am mass for that day. We appreciate your understanding for this unanticipated schedule change.

Curious about the Catholic faith?



- Are you or someone you know interested in joining the Catholic faith community?
- Are you a Catholic who desires to complete the initiation process by receiving the Eucharist and Confirmation?

If you answered “YES”, we warmly invite you to entering the RCIA process. The RCIA is designed to assist adults who have never been baptized, have been baptized in another Christian religion and want to become Catholic, or those who were baptized Catholic but have not received the Eucharist and Confirmation. RCIA begins near the end of September and continues to meet weekly until after Easter in the Parish Hall 7:15-8:30pm.

PLEASE EMAIL LOUISE McDONOUGH AT ELMUN@YAHOO.COM OR LEAVE YOUR NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION WITH RECTORY STAFF.