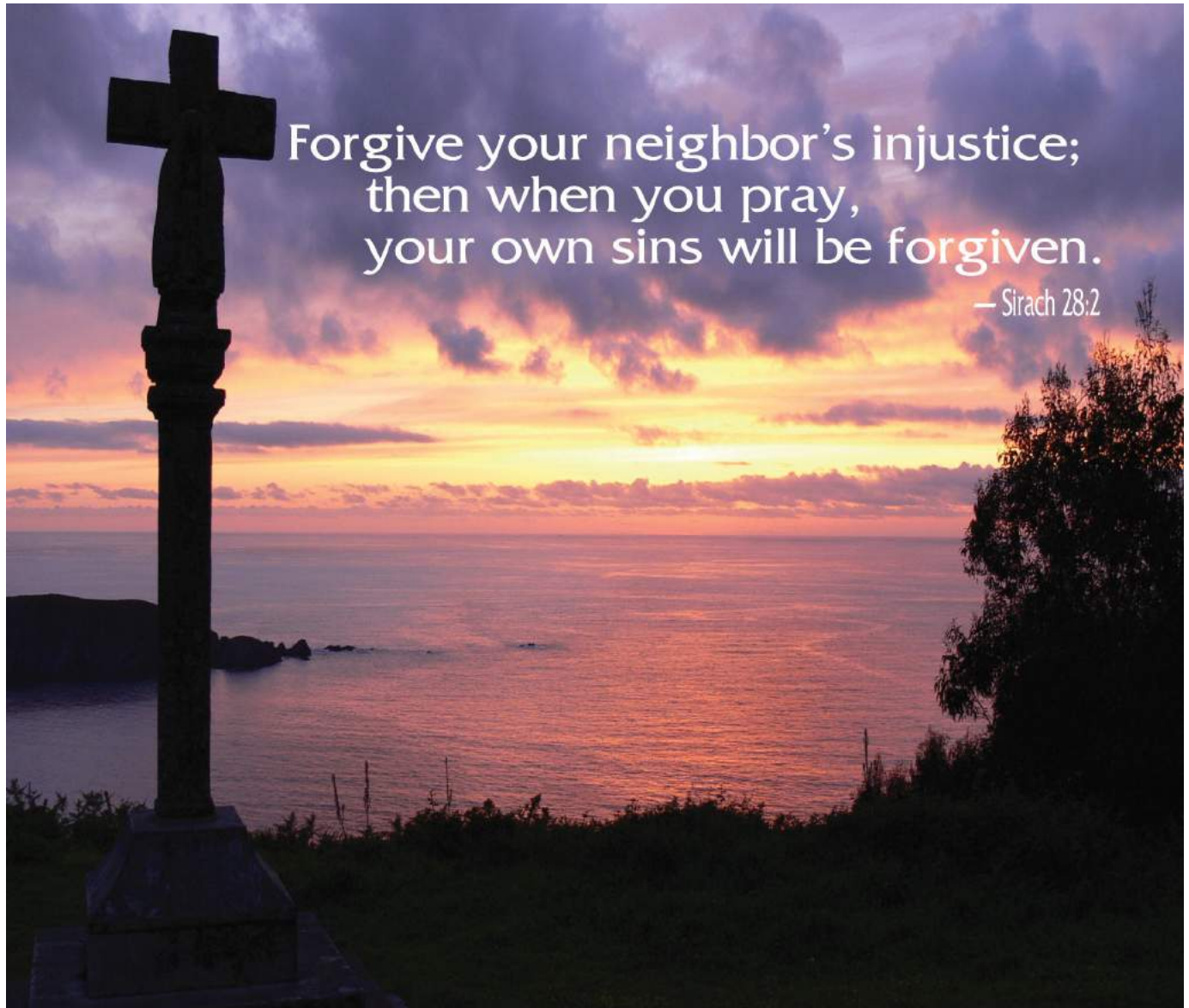


Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church

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September 13, 2020 — Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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, September 12

8:45am ✠ Peggy Blaikie and Loretta Hishon
 5:00pm **Int./✠** John H. Winningham & Family,
 ✠ Robert Biancardi and
Int. Ryan & Catherine (Myers) Taylor

Sunday, September 13

10:00am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist,
Int./✠ The Gaffney Families,
 ✠ Roland & Barbara Faria,
 Thomas Freeman and
 William & Michelina Williams
 12:00pm ✠ Francine Leggio and James Collins
 5:00pm ✠ Ann M. Schmidt, Frank & Mary Hart and
 Rita Gretina

Monday, September 14

8:45am ✠ John E. Lindsey and James M. Collins

Tuesday, September 15

8:45am **Int.** Our Lady of Sorrows and
 Anne DePadro Bloom

Wednesday, September 16

8:45am ✠ James Collins and Bill Banister

Thursday, September 17

8:45am ✠ Bill Banister and Bob Katsch

Friday, September 18

8:45am **Int.** Veronique Mildor and
 Andrew Malcolm

Saturday, September 19

8:45am ✠ Papi Al and Mary Carlin
 5:00pm **Int./✠** Counihan/Purcell Families and
 ✠ Thomas Biancardi

Sunday, September 20

10:00am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist,
 ✠ Matthew Dargan, Christine Myers,
 Bashir Kachachi, Johannes Linden and
 Roberto F. Morrell
 12:00pm ✠ Maria Mercedes Balverde and
 Maria Mercedes Uesade
 5:00pm ✠ William, Mary & Donna McFadden and
 Anne Bloom

September 19 & 20	Celebrant	Lector	Extra-ordinary Ministers
Sat. 5:00pm	Fr. Naughton	Mary Joe Clark	Michele Menno Jane Conti Mary McLaughlin Mary Ellen Spinogatti
Sun. 10:00am	Fr. Kelly	Becky Poljak	Steve Cooney Judy Tight Bertha Martos Sharon O'Connor
Sun. 12 Noon	Fr. Wiesmann	Dean McGrady	Pete Manfredi Danielle Manfredi Gail Bulfin Jody Williams
Sun. 5:00pm	Fr. Callan	Denis Merz	Catherine Miethe 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.

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.

“A Substitute for Anger”

Are we getting angrier faster than we have in the past? Have we sensed that people in general are reflecting anger with little provocation? We hear about or witness road rage, violence in homes and community, disputes in shopping lines, family misunderstandings, athletic competition out-of-hand, political infighting at all levels, and so on. Was this level of explosiveness always there or are we just more conscious of it through media communication?

What is anger? While there are many applications in the dictionary, anger appears to be a highly emotional response to some stimulus, which provokes an almost irrational abnormal response. Why anger? Causes include stress, irritation, aggravation, timing, repetition, disgust, sick condition, envy, jealousy, intolerance and the like.

Is anger worth it? In so far as it expresses pent-up feeling, it may be somewhat of a safety valve. But the reality is that it needlessly upsets the owner of the anger, even more than the recipient. A cool, calculated reprimand may be accepted more than an emotional outburst. However, reality interjects to suggest that not every decision is reasoned on a balanced basis.

How about an alternative to anger? Do you think love, kindness, tolerance, non-violence, conversation or forgiveness might be a more productive mode of correcting some irritation or injustice? Think what Jesus did to those who tortured and killed him. He forgave them "for they know not what they do." We might be more fulfilled in our own lives if our demeanor reflected kindness, forgiveness and peace. We may even catch our "persons of irritation" off-guard, allowing them to become remorseful and adopt a gentler approach. Jesus gave us an outstanding example of how to react to adversity. May we explore this course of action in our own lives!

Blessings,
Father Vincent T. Kelly

The Food Drive is back, Sunday, October 20th!

The St. Vincent De Paul Society food bank operates out of Blessed Sacrament Church every Friday afternoon. In the month of August they served 540 clients representing 1469 individuals. Each of them received an average of 8-10 boxes/bags of groceries including several meat items. Expenses for the month were \$1875 which included partial rent and/or utility bills and operational expenses. They also gave out over \$1000 in McDonald's gift cards which were donated. Your donations make a great impact on our local community!



SPIRITUAL RETREAT

*From Darkness to Light;
From Despair to Hope*

ALL MEN AND WOMEN are welcome to attend this year's St. John the Baptist Men's Retreat **virtually** on Saturday, October 17, 2020 via ZOOM at Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center in North Palm Beach. (There are a limited number of spots for men to attend in person. Light refreshments, lunch and dinner will be served for attendees in person.) Enjoy morning prayer, three inspiring conferences, the recitation of the Rosary, and live-streamed Vigil Mass from the comfort of your home. To sign-up online, visit <https://www.ourladyofflorida.org/mens-retreats/> or, if you have any questions, contact Stephen Johnson at 828-289-4445 (cell) or johnson592@yahoo.com.



Be kind & compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.



Our Lady of Florida
Spiritual Center