

Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church

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October 4, 2020—Twenty-seventh 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, October 3

8:45am **Int.** Blessed Mother and † Peggy Blaikie
 5:00pm † Betsy Russo and Jean Dublis

Sunday, October 4

10:00am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist,
 † Marion & John J. Egan, Gloria LaMonica,
 William & Michelina Williams,
 Eileen Elizabeth Bernard and
Int. Kara Grace Cillo
 12:00pm † Kelly Bauman Healey and Beverly Bangs
 5:00pm † Steve & Jody Langsenkamp and
 Mafalda & Renato LaMarca

Monday, October 5

8:45am † Violet Kennedy and Fr. Paul Frank, OMI

Tuesday, October 6

8:45am † Mary Howard and Sarita Angulo

Wednesday, October 7

8:45am **Int./†** Counihan/Purcell Families and
Int. Michael Joyce & Family

Thursday, October 8

8:45am † Betsy Russo and Bill Banister

Friday, October 9

8:45am † Demetrio Castillo Guerrero and
 Mario Tribioli

Saturday, October 10

8:45am † Charlie Park and **Int.** Fr. Bowles
 5:00pm **Int./†** John H. Winningham & Family and
 † Rita Johnson

Sunday, October 11

10:00am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist,
 † Bobby Molinaro, Gloria LaMonica,
 Robert Dunn, William Pence and
 Frank Ieraci
 12:00pm † Yovanne Schettini and Eleanor Conway
 5:00pm † Eleanor Conway and Peggy Bennett

October 10 & 11	Celebrant	Lector	Extra-ordinary Ministers
Sat. 5:00pm	Msgr. Sheahan	Bob Conti	Jane Conti Michele Menno Mary Joe Clark Mary Ellen Spinogatti
Sun. 10:00am	Fr. Kelly	Ed Merrigan	Felipe Echarte Patty Echarte Tom McCracken Maria O'Neill
Sun. 12 Noon	Fr. Naughton	Dean McGrady	Pete Manfredi Danielle Manfredi Kris Ahern Jody Williams
Sun. 5:00pm	Fr. Callan	Helen Allen	Catherine Mithe Louise Cole-Reeser

SPIRITUAL RETREAT

From Darkness to Light; From Despair to Hope

DATE CHANGE: ALL MEN AND WOMEN are welcome to attend this year's St. John the Baptist Spiritual Retreat **virtually** on Saturday, **November 14, 2020** from 10:00am to 2:00pm via ZOOM at Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center in North Palm Beach. Enjoy morning prayer, three inspiring conferences, the recitation of the Rosary, and live-streamed Vigil Mass from the comfort of your home. (There are also a limited number of spots for men and women if you would like to attend a day retreat in person. The in-person retreats will be held on the following dates: Oct. 10th (women), Oct. 17th (men), Oct. 31st (men) & Nov. 21st (women). Light refreshments, lunch and dinner will be served for those who attend the in-person retreats.) 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.

BLOOD DRIVE: NEXT SUNDAY, OCT. 11TH, 9:30A-1:30P (South parking lot)

OneBlood is asking for blood donations after Hurricane Sally suspended their operations in parts of the Florida Panhandle. Safety protocols in place include:

- All OneBlood staff & donors are required to wear a mask.
- All donor-touched areas and equipment are disinfected after every donation.
- Every donor receives a mini-physical that includes a temperature check to ensure donors are healthy and well on the day of donation.



October: Celebrate Respect Life Month!

You're invited to join Catholics nationwide in celebrating Respect Life Month this October with the message "to imitate Christ and follow in his footsteps."



Learn more at www.usccb.org/respectlife.

“It’s Great to be Alive!”

In spite of all the challenges, inconveniences and pitfalls, it is a privilege to journey through life’s opportunity. Having arrived, been nurtured, and undergone experiences, each of us has come to a stage where we can review our past and reflect on our future. Setting aside all preoccupations, we can see that we really are a part of the “miracle of life.”

God has uniquely formed each of us and infused a spirit or soul which gives us our individuality. It is not by accident that we are placed on the earth but we are part of God’s plan. We are intended to work out our eternal salvation by how we live the life that is offered us. “Do good and avoid evil.” “Love one another as I have loved you.” “You are my disciples if you do what I command you.” These and many other recommendations of Jesus are the ways to merit the eternal reward for which we were created.

In the eternal plan, God send his son to become our Redeemer. Jesus became one of us and on our behalf he suffered and died for us. In this way he won for us the privilege of our achieving eternal happiness. This effort by the Son of God establishes our personal worth regardless of our achievements, successes or failures. Each of us is inestimably important and destined for an eternal life.

Reviewing the climate of our culture, it is important that we keep in mind constantly our own self-worth and that of every human being. Whether unborn, limited or aged; be they successful or failure; be they good, bad or indifferent; whether contributing or a liability, all are created by God and infused with a spiritual element we call a soul. As such they have an everlasting capacity. They are loved by God. They deserve our respect.

Blessings,
Father Vincent T. Kelly



St. John the Baptist Scheduled Mass Times

Happily, we notice an increase in weekend Mass attendance at St. John the Baptist. As the virus pandemic diminishes, and hopefully will continue to diminish, we anticipate our number of Mass attendees will increase.

Our Religious Education classes are now underway and our winter returnees are also looking forward to joining us in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

To accommodate the attendance possibilities, it seems appropriate that we provide an additional Sunday Mass in the months ahead. The planned Mass schedule, beginning the weekend of November 1st, will be: Saturdays at 5:00pm & Sundays at 9:00am, 10:30am, 12noon & 5:00pm.

The need for sanitizing between Masses will continue. If adjustment to this schedule is needed due to a change in the health climate, we will adjust accordingly. The health & safety of our worshippers is of paramount importance.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Faith & Blue Weekend

A national “Faith & Blue Weekend” will be celebrated on October 10th & 11th to acknowledge the dedication and service of the men and women who provide public safety to our communities. To all law enforcement personnel, fire department members, first responders & emergency medical personnel who serve our communities so diligently, may we offer prayerful thanks.

All of these wonderful people have committed their lives to the service of our communities to provide essential services where all of us benefit in so many ways. May we also include the families of these men and women who also make many sacrifices to assure the health and safety of our communities. Thank you & God bless you.

