



# *Saint John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church*

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A CHILD IS BORN FOR US,  
A SON GIVEN TO US  
...MIGHTY GOD. IS. 9: 5,6



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## Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord

December 25, 2020

### Holy Mass Schedule

Following the directives issued by the Diocese of Trenton, Public Masses in the Church with capacity limits have resumed. Please see [StJohnRomanCatholic.org](http://StJohnRomanCatholic.org) for the most current schedule for our live-stream and Public Masses.

### Sacrament of Confession

Confession is offered on Wednesday from 6:00pm-6:45pm and on Saturday from 4:00pm-4:45pm. Confession is also available by request and as announced on our website. Please contact the Pastor by email at [FrMikeWallack@gmail.com](mailto:FrMikeWallack@gmail.com) with any questions.

### Contact Information

**The Parish Office is currently closed to visitors but our staff will be happy to respond to your messages by phone or email.**

**Kindly contact us as indicated below:**

Office Email: [stjohnallentown@optonline.net](mailto:stjohnallentown@optonline.net)

Office Phone: 609-259-3391 Fax: 609-508-1407

**For an emergency requiring a priest, please call (609) 538-4126**

### Clergy and Parish Staff

**Reverend Michael Wallack, Pastor**  
Email: [FrMikeWallack@gmail.com](mailto:FrMikeWallack@gmail.com)

**Mr. Joseph Hepp, Deacon**  
Email: [jjhepp@yahoo.com](mailto:jjhepp@yahoo.com)

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Mr. Guido Mattozzi

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**Mrs. Jo-Anne Ruff, Bookkeeper/Cemetery Coordinator**  
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### Holy Mass Intentions (these intentions will be honored, whether in a public or private Mass)

Saturday, December 19	8:00 AM 5:15 PM	Robert Tsai, requested by Julia Tsai Joseph Gruca (d), requested by Pat Gruca	
Sunday, December 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM	<i>Hermínio A. Astorga, requested by the Astorga-Sulit Families</i> <i>Jack Arimenta (d), requested by Lynn Arimenta</i> Intentions of the Vreeland Family, requested by Christiana Vreeland	<i>Intentions honored at the 10:00am Mass.</i>
Monday, December 21	7:00 PM	Eugenio Astorga, requested by the Astorga-Sulit Families	
Tuesday, December 22	8:00 AM	People of the Parish	
Wednesday, December 23	8:00 AM 7:00 PM	Kenneth Lyons, requested by Marion and Al Lyons Robert Closkey, Jr., M.D., requested by Jim and Dorothy Conway	
Thursday, December 24 Christmas Eve	4:30 PM 6:30 PM 10:00 PM	Daniel Hawks (d), requested by the Family Billie and Ashley Streiter (d), requested by the Family Catherine "Kay" Chiarello (d), requested by Rev. Michael Wallack and Parish	
Friday, December 25 Christmas	Midnight 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Cullen and Ruth Clingerman (d), requested by the Clingerman Family Briella Bobal (d), requested by Michael, Nicole, Mia and Kellan Jones Stephen Pribula (d), requested by the Pribula Family	
Saturday, December 26	8:00 AM 5:15 PM	Olive Doreen O'Hare (d), requested by Robert O'Hare John J. Rooney (d), requested by Bernadette Rooney and Family	
Sunday, December 27	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM	<i>Mary and Francis Smith (d), requested by the Smith Family</i> <i>Deceased members of McFarlane &amp; Lupo Families, requested by Ginny McFarlane</i> Athena Grace (l), requested by Mom	<i>Honored at 10:00am Mass.</i>



## Directives for our Christmas Masses

As we look forward to celebrating the Nativity of Our Lord here at the Church of Saint John the Baptist, we would like to share the following:

1. Please see our Christmas Mass schedule below. We have maintained our annual Christmas schedule, in order to welcome as many people as possible to our Church.
2. Additional seating downstairs in our Church Hall with live audio/video will be available for every Mass.
3. In the event that a Mass reaches our capacity limit, we will invite those unable to enter to attend the next Mass.
4. The Christmas Eve 6:30pm and Christmas Day 9:00am Masses will also be live-streamed. The link will be posted on our website.
5. Holy Communion will be distributed after these live-stream Masses to those participating by watching the live-stream on their mobile devices in their cars. We ask those in the parking lot to kindly wait until those who attended Mass inside the Church have left the lot before driving to the circular driveway and front doors of the Church where Holy Communion will be distributed.



All Masses are public and will be celebrated in our Church with a capacity limit. Additional seating will be available in the Church Hall with live audio and video.

## 2020 Christmas Mass Schedule

### Thursday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

4:30pm

6:30pm \* (also live-streamed)

10:00pm

Midnight (Traditional Latin Mass)

### Friday, December 25 - Christmas Day

9:00am \* (also live-streamed)

11:00am \*

\* After these Christmas Masses, Holy Communion will be distributed to those in our parking lot participating in their cars.

## Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Thursday, December 31, 2020

Vigil Mass: 5:15pm

Friday, January 1, 2021

9:00am

11:00am (Traditional Latin Mass)

## A Note From Our Pastor



My Dear Parishioners,

I would like to wish all our families a very Merry Christmas! I hope everyone is able to see the light that shines through this Sacred feast. I also pray we are able to focus on the fact that in the mystery of the Incarnation, we have been given the gift of hope. I pray that the true meaning of Christmas is in our hearts and we can feel the peace that comes from knowing that God so loved the world that He sent His Son to save us.

Merry Christmas, and may God bring peace and joy into our hearts.

**O sweet Child of Bethlehem,  
grant that we may share with all our hearts  
in this profound mystery of Christmas.  
Put into the hearts of men and women this peace  
for which they sometimes seek so desperately  
and which you alone can give to them.  
Help them to know one another better,  
and to live as brothers and sisters,  
children of the same Father.  
Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness  
and purity.  
Awaken in their hearts  
love and gratitude for your infinite goodness.  
Join them all together in your love.  
And give us your heavenly peace. Amen.**

Peace,  
Fr. Mike

## Saint John the Baptist Church

### Altar Flowers

Thank you for all of the donations and intentions for our beautiful Christmas flowers. The flower intention list will be published and updated through January 10. **Envelopes for Christmas flowers** were included in the Christmas mailing, and this option is available for donation through online giving (see [StJohnRomanCatholic.org](http://StJohnRomanCatholic.org)).

### Sanctuary Lamp

Offerings for your intentions are available on a weekly basis for the Sanctuary Lamp, which burns night and day before Our Lord, truly present in the Tabernacle.

*The Sanctuary Lamp is offered this week  
in loving memory of Joseph Gruca,  
requested by Pat Gruca*

### Weekly Collection

Sunday, December 20, 2020: \$8,051.00

We are grateful for all donations received at our Masses and electronically through Online Giving, through the postal mail and through direct drop-off to our campus mailboxes. Kindly visit [StJohnRomanCatholic.org](http://StJohnRomanCatholic.org) to donate online.



**Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church  
Knights of Columbus Council 7333**

Email: [AllentownKnights@gmail.com](mailto:AllentownKnights@gmail.com)

**A Message From Our Grand Knight**

Brothers All,

Thank you to those children in our parish who submitted posters for the **Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest**. On Saturday, December 19, we assisted the Saint Vincent de Paul and Altar Rosary Societies in distributing the gifts for needy families which were donated by our "Angels." The response was truly magnificent and I thank everyone for their contributions of time and treasure.

Just a reminder that each week on Wednesday beginning at 6:00pm (before the 7:00pm Mass), Brothers Deacon Mike Scannella and Phil Clingerman are leading an **Hour of Devotion** and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in honor of St. Joseph. Please reach out to Faith Director Dan Nazzaro at [dpnazzaro@yahoo.com](mailto:dpnazzaro@yahoo.com) if you are interested in participating in this devotion.

Please continue to keep Brothers Joe Gendron, John Fiore, Jim Christenson and Victor Giglio in your prayers.

I wish all of our members, their families and our entire St. John's Parish family a Blessed and Merry Christmas!

Vivat Jesus!

Bill O'Connor, Grand Knight

If you are interested in the Knights of Columbus, please send an email to the address above or scan the QR code below:



**SCAN CODE AND JOIN NOW!**

Specify Council 7333  
[www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus)



Please join us in the Church Hall every Saturday!

Masks are required and social distancing will be maintained. Please contact Jim Hannon at 609-577-4643 with questions.

- ◆ 6:30 AM - Fellowship
- ◆ 6:55 AM - Welcome and Announcements
- ◆ 7:00 AM - DVD Presentation
- ◆ 7:30 AM - Small Groups

**Is God Calling You  
to the Fullness of the Catholic Church?**

Now is an exciting time to be welcomed into the fullness of the Catholic Church! If you or someone you know is thinking about entering the Catholic Church, or perhaps was Baptized but never received the Sacraments of Holy Communion and/or Confirmation, please **leave a message for Vince Gelsomino at the Parish Office number 609-259-3391** for information about our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Program. Participants meet throughout the fall and winter and will have the opportunity to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and/or Confirmation during the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 3, 2021.

**The Sacred Music of the Mass  
The Nativity of Our Lord**

<b>Processional Hymn:</b>	O Come, All Ye Faithful
<b>Kyrie:</b>	Mass XVIII
<b>Gloria:</b>	Heritage Mass
<b>Responsorial Psalm:</b>	Today is born our Savior
<b>Alleluia:</b>	I proclaim to you good news
<b>Offertory Antiphon:</b>	Let the heavens rejoice
<b>Offertory Hymn:</b>	Away in a Manger
<b>Sanctus:</b>	Roman Missal Chant
<b>Agnus Dei:</b>	Roman Missal Chant
<b>Communion Antiphon:</b>	All the Ends of the Earth
<b>Communion Hymn:</b>	Silent Night
	O Little Town of Bethlehem
<b>Recessional Hymn:</b>	Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

**Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament**



Every Monday from Noon until 6:45pm Benediction  
Holy Sacrifice of the Mass follows at 7:00pm

All are invited to come and spend some time with our Lord! We would welcome more dedicated scheduled adorers at all hours. Please contact Margaret Longto at 609-259-2859.



**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**  
Saint John the Baptist Conference  
[president1svdp@gmail.com](mailto:president1svdp@gmail.com)

**Appeals for assistance should continue as always, through the Parish Office phone at 609-259-3391 and also through the SVdP email ([president1svdp@gmail.com](mailto:president1svdp@gmail.com)).**

Anyone needing the support of the Society or anyone wishing to donate, please call the Parish Office at 609-259-3391. ShopRite gift cards are for sale by calling the Parish Office or by email to: [president1svdp@gmail.com](mailto:president1svdp@gmail.com)



**2020 Annual Appeal Update**

Thank you to all of our parishioners who have contributed to date to our 2020 Diocese of Trenton Annual Appeal. As of Sunday, December 14, 2020, our Parish has already raised \$27,987 from 142 donors, which represents 70% of our 2020 goal of \$40,000!





**Society of Saint Vincent de Paul**  
**Saint John the Baptist Conference**  
**1282 Yardville – Allentown Road**  
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*"If everyone gives one thread, the poor man will have a shirt."  
Russian Proverb*

December 17, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

It is hard to believe that we're heading into the final week of preparation for the birth of our Lord and Savior. This year has largely slipped by, owing mostly to the pandemic that is Covid-19. The local conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, here at Saint John's has carried on throughout this bizarre year. Our procedures have been adapted to fit the situation, such as virtual meetings and socially distant visits with the neighbors we meet. Surprisingly, during the shutdowns, layoffs and ensuing unemployment, our calls have not skyrocketed, as expected. While there has been no surge in cases yet, the need has been steady and not in small amounts. Couple this with the anticipated tsunami of evictions once the moratorium is over, and the need may indeed be great.

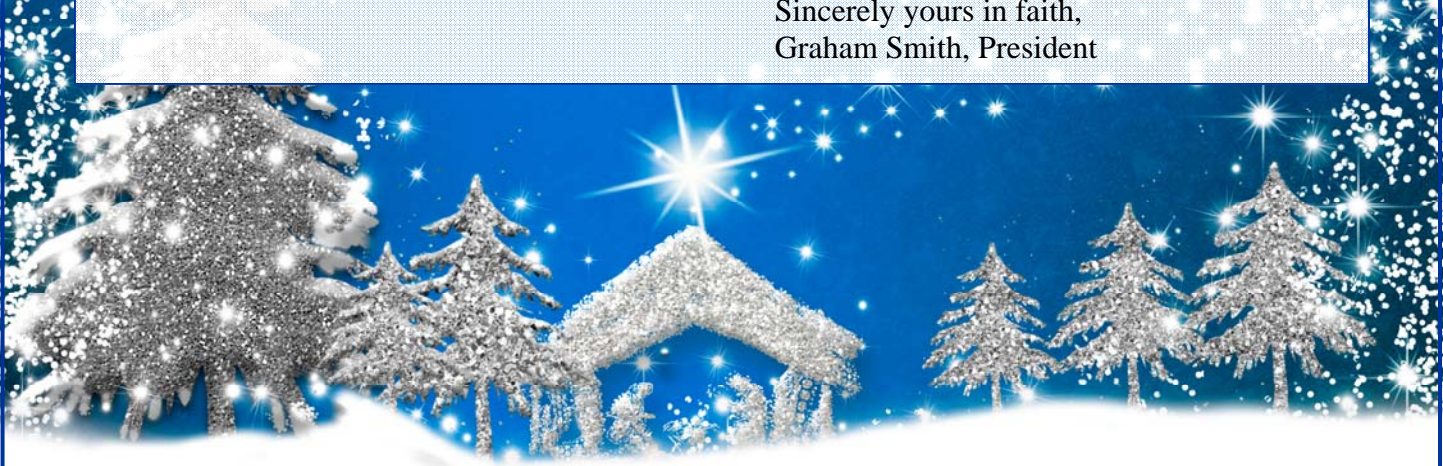
Without our normal Mass attendance, poor box donations as well as our special Parish semi-annual collections have diminished. While our treasury is still solvent, helping a family with a couple months' rent could wipe out the balance. We have adjusted to current times and continued to fundraise throughout the year. We also have some angels in our midst here at Saint John's. These donors have helped to keep the aid flowing.

At this time of year, when we think of giving above receiving, I ask that you not forget God's less fortunate. Donations may be sent to the Society by dropping them in the baskets at Church during Masses, depositing them in the secure mailbox at the door to the Religious Education building, as well as by mailing them to Saint John's with Saint Vincent de Paul mentioned on the envelope. **Checks should be made out to "SVdP, Saint John's Conference"**. Please keep in mind that the Society is a 501c3 organization and donations are tax deductible.

Thank you all for your attention. The generosity of the people of our Parish is truly inspiring. Anyone interested in volunteering with the Society is encouraged to contact the Parish Office or email me at **president1svdp@gmail.com**.

Merry Christmas to all and may God continue to bless and protect the people of Saint John the Baptist Parish.

Sincerely yours in faith,  
Graham Smith, President







# The Diocese of Trenton Celebration of the Traditional Latin Mass



## Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord



### Solemn High First Mass at Midnight

Rev. Michael Wallack, Celebrant  
Mr. Michael Scannella, Deacon  
Mr. Phil Clingerman, SubDeacon

### Mass Intention

Cullen and Ruth Clingerman (d)  
*requested by the Clingerman Family*

### Music Intention

Intentions of Josie Clark (l)  
*requested by friends of the Family*

## The Sacred Music of the Mass

**Processional:** O Come, All Ye Faithful  
**Introit:** *Dóminus dixit*  
**Kyrie:** Missa O Magnum Mysterium - Victoria  
**Gloria:** Missa O Magnum Mysterium - Victoria  
**Gradual:** *Técum princípium*  
**Alleluia:** *Dóminus dixit ad me*  
**Credo:** Credo III  
**Et Incarnatus Est** McDonnell  
**Offertory:** *Læténtur caeli*  
**Offertory:** O Magnum Mysterium - Victoria  
**Sanctus:** Missa O Magnum Mysterium - Victoria  
**Benedictus:** Missa O Magnum Mysterium - Victoria  
**Agnus Dei:** Missa O Magnum Mysterium - Victoria  
**Communion:** *In splendóribus*  
**Communion Motet:** O Magnum Mysterium - Lauridsen  
**Recessional:** Hark! The Herald Angels Sing  
**Postlude:** Symphony No. 5: Toccata - Widor

## Feast of the Holy Innocents Solemn High Mass



Monday, December 28, 2020

7:00pm

Holy Innocents Church

Neptune, New Jersey 07753



Octave Day of Christmas

Friday, January 1, 2021

Solemn High Traditional Latin Mass

11:00am

Church of Saint John the Baptist

## A Brief Introduction to the Traditional Latin Mass

If you are attending the Extraordinary Form of the Mass for the first time tonight or if you are reacquainting yourself with the Mass of your childhood, please know that you and your family are most welcome! This Traditional Mass may be hard to adjust to at first if you are used to the Ordinary Form celebrated in most churches. Here are a just a few of the most notable differences you will encounter at the Traditional Form of the Roman Rite.

You will notice that the priest will face 'liturgical east' with you. This is because of a long standing tradition that is heavily rooted in Scripture that tells us Christ will come again from the east. The priest does not give us his back; instead he humbly offers sacrifice and stands before God on our behalf. The language spoken is the official language of our Roman Catholic Church. **Latin** has always been a part of our faith from the very beginning! Three languages are spoken in the Holy Mass. They are Hebrew, Greek and Latin. This is significant because they are the very same three languages that announced to the world that Jesus of Nazareth is king while He was crucified for us. Finally, you may notice the **silence** of the Mass can be a bit overwhelming at first.

Our Pope Emeritus, His Holiness Benedict XVI often reminded us of the great need for sacred silence. "We live in a society in which it seems that every space, every moment must be 'filled' with initiatives, activity, sound; often there is not even time to listen and dialogue. Dear brothers and sisters! Let us not be afraid to be silent outside and inside ourselves, so that we are able not only to perceive God's voice, but also the voice of the person next to us, the voices of others...Holiness, in fact, never loses its own power of attraction, it is not forgotten, it never goes out of fashion."

*Christmas Flower Donations were received for the following intentions:  
(as of Wednesday, December 23)*

*In Memory Of*

*Requested By*

Kenneth Lyon	Alfred and Marion Lyon
Deceased members of the Bott Family	Peter Bott
Lawrence Reimer	Elizabeth Reimer
Bertha and Frank Dojczak	Carl and Nanette Chiappetta
John Kenney	Barbara Kenney
Don and Bob Hepp	Deacon Joe and Jeanne Hepp
Rosemarie and Nicholas Gessner	Gary Gessner
June V. Krewson	Ken Krewson
William Pellicane and son Michael Pellicane	Joan Pellicane
Nancy Taraba	George Taraba
John and Betty Mohl	Nancy Mohl
The Hartmann and Eichner Families	E.D. Hartmann
Joan and John Mitchell	Janet Gaven
Daniel A. O'Donnell	Jean O'Donnell
Deceased members of Molnar and Henry Families	Mr. and Mrs. Gary Henry
Augustine Family	Alex Augustine
Deceased members of Rosso, Pelosci & Gerro Families	George and Joanne Rosso
Nicholas Leona	George and Joanne Rosso
The Siciliano and Pitonyak Families	John and Paulette Pitonyak
The Pizont and Bruno Families	Claire and James Bruno
Timothy Daniel Ruff	Mr. and Mrs. Ruff
Eleanor and James McDermott	Harry and Susan Montgomery
Anna and Harry Montgomery	Harry and Susan Montgomery
Losso and Apel Families, Robert Kirby	Ines Apel
Frank and Virginia Micek	Vickie Ryder
Phillip and Mary Viglione / Judi and Phil Viglione	
William and Stephanie Bogdan / William and Mary Robb	Raymond and Doris Robb
Bernard Moslowski and Jacqueline Gilbert	Nancy DePinto

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(as of Wednesday, December 23)*

*In Memory Of*

*Requested By*

Pinto and Gattini Families	Julia Gattini
Theresa and John Russo / Annalisa Challender	Catherine Challender
Mort and Ellen Preston	Mrs. Robert Faber
Lukacs and Gallagher Family	Lukacs Family
Religious Sisters Mary Bernard and Loretta Mary	Michelle Lawrence
John Spiers	Sharon Spiers
Mary and Frank Kochick	Michelle Orlick
Joseph and Margaret Renelli / Douglas and Julia Reymore	Henry and Julia Renelli
Mr. and Mrs. James Totten	Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Totten
Mr. and Mrs. James Arcaro	Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Totten
Peter and Lawrence McFarlane	Virginia McFarlane
Robert Tsai, George & Margaret Tung, Lillian & A.F. Ting	Julia Tsai
Deceased Members of the Golojuch - Florczak Family	Florczak Family
Deceased Members of DeLucia & Chianese Families	Mr. and Mrs. Chianese
Andrew and Loraine Kerkman, Carl and Betty Luchtman	Pat and Carl Luchtman
Richard Claudio	Margaret Schaad
Joel Clark, Joe and Jeannie DiBella, Dort Guilfoyle	Josie Clark
Harriet Hlubik	Katharina Freiburger
Sr. H. Aprile M.P.F.	Johnna Stinemire
Robert Taylor	Jane Taylor
Joel Clark and Edward Trunosky, Sr.	Mr. and Mrs. Edward Tranosky
Rick Kniesler	The Kniesler Family
Hugh and Una Stynes	Rita Strow
Gyumoles, Bossert, Opitz and Jellison Families	Mom and Dad Gyumoles
Memory of Deceased Members of our Parish	
Donation	Valerie McGowan
Donation	Mr. and Mrs. John Cannizzo
Donation	Thomas and Diane Noga



