October
The Month of the Holy Rosary
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**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 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 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
- **Office Phone:** 609-259-3391  
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For an emergency requiring a priest, please call (609) 538-4126

**Holy Mass Intentions**

(These intentions will be honored, whether in a public or private Mass)

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<td>Michael Tynan, requested by the Fidlers</td>
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<td>William Surace (d), requested by Mike and Jean Occhipinti</td>
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<td>Sunday, October 4</td>
<td>9:00 AM</td>
<td>Anna Czekay, requested by Donna and Larry Czekay</td>
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<td>Matgorzata Micerova (d), requested by Margaret Longto</td>
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<td>Edward P. Drury (d), requested by the Drury and Hartmann Families</td>
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<td>Norbert J. Mruk (d), requested by the D’Oria Family</td>
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<td>Christopher Crawford (d), requested by John and Jean Gomba</td>
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<td>Briella Bobal (d), requested by Erica and Jason Marett and Family</td>
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<td>Leonardo Coppola (d), requested by his wife and son</td>
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<td>Nevenka Ilijasic (d), requested by Johnny</td>
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<td>Deceased Members of the Hance Family, requested by Dave and Michele Hance</td>
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<td>Marie Purcell, requested by Judi and Bob Giordano</td>
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<td>Stella Wireman (d), requested by Gail Koday</td>
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<td>Jack and Carol Jansen (l), requested by the Taraba Family</td>
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(These intentions will be honored at the 10:00am Mass.)
### Local Food Bank Donations

Monthly food bank donations are collected the first weekend of each month. **This weekend (October 3-4) is a collection weekend.** Please place nonperishable donations in the containers that are located in the front vestibule. Kindly contact Mr. Fred Kniesler at 609-259-7476 with any questions about this important outreach to those most in need.

### A Note From Our Pastor

**My Dear Parishioners,**

This month of October has been designated as Respect Life Month and we also honor our Blessed Mother as Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary as well. I would like to share two beautiful reflections from our Bishop: his invitation for us to pray the Rosary, and a very special letter about October as Respect Life Month, which is included on the next page.

Peace,

Fr. Mike

### An Invitation to Pray A Daily Rosary

**Bishop David M. O’Connell, C.M.**

For centuries, Catholics have turned to the Blessed Virgin Mary, asking for her intercession in times of need by praying the Rosary. This great prayer, whose origins date before the 12th century, uses a meditative repetition of prayers that invoke the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary as she leads us to consider the mysteries in the life of her Divine Son, Jesus. History has shown this to be a powerful, effective and calming prayer that has truly changed hearts and lives over the centuries of its use.

Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen once said of the Rosary that it is “the book of the blind, where souls see and there enact the greatest drama of love the world has ever known; it is the book of the simple, which initiates them into mysteries and knowledge more satisfying than the education of other men; it is the book of the aged, whose eyes close upon the shadow of this world, and open on the substance of the next. The power of the Rosary is beyond description.”

As Bishop of the Diocese of Trenton, I invite all Catholics in the Diocese of Trenton to consider making this powerful devotion part of your daily life of prayer. Please join with me in praying Our Lady’s Rosary every day between now and October 7, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, for the many intentions and needs of our nation today, especially:

- For a true respect for life in all its stages from conception to natural death
- For the strengthening of family life
- For an end to the COVID-19 pandemic and for all those impacted by it
- For a lasting resolution to the racial tensions and injustices that have too long afflicted our country
- For an end to the violence and death in our cities, especially among the young
- For the victims of sexual abuse and human trafficking
- For the poor, the unemployed and those who face economic hardship
- For so many of the other intentions and needs that we face in our country and world.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

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### This Week’s Church and Public Mass Schedule

**Sunday, October 4**
- 10:00am Mass (Ordinary Form)
- 12:30pm Traditional Latin Solemn High Mass

**Monday, October 5**
- Adoration: Noon until Benediction at 6:45pm
- 7:00pm Mass (Ordinary Form)

**Tuesday, October 6**
- 8:00am Mass (Ordinary Form)

**Wednesday, October 7**
- 8:00am Mass (Ordinary Form)
- 6:00pm-6:45pm Holy Family Holy Hour and Confessions
- 7:00pm Traditional Latin Low Mass

**Thursday, October 8**
- 8:00am Mass (Ordinary Form)

**Friday, October 9**
- 8:00am Traditional Latin Low Mass

**Saturday, October 10**
- 8:00am Mass (Ordinary Form)
- 4:00pm-4:45pm Confessions
- 5:15pm Mass (live-streamed)

The 3:15pm Mass is now open to the public. Please visit our website for the live-stream link.

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### Saint John the Baptist Church

**Altar Flowers**

Flower Intentions can be offered for the large flower bouquets on the sides of the High Altar and the side altars in remembrance of a loved one or for an intention of the living. Please contact the Parish Office for information.

**The Altar Flowers are offered for our Confraternity who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, October 3, 2020 at our Cathedral**

**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 Kevin Pillar requested by friends of the Pillar Family**

**Weekly Collection**

Sunday, September 27, 2020: $8,671.00

We are grateful for all donations received at our Sunday Masses, electronically through Online Giving, through the postal mail and through direct drop-off to our campus mailboxes. Kindly visit StJohnRomanCatholic.org for information about our popular online giving option.
I am convinced, after almost 65 years on this earth, that all of the problems impacting us in this world of ours derive from a single root cause: the failure to “respect life in all its stages, from conception to natural death.” Abortion, euthanasia, capital punishment; acts of terror and war; escalating crime; violence and wanton killing of innocents; domestic and sexual abuse; drugs and gang crimes; the immigration crisis; poverty and inequality; discrimination and injustice; racism and hatred; breakdown of the family; blatant disregard for the environment — these are all “life issues” because they tear at the most basic obligation of every human: to respect life. Think about it for a moment.

Of all these failures to respect life, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops have declared in their regular, pre-national election statement “Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship,” The threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed. At the same time, we cannot dismiss or ignore other serious threats to human life and dignity such as racism, the environmental crisis, poverty and the death penalty. Our efforts to protect the unborn remain as important as ever, for just as the Supreme Court may allow greater latitude for state laws restricting abortion, state legislators have passed statutes not only keeping abortion legal through all nine months of pregnancy but opening the door to infanticide. Additionally, abortion contaminates many other important issues by being inserted into legislation regarding immigration, care for the poor, and health care reform.

... Human life is sacred. The dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. Direct attacks on innocent persons are never morally acceptable, at any stage or in any condition. In our society, human life is especially under direct attack from abortion, which some political actors mischaracterize as an issue of “women’s health.” Other direct threats to the sanctity of human life include euthanasia and assisted suicide (sometimes falsely labeled as “death with dignity”), human cloning, in vitro fertilization, and the destruction of human embryos for research.

The Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith recently released a letter addressing another assault on life, euthanasia and assisted suicide, in which the CDF states: “Euthanasia, therefore, is an intrinsically evil act, in every situation or circumstance. In the past the Church has already affirmed in a definitive way “that euthanasia is a grave violation of the Law of God, since it is the deliberate and morally unacceptable killing of a human person. This doctrine is based upon the natural law and upon the written Word of God, is transmitted by the Church’s Tradition and taught by the ordinary and universal Magisterium. Depending on the circumstances, this practice involves the malice proper to suicide or murder.” Any formal or immediate material cooperation in such an act is a grave sin against human life: “No authority can legitimately recommend or permit such an action. For it is a question of the violation of the divine law, an offense against the dignity of the human person, a crime against life, and an attack on humanity.”

**October is “Respect Life Month” in the Catholic Church in the United States.** Beginning on the weekend of October 3-4, all Catholics are called to celebrate our Church’s commitment to respect life in all its stages. Taking as our theme “Live the Gospel of Life,” the Church invites us all to consider every means at our disposal to advocate on behalf of every human life. To believe in God as Creator requires that we must believe that God is the author of life, all life, every life. It is not merely the logical conclusion of that belief: it is the only conclusion. And if that is what we believe; if that is the only conclusion that we can derive from our common human experience, how can anyone reasonably not respect life in all its stages? Even those who do not believe in God as Creator have to admit that respect and care for life must be the thing that differentiates us, as human beings, from everything else that exists. The survival of the human species depends on it. It is not only a religious conviction, and it is certainly that. Respect for life is a profoundly human conviction, a dictate of human reason that, when joined to religious faith, elevates respect for life to the level of what is truly sacred about human existence.

One need not be a philosopher or theologian or even particularly intellectual to draw this conclusion. One need only to open one’s eyes, to draw a breath, to get out of bed in the morning, to hear another’s voice, to grasp another’s hand, to love another to know that life is worth living and a gift to be cherished. And if one is not able to see or to breathe easily or to get out of bed or to hear or to grasp — for some reason known only to God our Creator — to love and to be loved is still possible and defines the purpose of our existence in this world. Even God himself chose to take on flesh in Jesus Christ, to be born, to be loved by his family, to grow, to laugh, to cry, to make friends, to feel loneliness, to be understood by some and misunderstood by others, to be happy, to be sad, to give himself to others, to suffer for them out of love — in essence, to be fully human while fully divine — and in all of this, to show that human life is sacred, a gift of God, and worthy of respect without exception from conception until natural death.

**We who follow Jesus Christ, the Lord of Life, cannot do otherwise than respect life in all its stages.** To do less, regardless of any circumstance or situation that we can conceive of or experience, is to be less human, rejecting what God has created, rejecting what Jesus has redeemed in his own human body, rejecting what the Holy Spirit has sustained. On this earth, only the human being can truly respect life and know what that means and requires.

There is no other human choice but to do this.
The Carmelite Corner

Reflection for the External Solemnity of Most Holy Rosary of the BVM

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, from the Introit of today’s EF Mass, “Let us rejoice in the Lord, celebrating a feast in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary: on whose solemnity the angels rejoice and join in praising the Son of God. [cf. Ps. 44:2].” Today, we take a pause from the Sundays after Pentecost [XVIII] to have this joyful celebration – indeed, the entire month of October is devoted to the Most Holy Rosary. When a solemnity falls outside of a Sunday, it may be transferred to the nearer Sunday, as we see today, permitting all to participate in the wonderful feast.

St. Dominic received the inspiration for the Holy Rosary, which has been in use since the early 13th century. However, this feast-day sees its roots from the Battle of Lepanto. The Muslim Ottoman Empire had been expanding into Europe for 900 years, and by 1453, Christian Byzantium was under Islamic law. Westward movement continued into the Mediterranean, even threatening Rome. In 1570, Pope Pius V called for prayer and action. He pleaded with every man, woman, and child to pray the Rosary. He also put together the Holy League—a coalition of Catholic powers which included Genoa, Spain, and the Papal States. The very survival of Christianity hung in the balance. In 1571, the forces converged at Lepanto, at a narrow inlet of water in modern-day southern Greece. The Turkish fleet outnumbered that of the Holy League by an estimate of 10-to-1. Through Our Lady’s intercession, the Turks were routed. Pope Pius V founded the Feast of Our Lady of Victory, to be observed on October 7, the day when he heard the good news. His successor, Pope Gregory XIII, changed the name of the Feast of Our Lady of Victory to the Feast of the Most Holy Rosary, explicitly acknowledging the intercessory power of the Rosary, especially in dire times.

The Carmelite has a daily commitment to the Rosary [ours have 6 decades, instead of the usual 5 – with an extra mystery added]. Our nuns wear this as part of their habit, and St. Thérèse, whose feast-day we have just celebrated, was no exception. And like us, she sometimes had a struggle with it – so, take heart! May “The Little Flower” intercede for us to gain greater devotion to Our Lady’s Rosary.

Laus Deo Virginique Matri! [Praise God and His Virgin Mother!]

“...in vain do I strive to meditate on the mysteries of the Rosary; I am unable to fix my attention. For a long time, I was sad because of this lack of devotion which surprised me, for I love the Blessed Virgin so much that it should be easy for me to say, in her honor, prayers which please her so much. Now, it saddens me less; I think that the Queen of Heaven, being my Mother – she must see my good will and be content with it.”

from “The Story of a Soul” of St. Thérèse of Lisieux [Marie Françoise-Thérèse Martin, 1873-1897]
A Message From Our Grand Knight

Brothers All,

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. As part of the hour, we Knights are participating in the Rosary. Please make an effort to join in this spiritual program.

Finally, please keep Joe Gendron, John Fiore and Jim Christenson in your prayers.

Vivat Jesus!
Bill O'Connor, Grand Knight

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www.kofc.org/joinus

2020 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, St. John’s Council 7333 will be awarding academic scholarships to the Class of 2020 in November. The deadline for applications has also been extended to November 1, 2020. If you have any questions please contact Jerry Iacona at 609-581-3744 or Bob Diszler at 609-259-9330.

These awards are sponsored by Council 7333, St. John’s Church and families who have dedicated a scholarship to the memory of a loved one. High school seniors who are registered members of Saint John’s Parish are eligible to apply. Scholarship applications are available on our Parish website and can also be mailed (call 609-259-3931).

Completed applications should be sent to Jerry Iacona, 29 Krueger Lane, Hamilton, NJ 08520-2410. If you have questions or would like to donate a scholarship, contact Jerry Iacona at 609-581-3744 or Bob Diszler at 609-259-9330.

2020-2021 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION IS ONGOING!

Saint John the Baptist CCD Registration for the 2020-2021 school year is currently open, and is accessible on our Parish website. Due to the overwhelming number of our families requesting online classes and the requirements of the latest Diocese of Trenton CCD directives we will not be able offer in-class CCD classes this year. All CCD classes this year will be online.

We will continue to utilize the successful Online Religious Education program (utilizing the Faith and Life Series) that has been offered for the past several years for all of our religious education students this year. If your child is new to our program, please send a copy of your child’s baptismal certificate via email to Lauren Walters, Coordinator of Religious Education at sjbreled@optimum.net.

TMIY IS BACK!

Please join us in the Church Hall every Saturday, beginning October 17

Masks are required and social distancing will be maintained.

Welcome:

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

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST CONFERENCE

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Appeals for assistance should continue as always, through the Parish Office phone at 609-259-3931 and also through the SvDp email (president1svdp@gmail.com).
Anyone needing the support of the Society or anyone wishing to donate, please call the Parish Office at 609-259-3931.
ShopRite gift cards are for sale by calling the Parish Office or by email to: president1svdp@gmail.com
In order to foster devotion to Jesus Christ, ever present in the Eucharist, His Most Blessed Mother and her spouse Saint Joseph, we are inviting all parishioners to participate in a new Wednesday evening Devotion to the Holy Family.

This weekly devotion will consist of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Holy Rosary, the Litany of Saint Joseph, a Reflection, and private prayer time. Confession will be available from 6:00pm to 6:45pm. The Devotion will end with Benediction, and will be followed by the 7:00pm Traditional Latin Low Mass.

In this time of spiritual upheaval, let us profess our fidelity to Christ the King and bear witness to our Faith by word and action! All are welcome!

Supported by Knights of Columbus Council 7333
Our 2021 Saint John the Baptist Parish Mass Book is open!

Although our Parish Office remains closed, we are be able to accept 2021 Mass intention requests BY MAIL. We are not able to accept requests by phone or email at the present time. Please note the following:

1. Requests at this time are limited to ONE REQUEST FORM PER FAMILY PER MONTH.

2. Families can request up to three 2021 Masses per Form. The suggested Mass stipend is $10 per Mass.

3. The specific date and Mass time requests are available on a first come-first serve basis. Our Office Staff will contact you by phone if the date(s) you have requested is/are not available, and will work with you to choose another date. Kindly advise for each Mass below if you would like us to mail you a Mass card or just a written confirmation that the Mass was reserved.

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH 2021 MASS REQUEST FORM

Name of Person requesting the Mass(es): ____________________________________________

Address of person requesting the Mass(es): ____________________________________________

Best contact telephone number: ______________________________________________________

Number of Masses requested (limit 3): 1 2 3 (circle choice)

Mass #1: 2021 Date Requested: ____________________________  Mass time _________
Mass intention is for: Deceased  Living  (circle choice)
Do you need a Mass card? Yes No (circle choice)
Name(s) for Mass intention: __________________________________

Mass #2: 2021 Date Requested: ____________________________  Mass time _________
Mass intention is for: Deceased  Living  (circle choice)
Do you need a Mass card? Yes No (circle choice)
Name(s) for Mass intention: __________________________________

Mass #3: 2021 Date Requested: ____________________________  Mass time _________
Mass intention is for: Deceased  Living  (circle choice)
Do you need a Mass card? Yes No (circle choice)
Name(s) for Mass intention: __________________________________

Please print and complete this form, enclose the Mass stipend (checks made payable to St. John’s Church) and mail to:

St. John’s Church: 2021 Mass Request
1282 Yardville-Allentown Road
Allentown, NJ 08501

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