Feast of Saint Michael the Archangel

Prayer to
Saint Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

Please join us for 7:00pm Mass
followed by
a Candlelight Procession
And Prayers at our Saint Michael Statue
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 Fax: 609-508-1407

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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SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
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Weekly Collection
Sunday, September 20, 2020: $7,201.00

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This Week’s Church and Public Mass Schedule

Sunday, September 27
10:00am Mass (Ordinary Form)
12:30pm Traditional Latin Solemn High Mass

Monday, September 28
Adoration: Noon until Benediction at 6:45pm
7:00pm Mass (Ordinary Form)

Tuesday, September 29
8:00am Mass (Ordinary Form)
7:00pm Traditional Latin Solemn High Mass

Wednesday, September 30
8:00am Mass (Ordinary Form)
6:00pm-6:45pm Holy Family Holy Hour and Confessions
7:00pm Traditional Latin Low Mass

Thursday, October 1
8:00am Mass (Ordinary Form)

Friday, October 2
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Saturday, October 3
8:00am Mass (Ordinary Form)
1:00pm Blessing of the Animals (front of Church)
4:00pm-4:45pm Confessions
5:15pm Mass (live-streamed)
The 5:15pm Mass is now open to the public. Please visit our website for the live-stream link.

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Every Monday in the Church
Noon until 6:45pm Benediction
Followed by Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 7:00pm.

A Note From Our Pastor

My Dear Parishioners,

This week we celebrate the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time but also the 106th World Day for Migrants and Refugees. A message from Pope Francis will be posted on our Trenton Monitor’s website. I encourage you to read it.

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On the other hand, a great number of tax collectors and sinners responded to the Baptist’s call for repentance. They are represented by the son who at first said, “I will not”, but in the end, went to work in the vineyard. He obeyed, and thereby pleased his father enormously.

Our Lord taught by example and He himself was obedient to the Father’s will and asks us to do the same. He calls us to discern the will of the Father and then to have the trust and courage to act on it. May God bless us with the grace to follow the lead of Jesus!

Peace,
Fr. Mike

In honor of Saint Francis (whose Feast day is October 3), we will have a special blessing for all pets on Saturday, October 3 at 1pm in front of the Church. Please bring your pets and join us as we honor Saint Francis, the Patron Saint of animals!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3
1:00PM IN FRONT OF CHURCH

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Please join us in praying the Novena to Saint Michael the Archangel, whose Feast day we will celebrate on Tuesday, September 29. This nine-day Novena will begin on Sunday, September 20 and will end on Monday, September 28. Saint Michael the Archangel is the Patron Saint of soldiers, police, first responders and doctors.

**Novena Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangiel**

*(Pray daily from Sunday, September 20 to Monday, September 28)*

O glorious prince Saint Michael, chief and commander of the heavenly hosts, guardian of souls, vanquisher of rebel spirits, servant in the house of the Divine King and our admirable conductor, you who shine with excellence and superhuman virtue, deliver us from all evil, who turn to you with confidence and enable us by your gracious protection to serve God more and more faithfully every day.

Pray for us, O glorious Saint Michael, Prince of the Church of Jesus Christ, that we may be made worthy of His promises.

I now invoke your powerful intercession, confident in the hope that you will hear my prayer and obtain for me the special grace and favor I earnestly implore *(mention your request here...)*

Almighty and Everlasting God, Who, by a prodigy of goodness and a merciful desire for the salvation of all men, have appointed the most glorious Saint Michael the Archangel, the Prince of Your Church, make us worthy, we ask You, to be delivered from all of our enemies, that none of them may harass us at the hour of death, but that we may be conducted by him into Your Presence. This we ask through the merits of Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen

*Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.*

*May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into Hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.* Amen.

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...
Feast of The Dedication of Saint Michael the Archangel

Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 7:00pm

Solemn High Mass

Sacred Music of the Mass: Missa Aeterna Christi Munera by Palestrina

Followed by Outdoor Candlelight Procession to the Statue of Saint Michael the Archangel

1282 Yardville-Allentown Rd, Allentown, NJ 08501
StJohnRomanCatholic.org † LatinMassTrenton.org
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.

We also have our golf outing coming up on Monday, September 28. There is still room for more golfers and sponsors so please sign up if you haven’t done so yet. The information flyer is in this bulletin.

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

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

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 609-259-3391).

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.

BISHOP EXTENDS MASS DISPENSATION

“Given all current public health and safety reports, I am extending the dispensation from Sunday obligation to attend Mass beyond the aforementioned September 7 date listed in our Diocesan Directives ‘until further notice.’”

Bishop David M. O’Connell, C.M.

The Sacred Music of the Mass
Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon: All the earth shall bow down
Kyrie: Mass XVIII
Gloria: Heritage Mass
Responsorial Psalm: Remember your mercies O Lord
Alleluia: My sheep hear my voice
Offertory Antiphon: Cry out to God
Sanctus: Roman Missal Chant
Agnus Dei: Roman Missal Chant
Communion Antiphon: They all wondered at these things
Communion Hymn: Shepherd Me O God
Recessional Hymn: Lift High the Cross

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.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
Saint John the Baptist Conference

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). 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

Local Food Bank Donations

Monthly food bank donations are collected the first weekend of each month. The next collection weekend will be next weekend, October 3-4. Please place nonperishable donations in the containers that will be 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.
REFLECTION FOR XVII SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, from the readings in the EF Mass, we see St. Paul prays for all to be bound together in charity and unity of spirit. To borrow from St. Peter, “Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining.” (1 Peter 4:8-9) It is of note that Paul is a prisoner at this time, and it is remarkable that he can speak thus, and without complaint under such circumstances, where most people would be bitter over their lot in life. The model here is to maintain Christian joy, irrespective as to our circumstances – in Carmelite thought, God has permitted this for our ultimate good.

In the Gospel of today, Jesus iterates that the whole law of God distills down to the love of God above all else and love of neighbor. Jesus also recognizes the hypocrisy lurking in the motives of the Pharisees – they were always trying to trip Jesus up, just looking for an excuse to be rid of Him. In the temporal, people regarded the Pharisees as holy; in the mind of God, they were found wanting in charity. In short, Jesus “shuts them up.” Jesus shows us the value of being direct, but not harsh. The lesson is that true charity does not simply reside in always being “nice” – it resides in bringing about the brand of conversion that leads to life eternal, even if the rebuke is stern. Aiding in bringing others to salvation is the responsibility of every Catholic.

Bonds of fraternal charity and unity are essential to the Carmelite charism. One such person is St. Mary Magdalen de’Pazzi. Christened with the name Catarina, she was born in Florence, Italy. She practiced mortifications as early as 8 years of age, received her first Holy Communion at the [then early] age of 10, and began receiving mystical revelations at 12. She became a Discalced Carmelite in 1583, at the tender age of 17. As do many Carmelites, she took the name of Mary Magdalen, as the Lord shows preferential treatment for penitents [as our blessed Lord stated, “Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” Luke 15:10]. She wrote voluminously about her experiences, at the direction of her superiors; Carmelites tend to do so only under obedience. We are so much richer for her spiritual writings [look her up!] and may her prayers bring us closer to the God Who is Charity and Unity Itself, and Who indwells each of us.

“O Most Holy Trinity, give us then, the grace to live always united with one another, preserving union of spirit, having one will and opinion, imitating the indivisible unity which exists among the three divine Persons.”
from the writings of St. Mary Magdalen de’Pazzi [Catarina De’ Pazzi, 1566-1607] OCD, V.
Monday, September 28, 2020

16th Annual Foursome Scramble Golf Outing
$150.00 per Golfer (fees, cart, door, food)

Breakfast 9:00am-11:00am
11:00am shotgun start
Complimentary range balls
Refreshments available on the course
Food, Prizes and Raffles after golf
Buffet awards dinner 4:00pm

Only a few slots remain open
so please contact
Brad Bartolino
at 609-902-7040 / b.bartolino@gmail.com
ASAP to purchase a ticket as a single player or foursome!

In Memory of Monsignor Leonard Toomey
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #7333
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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