

## *Saint John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church*

*1282 Yardville - Allentown Road • Allentown, N.J. 08501*

*www.StJohnRomanCatholic.org*

### *The Fifth Sunday of Lent*



*“I am troubled now. Yet what should I say?  
‘Father, save me from this hour’?  
But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour.  
Father, glorify your name.” (John 12: 27-28)*



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Passion Sunday

April 6, 2025



### Sacrament of Confession

Confession is offered on Wednesday from 5:45pm-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

#### Parish Website

StJohnRomanCatholic.org

#### Parish Office

Tuesday - Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm

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

### Clergy and Parish Staff

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### Holy Mass Schedule and Intentions

<b>Saturday, April 5</b>	8:00 AM 5:15 PM	William Gronikowski (d), requested by Candace Cerrone Joseph R. Gruca (d), requested by Pat Gruca
<b>Sunday, April 6</b>	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM	People of the Parish Mearl Challender (d), requested by Catherine Challender Donna Graham (d), requested by the Clingerman Family
<b>Monday, April 7</b>	7:00 PM	Wayne R. Poulsen (d), requested by Janet Poulsen
<b>Tuesday, April 8</b>	8:00 AM	Adam Fiore (d), requested by Beverly Fiore
<b>Wednesday, April 9</b>	8:00 AM 7:00 PM	Nino and Maria Tripodi (d), requested by Domenica Letinski Stanley Kostenowczyk (d), requested by Marge Stanford
<b>Thursday, April 10</b>	8:00 AM	William Gronikowski (d), requested by Irv and Fran Esko
<b>Friday, April 11</b>	8:00 AM	Connie Livecchi (d), requested by Richard and Jo-Anne Ruff
<b>Saturday, April 12</b>	8:00 AM 5:15 PM	Martin Connelly, Jr. (d), requested by Daniel and Domenica Letinski Jean Ferdetta (d), requested by Frank and Cathy Ferdetta
<b>Sunday, April 13</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b>	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM	Elizabeth Reimer (d), requested by Lawrence and Rhea Reimer People of the Parish Francis and Sophia Morley (d), requested by Dan and Carol Callahan

# LENT

## Fridays in Lent

All Fridays in Lent are days of **abstinence** (no meat) for all baptized Roman Catholics age 14 and over. In addition, Good Friday (April 18) is also a day of **fasting** for those age 18-59.

## Lenten Friday Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction and Confessions

Join us for Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction at 7pm in the Church on Lenten Fridays (there is no Benediction on Good Friday). Confessions will follow Benediction.

## LENTEN REGULATIONS for Baptized Catholics in the United States

Good Friday is a day of obligatory **FAST** (only one full meal) and **ABSTINENCE** (no meat). No dispensation is granted on this solemn day except for reason of sickness or those provided in canon law.

All other Fridays of Lent are days of **ABSTINENCE**.

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to **FAST** (only one full meal) as above. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to **ABSTAIN** (no meat: this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat).

The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious one for Catholics. Failure to observe one penitential day in itself is not considered a serious sin. It is the failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of days, which must be considered serious.

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## The Sacred Triduum

### Holy Thursday, April 17

6:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

8:00pm Traditional Latin Holy Thursday Mass  
*followed by Adoration at Altar of Repose until Midnight*

### Good Friday, April 18

12:00pm Traditional Latin Good Friday Liturgy

3:00pm Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

### Holy Saturday: April 19

9:00am Blessing of Easter Food

12:00pm Traditional Latin Holy Saturday Liturgy

8:00pm Easter Vigil

## Easter Sunday Mass Schedule

7:30am

9:00am

11:00am

12:30pm (Traditional Latin Solemn High Mass)



## A Note From Our Pastor Very Rev. Michael Wallack

My Dear Parishioners,

Our Gospel this week shows the beautiful compassion and mercy our Lord has for sinners. In this story, the woman is brought before Jesus with a harsh judgment. Emotions are high and these emotions clearly cloud the rational thinking of those who are ready to stone her. Jesus cuts through this irrationality by a profound statement. "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Perhaps, at first, those who were younger or more emotional did not allow the words of Jesus to sink in. They probably stood there with stones in hand waiting to start throwing. But then the elders began to walk away. This is age and wisdom at work. They were less controlled by the emotion of the situation and were immediately aware of the wisdom of the words spoken by our Lord. As a result, the others followed.

She is expecting death. Maybe she's wishing she had a second chance. The cruelty of the Pharisees must be terrible for her. They really don't care about her at all; they just want to use her to trap Jesus. But Jesus does not condemn her. He forgives her. When He looks at her, He sees what Saint Paul says in Ephesians 2:10: "You are God's masterpiece."

Saint Augustine, commenting on this Gospel passage, says that a great misery meets a great mercy. In Latin it sounds really good: misery is *miseria* and mercy is *misericordia*. So a great *miseria* meets an even greater *misericordia*. And this leads to true conversion.

Saint Pope John Paul II once said: "We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures; we are the sum of the Father's love for us and our real capacity to become the image of his Son."

When we meet that love, in Jesus, it moves us to change in response. This is why Jesus says to the woman, "Go, and sin no more." We are called to a new relationship with God. We come as sinners, and we leave forgiven. God is with us. Christ heals us, fills us with joy, and challenges us to be saints. Go, and sin no more.

Peace,  
Fr. Mike

## Monthly Local Food Bank Donations for the Poor

Monthly donations of nonperishable and non-expired food are collected on the first weekend of every month. **This weekend, April 5-6, is a collection weekend.** Containers will be located at each of the three Church entrances for your donations. Thank you for your continued generosity to all of those most in need!



**Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church**  
**Knights of Columbus Council 7333**  
 Email: AllentownKnights@gmail.com

Brothers,

### **Parish Breakfast This Weekend: Sunday, April 6**

The Breakfast is after the 9:00 AM Mass. Come join us! Brothers, your help is needed starting at 7:30AM.

### **Knights Scholarship Program**

Please see this bulletin for details. Donations are due by June 8. Please consider helping our deserving students.

### **Seminarian Letter Program**

Our Seminarian is George Castiglia. Please continue to write notes and letters to let him know that we are encouraging and praying for him. Deliver your letters to the Knights of Columbus via the Parish Office or the collection. Thank you for your support of our seminarian.

### **Holy Hour and Rosary**

The next Holy Hour with Adoration, Confession and prayers will be this Wednesday, April 9 beginning at 5:45 PM. There will not be a Holy Hour on Holy Wednesday, April 16.

### **Super 50/50 Tickets**

Super 50/50 tickets are available by mail using the form in this bulletin. Tickets will be sold after Masses starting April 6. The Super 50/50 funds our charity and scholarship activities. The drawing will be at the Parish breakfast on Mother's Day.

### **Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee is starting its work to build a slate of officers and fill positions for the next Columbian year. If you are interested in being part of this great organization, please let me or Bill O'Connor know. Elections are on Monday, June 9.

### **Golf Outing: Save the Date - Monday, September 22, 2025**

Wine bottles and basket donations can be dropped off at the Office. Wine should be at least \$15 in value.

### **Golf Committee**

The Committee is looking for new members. The next meeting is Wednesday, April 23.

### **Cemetery Team**

The Cemetery Team is looking for additional members. This team marks out the grave locations prior to burials. This is a critical and time sensitive function provided by the Knights of Columbus in service to our Church. Training will be provided to new members. If you have time to offer, please contact me or JoAnne in the office.

### **FUTURE PLANNED ACTIVITIES**

**APRIL COUNCIL MEETING:** The April meeting will be on Monday, April 14 at 7:30PM in the Knights Hall.

**BORDENTOWN COUNCIL GOLF OUTING:** This event is scheduled for Friday, April 25.

**CROSS REMOVAL:** Saturday, April 26 at 9:00AM.

**EASTER EGG HUNT:** Saturday, April 26 at 10:00AM.

**SUPER 50/50 DRAWING:** May 11, 2025 at the Breakfast.

**BABY SHOWER:** This event is scheduled for June 8.

Vivat Jesus!  
 GK Richard Ruff

## **The Sacred Music of the Mass** **The Fifth Sunday of Lent**

<b>Entrance Antiphon:</b>	Give me justice, O God	
<b>Kyrie:</b>	Mass XVII	121
<b>Responsorial Psalm:</b>	The Lord has done great things	
<b>Gospel Acclamation:</b>	Even now, says the Lord	
<b>Offertory Antiphon:</b>	I will praise you, O Lord	
<b>Offertory Hymn:</b>	Lord Jesus, Think on Me	621
<b>Sanctus:</b>	Roman Missal Chant	
<b>Memorial Acclamation:</b>	Roman Missal Chant	
<b>Agnus Dei:</b>	Roman Missal Chant	
<b>Communion Chant:</b>	Has no one condemned you	
<b>Communion Hymn:</b>	Ubi Caritas (English Verses)	806
<b>Recessional:</b>	O Sacred Head, Surrounded	679

The Mass Antiphons are included in the Source and Summit Missalette, while the numbered the hymns and Ordinary of the Mass can be found in the St. Michael Hymnal.



### **SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

**Saint John the Baptist Conference**  
 president1svdp@gmail.com

Anyone needing the support of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society or anyone wishing to donate, please call the Parish Office at 609-259-3391 or contact us through the SVdP email (president1svdp@gmail.com). We are sincerely grateful for all donations!

### **Saint John the Baptist Church Information**

#### **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  
 for Marie LaFerrara (d),  
 requested by Bruce and Donna Young*

#### **Weekly Collection**

**Sunday, March 30, 2025: \$12,478.36**

**March Maintenance & Repair: \$ 4,346.36 (final)**

**March Property and Casualty Ins.: \$ 1,975.00 (final)**

We are grateful for the generous donations received in the Mass collections, electronically through Online Giving, and through the mail and direct drop-off.

#### **A Promise to Protect**

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the Diocesan Abuse Hotline: 888-296-2965 or via email at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org.



## Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament



**Mondays 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!  
 For information, contact Margaret Longo at 609-259-2859.



**Devotion**  
**to the Holy Family**

**Holy Hour**  
**Adoration**  
**Confession**  
**Holy Rosary**

**Next Holy Hour: Wednesday, April 9, 2025**

Our next Holy Hour (with Adoration, Confession, the Rosary and prayers) will take place this Wednesday, April 2 from 5:45pm until Benediction at 6:45pm. The 7:00pm Traditional Latin Low Mass will follow Benediction.



## 2025 Scholarship Opportunity

The Saint John's Knights of Columbus Council 7333 will be awarding academic scholarships in June, 2025. These awards are sponsored by Council 7333, Saint John's Church and families who have dedicated a scholarship to the memory of or in honor of a specific person.

Scholarships will be awarded to graduating 8th and 12th Grade Students. Applicants and their parents must be registered members of Saint John the Baptist Parish. Scholarship Applications will be available from the Parish Office and our Parish website. **The application deadline is May 15.**



**That Man Is You meets on Saturdays**  
**in the Knights Hall.**

- ◆ 6:30 AM - Breakfast and Fellowship
- ◆ 7:00 AM - Inspiring video
- ◆ 7:30 AM - Discussion

Contact Jim Hannon at 609-577-4643 with questions about this spiritually-enriching opportunity for men.

## Knights of Columbus Monthly Family Breakfast!



**This Sunday, April 6, 2025**  
**after the 9:00am Mass until 11:00am**  
**Church Hall**

Treat your family to delicious pancakes, bacon, eggs and more! Healthy options also available. Our monthly Family Breakfast is FREE to all who attend.

**Join us for our Family Breakfast!**



## Saint John the Baptist Fifty Plus Club

Spring is here and the 50+ Club will celebrate it with our famous "Ice Cream Social" at 1:00pm on Wednesday, April 9, 2025 in the Church Hall.

We will close the year with our "End of the Year Pizza Party" on Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 1pm in the Church Hall.

**We hope to see everyone at these two fun activities!**



**America Needs Fatima**  
**Public Square Rosary**

**2nd Saturday of the Month At Noon**  
**Meet in front of our outdoor Blessed Mother Statue**  
**Next Public Rosary: Saturday, April 12, 2025**

For more information, please contact Aggie at 609-501-3515



## The Diocese of Trenton

### 2025 Annual Appeal

The 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal for the Diocese of Trenton is in progress! Our 2025 Parish goal is \$37,000 and as of April 4, 74 families or individuals have already pledged \$14,614, which represents 39% of our goal. The Annual Appeal funds vital ministries in our Parish as well as across the Diocese of Trenton, including seminarian and elderly priest support and assistance to those in need. More information is available in our Church vestibules, on our Parish website, and at the website for the Diocese of Trenton: [dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal](http://dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal).



# The Diocese of Trenton Celebration of the Traditional Latin Mass



## Passion Sunday The First Sunday of Passiontide



### High Mass

Rev. Ronan Murphy  
Celebrant

### Mass Intention

Donna Graham (d)  
*requested by the Clingerman Family*

### Music Intention

Intentions of the Camp Family  
as they welcome Baby Thomas  
*requested by Friends of the Family*

## The Sacred Music of the Mass

Processional:	O Sacred Head, Surrounded	679
Sprinkling Rite:	Asperges Me	207
Introit:	<i>Júdica me, Déus</i>	
Kyrie:	Mass XVII	121
Gradual:	<i>Eripe me, Dómine</i>	
Tract:	<i>Saepe expugnáverunt me</i>	
Credo:	Credo III	213
Offertory:	<i>Confitébor tibi, Dómine</i>	
Offertory Motet:	Vinea Mea Electa - Poulenc	
Sanctus:	Mass XVII	122
Agnus Dei:	Mass XVII	123
Communion:	<i>Hoc corpus</i>	
Communion Motet:	O Crux Ave, Spes Unica - Victoria	
Marian Anthem:	Ave Regina Caelorum	443
Recessional:	Lord Jesus, Think on Me	621

We are grateful to Peter Carter, our Schola Cantorum and our Choristers for this afternoon's beautiful Sacred Music.

### Lunch Convivium Today

Everyone is invited to join us after Mass today in the Church Hall for a Lunch Convivium. There is no charge, and it is a great opportunity for fellowship and fun! Be sure to also visit our Traditional Latin Mass showcase for a great selection of many Traditional Latin Mass items.

### Tenebrae Service

#### Holy Wednesday, April 16 at 7:00pm

Tenebrae means "darkness", and it refers to the chanting of Matins/Lauds of the Divine Office on the days leading up to Easter Sunday. Following this tradition, we will chant the Matins/Lauds of Holy Thursday on Wednesday, April 16, beginning at 7:00pm. The Schola in the front pews will alternate chanting the psalm verses while the clergy chant the lessons that separate the psalms. A 15-candle "hearse" shaped like a triangle will be present. As each psalm is completed, 1 candle is extinguished, until only the top candle is left - representing the Apostles abandoning Christ in His darkest hour. Please join us for this beautiful Service.



## Palm Sunday Solemn High Mass

Next Sunday, April 13, 2025  
12:30pm

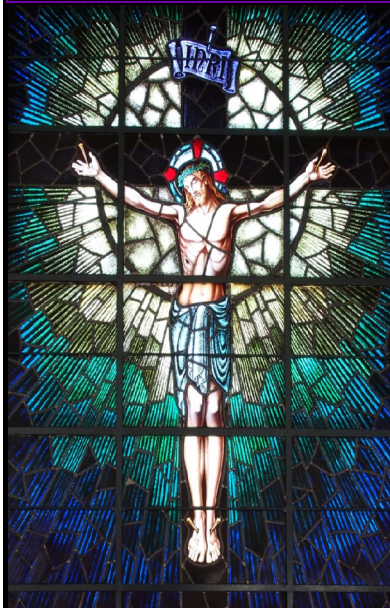
**Blessing and Distribution of Palms  
and the Traditional Outdoor Palm Procession**  
Our Lunch Convivium will follow in the Church Hall.

### Today is Passion Sunday Beginning of Passiontide

The Fifth Sunday of Lent is known as Passion Sunday, the first Sunday of Passiontide. Today is also known as *Júdica Sunday*, from the first word of the Introit of the Mass. Statues and crucifixes are veiled until the Gloria of the Easter Vigil. From today until Holy Thursday, the following changes occur:

- ♦ The *Júdica Me* is omitted in the priest's prayers at the foot of the Altar.
- ♦ There is no "Gloria Patri..." in the Asperges Me or after the Introit.
- ♦ There is no "Gloria Patri..." after the Lavabo.

## TRADITIONAL LATIN SACRED TRIDUUM



### HOLY THURSDAY: APRIL 17, 2025 SOLEMN MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 8:00PM

followed by Adoration at Altar of Repose until Midnight

### GOOD FRIDAY: APRIL 18, 2025 SOLEMN GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY 12:00PM

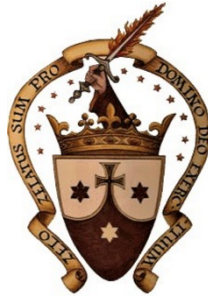
### HOLY SATURDAY: APRIL 19, 2025 SOLEMN HOLY SATURDAY LITURGY 12:00PM

Saint John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church Allentown, NJ





OHM Teresa of Ávila



*With zeal have I been zealous for the Lord God of hosts. 1 Kgs 10:19*



OHF John of the Cross

## The Carmelite Corner

### READINGS:

HEB 9:11-15

JN 8:46-59

### THE FIRST SUNDAY OF OUR LORD'S PASSION

**V.** Praised be Jesus Christ...

**R.** Now and forever!

*Júdica me, Deus, et discérne causam  
meam de gente non sancta:  
ab hómine iníquo et dolóso éripe me:  
quia tu es Deus meus et fortitúdo mea.*

*Judge me, O God, and distinguish my cause  
from the nation that is not holy:  
deliver me from the unjust and  
deceitful man, for Thou art my God and my strength.  
[Ps 42: 1-2]*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, today is the first Sunday of Our Lord's Passion. Last week was Laetare Sunday – full of rejoicing. The Church returns to being more forlorn. We observe the covering of statues – nothing will now distract us from our focus on the sufferings of Jesus. Today's reading from Hebrews points to the new type of sacrifice that Jesus offers; if the blood of goats and calves could offer expiation for sin, then how much more is the blood of the God-man effective in atoning for sin! His sacrifice, through the operation of the Holy Spirit, will cleanse the consciences of us poor sinners from our dead works – enabling us to aspire to life everlasting. The Gospel of today is from what we hold to be an eyewitness account from the Beloved Disciple. The readings of Passiontide tell of the escalation of tensions between Jesus and the religious authorities. He no longer speaks in parable – he speaks plainly, arriving at logical conclusions which confound them. The follower of God hears the word of God; since they do not hear the words of Jesus, Our Lord convicts them in their stubbornness and sinfulness.

And what about us – are we truly hearing the voice of the Master? Many souls wish to place Our Lord on the shelf, pulling Him down for a Sunday observance. Holy Lent is a clarion call to conversion through increased prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. The Carmelite realizes the great gift of penance. We aim to follow Our Lord not only at Cana, but particularly Our Lord at Calvary. In conforming ourselves into His passion and death, we prepare ourselves for life everlasting. “*Ave Crux, spes unica!*” exclaimed St. Edith Stein. “*Hail, Thou Cross, our one hope!*” Again, with no cross, there is no crown. Central to Carmelite thought is doing away with earthly attachments [even little ones], save the cross of Christ. We seek not the dead works and things of this passing life – did you ever see a U-Haul follow a hearse? Neither have we. Let us make it our care and joy to reasonably forswear the things of earth. The ice cream given up during Lent should lead us to greater things to demonstrate our burning love for Christ Crucified.

#### To Jesus Christ be all glory!

*“Any one of these imperfections, if the soul has become attached and habituated to it, is of as great harm to its growth and progress in virtue as though it were to fall daily into many other imperfections and usual venial sins which proceed not from a habitual indulgence in any habitual and harmful attachment and will not hinder it so much as when it has attachment to anything. For as long as it has this there is no possibility that it will make progress in perfection, even though the imperfection be extremely slight. For it comes to the same thing whether a bird be held by a slender cord or by a stout one; since, even if it be slender, the bird will be well held as though it were stout, for so long as it breaks it not and flies not away. It is true that the slender one is the easier to break; still, easy though it be, the bird will not fly away if it be not broken. And thus, the soul that has attachment to anything, however much virtue it possesses, will not attain to the liberty of Divine union.”*

From “*Ascent of Mount Carmel*” Book 1, Ch. 11.4 ~ OHF S. John of the Cross [Juan de Yepes y Álvarez ~ 1542-1591] OCD, C.,D.



*Maidens of the Miraculous Medal*

# *Easter Flower Sale!*

*Preorder by Monday, April 7*

*Pickup Palm Sunday Weekend  
April 12 and 13  
in the Church Hall*

## **2025 EASTER FLOWER PRE-ORDER FORM**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Pink hyacinth</b> (6 inch pot), \$10.00 each	Number requested _____	Total \$ _____
<b>White hyacinth</b> (6 inch pot), \$10.00 each	Number requested _____	Total \$ _____
<b>Purple tulips</b> (6 inch pot), \$10.00 each	Number requested _____	Total \$ _____
<b>Yellow tulips</b> (6 inch pot), \$10.00 each	Number requested _____	Total \$ _____
<b>Daffodils</b> (6 inch pot), \$10.00 each	Number requested _____	Total \$ _____
<b>Palm Cross</b> (for cemetery). \$12.00 each	Number requested _____	Total \$ _____

**TOTAL ITEMS** \_\_\_\_\_ **GRAND TOTAL \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to "St. John's Church". Call 609-259-3391 with any questions.  
Flowers will be available for pickup in Church Hall on Saturday, April 12 and Sunday, April 13.  
Place this pre-order form with payment in collection basket, campus mailboxes or Parish Office, or mail to:

**2025 EASTER FLOWER SALE**  
**Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church**  
**1282 Yardville-Allentown Road**  
**Allentown, NJ 08501**



# TENEBRAE



## MATINS AND LAUDS OF HOLY THURSDAY

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
ALLENTOWN, NEW JERSEY

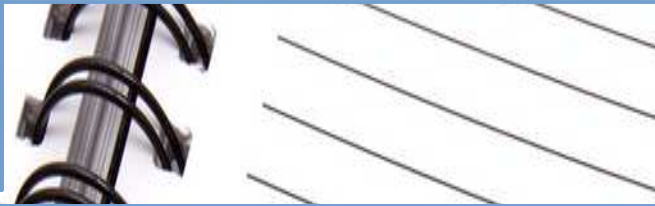
**HOLY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025  
7:00PM IN THE CHURCH**

Tenebrae means “darkness” or “shadows”, and it refers to the chanting of Matins/Lauds of the Divine Office on the days leading up to Easter Sunday. In the earliest centuries, this was chanted shortly after midnight, but starting in the middle ages, it became the practice to offer Tenebrae on the evening before in anticipation, to make it more widely accessible to both clergy and laity.

**Following this tradition, we will chant the Matins/Lauds of Holy Thursday on Wednesday, April 16 beginning at 7:00pm.** The Schola will sit in the front, and will alternate the chanting the verses of the psalms. The clergy attend “in choir” in the sanctuary, and will chant the lessons that separate the psalms. There is a candle “hearse” at the front, shaped like a triangle, with 15 candles. As each psalm is completed, 1 candle is extinguished, until only the lone candle at the top is left: this is a powerful reminder of the Apostles abandoning Christ in His darkest hour. The “Christus Factus est” chant is sung at the end, while the candle representing Christ is hidden. A “loud noise or commotion” (the strepitus) is then made, representing the convulsion of nature following the death of Christ: the chaos of the world without a Savior. The “Christ candle” is returned to view again, then all commotion ceases. All are invited to this beautiful and moving Service.

*(Overview by K. Walters/Mater Dei)*

# St. John the Baptist Knights of Columbus Scholarship Program



St. John the Baptist Knights of Columbus Council is again awarding scholarships to deserving eighth graders and high school seniors from our parish.

We will award scholarships in each of the following categories based on the total donations collected and applications received:

1. Eighth graders entering a Catholic high school.
2. High school seniors entering a trade school.
3. High school seniors entering a Catholic college
4. High school seniors entering a non-Catholic college.

We invite our parishioners to support this program. Donations of any amount will be greatly appreciated.

Checks made out to K of C Council 7333, may be put in an envelope with the slip below and placed in the collection basket or dropped off at or mailed to the parish office not later than June 8th.

*Cut Here*

Please accept my St. John the Baptist Knights of Columbus Scholarship Program gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For donations of \$500 or more, you may designate one of the following if you have a preference:

Catholic high school \_\_\_\_\_ Trade school \_\_\_\_\_ Catholic college \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Catholic college \_\_\_\_\_

I wish my gift to be in memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish my gift to be in honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Optional:

Donor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Donor Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Checks should be made payable to "Knights of Columbus Council 7333"

Please detach this section and place it in an envelope along with your check and put it in the collection basket or drop it off or mail it to the Parish Office at:

Knights of Columbus Scholarship Sponsorship  
1282 Yardville -Allentown Rd,  
Allentown, New Jersey 08501





# A Limited Number of Tickets Still Available!



## Knights of Columbus Mother's Day Super 50/50 Raffle

Our parishioners have long supported our Knights of Columbus Council 7333 in one of their biggest fundraisers - the **Mother's Day Super 50/50 Raffle!**

To purchase raffle tickets for this great cause, please fill out the form below and return it by mail, or by placing it in the collection basket or in the secure black mailbox near the Religious Education building. We will send you the number of tickets requested. Tickets are still only \$5 each, and a book of 4 is \$20. You will have 3 chances to win on each ticket! Return the ticket stub(s) with your payment and you'll be entered in the drawing!

Please make checks payable to "Knights of Columbus Council 7333". Ticket stubs with payment must be returned to us no later than 10:00AM on Mother's Day, May 11.

### Mother's Day Super 50/50 Raffle: Ticket Request Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Single Raffle Tickets requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Books of 4 Tickets requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete, detach and place in the collection basket or mail to:

**St. John the Baptist Church - Mother's Day Super 50/50 Ticket Request**

**1282 Yardville-Allentown Rd, Allentown, NJ 08501**

When we receive this ticket request, we will mail the ticket(s) to you. When you receive your ticket(s), please fill out the ticket stub portion and return the stub(s) to us with payment by 10:00am on Sunday, May 11.

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