

# *Saint John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church*

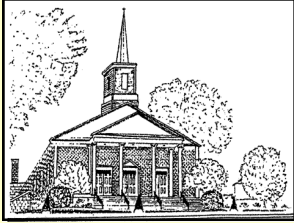
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*“Do whatever He tells you.”*

*John 2:5*



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## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Second Sunday After Epiphany

January 19, 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

Office Email: stjohallentown@gmail.com

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

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

#### Clergy and Parish Staff

**Very Rev. Michael Wallack, Pastor**

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#### **Holy Mass Schedule and Intentions**

|                              |                                 |  |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| <b>Saturday, January 18</b>  | 8:00 AM<br>5:15 PM              | Angelo Mattozzi (d), requested by Deacon Joe and Jeanne Hepp<br>Joseph Gruca (d), requested by Pat Gruca   |
| <b>Sunday, January 19</b>    | 9:00 AM<br>11:00 AM<br>12:30 PM | Arthur and Carolina Panella (d), requested by Lawrence and Rhea Reimer<br>People of the Parish<br>Agnieszka Rogacki (l), requested by Edward Rogacki |
| <b>Monday, January 20</b>    | 7:00 PM                         | Robert Gervasoni (d), requested by Frank and Mary McKittrick   |
| <b>Tuesday, January 21</b>   | 8:00 AM                         | Judy Baker and Patty Siciliano (d), requested by The Schilling Family  |
| <b>Wednesday, January 22</b> | 8:00 AM<br>7:00 PM              | Arthur Stahnton (d), requested by Robert and Sharon DeLuca<br>Stephanie Commidy (d), requested by Kathy Burek  |
| <b>Thursday, January 23</b>  | 8:00 AM                         | Rich Smith (d), requested by Eileen Kelliher   |
| <b>Friday, January 24</b>    | 8:00 AM                         | Anthony LaFerrara (l), requested by Bruce and Donna Young  |
| <b>Saturday, January 25</b>  | 8:00 AM<br>5:15 PM              | Virginia Kerr (d), requested by Thomas and Carol Toporek<br>Concetta and Joseph Pellini (d), requested by The Pellini Family                         |
| <b>Sunday, January 26</b>    | 9:00 AM<br>11:00 AM<br>12:30 PM | Thomas Damiano (d), requested by Kay Damiano<br>Robert Gervasoni (d), requested by Bob and Kathy Diszler<br>People of the Parish                     |

### Is God Calling You to the Fullness of the Catholic Church

If you or someone you know is thinking about entering the Catholic Church, or perhaps was Baptized Catholic but never had an opportunity to receive the Sacraments of Holy Communion and/or Confirmation, please **contact Vince Gelsomino at the Parish Office at 259-3391** for information about our Parish **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** Program.

Participants in our RCIA Program will meet through the next few winter months to learn about the truths of the Catholic Faith, and will have the opportunity to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and/or Confirmation during the Saturday, April 19, 2025 Easter Vigil Mass.

### 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 Blessed Lord! If you are able to join our Adoration team, please contact Margaret Longto at 609-259-2859.

### 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  
in loving memory of Joseph Gruca (d)  
requested by Pat Gruca*

#### Weekly Collection

Sunday, January 12, 2025: \$12,044.00

January Maintenance & Repair: \$ 3,178.00 (to date)

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@diocesoftrenton.org](mailto:abuseline@diocesoftrenton.org).



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

My Dear Parishioners,

The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Queen of Heaven and Mother of God, is teaching us today how to follow Christ, how to become a mature Christian: by imitating her attitude of service, by sharing in her confidence in Jesus, and by joining her obedience to God's will, we will travel surely and swiftly along the path of a truly fulfilling, meaningful, and everlasting life.

At Cana in Galilee there is shown only one concrete aspect of human need, apparently a tiny one and of little importance: 'They have no wine'. But it has a symbolic value: this coming to the aid of human needs means, at the same time, bringing those needs within the radius of Christ's Messianic mission and salvific power. Thus there is a mediation. Mary places herself between her Son and mankind in the reality of their wants, needs and sufferings. In her position as mother, she puts herself 'in the middle', that is to say, she acts as a mediatrix, not as an outsider. She knows that in this way she can point out to her Son the needs of mankind, and in fact, she 'has the right' to do so. (Pope St John Paul II *Redemptoris Mater*).

As we attend and hear Mass this weekend, let's ask her to intercede on our behalf, just as she did for the newlyweds at Cana, so that even when we don't seem to have any wine left in our hearts, God's grace will still flow freely in us and through us.

Peace,  
Fr. Mike



**Devotion  
to the Holy Family  
Holy Hour  
Adoration  
Confession  
Holy Rosary**

**Next Holy Hour: Wednesday, January 22, 2025**

Our next Holy Hour with Adoration, Confession and the recitation of the Holy Rosary will be on Wednesday, January 22 from 5:45pm until Benediction at 6:45pm. The 7:00pm Traditional Latin Low Mass will follow Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.



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

Email: AllentownKnights@gmail.com

Brothers,

**Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest**

Congratulations to our poster winners, who will be announced shortly. The winning poster will be displayed in the vestibule of the Church. We appreciate and thank all those who participated in this contest.

**Seminarian Letter Program**

The **Seminarian Letter Program** is still under way. Let us not forget these two brave men who are discerning to give their lives to God and the Church. Please continue to write notes and letters and let them know that we are encouraging and praying for them. Please deliver your letters to the Knights of Columbus via the Parish Office or the collection. I will periodically deliver these letters in bulk. Our Seminarians are George Castiglia and James Moon. Thank you for your support of our seminarians.

**Dues Notices**

These notices were sent out via email. Check your SPAM folder if you did not receive one. Contact Bill O'Conner if your notice is missing. Dues should be sent to Bill O'Conner.

**Holy Hour and Rosary**

The next Holy Hour with Adoration, Confession and prayers will be this Wednesday, January 22 beginning at 5:45 PM.

**Loaves and Fishes**

Our Saint John the Baptist Parish Family has again been asked to take the lead in feeding our needy brothers and sisters on **Saturday, February 15, 2025** at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in Trenton. More information will follow. Please call Rob McLaughlin at 908-672-3906.

**2025 PLANNED ACTIVITIES**

**MARCH FOR LIFE:** Friday, January 24, 2025. Check this bulletin for the reservation form. The bus is filling up fast!

**FREE THROW CHALLENGE:** Friday, January 24 at the Stone Bridge Middle School at 6:00PM and Saturday, January 25 from 11:00AM to 3:00PM. Please see the flyer in this bulletin for more information.

**MASS FOR LIFE & EXPO:** Friday, January 24 at 11:00AM at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold.

**KNIGHT'S RETREAT:** Francis House of Prayer on January 26, 2025 after 11:00AM Mass. Contact Jim McCaig.

**LOAVES AND FISHES:** Saturday, February 15. Please see this bulletin for more information.

**FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION:** February 22 at St. Patrick's Cathedral in NYC.

**CATHOLIC MEN FOR JESUS CHRIST CONFERENCE:** February 22. St. Mary, Mother of God Parish in Middletown, NJ.

**SUPER 50/50 DRAWING:** May 11, 2025 at the Parish Breakfast. Details will be forthcoming.

Vivat Jesus! GK Richard Ruff

**The Sacred Music of the Mass  
The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

|                              |                                     |     |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----|
| <b>Entrance Antiphon:</b>    | All the earth shall bow down        |     |
| <b>Kyrie:</b>                | Mass XVI                            | 100 |
| <b>Gloria:</b>               | Heritage Mass                       | 192 |
| <b>Responsorial Psalm:</b>   | Proclaim his marvelous deeds        |     |
| <b>Alleluia:</b>             | God has called us                   |     |
| <b>Offertory Antiphon:</b>   | Cry out with joy to God             |     |
| <b>Offertory Hymn:</b>       | Seek ye First                       |     |
| <b>Sanctus:</b>              | Roman Missal Chant                  |     |
| <b>Memorial Acclamation:</b> | Roman Missal Chant                  |     |
| <b>Agnus Dei:</b>            | Roman Missal Chant                  |     |
| <b>Communion Chant:</b>      | You have prepared a table before me |     |
| <b>Communion Hymn:</b>       | All Praise to Thee                  | 419 |
| <b>Recessional:</b>          | The Church's One Foundation         | 776 |

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.



**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.



**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 to those most in need.

**Local Food Bank Donations for the Poor**

Monthly donations of nonperishable and non-expired food are collected on the first weekend of every month. **The next collection weekend will be February 1-2.** Containers will be available at all three of the Church entrances for your donations. Thank you for your continued generosity.



**ST. JOHN'S 50+ CLUB**

Once a year we celebrate the birthdays of all of our members! This year, the **BIRTHDAY BASH** will be on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 1:00PM in the Church Hall. Come and celebrate your birthday with all of our members.

In March, we will enjoy **St. Patrick's Day** with corned beef and cabbage on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 1:00pm at La-Piazza Restaurant in Allentown. Please sign up and pay at our February 12 meeting. The cost will be only \$38.00/person. The luncheon will consist of salad, purses with pesto sauce, corned beef, cabbage, Irish Soda Bread and chicken with veggies, soda, coffee and cake. Wow! Don't miss this!

*Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep".*

# ***Loaves and Fishes Sign Up Weekend Comming In February !***

Loaves and Fishes is an organization with more than thirty years of history serving the poor out of the basement of The Cathedral of Saint Mary of The Assumption in Trenton.

Each year, the parish of St. John the Baptist adopts one weekend and provides all the food and help needed to serve about 400 meals, socks and other items to people in need.

This year we will be running the event on Saturday, February 15th and we will be asking our Parish families and groups to consider how they can best help. Some will want to prepare food based on a recipe we provide, some will want to be at St Mary's and help serve the needy directly or help clean up the kitchen and dinning room and others may want to provide financial support.

We are also collecting new socks and other personal items to hand out to those in attendance to help them weather the cold winter months.

Kindly check next weekend's bulletin to learn when you can sign up to help.

Thank you for your generosity to this important ministry!



# The Diocese of Trenton Celebration of the Traditional Latin Mass



## The Second Sunday After Epiphany



### High Mass

Rev. Ronan Murphy  
Celebrant

### Mass Intention

Agnieszka Rogacki (I)  
requested by Edward Rogacki

### Music Intention

For the intentions of Eileen Mechler (I)  
requested by her TLM Friends

### Lunch Convivium Cancelled Today

Today's lunch convivium is cancelled due to the snow-storm forecasted for this afternoon. Please join us after Mass next Sunday, January 26 for a great lunch Convivium downstairs in the Church Hall. There is no charge, and it is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and fun! We invite you to also visit our Traditional Latin Mass showcase for a wonderful selection of hand missals, books, mantillas, rosaries, CDs and other devotional items.

## The Sacred Music of the Mass

|                  |                                       |     |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|-----|
| Processional:    | All Praise to Thee                    | 419 |
| Sprinkling Rite: | Asperges Me                           | 207 |
| Introit:         | <i>Omnis terra adoret</i>             |     |
| Kyrie:           | Mass XI                               | 117 |
| Gloria:          | Mass XI                               | 118 |
| Gradual:         | <i>Misit Dominus verbum suum</i>      |     |
| Alleluia:        | <i>Laudate Deum omnes Angeli</i>      |     |
| Credo:           | Credo I                               | 212 |
| Offertory:       | <i>Jubilate Deo</i>                   |     |
| Offertory Motet: | Jubilate Deo - Mozart                 |     |
| Sanctus:         | Mass XI                               | 119 |
| Agnus Dei:       | Mass XI                               | 120 |
| Communion:       | <i>Dicit Dominus: Implete hydrias</i> |     |
| Communion Motet: | Ave Verum Corpus - Mozart             |     |
| Marian Anthem:   | Alma Redemptoris Mater                | 428 |
| Recessional:     | Songs of Thankfulness and Praise      | 757 |

We are grateful to Sacred Music Director Peter Carter, our Schola Cantorum and our Choristers for this afternoon's beautiful Sacred Music. Professional recordings of our Sacred Music are available on our YouTube channel, *The Schola Cantorum of St. John the Baptist*.

# CANDLEMAS

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD  
THE PURIFICATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



## SOLEMN HIGH TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025

12:30PM

FOLLOWED BY LUNCH CONVIVIUM

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### Today's Marian Anthem After the Last Gospel

We will sing the *Alma Redemptoris Mater* as today's Marian Anthem at the Last Gospel. This seasonal Marian anthem is traditionally sung from the first Sunday of Advent until the Feast of the Purification on February 2 (the original ending date of the Christmas season). This prayer tells of Gabriel's announcement and of Mary's Divine motherhood.

v

A L-ma \* Redemptó-ris Ma-ter, quæ pérv-i a cæ-li

porta manes, Et stella ma-ris, succúrre cadénti súrge-

re qui cu-rat pópu-lo: Tu quæ genu-ísti, na-tú-ra mi-

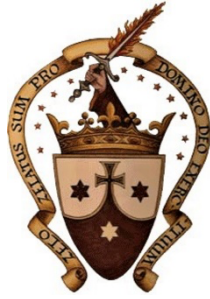
rán-te, tu-um sanctum Ge-ni-tó-rem: Virgo pri-us ac po-

sté-ri-us, Gabri-é-lis ab o-re sumens illud Ave, pecca-

tó-rum mi-se-ré-re.



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:**  
ROM 12:6-16  
JN 2:1-11

### THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

**V.** Praised be Jesus Christ... **R.** Now and forever!

*Omnis terra adóret Te, Deus,  
et psallat tibi:  
psalmum dicant nómini tuo, Altissime.*

**Let all the earth adore Thee, O God,  
and sing to Thee:  
Let it sing a song to Thy name, O Most High. [Ps 65:4]**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we are Epiphany-tide, and the Church turns our attention from the events of Nazareth to a social gathering in Cana of Galilee. The feasting went on longer with more people than they had planned for – to run out of wine would have been a societal disaster in a small town in Galilee. Mary observes the dilemma that the newlyweds faced, simply telling Jesus the material fact, “They have no more wine.” There are so many levels of meaning transpiring. One might think that Our Lord was being rude addressing his mother as “woman” – we need to bear in mind that this was common in Jewish expression of that time – strange to our ears. Even deeper – the “woman” was to crush the head of the serpent [Satan]. “The woman” asks her Son’s intervention; she begins the events of the ministry of Jesus that ultimately leads to His death and glory. The miracle is utterly Marian at the source. What is remarkable is that John’s Gospel expresses, “the water made wine.” The master of the feast receives this with no fanfare or knowledge from whence it came. Innocuously, the miracle is reported – perhaps it was “more of the same” to the Gospel writer. Note well the superabundance of Jesus – the wine is the absolute best, and six jars for ritual washing would have held 120-180 gallons of wine – surely, they were happy for quite some time! Note that this first miracle occurred at a wedding – Jesus hallows marriage with His presence then, and He does now. Marriage is the “type” of the relationship of Jesus, the Bridegroom, and His splendid Bride, the Church.

The Carmelite knows that Mary leads us to Jesus; there was never anybody on earth as close to Jesus as Mary. Mary obtains joy for us, not just in the “wine that maketh glad the heart of man” [cf. Ps. 104:15] – but in all matters. The Carmelites are uniquely Mary’s order; our whole life is to imitate her sublime virtues. As it was for the newlyweds, it was Mary who helps to solve our problems, as well. And, at the behest of the Queen of Carmel, miracles do happen. We wish to be close to Mary, for closeness to Jesus through Mary is authentic joy – not joy as the world believes it to be. Her voice echoes through the ages to us, “Do whatever He tells you.”

***Laus Deo Virgíniqúe Matrì! – Praise God and His Virgin Mother!***

***“Now, if this is so – and it is – there is no point in our fatiguing ourselves  
by attempting to comprehend the beauty of this castle; for, though it is His creature,  
and there is therefore as much difference between it and God as between creature and Creator,  
the very fact that His Majesty says it is made in His image  
means that we can hardly form any conception of the soul’s great dignity and beauty.”***




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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

# FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

*Boys and Girls, Ages 9-14*

**Location:** Stone Bridge Middle School Aux. Gym, 1252 Yardville-Allentown Rd. 08501

|  |                                |
|--|--------------------------------|
| <b>Dates of Competition:</b> <b>Friday, January 24</b> | <b>6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.</b>  |
| <b>Saturday, January 25</b>                            | <b>11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.</b> |

**Sponsor:** St. John the Baptist Church Knights of Columbus Council #7333

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| <b>Contact Information:</b> John Pitonyak | <b>Phone/Txt:</b> 609-850-7334 |
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Please note: Entrants may compete in only one local competition.





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- Engage with local organizations dedicated to upholding and promoting human dignity throughout all stages of life.
- Enjoy delicious refreshments, fostering new friendships, and strengthening bonds within our community.

Friday

**JANUARY 24**

11:00AM

Co-Cathedral of  
St. Robert Bellarmine,  
Freehold

**All are Welcome • No RSVP needed**



For full information about the day's events, visit:  
[dioceseoftrenton.org/standing-together-for-life](http://dioceseoftrenton.org/standing-together-for-life)

The Church of Saint John the Baptist invites you to join us for the  
**2025 March for Life in Washington, D.C.**



**Friday, January 24, 2025 7:00am–9:00pm**

**\$25.00 per adult**

**\$15.00 for teens 13-17**

**\$10.00 for children 12 and under**

- ◆ **1 bus will be going!** Bus will leave Saint John the Baptist Church at 7:00am. Breakfast included.
- ◆ Arrival at Shrine of Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. by 11:00am
- ◆ Metro pass included for transfer from Shrine to National Mall for Rally and March
- ◆ The March for Life begins at the National Mall and travels up Constitution Avenue to Supreme Court
- ◆ Breakfast and snacks on buses will be provided; pizza dinner will be provided on the bus on the way home.
- ◆ The buses will depart from Washington, D.C. at 6:00pm. Expected arrival home at 9:00pm.

**Complete the form below, detach and place in the collection basket or mail with your payment. We expect to sell out quickly. Only 50 total seats are available! Reservations will be filled in order received.**

**2025 Washington, DC March for Life Reservation Form**

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

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

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

Number of Adult (Age 18 and over) Tickets at \$25 each: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Teen (Age 13-17) Tickets at \$15 each: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Child (Age 12 and under) Tickets at \$10 each: \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this form, include payment (checks made payable to "St. John's Church") and return to the Parish in the collection, drop off at the Office, or mail to:

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