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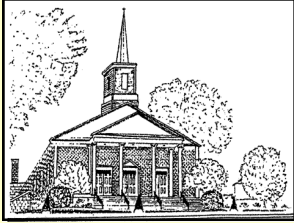
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**We ask Saint Joseph, the Patron Saint of Fathers,
to intercede for all of our Fathers .**

Happy Father's Day!



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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 16, 2024



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

Summer Office Hours

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

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Holy Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sunday, June 16	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM	People of the Parish Mildred Romano (d), requested by John and Beverly Fiore Alvaro and Estela Alvarez (d), requested by Joseph and Estela Siorek
Monday, June 17	7:00 PM	James R. McBratney (d), requested by The Bensel Family
Tuesday, June 18	8:00 AM	Maria Gadaleta (d), requested by Vittoria Fasciano and Family
Wednesday, June 19	8:00 AM 7:00 PM	Peter Riccardi (l), requested by Laura Riccardi Mary Tufano (d), requested by Jodi Eckel Afrese
Thursday, June 20	8:00 AM	Leo Kadia Korzenko (d), requested by Thomas and Carol Toporek
Friday, June 21	8:00 AM	Father Kamil J. Belling (l), requested by Christa Stefanchik
Saturday, June 22	8:00 AM 5:15 PM	Alfred and Paulina Ragonesi (d), requested by Catherine Bressel Anna Liberati (d), requested by The Buchalski Family
Sunday, June 23	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM	Anna Grasso (d), requested by Rita Kocher People of the Parish Robert Byrne (d), requested by The Floyd and Schuster Families

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! For more information, please contact Margaret Longto at 609-259-2859.

Saint John the Baptist Church Information

Chancery Holiday

The Parish Office will be closed this Wednesday, June 19 for the Chancery holiday. The Office will reopen on Thursday at 9:00am for regular business hours.

Altar Flower Intentions

Intentions for the high altar and side altar flowers are available on a weekly basis. Flowers can be offered in memory of the deceased, or in honor of the living. Please contact the Parish Office for more information and to check on availability.

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 Stanley B. Dembowski (d),
requested by Stephanie and Stephen Dembowski*

Weekly Collection

Sunday, June 9, 2024: \$ 9,846.00

June Maintenance and Repair: \$ 6,265.00 (as of 6/13)

We are grateful for donations received in the collection at our Masses, electronically through Online Giving, through the regular mail and dropped-off to our two campus mailboxes. Please visit StJohnRomanCatholic.org to donate online or via a mobile phone.

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.

A Note From Our Pastor



My Dear Parishioners,

Our Lord spoke so often about "the Kingdom of God." His first public sermon began with "The Kingdom of God is at hand," and from then on He kept talking about it, as in today's Gospel. If there is a Kingdom, there must also be a King, and if there is a King, there must be subjects. That's how He sees the Church, as a Kingdom, not merely as some kind of club. Today we can ask ourselves if that's how we see Church. When we pray, "Thy Kingdom come," do we mean the same thing that Jesus meant when He taught us that prayer?

God's Kingdom is the realm where hearts obey Him out of faith and love. The kingdom of this world is the realm where hearts obey themselves out of self-centeredness, egoism, and fear. If we really want to help Christ redeem the kingdom of this world by transforming it, through His grace, into the Kingdom of Christ, we have to keep hearkening to the King and carrying out His commands, even when they are uncomfortable for our selfish tendencies.

Obedying someone else, though, is almost always a challenge for us sinners. Jesus knows this, and so He doesn't ask us for blind, mindless obedience. He uses parables to explain and promise that by following and obeying Him, our lives will be fruitful. The virtues that give true, lasting beauty to our lives, that give our lives meaning and deep happiness (virtues like wisdom, courage, self-control, and Christ-like love), are like the seeds in the Lord's parables. They are planted in our hearts at baptism, and as we follow and obey Christ in our daily lives, they grow and flourish. Being good citizens of Christ's Kingdom is the sure path to an abundant spiritual harvest here on earth and forever in heaven.

Peace,
Fr. Mike

Saint John the Baptist Religious Education

Registration for 2024-2025 opens Monday, July 1!

We are happy to announce that we will open registration for our 2024-2025 CCD Academic Year on Monday, July 1. **Visit our Parish Website, StJohnRomanCatholic.org to follow the link for our online registration and payment page.** The new CCD Calendar for next year is available on the website as well. Online classes will be offered for all grades (1-8) and an in-class option will be available for children in the Sacramental Preparation years: Grades 1, 2, 7, and 8.

For more information, please contact our Religious Education Coordinator, Mrs. Lauren Walters by email at sjbrccre@gmail.com or by phone at (609)259-3586.



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

Email: AllentownKnights@gmail.com

Dear Brothers,

Our Council will present the annual **Scholarship Awards** after the 9:00 Mass on Father's Day, this Sunday, June 16.

Holy Hour and Rosary

The Knights continue to lead the Rosary at the Wednesday Holy Hour from 5:45 to 6:45pm. More Knights are asked to join us for the next scheduled Holy Hour, which will be on Wednesday, June 19.

Peace and Love!

Dan Nazzaro, Grand Knight

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

Entrance Antiphon:	O Lord, hear my voice	
Kyrie:	Mass XVI	100
Gloria:	Heritage Mass	
Responsorial Psalm:	Lord, it is good to give thanks to you	
Gospel Acclamation:	The seed is the word of God	
Offertory Antiphon:	I will bless the Lord, who gives me council	
Offertory Hymn:	All People That On Earth Do Dwell	418
Sanctus:	English Roman Missal Chant	
Memorial Acclamation:	English Roman Missal Chant	
Agnus Dei:	English Roman Missal Chant	
Communion Chant:	There is one thing I ask of the Lord	
Communion Hymn:	Gift of Finest Wheat	528
Recessional:	Lift High the Cross	614

The Antiphons of the Mass are in the Source and Summit Missal, and the Ordinary of the Mass and the hymns are in the St. Michael Hymnal.

2024 Annual Appeal Parish Update



We are grateful to our parishioners who have contributed to the 2024 Diocese of Trenton Annual Catholic Appeal. As of Monday, June 10, 112 parishioners or families have contributed \$23,154.00, which represents 66% of our Parish goal of \$35,000. Thank you!

Local Food Bank Donations for the Poor

Monthly food bank donations of nonperishable and non-expired food are collected on the first weekend of each month. The next collection weekend will be July 6-7. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

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



Next Holy Hour: Wednesday, June 19, 2024

Our next Holy Hour with Adoration, the Rosary and Confession will be on Wednesday, June 19 from 5:45pm until Benediction at 6:45pm. The 7:00pm Traditional Latin Low Mass will follow Benediction.

Special Opportunity

We would welcome additional members of our Lector team, especially at the 11:00am Mass. If you are interested in being a Lector at our Saturday 5:15pm, Sunday 9:00am or Sunday 11:00am Masses, please contact Pat Gruca at 609-516-0769 for more information. Training will be provided! Please consider offering your time and talent to this beautiful ministry.

First Friday Divine Mercy Chaplet

Friday, July 5, 2024

3:00pm in Church



We will honor Our Lord by praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. All are invited to join us.

**FIRST FRIDAY/FIRST SATURDAY
TWO HEARTS
VIGIL OF REPARATION**

Friday, July 5, 2024

- 9:00pm Traditional Latin Low Mass
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (First Friday)
- 10:00pm Exposition, Confession, Prayers, Rosary

Saturday, July 6, 2024

- Midnight Traditional Latin Low Mass
Immaculate Heart of Mary (First Saturday)



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Saint John the Baptist Conference
president1svdp@gmail.com

Anyone needing the support of the Society or anyone wishing to donate, please call the Parish Office phone at 609-259-3391 or contact us through the SVdP email (president1svdp@gmail.com). Thank you for your continued generosity to those most in need.

A Prayer to Saint Joseph The Patron Saint of Fathers



**O holy Joseph, who are most powerful
in Heaven and on Earth, show us your protection;
no Grace is ever denied you in Heaven.
Look not upon our frailties,
but rather upon the merits of Him
to whom you were Father and Protector on Earth.
Grant us the Grace which we humbly implore of you.**

Amen.



The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost



Solemn High Mass

Very Rev. Michael Wallack, Celebrant
Mr. Philip Clingerman, Deacon
Mr. Salvatore Petro, Subdeacon

Mass Intention

Alvaro and Estela Alvarez (d)
requested by Joseph and Estela Siorek

Music Intention

In loving memory of Terry Novak (d)
requested by her Traditional Latin Mass friends

Lunch Convivium Schedule

We will not have a Convivium today, as it is Father's Day. Please join us downstairs in the Church Hall after Mass next Sunday afternoon for a wonderful lunch Convivium. There is no charge, and it is a great opportunity for fellowship and fun! We also invite you to visit our Traditional Latin Mass showcase, which offers many items for donation.

Here is our current Convivium schedule:

- Sunday, June 23: Regular Lunch Convivium
- Sunday, June 30: Regular Lunch Convivium
- Sunday, July 7: No Lunch Convivium (July 4th weekend)



Professional Recordings of our Sacred Music

We are very happy to announce that professional audio recordings of the sacred music from many of our most recent Traditional Latin Masses are now available on our YouTube page: "The Choirs of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church".

Additional liturgical and sacred music recordings from the past four years are also available on the page.

Enrollment in the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Sunday, July 14, 2024 at 2:00pm
(after the 12:30pm Solemn High Mass)

Scapulars will be provided.



The Sacred Music of the Mass

Processional:	Lift High the Cross	614
Sprinkling Rite:	Asperges Me	207
Troait:	<i>Dominus illuminatio mea</i>	
Kyrie:	Mass XI	117
Gloria:	Mass XI	118
Gradual:	<i>Propitius esto</i>	
Alleluia:	<i>Deus, qui sedes</i>	
Credo:	Credo I	212
Offertory:	<i>Illumina oculos</i>	
Offertory Motet:	A Prayer of Henry VI - Ley	
Sanctus:	Mass XI	119
Agnus Dei:	Mass XI	120
Communion:	<i>Dominus firmamentum</i>	
Communion Motet:	A New Song - MacMillan	
Recessional:	Salve Regina	739

We are grateful to our Sacred Music Director Peter Carter, our Schola Cantorum, and our Choristers for today's beautiful Sacred Music!

Today we are most honored to welcome world-renown composers and conductors Sir James MacMillan, Mr. Paul Jernberg, and Dr. Timothy McDonnell as they visit during their time as faculty for the Catholic Sacred Music Project's Composition, Choral and Conducting Institutes at Princeton University.

The **Catholic Sacred Music Project (CSMP)** was founded in 2021 by Peter Carter and Dr. McDonnell to provide spiritual and musical formation for Catholic musicians in order to effect a widespread renewal of sacred music in the Church. Through intensive encounters with leading musical artists and performing masterworks from the treasury of the Church's musical tradition, musicians are given the knowledge and skills they need to serve the Church more faithfully and to renew and develop its culture of sacred music. For more information, visit sacredmusicproject.org.

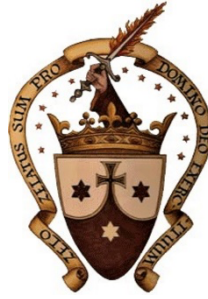


Peter Carter, Sir James MacMillan and Dr. Timothy McDonnell at CSMP's Choral Festival the Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul in Philadelphia in August 2021. Sir James MacMillan served as the principal conductor, and its concluding Mass was attended by over 2000 people and was broadcast on EWTN-TV.

JM+JT



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

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

READINGS:
1 PET 5:6-11
LK 15:1-10

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

*Dóminus inluminátio mea
et salus mea, quem timébo?
Dóminus defénsor vitæ meae,
a quo trepidábo?*

**The Lord is my light and salvation,
whom should I fear?
The Lord is the protector of my life:
Of whom shall I be afraid? Ps. 26:1-2**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, our Introit [entrance song] introduces us to a liturgy that reminds us to maintain an unshakeable faith in the providence of God, and to heed his call in all our affairs. We are to live life with zeal and joy, knowing that God has all of this life firmly in His hands. The Epistle is from the first letter of Paul to the Romans – with its message that the sufferings of our current human condition are nothing compared to the glory we are to receive in Heaven. Every creature ‘groaneth and travaileth in pain.’ This promise of future glory, however, does not keep us from seeking to perform whatever good we can do within this life; quite the contrary, we abide peacefully with the sufferings of this age as we seek out and perform the will of God in the building of His kingdom.

Is there any one of us who cannot identify with the Gospel of today? How many times have we set about tasks under our own direction, only to have them end up in a smoldering heap? When we experience the miraculous, we quite naturally identify with Peter – we are all sinful, falling short of the glory of God. But that is just fine. Dependence on the Master will lead us to superabundant results and to the glory that we have been promised. We go one way [fishing for fish], and then the good God steers us in another direction [fishing for souls]. Prayer is the conduit by which we gain God’s will for us.

Part of the Carmelite charism is to have utter dependence on God, and to the world this seems rather odd. ‘Why aren’t these people doing something?’ Why do they hide behind walls [i.e., our nuns]? The life of a Carmelite is one continuous prayer – we are doing something! The world thinks that prayer and dependence on God are a waste of time, but there are too many incidents of the efficacy of prayer to think otherwise. Life itself is miraculous, as are all the favors we have received from the loving hand of the Good Shepherd. To Jesus Christ be all glory forever!

*"Lord, You see how often I fail, but I am never astonished at it...
I enter into myself and say: 'Alas, I am at the first step as before!'
But I say this in great peace, without sadness,
because I know that You know perfectly how fragile is our nature
and You are always ready to help us. What, then shall I fear?
As soon as You see me fully convinced of my nothingness, You stretch out Your hand to me;
but if I should try to do something great, even under the pretext of zeal, You desert me.
So, all I have to do is to humble myself, to bear with meekness my imperfections.
Herein lies, for me, true holiness..."*



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**Memorial Blood Drive
Saturday, June 22, 2024
10:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.**

**Saint John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church
1282 Yardville – Allentown Road
Allentown, NJ 08501**

To schedule:

**log on to: redcross.org/blood
or call: **Graham Smith @ 609-902-1972****

2025 Saint John the Baptist: Mass Request Form

**Our 2025 Mass book is now open!
2025 Masses dated up to 1 year from today's date can be requested.
Post-dated forms will be returned.**

1. We can accept ONE REQUEST FORM PER FAMILY PER MONTH.
2. Two 2025 Masses can be requested per Form. The suggested Mass stipend is \$10 per Mass.
3. Due to the high demand for our weekend Masses, availability is on a first come, first served basis.
4. We are unable to accept any requests by phone or email.

Name of Person requesting the Mass(es): _____

Address of person requesting the Mass(es): _____

Best contact telephone number: _____

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

Mass #1: TODAY'S DATE: _____

2025 Date Requested: _____ Mass time _____

**Please stop here: Is the 2025 date you are requesting within 1 year of today's date?
If yes, continue to the next line. If no, we are not yet able to offer the Mass date you are requesting.**

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: TODAY'S DATE: _____

2025 Date Requested: _____ Mass time _____

**Please stop here: Is the 2025 date you are requesting within 1 year of today's date?
If yes, continue to the next line. If no, we are not yet able to offer the Mass date you are requesting.**

Mass intention is for: Deceased Living (circle choice)

Do you need a Mass card? Yes No (circle choice)

Name(s) for Mass intention: _____

You are welcome to visit our Parish Office during business hours to request a Mass intention in person. If you are unable to visit our Office, please print and complete this form, enclose the Mass stipend (checks made payable to St. John's Church) and place in the collection basket or mail to:

**St. John's Church: 2025 Mass Request
1282 Yardville-Allentown Road
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