

Saint John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church

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Christ in the Storm on the Sea of Galilee Rembrandt, 1633



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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Fifth Sunday after Pentecost June 23, 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: stjohnallentown@gmail.com Office Phone: 609-259-3391 Fax: 609-508-1407

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

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Holy Mass Schedule and Intentions

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Sunday, June 23	11:00 AM	Anna Grasso (d), requested by Rita Kocher People of the Parish Robert Byrne (d), requested by the Floyd and Schuster Families
Monday, June 24	7:00 PM	Cynthia Calvert (d), requested by Rita Kocher
Tuesday, June 25	8:00 AM	Carl A. Breccia (d), requested by David and Michele Hance
Wednesday, June 26		John and Elizabeth Parra (d), requested by John and Annarose Parra Father Michael Rowe (l), requested by Christa Stefanchik
Thursday, June 27	8:00 AM	Dave Lamorte (d), requested by Paul Jurik
Friday, June 28	8:00 AM	Eric Wietlisbach (l), requested by John and Emily Sparks
Saturday, June 29		Pauline Kohler (d), requested by Brother Joey Michael Argondizza (d), requested by Bob and Carol Pinto
Sunday, June 30	11:00 AM	Paul and Anna Kondas (d), requested by Carmen and Betty Severino John Kocher (d), requested by Rita Kocher People of the Parish

Saint John the Baptist Religious Education Registration for 2024-2025 is now open!

Registration for our 2024-2025 CCD Year is now open. Visit our Parish Website, StJohnRomanCatholic.org to follow the link for our online registration and payment page. 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. We are in need of catechists for our in-class option. For more information, please contact our Religious Education Coordinator, Mrs. Lauren Walters at sjbrccre@gmail.com or by phone at (609)259-3586.

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

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 memory of "Coach" John McKenna requested by St. John's Parish and the Office Staff

Weekly Collection

Sunday, June 16, 2024: \$ 9,592.00 June Maintenance and Repair: \$ 7,070.00 (as of 6/20) June Property and Casualty Insurance: \$ 1,384.00 (as of 6/20)

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,

Why did Jesus, who is God, and therefore all-powerful, allow Himself to fall asleep just when things were getting really tough, really scary, for His followers? This is a question we all have to face sooner or later. Maybe we won't be on a boat during a storm that threatens to sink us, but each one of us will run up against some kind of storm before we die. In fact, in this fallen world, it is safe to say that the storm is the norm. It may be the long and painful sickness of a loved one, the death of beloved child, damage caused by a family member's addictions and infidelities, the ravages of war, a debilitating natural disaster, financial ruin, or maybe just intense, heart-sickening loneliness.

Why does an all-powerful God go to sleep in our boats and let these storms rage against us? The Catechism tells us clearly that we will not understand God's ways fully until we meet Him face to face on the other side of death. [Catechism #324: The fact that God permits physical and even moral evil is a mystery that God illuminates by his Son Jesus Christ who died and rose to vanquish evil. Faith gives us the certainty that God would not permit an evil if he did not cause a good to come from that very evil, by ways that we shall fully know only in eternal life.]

But we can understand God's ways partially, if we understand God's agenda for our lives. God's agenda for our brief journey through earth isn't perfect comfort and unbroken pleasure. Rather, He wants us to achieve the wisdom, courage, joy, and inner balance of spiritual maturity. In other words, He wants us to get in shape for heaven. And that involves learning to trust in Him more than in ourselves, learning that we are not all-powerful. That's hard to learn, because it goes directly against the spiritual DNA we have all inherited from original sin. And so, sometimes, God goes to sleep in our boats and lets the storm rage, so that we will come to know and accept the reality of our limitations and the truth of our dependence on Him.

Peace,

Fr. Mike

Local Food Bank Donations for the Poor

Monthly food bank donations of nonperishable and nonexpired food are collected on the first weekend of each month. The next collection weekend will be July 6-7. Kindly place your donations in the containers that will be located at the three Church entrances. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.



Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church Knights of Columbus Council 7333

Email: AllentownKnights@gmail.com

Dear Brothers,

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 26.

Scholarship Awards

Our Council awarded scholarships last Sunday, June 16 to the following students:

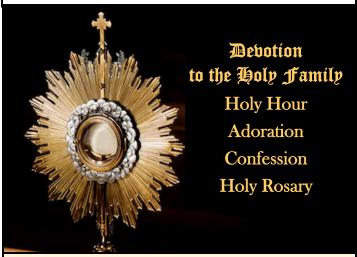


Sophia and Santo Vasta received the St. John's Award, Michael Accardi and Brandon Goddeyne received the Frank Longto Memorial Award, Thomas Kulpa received the Barbara Farrell Parson Memorial Award and Kathryn Cottrell received the Knights of Columbus Council #7333 Award.

The Vasta children will be attending Notre Dame in the fall, Michael Accardi will be attending Layfeyette College, Brandon and Thomas will both be attending Florida State University and Kathryn will be attending University of Tennessee. Congratulations to our Scholarship recipients!

Peace and Love!

Dan Nazzaro Grand Knight



Next Holy Hour: Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Our next Holy Hour with Adoration, the Rosary and Confession will be on Wednesday, June 26 from 5:45pm until Benediction at 6:45pm. The 7:00pm Traditional Latin Low Mass will follow Benediction.

The Sacred Music of the Mass Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is the strength of his people Kyrie: Mass XVI 100

Gloria: Heritage Mass

Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord
Gospel Acclamation: A great prophet has risen in our midst

Offertory Antiphon: Keep my footsteps firmly in your path
Offertory Hymn: O Lord, I Am Not Worthy 672

Sanctus: English Roman Missal Chant
Memorial Acclamation: English Roman Missal Chant
Agnus Dei: English Roman Missal Chant
Communion Chant: The eyes of all look to you, Lord

Communion Hymn: The Beatitudes - Proulx

Recessional: On Jordan's Bank 699

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.



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.

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.



Summertime and the Livin's Easy

by Bishop David M. O'Connell, C. M. June 17, 2024

Summer is a special time for family and friends by making time for them. No school! Picnics and barbecues; trips to the shore or mountains or wherever we enjoy some rest together; longer hours of daylight and star-filled nights; sitting outside, playing games, going to carnivals or summer concerts, taking long, leisurely walks or renewing healthy exercise to shed some winter pounds; gardening, picking strawberries or Jersey tomatoes and eating Jersey corn on the cob; doing lots of things or doing nothing in particular, summer is a time to slow down and realize how blessed we are by God, surrounded by those we love most who are truly gifts the Lord places in our lives.

Summer gives us an opportunity to pray without a lot of the usual distractions; to go to our parish church and celebrate God's presence a little more often, maybe during the week; to read some good books – perhaps something spiritual – to help nourish and strengthen our souls; to engage in conversations we may not otherwise have time for; to tell stories, share memories and laugh with one another, something we may not do enough!

I have to believe that when God created the world and time and the seasons, he gave us summer as a "pause that refreshes," again if we allow ourselves the time to pause. It is part of nature to soothe our human nature and ready ourselves for the long, busy months that follow.

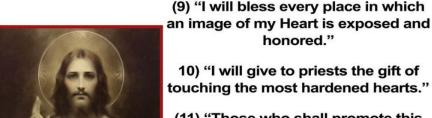
This summer, take the time, whether long or intermittent, to renew and refresh yourselves. You need it. It is a gift from God. Show your gratitude for this wonderful, amazing gift by using it with your families and friends, for your families and friends ... for yourselves.

Don't forget to get to confession, Mass and Holy Communion throughout the summer months. Life is always happier and better when we include the Lord Jesus in our plans.

May God bless you this summer with fun, relaxation, safety and the joy that renews your lives, your spirit and your faith.

The Promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary

- (1) "I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life."
- (2) "I will establish peace in their homes."
- (3) "I will comfort them in all their afflictions."
- (4) "I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death."
- (5) "I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings."
- (6) "Sinners will find in my Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy."
- (7) "Lukewarm souls shall become fervent."



(11) "Those who shall promote this

(8) Fervent souls shall quickly mount

to high perfection-

- devotion shall have their names written in my Heart."
- (12) "I promise you in the excessive mercy of my Heart that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in my disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. My divine Heart shall be

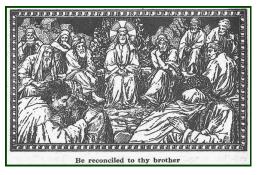
their safe refuge in this last moment."



The Diocese of Trenton Celebration of the Traditional Latin Mass



The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost



High Mass

Rev. Michael Barone, Celebrant

Mass Intention

Robert Byrne (d) requested by the Floyd and Schuster Families

Music Intention

In loving memory of Mark Cellura (d) requested by the TLM Family

Lunch Convivium Schedule

Please join us downstairs in the Church Hall after Mass today 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 30: Regular Lunch Convivium
 Sunday, July 7: No Lunch Convivium
 Sunday, July 14: Regular Lunch Convivium
 Sunday, July 21: Regular Lunch Convivium



Enrollment in the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Alt. Carmel Sunday, July 14, 2024 at 2:00pm (after the 12:30pm Solemn High Mass)

Scapulars will be provided.



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.

The Sacred Music of the Mass

On Jordan's Bank **Processional:** 699 **Sprinkling Rite:** Asperges Me 207 Introit: Exaudi Domine vocem meam Kvrie: Mass XI 117 Gloria: Mass XI 118 Gradual: Protector noster Alleluia: Domine, in virtute tua Credo: Credo I 212 Offertory: Benedicam Dominum Offertory Motet: Ut Queant Laxis Sanctus: Mass XI 119 Mass XI Agnus Dei: 120 Communion: Unam petii a Domino Communion Motet: The Beatitudes - Jernberg O Lord, I Am Not Worthy 672 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. The Salve Regina, our Recessional hymn, is also the seasonal Marian anthem.







MT 5:20-24



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



OHF John of the Cross

The Carmelite Corner

READINGS: THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 1 PET 3:8-15

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

Exáudi Dómine vocem meam, qua clamávi ad te: Hear, O Lord, my voice with which I have cried to Thee: Adjútor meus esto, ne derelínquas me, be Thou my helper, forsake me not, neque despícias me, Deus salutáris meus. Nor do Thou despise me, O God, my Savior. [Ps. 26:1]

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the Introit sets the theme of our dependence on God -He can do for us that we cannot do for ourselves - namely, to preserve us unto life everlasting. It is a plaintive cry of someone who is in distress, and fortunately knows to Whom to turn. Our Epistle of today is a difficult for the human being - we are kind of wired for "eye for an eye." Note how St. Peter tells us something rather different. We may suffer evil, but we are not to return it. Quite the opposite, we are called to render good to those who give us evil. This is a tough part of the Christian life, but essential, if one is to be a true follower of Jesus. Peter reminds us that the Lord will set Himself against evildoers - it is not in our preserve to do so. We have to trust the balance of justice and mercy that only God is qualified to mete out. The Gospel continues with the theme that we are to behave better than those of civil and Church authority, if they are behaving badly. Those who bear the name 'Christian' must be above the normal human condition in terms of justice. As in the case of the Epistle, we are bidden to seek out peace, even if it pains us. Our righteousness is to transcend that of the ordinary, if we are to be fully and authentically considered to be children of God. The Carmelite life is one of deep and profound prayer, a life that begs God to send us all peace and reconciliation. We pray and sacrifice for all who simply cannot or will not pray for themselves or for the good of humanity - we beg God that the world is not lost through sinful stubbornness of those who ignore the teaching of today's readings.

Throughout his life, Fr. Titus Brandsma O.Carm. was a man of forgiveness and reconciliation, even in the most complicated of situations. When he was Assistant Press Officer of the Catholic Press, he had to face the political instability predicated on the rise of the Nazi movement. Fr. Titus always demonstrated a willingness for dialogue, open to the pleas of all. Through this, he earned the nickname "the reconciler." Inevitably, through his resistance to the evil of Nazism, Fr. Titus was captured and sent to Dachau, the notorious concentration camp, where he was murdered by a lethal injection. Pope Francis canonized him a saint May 15, 2022. May Fr. Titus pray for us all to be heroic in virtue, always willing to forgive and to be reconciled. To Jesus Christ be all glory!

Lord, nothing here below can comfort me, neither creation, nor Heaven, nor earth, nor men, nor angels, nothing can give me the joy, the peace that I have lost in losing you, my God.

~ Quote of S. Mary of Jesus Crucified [Mariam Baouardy 'The Little Arab', 1846 -1878], OCD, V.



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):					
Best contact telephone number:					
Number of Masses requested (limit 2):	1	2	(ci	rcle choice)	
Mass #1: TODAY'S DATE:				_	
2025 Date Requested:]	Mass time	
If yes, continue to the next line. If no, we Mass intention is for:	ve are	e not yet Decea	able to	Living (circle choice)	ıg.
Do you need a Mass card? Name(s) for Mass intention:				(circle choice)	
Mass #2: TODAY'S DATE:				_	
2025 Date Requested:]	Mass time	
Please stop here: Is the 2025 da If yes, continue to the next line. If no, w Mass intention is for:	•		able to	ng within 1 year of today's date? o offer the Mass date you are requestin Living (circle choice)	ıg.
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 Allentown, NJ 08501



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