



Saint John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church

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

www.StJohnRomanCatholic.org

The Second Sunday of Lent



Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.

Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus.

Mark 9:2-4



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The Second Sunday of Lent February 25, 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

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

Saturday 9:00am - Noon

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Holy Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, February 24	8:00 AM 5:15 PM	John Paglughli (d), requested by Delia and Joseph Cicchetti Donna Madden (d), requested by Judi and Bob Giordano
Sunday, February 25	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM	Anthony Recine (d), requested by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gervasoni Marie Hagerman (d), requested by Rita Kocher People of the Parish
Monday, February 26	7:00 PM	Joseph Burek (d), requested by Kathleen Burek
Tuesday, February 27	8:00 AM	Sophie Pokusa (d), requested by Joanne Garofolo
Wednesday, February 28	8:00 AM 7:00 PM	John Benjamin Washington, Jr. (d), requested by Fred Balmer Jacquelyn and Andrew Bunce (l), requested by Michelle Lawrence
Thursday, February 29	8:00 AM	Helen Wiacek (d), requested by Claire Bruno
Friday, March 1	8:00 AM	For Peace in the World, requested by Margaret Longto
Saturday, March 2	8:00 AM 5:15 PM	Deceased members of the Lupo and Havardansky Families (d), requested by Mike and Gloria Havardansky People of the Parish
Sunday, March 3	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM	Elizabeth Reimer (d), requested by Lawrence and Rhea Reimer Vittorio A. Giglio (d), requested by Joan Giglio Danuta Milewska (l), requested by Edward and Agnieszka Rogacki

LENT

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Fridays in Lent

All Fridays in Lent are days of Abstinence (no meat) for those age 14 and over. In addition, Good Friday (March 29) is also a day of fasting.

Lenten Friday Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction and Confessions

Please join us for Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction at 7pm in the Church on Lenten Fridays (there will not be Benediction on Good Friday). **Confessions will be heard after Benediction, except on March 1: on Friday, March 1, confessions will be heard beginning at 10pm, during the First Friday Vigil of Reparation.**

Stations of the Cross Video and Booklet

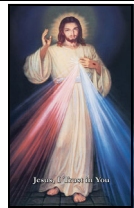
Visit our Parish website, StJohnRomanCatholic.org for the link to our **Stations of the Cross pre-recorded video and booklet**. Those unable to join us for Stations of the Cross in Church are invited to pray this beautiful devotion throughout the season of Lent while viewing our video.

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament



Every Monday from Noon until Benediction at 6:45pm
The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass follows at 7:00pm

All are invited to come and spend time with our Lord! For information, contact Margaret Longto at 609-259-2859.



First Friday Divine Mercy Chaplet

Friday, March 1, 2024
3:00pm in Church

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

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FIRST FRIDAY/FIRST SATURDAY TWO HEARTS VIGIL OF REPARATION

Friday, March 1, 2024

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

Saturday, March 2, 2024

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



A Note From Our Pastor

My Dear Parishioners,

We celebrate the second week of Lent and hopefully we are holding fast with our Lenten penances. These penances are meant not to leave us frustrated if we fail, but are meant to help us train our will through mortification. It is meant to lead us to be able to seek the will of God and have the discipline and courage to execute it. In our First reading, we see in Abraham the practice of obedience of faith. He trusted God completely and is a great model of faith. God said to him, "and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing-all this because you obeyed my command."

Saint Augustine reminds us of the call of the Lord to deny ourselves and to come after him, "How hard and painful does this appear! The Lord has required that "whoever will come after him must deny himself." But what He commands is neither hard nor painful when He himself helps us in such a way so that the very thing He requires may be accomplished.... For whatever seems hard in what is enjoined, love makes easy." Our Lord is only asking for what we would readily do for those we love; think of the sacrifices we make for our family.

Pope Saint John Paul II once said, "My beloved Savior, how much do I owe you! If only I had never offended you. Pardon me all my wrongs. In flame me with your love and save me in eternity. How can I be afraid that I will not receive forgiveness, salvation and every grace from an omnipotent God who has given me all his blood?" May we always remember that the Lord is slow to anger and compassionate and his mercy endures for ever.

Peace,
Fr. Mike

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 Bernice (Bunny) Kniesler (d), requested by Friends of the Family

Weekly Collection

Sunday, February 18, 2024: \$9,424.00
February Maintenance and Repair: \$2,821.00 (as of 2/23)
February Property and Casualty: \$1,808.00 (as of 2/23)

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



Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church Knights of Columbus Council 7333

Email: AllentownKnights@gmail.com

Dear Brothers,

The Knights continue to lead the **Holy Rosary** at the Wednesday Holy Hour from 5:45 to 6:45pm. All are invited to attend and participate. The next Holy Hour will be on February 28.

Peace and Love!

Dan Nazzaro, Grand Knight



Please join us in the **Knights Hall** on Saturdays!

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

LENTEN RETREAT

Sponsored by TMIY

Enter into the **Mysteries of Christ**
and **Rediscover the Power of the Rosary**

An authentic encounter with Christ leads to our transformation and sanctification. *Mysteries of the Rosary* integrates deeply reflective insights on the life of Christ, theological truths, and captivating stories together with breathtaking scenery, illuminating sacred art and inspiring music. My filming on location in the Holy Land, our aspiration is to make the Rosary come alive in the hearts and minds of the participants. Encounters with Christ in the episodes and discussions will lead to even deeper encounters with Him in personal prayer and contemplation.

Time: 7:00PM

Dates: February 29, March 7, 14 and 21

Location: The Knights Hall, located in the basement of the Parish Office. The outdoor entrance is in the left rear corner of the Office.

All are welcome to join us every Thursday in Lent as we explore the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary from the actual locations in the Holy Land. The video is presented by Paradisus Dei (TMIY). The recitation of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary will follow the presentation.

Please contact Jim Hannon at 609-577-4643 with questions about this spiritually-enriching opportunity.

Local Food Bank Donations

Monthly food bank donations of nonperishable and non-expired food are collected on the first weekend of each month. **The next collection will be March 2-3.** Containers will be available for your donations at all of the entrances to the Church. Thank you for your continued generosity to this important outreach to those most in need.

The Sacred Music of the Mass Second Sunday of Lent

Entrance Antiphon:	Of you my heart has spoken	
Kyrie:	Mass XVII	121
Responsorial Psalm:	I will walk before the Lord	
Gospel Acclamation:	From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard	
Offertory Antiphon:	I will ponder your statutes	
Offertory Hymn:	Jesus, Remember Me	595
Sanctus:	Mass XVIII	101
Memorial Acclamation:	Latin Roman Missal Chant	102
Agnus Dei:	Mass XVII	123
Communion Chant:	Tell no one the vision you have seen	
Communion Hymn:	Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days	625
Recessional:	When I survey the Wondrous Cross	830



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

Next Holy Hour: Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Our next Holy Hour will be on Wednesday, February 28 from 5:45pm until Benediction at 6:45pm. The 7:00pm Traditional Latin Low Mass will follow Benediction.



Saint John the Baptist Fifty Plus Club

It's that time of the year to once again celebrate Saint Patrick's Day. We will meet at LaPiazza at 1pm on **Wednesday, March 13 for our traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage Luncheon.** It will consist of salad, pasta purses with pesto sauce, corned beef, cabbage, Irish soda bread, chicken with veggies, soda, coffee and cake. WOW! The cost will be only \$38/person.

With the cancellation of the February meeting, you must now call Jack Parra at 609-585-2115 to sign up for the luncheon. Please work with Jack to arrange payment.

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.

Lent, 2024

Dear Parishioners,

At every Mass, we are familiar with seeing the red book, called the Missal, used by the priest to celebrate Mass. This is one of the liturgical books alongside the Lectionary which contains all the scriptural readings. Another liturgical book which is less familiar is called the Gradual. This book contains all of the liturgical music published by the Vatican to be sung during the Mass. The music in this book contains what are called the Propers, that is, the sung scriptural texts sung during the Entrance, the Offertory, and Communion (proper or unique to each Mass), as well as what is called the Ordinary: the Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, and Agnus Dei (what is ordinary or the same for each Mass).

It is perhaps surprising to some Catholics that even though the Church permits the Mass to be celebrated entirely in vernacular languages, She still encourages Latin to be used in the Mass *alongside* the vernacular. In fact, Vatican II states that “Particular law remaining in force, the use of the Latin language is to be preserved in the Latin rites” (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, paragraph 36). The same document goes further, stating that “steps should be taken so that the faithful may also be able to say or to sing together in Latin those parts of the Ordinary of the Mass which pertain to them.” (SC. Para. 54)

Eleven years later, in 1974, the *Jubilate Deo* chants were published by the Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship and given to every bishop throughout the world to provide what was called “the minimum repertoire of Gregorian chants” to be sung in every parish church and cathedral of the Roman Rite. These chants were given “in response to a desire which the Holy Father had frequently expressed, that all the faithful should know at least some Latin Gregorian chants, such as, for example, the “*Gloria*”, the “*Credo*”, the “*Sanctus*”, and the “*Agnus Dei*.” (The “Kyrie” is Greek, not Latin).

During our celebration of Lent this year, we will be seeking to implement a part of this vision of Vatican II by singing the Sanctus, Memorial Acclamation, and Agnus Dei in Latin at all our weekend Masses. Even if the Latin is unfamiliar (or even if you personally dislike it for your own reasons), I invite you to open your hearts and minds to these beautiful and sacred texts. With time, these chants will become easier and more familiar. The style of chant may seem strange and different than other kinds of music but therein lies the key to its sacredness – it is a musical style set apart for divine worship! In fact, the Church’s tradition of Gregorian chant descends from the tradition of Jewish chanting in the Temple of Jerusalem. The chants we will be singing have been sung by generations of saints and some of these chant hymns have even been written by saints!

I hope you will be open to learning and singing these beautiful and sacred chants and that you allow them to lift up your hearts and voices in the praise of God at Mass. To help you in learning them, I have put together a playlist of some videos which you can watch by scanning the QR code below on your smartphone or by typing in this url link: <https://rb.gy/6u7w8a>. Please don’t hesitate to approach me with your thoughts or questions. I am here to serve you and all the members of our community.

May God bless you always,

Peter Carter
Director of Sacred Music



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
Saint John the Baptist Conference
president1svdp@gmail.com

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). Thank you to all of our parishioners for your continued support!



**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, March 9, 2024**

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



DIOCESE OF TRENTON
2024 Annual Catholic Appeal

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Love · Faith · Family



**This is the launch weekend
for the 2024 Diocese of Trenton Annual Catholic Appeal!**

Each year, the Bishop seeks the support of all the members of the Diocese to further the work of important ministries. Information on this year's Annual Catholic Appeal is available at all Church entrances and on our Parish website, StJohnRomanCatholic.org.



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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

DIOCESE OF TRENTON

701 LAWRENCEVILLE ROAD
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08648

February 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today, I invite you to be a part of something truly special—the Annual Catholic Appeal! This year's theme, "One Love, One Faith, One Family," mirrors the teachings of Christ and resonates with the wisdom of Colossians: *"And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity"* (Colossians 3:14). This profound and perfect love reinforces our shared belief in one God, inspiring us to become pillars of compassion and support for each other.

A gift to the appeal becomes a lifeline for families in need, supports the education of our youth in the faith, and empowers individuals on their journey to become religious leaders, such as Deacons and Catechists, serving our parishes and communities with wisdom and faith. Your support also sustains our retired priests, allowing them to continue offering guidance, and provides essential resources to our Catholic school principals and teachers, ensuring an education grounded in faith and values.

May God bless you abundantly for your generosity and commitment to our church. Join us on this journey, hand in hand, as we embody the spirit of "One Love, One Faith, One Family."

With every good wish, I remain

Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M.
Bishop of Trenton

DIOCESE OF TRENTON
MERCER COUNTY STATIONAL CHURCHES
LENT, 2024

Please join us for our 7:00pm Mass on Monday, February 26 as we are joined by many visitors from the Diocese!



St. John the Baptist Church, Allentown, is the fourth on the list of the 2024 Station Churches of Mercer County. Mass will be celebrated here on Monday, February 26 at 7p.m.

Schedule for 2024 Station Churches of Mercer County

- Feb. 16 – 7 p.m., St Joseph Church, 540 North Olden Ave., Trenton
- Feb. 20 – 6 p.m., St. Anthony of Padua Church, 251 Franklin St., Hightstown
- Feb. 22 – 7 p.m., St. Paul Church, 216 Nassau St., Princeton
- Feb. 26 – 7 p.m., St. John the Baptist Church, 1282 Yardville-Allentown Rd., Allentown**
- Feb. 27 – 7 p.m., St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral, 151 North Warren St., Trenton
- Feb. 28 – 7 p.m., Incarnation Church, 1545 Pennington Rd., Ewing
- Feb. 29 – 7 p.m., Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 3816 East State St. Ext., Hamilton
- March 5 – 7 p.m., St. David the King Church, 1 New Village Rd., Princeton Junction
- March 6 – 7 p.m., St. James Church, 11 E Paul Ave., Trenton
- March 7 – 7 p.m., Holy Cross Church, 227 Adeline St., Trenton
- March 8 – 6 p.m., Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 137 W. Upper Ferry Rd., West Trenton
- March 11 – 7 p.m., St. George Church, 1370 River Rd., Titusville
- March 13 – 7 p.m., St. Anthony Church, 626 S Olden Ave., Trenton
- March 14 – 7 p.m., St. Joachim Church, 19 Bayard St., Trenton
- March 19 – 7 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 343 South Broad St., Trenton,
- March 21 – 7 p.m., St. Ann Church, 1253 Lawrence Rd., Lawrenceville
- March 22 – 7 p.m., St. Raphael Church, 3500 South Broad St., Hamilton
- March 25 – St. Robert Bellarmine Co-Cathedral, 61 Georgia Rd., Freehold (Mass of Chrism at 7:30 p.m.)

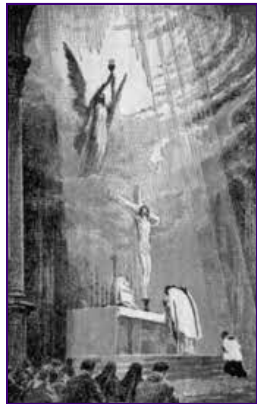
From the Trenton Monitor, February 2024:

Faithful of the Diocese and beyond are welcomed to spend part of their Lenten observance by going on a local pilgrimage in Mercer County. Once again, the Catholic parishes in Mercer County are adapting a centuries-old Roman tradition that traces its roots as far back as the late second and early third century by inviting others to visit their churches and celebrate evening Mass during Lent. It had been the practice that every year during Lent, Catholics living in Rome made an ancient pilgrimage to the basilicas and churches located throughout the city. A different “station church” was designated each day for Catholics from around the city to gather for Mass early in the morning as a visible reminder of the unity of the Church.

Looking ahead to the start of the 2024 pilgrimage, which is set to begin February 16, Msgr. Dennis Apoldite, sees it as an “opportunity for us to glean a bit of history as we make our way to the various churches throughout the county. As we move from church to church, we can imagine the thousands of people who have journeyed to these churches especially during the Lenten season to offer the prayer and worship. We can unite our prayers with theirs and join our voices with this great crowd of witnesses who over the past 200 years have found many ways to give glory to God, and public witness to their Catholic faith,” said Msgr. Apoldite, who is pastor of Sacred Heart Parish and Episcopal Vicar of Mercer County. Msgr. Apoldite reflected on the Mercer County parishes that are participating in the 2024 pilgrimage, saying that each church has a special history and its own particular treasures. “Each has been the place of Baptisms, Confirmations, weddings, funerals and a place where countless numbers have encountered God,” he said, noting that the churches are welcome to plan their evening as they wish. Extending an invitation to all prospective pilgrims, Msgr. Apoldite said, “Join in as many visits you are able and ask God’s blessing upon on all who journey with you during this Lenten pilgrimage of 2024.”



The Second Sunday of Lent



Solemn High Mass

V. Rev. Michael Wallack, Celebrant
Mr. Philip Clingerman, Deacon
Mr. John Rotondi, Subdeacon

Mass Intention

The People of the Parish
(*Pro Populo*)

Music Intention

In memory of Veronica Hustak (d)
requested by Friends of the Family

The Sacred Music of the Mass

Processional:	Forty Days and Forty Nights	526
Sprinkling Rite:	Asperges Me	207
Introit:	<i>Reminiscere</i>	
Kyrie:	Mass XVII	121
Gradual:	<i>Tribulationes cordis mei</i>	
Tract:	<i>Confitemini Domino</i>	
Credo:	Credo III	213
Offertory:	<i>Meditabor in mandatis tuis</i>	
Offertory Motet:	Parce Domine- Giffen	
Sanctus:	Mass XVII	122
Agnus Dei:	Mass XVII	123
Communion:	<i>Intellige clamorem meum</i>	
Communion Motet:	Stabat Mater- Pergolesi	
Marian Anthem:	Ave Regina Caelorum	443
Recessional:	O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair	687

Lunch Convivium Today

Please join us after Mass today for a wonderful lunch Convivium downstairs in the Church Hall! There is no charge, and it is a great opportunity for fellowship and fun. Be sure to visit the showcase for Traditional Latin Mass missals, mantillas, books, rosaries and more.

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



SPRING MANTILLA SALE

Next Sunday, March 3, 2024
2:00pm (after Mass)
During the Lunch Convivium
in the Church Hall

Don't miss this special sale of over 200 beautiful mantillas in many different colors and styles. Mantillas will be \$10 each or 3 for \$20. This sale is sponsored by our Maidens of the Miraculous Medal.

Mater Ecclesiae Parish and Rev. Robert Pasley, our friends in Tradition in Berlin, NJ (in the Diocese of Camden), will be having their annual **Saint Patrick's Day Celebration** on Saturday, March 9. Tickets are now on sale and are available on a "first come-first served" basis. Please see the ad below for contact and ticket information.

Lent and the Traditional Latin Mass

The Gloria

The Gloria is too joyful for this penitential season so it is absent from the Lenten Masses. It is, however, used on feast days, which are few.

The Alleluia

The absence of the Alleluia, which is a sign of our exile from our heavenly home, continues from Septuagesima until the glorious Easter Vigil.

Organ and Flowers

In order to create an atmosphere proper to the season, the Altar is not decorated with flowers. Additionally, the organ is not to be used unless it is necessary. However, on Laetare Sunday and on feasts, these restrictions are lifted

Proper Masses and Preface

Each day of Lent has a "Proper Mass" assigned to it. These Proper Masses have unique prayers, readings and chants. For most of Lent, the Lenten Preface is used. This Preface focuses on the fruits caused by God in us through the fasting (or works of penance) we have undertaken: the curbing of vices, the lifting up of the mind, and the bestowal of strength and rewards.

Drawn from various sources by Fr. William Rock, FSSP

LUCKY you!

MATER ECCLESIAE

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY EVENT

Saturday, March 9th

FROM 6:30-10:30PM
DOORS OPEN 6PM

ADULTS 21 & OLDER \$40
CHILDREN 12 TO 20 \$25

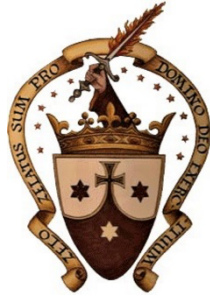
TICKETS MUST BE PAID FOR BEFORE EVENT
ONLY 250 TICKETS AVAILABLE!
TICKET SALE STARTS JAN. 22ND

TRADITIONAL IRISH BUFFET
OPEN BAR (21 & OLDER)
BASKET AUCTION
50/50 AND DJ
SPECIAL APPEARANCE:
FRALINGER STRING BAND

QUESTIONS AND TICKETS CONTACT
(856)596-7627 or angel.kisses@comcast.net



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:
1 THESS 4:1-7
MT 17:1-9

TEMPUS QUADRAGESIMÆ HEBDOMADA SECUNDA – LENT II

Ÿ. Praised be Jesus Christ...

Ṛ. Now and forever!

*Reminiscere miseratiónum tuárum, Dómine,
et misericórdiæ tuæ, quæ a sæculo sunt:
ne umquam dominéntur nobis inimíci nostri: libera nos,
Deus Israë! ex ómnibus angústiiis nostris.*

*Remember, O Lord, Thy bowels of compassion,
and Thy mercies that are from the beginning
of the world, lest at any time our enemies rule over
us: deliver us, O God of Israel, from all our tribulations.
[Ps 24: 15-16]*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the second Sunday of Lent is referred to as “Transfiguration Sunday.” We jump forward to an event shortly before Our Lord’s passion. While on earth, Jesus Christ chose to withhold His glory, but in our Gospel, Jesus reveals the brilliance of this heavenly glory to the disciples and to us. The Transfiguration gives us fuller appreciation of the divine condescension of Jesus Christ becoming man. Contrast the glory of this passage with the canticle from the letter to the Philippians which speaks about the κένωσις [*kenosis* = “emptying”] of the glory which was His. “...But emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men, and in habit found as a man. He humbled himself, becoming obedient unto death, even to the death of the cross.” Not only as a man, but the role of a slave. For those who persevere until the end will see this glorification.

In the reading from I Thessalonians, practical instruction is given to how the members of the Church at Thessaloniki should conduct themselves, especially avoiding fornication; as Christians, they are supposed to be something different and ‘better’ than the Gentiles. But there is deeper meaning here; Christ is the Bridegroom, and the Church is the Bride – we are to be faithful to the Bridegroom. So, in a sense, any sin is adultery of the Christian soul against God [viz., fornication]. If we wish to attain to the glory that is shown in the Transfiguration, with determination, we empty ourselves of anything sinful.

OHF Saint John of the Cross endured betrayal by his fellow friars, being consigned to an eight-month ordeal of solitary confinement. John conformed himself to the cross of Christ in the midst of suffering, growing in sanctity, embracing the ‘beauty of the Cross’ – he also was captivated by the transfigured beauty of Christ. With such bad treatment, some folks would be bitter; John responded by writing the most exalted poetry of the 16th century. As did the disciples and John, we draw strength from the Transfiguration. We can proceed through Holy Lent with confidence, for we know what awaits at the end of the story.

To Jesus Christ be all glory!

*“That I be so transformed in your beauty, that we may be alike in beauty,
and both behold ourselves in your beauty, possessing then your very beauty;
this, in such a way that each looking at the other may see in the other their own beauty,
since both are your beauty alone, I being absorbed in your beauty;
hence, I shall see myself in you in your beauty, and you will see yourself in me in your beauty;
that I may resemble you in your beauty, and you resemble me in your beauty,
and my beauty be your beauty and your beauty my beauty;
wherefore I shall be you in your beauty, and you will be me in your beauty,
because your very beauty will be my beauty; and thus we shall behold each other in your beauty “*

~ from “Spiritual Canticle” stanza XXXI

~ OHF S. John of the Cross [Juan de Yepes y Álvarez ~ 1542-1591] OCD, C.,D.

*Lord, when did we see You hungry
and feed You....*



***Thank You Saint John's!
You Did It Again!***

Thanks To Your Generosity, Several of Our
Parishioners And Our Knights Of
Columbus Council Distributed Over 500
Meals And Gave Out Well In Excess of 200
Pairs of Socks To The Needy Of Trenton

This year, in addition to providing 400 hot meals to the needy guests at The Cathedral of St. Mary, you also enabled us to deliver an additional 120 hot meals to the Trenton Reading Senior Citizen Center.

Along with the Baked Ziti with Meat Sauce that you prepared and delivered to us, we also served Green Bean Salad, cake and cookies!

Also, many of the guests have warm and dry feet thanks to the socks you donated.

Well done St John's! Well done!

SARUM VESPERS + BENEDICTION



AT THE PRINCETON UNIVERSITY CHAPEL

FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024 AT 7 PM

PRECEDED BY A LECTURE ON THE USE OF SARUM AT 6 PM

First Vespers of St. Chad of Mercia

Music will include the Sarum Litany of Saints

O Sacrum Convivium by Thomas Tallis

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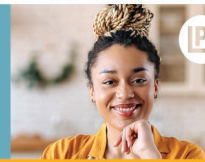
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