



Saint John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church

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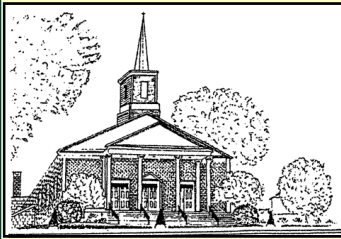
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The Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist



“What do you suppose that I am? I am not He. Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of His feet.”

Acts 13:25



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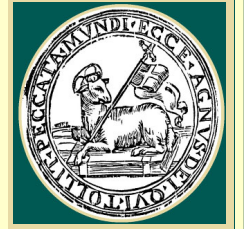
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Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Patronal Feast of the Parish

June 28, 2020



Holy Mass Schedule

Following the directives issued by the Diocese of Trenton, Public Masses in the Church with limited attendance began on Sunday, June 14, 2020. Please see StJohnRomanCatholic.org for the most current schedule.

Sacrament of Confession

The Sacrament is available by request and as announced on our website. You are also invited to contact Fr. Wallack by email at any time at FrMikeWallack@gmail.com.

Contact Information

The Parish Office is currently closed to visitors but our staff will be happy to respond to your messages by phone or email.

Kindly contact us as indicated below:

Office Email: stjohnallentown@optonline.net

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

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

Clergy and Parish Staff

Reverend Michael Wallack, Pastor
Email: FrMikeWallack@gmail.com

Mr. Joseph Hepp, Deacon
Email: jjhepp@yahoo.com

Mr. Michael Scannella, Deacon
Email: sfscdeacon@gmail.com

Deacon Assisting at the Extraordinary Form of the Mass
Mr. Guido Mattozzi

Mrs. Dorothy Conway, Business Manager
Email: sjbbusiness@optimum.net

Mrs. Lauren Walters, Coordinator of Religious Education
Email: sjbRelEd@optimum.net
Phone: (609)259-3586

Mr. Peter Carter, Director of Music
Email: sjbmusicdirector@gmail.com

Mrs. Jo-Anne Ruff, Bookkeeper/Cemetery Coordinator
Email: sjbbookkeeper@optimum.net
Phone: (609)508-1715

Holy Mass Intentions (these intentions will be honored, whether in a public or private Mass)

Saturday, June 27	8:00 AM 5:15 PM	Ricardo Yglesias Martinez (d) requested by the Yglesias Family Rev. David Adams (d), requested by the Luchtman Family
Sunday, June 28	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM	Hildegarde O'Connor (d), requested by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Diszler Loretta McLaughlin Kulick (d), requested by Brian McLaughlin Joseph Accardi (l), requested by Catherine Taraba
Monday, June 29	7:00 PM	Charles and Caroline Faber, requested by Bob and Pat Faber
Tuesday, June 30	8:00 AM	People of the Parish
Wednesday, July 1	8:00 AM	Jennie DiBella, requested by Josie Clark
Thursday, July 2	8:00 AM	Ricardo Yolesias Martinez (d), requested by the Yglesias Family
Friday, July 3	8:00 AM	Rev. John V. Bowden (d), requested by the Pellini Family
Saturday, July 4	8:00 AM 5:15 PM	Theresa Maloney, requested by Mary and Johathan Rudin Robert and Faye Rottkamp, requested by the Kniesler Family
Sunday, July 5	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM	Hildegarde O'Connor, requested by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bellanca John Kocher, requested by Rita Kocher Frank Enderlein, requested by Judy Enderlein

Temporary Church and Public Mass Schedule

The Public Masses listed below have limitations on attendance, following the detailed directives posted on our website and issued by the Diocese of Trenton.

Sunday, June 28

10:00am Public Mass (Ordinary Form)
12:30pm Public Mass (Extraordinary Form)

Monday, June 29

7:00pm Public Mass

The Church is open for prayer from Noon until 5:00pm.

Tuesday, June 30

8:00am Public Mass

The Church is open for prayer from Noon until 5:00pm.

Wednesday, July 1

8:00am Public Mass

The Church is open for prayer from Noon until 5:00pm.

Thursday, July 2

8:00am Public Mass

The Church is open for prayer from Noon until 5:00pm.

Friday, July 3

8:00am Public Mass (Extraordinary Form)

The Church is open for prayer from Noon until 5:00pm.

Saturday, July 4

8:00am Public Mass

The Church is open for prayer from Noon until 5:00pm.

The 5:15pm Mass will be live-streamed (Mass not public).

Please visit our website for the live-stream link.

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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 the intentions of George Taraba, Sr.
Requested by friends of the Taraba Family*

Weekly Collection

We are sincerely grateful for all of the donations that we have received at our "in Church" Masses, electronically through Online Giving, through the postal mail and through direct drop-off to both of our campus mailboxes as of Saturday, June 27 at 6:00pm:

Sunday, June 21, 2020: \$6,407.00

Donations can be placed in the baskets during the Sunday Masses, mailed or dropped off in the secure black mailbox in front of the Religious Education building. The **Online Giving** option is popular as well, which allows a donation using your debit card, credit card or bank account. Please see our website, StJohnRomanCatholic.org for information.



A Note From Our Pastor

My Dear Parishioners,

We are very blessed this weekend to celebrate the Nativity of our Parish Patron - Saint John the Baptist! It has been a wonderful week here, especially since on this past Wednesday, (June 24, the actual date of the Feast) we actually celebrated a Baptism here in the Church, keeping in mind the important mission of our Patron.

The mission given to Saint John the Baptist was to prepare the way for our Savior. He lived his whole life in complete humility, never trying to be like God, but to announce to others the coming of Christ, the true Lamb of God, through a baptism of repentance. Saint John was a major prophet, the last of the Old Testament prophets, and his posture was always one of great humility. He was not jealous or upset that he was not the Savior; the mission of his whole life was one of preparation for the One to come.

Saint John the Baptist called all to repentance, but for us, this repentance means not just admitting our failures, but to lift up our hearts to God in humility and love. We need to approach God in all humility, in the same way that Saint John approached God. Here in our Church, we approach God in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, knowing that we are all in need of a Savior and that we are not Him. We need to lift up our hearts to God, as we pray in the Preface of the Mass; we are to humbly lift up our hearts as we offer the Perfect Sacrifice to the Father. Saint John the Baptist never lived to see the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, but he lived his life as a complete offering to God.

Our Lord himself spoke these words about our Patron Saint:

"This is he of whom it is written 'Behold I send my messenger before your face, who shall prepare your way before you.' Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has risen no one greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he!"

Matthew 11:10-11

As the witness of Saint John the Baptist's life proclaimed in his time, our world today needs to hear that same truth, that we all must humble ourselves before God, Who alone is all love, all truth and all joy. Saint John the Baptist, pray for us!

Peace,
Fr. Mike



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

Email: AllentownKnights@gmail.com

Monthly Business Meetings

The Knights of Columbus Business Meetings are continuing in a virtual fashion (until further notice).



SAVE THE DATE!
**Msgr. Toomey 16th Annual
Charity Golf Outing
Monday, September 28, 2020**

The Knights of Columbus Council #7333 is sponsoring our annual golf outing! Please join us at the Old York Country Club, a Gary Player designed signature course in Chesterfield, NJ! Player limit of 120 golfers. More details will follow.

Knights of Columbus - Lead with Faith

We are Catholic men, sons, fathers, husbands, and grandfathers, informed by Faith and serving those in need. Men with purpose and meaning called to lead, to protect, to serve and defend. Becoming a Knight does not require a major commitment of time, but a desire to discover the man God called you to be. Throughout the year the Knights host events that benefit our local community, any contribution of your time at any of these events makes a difference. If you are interested in the Knights of Columbus, please contact me, or scan the QR code below.

Eugene Stabulis, Grand Knight



SCAN CODE AND JOIN NOW!
Specify Council 7333
www.kofc.org/joinus

ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2020

We are grateful to all who have contributed to the 2020 Diocese of Trenton Annual Catholic Appeal. As of Monday, June 22, 2020, the parishioners of Saint John the Baptist have contributed \$24,092 to the Appeal, which represents 60% of our Parish goal of \$40,000. God bless you for your generosity!

**2020 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN EXTENDED !**

Please Note:

Due to the COVID -19 pandemic, St. John's Council 7333 will be awarding academic scholarships to the Class of 2020 in November. **The deadline for applications has also been extended to November 1, 2020.** If you have any questions please contact Jerry Iacona at 609-581-3744 or Bob Diszler at 609-259-9330.

Saint John's Council 7333 will be awarding academic scholarships. These awards are sponsored by Council 7333, St. John's Church and families who have dedicated a scholarship to the memory of a loved one. These include Mrs. Salvatore J. Damiano Jr., Mrs. Nicholas Ilijic, Mrs. Frank J. Longto and Mr. William Kristoff.

High school seniors who are registered members of Saint John's Parish are eligible to apply. Scholarship applications are available on our website (StJohnRomanCatholic.org) and can also be mailed to you from the Parish Office (please call 609-259-3391 and leave message with your name and address).

Completed applications should be sent to Jerry Iacona, 29 Krueger Lane, Hamilton, NJ 0820-2410. If you have any questions or would like to donate a scholarship, please contact Jerry Iacona at 609-581-3744 or Bob Diszler at 609-259-9330.



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

Regular meetings are temporarily suspended.
Emergency case meetings will be coordinated as needed.
Home visits are suspended as well.
Neighbor visits will be conducted at a site to be announced, where controls can be put in place.

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).

Your gift to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul brings joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness to the hurting hearts of the poor. We are a 501c3 non-profit organization and gifts are tax deductible. Anyone needing the support of the Society or anyone wishing to donate, please call the Parish Office at 609-259-3391.



**Help the St. Vincent de Paul Society!
Help the Poor! No Cost Perpetual Fundraiser!**

Gift cards are also for sale by calling the Parish Office. You can also pre-order at: president1svdp@gmail.com



Even a pandemic cannot stop us from helping others.

The first 100 gentlemen to sign up will receive a free membership for the remainder of the calendar year. All others will receive 50% off their membership using the code **NJKOFC**.



Find us at: KofC.org/JoinUs



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Backpack Project 2020

Dear Parishioners:

It is our hope that we will again be able to continue the wonderful backpack project that has helped to provide essential school supplies to so many children in need over the past 22 years! We look forward to providing backpacks with school supplies for the fall to clients of Catholic Charities in the Trenton area as well as in our immediate area. Over these many years, our Parish has provided the empty backpacks and parishioners were invited to take an empty backpack home and return it with school supplies needed by the children. These backpacks were then distributed to needy families.

Due to present COVID-19 restrictions, we are currently unable to schedule the distribution or collection of the backpacks. However, we would like to present the yearly list of items that are always needed by the children, so that these items can be purchased by parishioners as they are available. We are currently in the process of determining the timing for this year's backpack project, and we are tentatively targeting the month of August for the distribution (and collection) of the backpacks. Much will depend on the schedule of the reopening of the Church and the regulations on public gatherings.

If you would like to help with our 2020 Backpack Project, the list of supplies is noted below. **Please continue to check the bulletin and our website for the most current status of this wonderful effort!**

Elementary School Supplies

- 6 pencils with erasers
- 2 ball point pens
- 3 erasers
- 2 spiral notebooks
- 3 pocket folders
- 1 ruler- metric and standard
- 8 washable markers
- 1 box 24 crayons
- 1 box colored pencils
- 1 safety scissors
- 1 pencil case
- 1 glue stick

Middle School Supplies

- 6 pencils with erasers
- 6 ball point pens
- 1 large eraser
- 6 spiral notebooks
- 6 pocket folders
- 3 red pens
- 3 highlighters
- 2 3-ring binders (1")
- 1 pack 3 hole loose leaf paper
- 1 pencil case

(All items gender neutral please!)

Our 2021 Saint John the Baptist Parish Mass Book opened on April 22, 2020.

Although our Parish Office remains closed during the state of emergency, we will be able to accept 2021 Mass intention requests **BY MAIL**. We are not able to accept requests by phone or email at the present time. Please note the following:

1. Requests at this time are limited to **ONE REQUEST FORM PER FAMILY PER MONTH**.
2. Families can request up to three 2021 Masses per Form. The suggested Mass stipend is \$10 per Mass.
3. The specific date and Mass time requests are available on a first come-first serve basis. Our Office Staff will contact you by phone if the date(s) you have requested is/are not available, and will work with you to choose another date. **Kindly advise for each Mass below if you would like us to mail you a Mass card or just a written confirmation that the Mass was reserved.**

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH 2021 MASS REQUEST FORM

Name of Person requesting the Mass(es): _____

Address of person requesting the Mass(es): _____

Best contact telephone number: _____

Number of Masses requested (limit 3): 1 2 3 (circle choice)

Mass #1: 2021 Date Requested: _____ Mass time _____

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: 2021 Date Requested: _____ Mass time _____

Mass intention is for: Deceased Living (circle choice)

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

Name(s) for Mass intention: _____

Mass #3: 2021 Date Requested: _____ Mass time _____

Mass intention is for: Deceased Living (circle choice)

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

Name(s) for Mass intention: _____

Please print and complete this form, enclose the Mass stipend (checks made payable to St. John's Church) and mail to:

St. John's Church: 2021 Mass Request
1282 Yardville-Allentown Road
Allentown, NJ 08501

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Bishop O'Connell has invited all of the Catholic faithful to join with him in prayer to our Blessed Mother during this time of pandemic:



O Mary, loving Mother, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, who at the Cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of Your People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.

Be present to all those suffering from coronavirus and to those who care for them: families, friends, neighbors, doctors, nurses, staff, government officials, pastors, priests and all who seek to do God's will. Bring comfort and calm to the elderly, to those at risk and to all who are afraid. Be for us all a beacon of hope, lighting our path once more to the heart of your beloved Son, the Divine Healer and Health of the Sick.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.