

## **2018 Holy Week and Easter Schedule**

**Wednesday, March 28**

**Diocese of Trenton Tenebrae Service:** 7:30pm  
Saint Catharine Church, Spring Lake, NJ

**Holy Thursday, March 29**

**Mass of the Lord's Supper:** 7:00pm  
followed by Adoration at the Altar of Repose until Midnight

**Good Friday, March 30**

**The Liturgy of the Passion of Our Lord:** 3:00pm  
**Stations of the Cross:** 7:00pm (*joined by Churches of Allentown*)

**Holy Saturday: March 31**

Blessing of Food: 11:00am

**Easter Vigil: 8:00pm**

### **Easter Sunday Mass Schedule**

**7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am** (*Ordinary Form*)  
**12:30pm** (*Extraordinary Form, Latin*)

## **Saint John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church**

### **Sunday Mass Schedule**

Saturday Vigil: 5:15 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM (*Ordinary Form*)  
12:30 PM (*Extraordinary Form, Latin*)

### **Holy Day Mass Schedule**

Vigil: 7:00 PM

Holy Day: 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM

### **Weekly Mass (Ordinary Form)**

Monday: 7:00 PM (followed by Miraculous Medal Novena)  
Tuesday - Thursday: 8:00 AM  
Saturday: 8:00 AM

### **Weekly Mass (Extraordinary Form, Latin)**

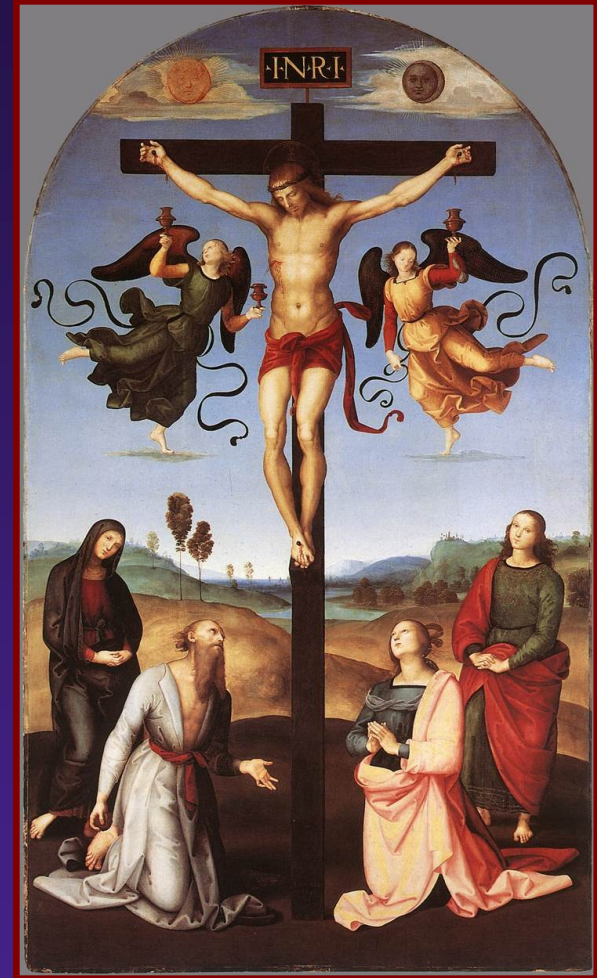
Friday: 8:00 AM

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# *The Season of Lent*



*The Church of Saint John the Baptist*  
*Allentown, NJ*

*2018*



## A Lenten Message from Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.

We enter the desert of Lent like Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit, to face our devils, our temptations head on. But we are not alone... The Lord Jesus Christ is with us. And so, too, is the Church, the entire community of faith observing Lent.

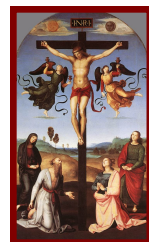
Here is what the Catholic Church in the United States asks of us as baptized Catholics:

- 1. The days of fast (only one full meal) and abstinence (no meat) are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.**
- 2. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence (no meat).**
3. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast (only one full meal) as above. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to abstain (no meat: this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat).
4. The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious one for Catholics. Failure to observe one penitential day in itself is not considered a serious sin. It is the failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of days, which must be considered serious.
5. The obligation, the privilege really, of receiving the Eucharist at least once a year – often called “Easter duty” – for those in the state of grace should still be fulfilled during the period from the First Sunday of Lent (February 18) to Trinity Sunday (May 27). However, the Church’s law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.

I want to encourage Catholics to get to Confession and to make use of the sacrifices and traditions that have always been part of our Lenten practices in the Church. We do, indeed, fast and pray with the Lord Jesus and with our fellow Catholics. May this Lent be a time of penance, grace and joy for us all.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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



## Saint John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church 2018 Lenten Schedule

**Ash Wednesday, February 14**

*(Ashes distributed at all)*

**7:00am Prayer Service, 8:00am Mass**

**5:00pm Prayer Service, 7:00pm Mass**

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### **Parish Lenten Mission: February 26-28**

**Monday, February 26 at 7:00pm**

**Holy Sacrifice of the Mass**

**Celebrant and Homilist: Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Mullelly**

*Vicar for Clergy and Consecrated Life and Director of Seminarians  
Diocese of Trenton*

**Tuesday, February 27 at 7:00pm**

**Penance Service with Individual Confessions**

**Wednesday, February 28 at 7:00pm**

**The Nature of Suffering and How to Embrace One's Cross  
Based on the Teachings of Saint John Paul II**

**Rev. Michael W. Wallack**

*Secretary to the Bishop, Episcopal Master of Ceremonies and Director of Vocations  
Diocese of Trenton*

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### **Stations of the Cross followed by Lenten Soup Dinner**

**Lenten Fridays: February 16 and 23; March 2, 9, and 16**

Stations at 7:00pm in the Church

Soup Dinner follows in the Church Hall

### **Stations of the Cross followed by Parish Fish Fry**

**Friday, March 23**

Stations at 7:00pm in the Church

Parish Fish Fry follows in the Church Hall

### **Traditional Choral Vespers and Benediction**

**Sunday, February 18 and Sunday, March 11**

3:00pm in the Church

### **Individual Confessions**

Saturdays at 4:30pm in the Church

### **Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament**

Mondays in the Church from Noon until Benediction at 6:45pm  
followed by Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 7:00pm