

Saint John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church

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

www.StJohnRomanCatholic.org



*On this Labor Day Weekend,
we thank Almighty God for the blessing of work
and for rest from our labors.*

*“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened
and I will give you rest”
Matthew 11:28*



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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 31, 2025

Sacrament of Confession

Confession is offered on Wednesday from 6:00pm-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

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

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

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Holy Mass Schedule and Intentions

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|-------------------------------|----------|---|
| Saturday, August 30 | 8:00 AM | Alice and Patrick Keenan, Sr. and James Keenan (d), requested by Patrick and Janet Keenan |
| | 5:15 PM | John DeLucia, Sr. and John, Jr. (d), requested by Wife and Family |
| Sunday, August 31 | 9:00 AM | Thomas C. Carroll (d), requested by Lawrence and Rhea Reimer |
| | 11:00 AM | People of the Parish |
| | 12:30 PM | Frank and Charlotte Kiernan (d), requested by the Kiernan Family |
| Monday, September 1 | 7:00 PM | Mary Hernandez (d), requested by Ginny McFarlane |
| Tuesday, September 2 | 8:00 AM | Michelangelo Bianco (d), requested by the Verveniots Family |
| Wednesday, September 3 | 8:00 AM | John Bellew (d), requested by Eileen Kelliher |
| | 7:00 PM | Frank and Charlotte Kiernan (d), requested by Terry Moon |
| Thursday, September 4 | 8:00 AM | Michael Argondizza (d), Requested by Bob and Carol Pinto |
| Friday, September 5 | 8:00 AM | John H. Roetz, Jr. (d), requested by The Floyd Family |
| Saturday, September 6 | 8:00 AM | Thomas Ferranola (d), requested by Stephanie Smith |
| | 5:15 PM | Susan Beck (d), requested by John and Eileen O'Keefe |
| Sunday, September 7 | 9:00 AM | Henry and Guan Decker (d), requested by Robert and Donna Decker |
| | 11:00 AM | Mearl Challender (d), requested by Catherine Challender |
| | 12:30 PM | People of the Parish |



ON THE MASS SHOOTING IN MINNEAPOLIS

Response to School Shooting: Evil Will Not Have the Final Word

August 27, 2025

by Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.

AS BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON AND A LIFE-LONG CATHOLIC EDUCATOR, I call upon all clergy and faithful of the Diocese to unite in prayer for the victims, families, and entire community of Annunciation Catholic School in Minneapolis, who now face the unimaginable in the wake of yet another school shooting.

There are no words sufficient to convey the depth of evil behind such a deliberate act of violence against innocent children. Nor can language fully express the sorrow and compassion that fill our hearts at this moment. These young students and their school community were gathered in prayer at Mass, marking the beginning of a new school year — a time meant for hope, not horror. It is simply unfathomable. To the grieving families: we hold you close in prayer and love. To the students, teachers and staff of Annunciation: you are not alone. To the first responders and medical teams: we thank you for your courage and care.

Once again, the Body of Christ has been pierced. And once again, we are called — as members of that Body — to bind up the wounds, to comfort the afflicted and to stand firm in faith. Evil will not have the final word. The light of Christ will shine through this darkness. May God, in His infinite mercy, embrace us all with His comfort, love, peace and hope.

Bishop O'Connell also serves as chairman of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Education.

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 Alicia Marie Hueston (d)
requested by John and Lisabeth Bied*

Weekly Collections

August 17, 2025 Collection: \$ 12,233.00

August 24, 2025 Collection: \$ 10,052.00

Assumption Holy Day Collection: \$ 2,150.00

Missionary Collection: \$ 4,404.00

August Maintenance and Repair: \$ 3,934.00

August Property and Casualty Ins: \$ 1,800.00

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



A Note From Our Pastor

Very Rev. Michael Wallack

My Dear Parishioners,

We celebrate the 22nd week in Ordinary Time and our readings call us to reflect on knowing our true worth to God and ourselves. So often we can approach the virtue of humility in an unorthodox fashion and miss the true understanding of what true humility is in the eyes of God. Humility doesn't have a good name. It may conjure up images of degradation and abjection. Or we may think that it means becoming a doormat for others to step on. But those ideas are both off-target. And God thinks that true humility is vital: in fact He tells us so in the readings this weekend.

It's important to understand what humility really means. Humility means seeing ourselves through God's eyes. To belittle the gifts God has given us would actually be a subtle form of pride. Saint Benedict used to say that if a monk had a wonderful singing voice and degraded his own ability it would be displeasing to God. So we should recognize the good, and thank God for it.

However, we also need to recognize what is evil in us. The pride, the vanity, the laziness, the lust, and the plain old selfishness that we give in to should bring us on our knees before God to ask for his mercy. When Saint Teresa of Avila asked Christ what true humility meant, He replied: "To know what you can do, and what I can do." And that also brings us to a peaceful humility in our relationship with others. We are not frustrated by others' sinfulness or lack of virtue, because we know that we're just like them.

Saint Augustine once said, "If you should ask me what are the ways of God, I would tell you that the first is humility, the second is humility, and the third is humility. Not that there are no other precepts to give, but if humility does not precede all that we do, our efforts are fruitless."

I would also ask that you continue to pray for the victims and families of this past week's tragedy in Minneapolis. Bishop O'Connell has released a statement on this terrible event, and it is included on this page.

Peace, Fr. Mike

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament



**Mondays from Noon until 6:45pm Benediction
followed by 7:00pm Mass**

PLEASE NOTE:

We will not have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Labor Day, Monday September 1, 2025. The 7:00pm Mass will be celebrated as scheduled.



Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church
Knights of Columbus Council 7333
 Email: AllentownKnights@gmail.com

Brothers and Parishioners,

Holy Hour and Rosary

The next Holy Hour will be this Wednesday, September 3. Please join us at 5:45pm.

Fifth Sunday Rosary

This weekend (Saturday, August 30 and Sunday, August 31) the Knights will lead the Rosary before each of the weekend Masses and after the 12:30pm Mass.

Knights Annual Soccer Challenge

The Challenge is next Saturday, September 6 at 1:00PM. Volunteers needed. Participants ages 9-14 are welcome.

Photos Wanted

Brothers, if you have any photos on your phone from any of the activities of the Knights in the last Columbian year, please email me a copy. My email address is below.

September Council Meeting

Our next Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 8 at 7:30PM in the Knights Hall. Please join us at 7:00PM for a light dinner.

FUTURE PLANNED ACTIVITIES

GOLF COMMITTEE: The committee is still looking for new members and event volunteers. Outing is scheduled for Monday, September 22. Please drop off wine bottles and donations in the Parish Office during business hours. Registration is still open. See the registration form in this bulletin; forms are also available in the Church vestibule. The final two Golf Committee prep meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, September 10 and 17 at 7:00PM.

AWARDS DINNER: In lieu of a PGK dinner, we will be having an awards dinner. The menu is confirmed and the pricing will be announced shortly. I am looking for a couple of volunteers to assist me in collecting names and money for this event. The Dinner will be on Saturday, September 27 at 6:30PM in the Church Hall. Please let me know if you will help.

FRANCIS HOUSE OF PRAYER RETREAT: The retreat is now scheduled for February 1 at Noon. Please mark your calendars.

October is **COATS FOR KIDS** month. Look for information in the upcoming Parish bulk mailing and future bulletins for way to support this essential program.

Vivat Jesus! GK Richard Ruff
 RichardRuff2010@gmail.com

Local Food Bank Donations for the Poor

Monthly food bank donations of nonperishable/non-expired food are collected on the first weekend of each month. **The next collection weekend will be September 6-7.** Containers will be located in all three Church entrances.

The Sacred Music of the Mass **Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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| Entrance Antiphon: | Have mercy on me, O Lord | |
| Kyrie: | Mass XVI | 100 |
| Gloria: | Heritage Mass | 192 |
| Responsorial Psalm: | God, in your goodness | |
| Gospel Acclamation: | Take my yoke upon you | |
| Offertory Antiphon: | Look down, O Lord, to help me | |
| Offertory Hymn: | Glory Be To Jesus | 530 |
| Sanctus: | Roman Missal Chant | |
| Memorial Acclamation: | Roman Missal Chant | |
| Agnus Dei: | Roman Missal Chant | |
| Communion Chant: | How great is the goodness | |
| Communion Hymn: | Adoro Te Devote | 408 |
| Recessional: | The Church's One Foundation | 776 |

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



Devotion to the Holy Family

**Holy Hour
Adoration
Confession
Holy Rosary**

Next Holy Hour: Wednesday, September 3, 2025

Our next Holy Hour (with Adoration, Confession, and the Rosary) will take place on Wednesday, September 3 from 5:45pm until Benediction at 6:45pm. The 7:00pm Traditional Latin Mass will follow Benediction.



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Saint John the Baptist Conference
 president1svdp@gmail.com

Anyone needing the support of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society or anyone wishing to donate, please call the Parish Office at 609-259-3391 or contact us through the SVdP email (president1svdp@gmail.com). Thank you for your prayers and continued generous support to those in need!

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 Diocese of Trenton Abuse Hotline: 888-296-2965 or via email at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org.

Saint John the Baptist Religious Education Program

CCD Registration opened on May 21, 2025 AND WILL CLOSE AT MIDNIGHT THIS FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 2025 FOR ALL RETURNING STUDENTS. Our CCD Program Registration will remain open only for new students and families.

Registration and payment is completed online, and can be accessed on our Parish website, StJohnRomanCatholic.org. If you have any questions or would like more information about our Parish Religious Education Program, please contact our Coordinator of Religious Education, Mrs. Lauren Walters by email at sjbrcre@gmail.com.

Program Options

In-Class Instruction

Our Parish offers in-class instruction for Grades 1, 2, 7, and 8 (the Sacrament preparation years) on Tuesdays according to the following schedule:

Tuesday Classes

Grades 1 and 2: 5:00pm-6:15pm

Grades 7 and 8: 7:00pm-8:15pm

ALL SECOND GRADE CCD STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND IN-CLASS INSTRUCTION.

Online CCD Program

Our online program will be offered to students in Grades 1 and in Grades 3 through 8.



Saint John the Baptist 50 Plus Club

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

1:00pm in the Church Hall

It is time to start up the 50+ Club!

It's that time of year when the Saint John's 50+ Club will start their meetings again. We are fortunate that Bill Kristoff, our President, has not sold his house and moved, so he is willing to start up our meetings for this coming year.

We are very fortunate to have Sam Davis, who impersonates George Washington, as our guest speaker at our first meeting on Wednesday, September 10 at 1pm in the Church Hall. He has just developed a new presentation called **"The Miseries of the Revolutionary War"**. He made this presentation to another 50+ Club and they loved it!



If you are an existing member, we look forward to seeing you again this year. If you are thinking of joining the 50+ Club, this is an excellent meeting to do so!

The Diocese of Trenton 2025 Annual Appeal

The 2025 Diocese of Trenton Annual Catholic Appeal is in progress! **Our 2025 Parish goal is \$37,000 and as of August 29, 119 families or individuals have already pledged \$24,49325, which represents 66% of our goal.**

More information is available in our Church vestibules, on our Parish website, and at dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal.



First Friday Divine Mercy Chaplet

This Friday September 5, 2025

3:00pm in the Church

Please join us as we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Church at the hour of mercy.



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FIRST FRIDAY FIRST SATURDAY TWO HEARTS VIGIL OF REPARATION

Friday, September 5, 2025

9:00pm Traditional Latin Low Mass for the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (First Friday)

10:00pm Adoration, Confession, Prayers, Rosary

Saturday, September 6, 2025

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



America Needs Fatima Public Square Rosary

**Every Second Saturday of the Month
at Noon in front of outdoor
Blessed Mother Statue**

**Next Public Rosary:
Saturday, September 13, 2025**

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

Is God Calling You to the Fullness of the Roman Catholic Church?

If you or someone you know is thinking about entering the Catholic Church, or perhaps was Baptized Catholic but never had an opportunity to receive the Sacraments of Holy Communion and/or Confirmation, please **contact the Parish Office at 259-3391** for information about our Parish **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)** Program.

Participants in our OCIA Program will meet through the upcoming fall and winter months to learn about the truths of the Catholic Faith, and will have the opportunity to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and/or Confirmation during the Saturday, April 4, 2026 Easter Vigil Mass.

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Saint John the Baptist Church Campus Repairs and Improvements

May Almighty God bless our parishioners
for your continued generosity!

We are so grateful for the monthly donations received in the yellow envelopes and online for our **“Maintenance and Repair”** needs. The 2025 contributions received to date (January through August) have totaled \$40,857. These donations have funded several big projects on campus this summer, including the replacement/repair of the Church front steps and railings, the complete repair of the Church and Rectory chimneys, and the repair and painting of the interior Church ceiling (which was completed this week).

In addition to the maintenance of our campus heating and air conditioning systems and our other building and landscape needs, we are looking forward to our next big project, which will be the painting of the interior of the Church early next summer.



Ordinary Form Altar Server Opportunity

Altar Servers perform a unique ministry within the Church. Vatican II teaches us the Eucharist is “the source and summit of the Christian life”. Aside from a priest or deacon, no other member of the parish community helps with preparation or is as close to the Eucharistic Celebration as an Altar Server. As such, altar service is vital to the Liturgy, and a gift to those who serve our Lord.

On August 2, 2006, Pope Benedict XVI addressed a group of Altar Servers and offered the following thoughts about this ministry “Dear Altar Servers, you are, in fact, already apostles of Jesus! When you take part in the Liturgy, by carrying out your altar service, you offer a witness to all. Your absorption, the devotion that wells up from your heart and is expressed in gestures, in song, in the responses: if you do it correctly and not absent-mindedly, then in a certain way your witness is one that moves people.”

Altar Serving has a rich history, and children have played a role of service dating back to the time of Jesus. In chapter 6 of the Gospel of John, Jesus feeds a crowd of 5,000. This was a true miracle in which we learn it was a boy who provided Jesus with the five loaves of bread and two fish that were used to feed the crowd.

Another example can be seen in the early Church when Christians in Rome celebrated Mass underground from fear of persecution. Those identified as Christian were placed in prison and condemned. It was unsafe for priests and adult Christians to bring Communion to these prisoners for risk of being caught. A young boy named Tarcisus pleaded with his Bishop to let him bring Communion to these prisoners, as he believed he would pass unnoticed. Tarcisus was ultimately permitted to do so and joyfully set out with the Blessed Sacrament pressed against his heart. Along the way some children asked him to join a game, but he declined. Tarcisus was soon identified as Christian, and martyred. Before he died, Tarcisus handed the Blessed Sacrament to a Christian soldier and asked him to carry God to the prisoners. This young boy became a Saint.

The opportunity to be part of this wonderful ministry for the Ordinary Form of the Mass is open to boys and girls who have received their first Holy Communion. In addition to this Sacramental requirement, Altar Servers must:

- * Have a strong desire to serve at the Altar with dignity and reverence
- * Be familiar with the Mass and able to participate in prayer and song
- * Attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and embrace the teachings of the Catholic Church
- Be willing to attend practices as scheduled

For all those interested in learning more about this important ministry, please contact Deacon Paul DeGrazia by email at pauldegraz@gmail.com, or our Parish office at 609-259-3391.



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Saturday, September 13, 2025
9AM – 4PM

2025 TRADITIONAL CATHOLIC HOMESCHOOL CONFERENCE *For Mothers*



*Living the
Fatima Message
in your
Homeschool*

**Motivational talks to re-energize your
vocation as wife, teacher and mother!**

TALKS & PANEL

- “Homeschooling with Gentleness: Finding Harmony in your Season” by *Theresa Strenge*
- “Beyond the Books: Forming Souls Through Atmosphere, Habit, and Holiness” by *Peach Smith*
- “When it all Seems Like Too Much: Homeschooling During Difficulties” by *Kelly Mantoan, Keynote Speaker*
- **Interactive Panel** with *Debbie Gaudino, Mary Pat Meyer, Kelly Mantoan, and Dr. Erin Avery, D.Min.*

ALSO....

- Confession
- Traditional Low Mass
- Rosary
- Q&A Session
- Vendors
- Raffle

Speakers & Panel



Kelly Mantoan
*Keynote Speaker
& Catholic Author*



Peach Smith
*Educational
Consultant*



Theresa Strenge, RN
*Fertility Care
Practitioner*



Debbie Gaudino, MA
*Latin & Theology Teacher,
Homeschool Connections*



Dr. Erin Avery, D.Min
*Certified Educational
Planner*



Mary Pat Meyer
*Educator
Regina Academy*

Conference limited to 200 attendees!

Early Bird Registration Ends 7/31 - \$25
Regular Registration - \$30

Continental Breakfast
& Lunch Provided

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Questions? Email us:
TCHConference@gmail.com



The Diocese of Trenton Celebration of the Traditional Latin Mass



Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

High Mass

Very Rev. Michael Wallack
Celebrant

Mass Intention

Frank and Charlotte Kiernan (d)
requested by the Kiernan Family

Music Intention

Matthew and Anne Burgess
and Baby Evangeline Marie (l)
requested by the TLM Family

The Sacred Music of the Mass

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| Processional: | The Church's One Foundation | 776 |
| Sprinkling Rite: | Asperges Me | 207 |
| Introit: | <i>Deus in adiutorium meum</i> | |
| Kyrie: | Mass XI | 117 |
| Gloria: | Mass XI | 118 |
| Gradual: | <i>Benedicam Dominum</i> | |
| Alleluia: | <i>Domine Deus</i> | |
| Credo: | Credo I | 212 |
| Offertory: | <i>Precatus est Moyses</i> | |
| Offertory Motet: | Adoramus Te, Christe - Dubois | |
| Sanctus: | Mass XI | 119 |
| Agnus Dei: | Mass XI | 120 |
| Communion: | <i>De fructu operum tuorum</i> | |
| Communion Motet: | Ave Verum Corpus - Mozart | |
| Recessional: | Salve Regina | 739 |

Lunch Convivium Resumes Today

Please join us this afternoon in the Church Hall after today's High Mass for a great lunch Convivium! There is no charge (donations are appreciated) and it's a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and fun. Be sure to visit our Traditional Latin Mass showcase, which contains many new Traditional Latin Mass items including Latin/English and Latin/Spanish missals (regular and large print), mantillas and handcrafted rosaries.

We are grateful to our Sacred Music Director Peter Carter and our Schola Cantorum for today's beautiful Sacred Music of the Mass. Professional recordings of the Sacred Music of the Mass are available on our YouTube channel: **Schola Cantorum of St. John the Baptist.**

Saint John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church

FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL



**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2025 AT 7:00PM
SOLEMN HIGH MASS**

FOLLOWED BY AN OUTDOOR PROCESSION
TO THE STATUE OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
AND A DINNER RECEPTION



Novena of Traditional Latin Masses

A nine-day Novena of Traditional Latin Masses will be offered in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Sorrows, for all families and persons enrolled in this beautiful Novena.

The Traditional Latin Masses will be offered at the Abbey of Our Lady of Ephesus of the Benedictines of Mary in Gower, Missouri and **will begin on Monday, September 15,** the Solemnity of Our Lady of Sorrows. The \$15 suggested donation includes a Mass card that will be sent to those enrolled. Novena requests with your donation can be made on their website:

<https://benedictinesofmary.org/product/novena-of-masses-ol/>

Salve Regina (*Hail, Holy Queen*)

Salve, Regina, Mater misericordiae,
vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.
Ad te clamamus exsules filii Hevæ,
Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes
in hac lacrimarum valle.

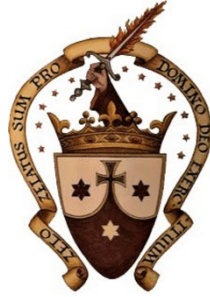
Eia, ergo, advocata nostra,
illos tuos misericordes oculos
ad nos converte;

Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,
nobis post hoc exsiliium ostende.

O clemens, O pia,
O dulcis Virgo Maria.



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

READINGS:
2 COR 3:4-9
Lk 10:23-37

The Carmelite Corner

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

*Deus in adiutórium meum inténde:
Domine, ad adiuvándum me festina:
confundántur et reveréántur inimici mei,
qui quærunť ánimam meam.*

**Incline unto my aid, O God:
O Lord, make haste to help me:
Let my enemies be confounded and ashamed,
who seek my soul. [Ps. 69:2,3]**


Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the Introit reminds us to cry out to God for help in all our adversity and affliction; we are in a time of the ‘last acceptable prejudice,’ and that is against Christian belief, particularly against Catholics. We must be doing something right, in order to have the godless elements of society so pitched against us. In his letter to the Church at Corinth, Paul reminds them [and us] that the mere observance of the letter of the law can make us foolish and conceited – right actions and gestures do not necessary serve the spirit of Christ’s law of love.

The Gospel bears this out, presenting us with the account of the “Good Samaritan.” It is mild to say that Jews and Samaritans did not get along. The Jews insisted on the entirety of Hebrew Bible, known as תנ"ך [Tanakh]. This was composed of the תורה [Torah], which are the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Bible [lit. – Instruction, or Law]; נביאים [Nevi'im], which are the writings of the prophets, and כתובים [Ketuvim], which are other writings of instruction and history. This composes most of what we consider to be the Old Testament. However, the Samaritans only held to Torah, accepting nothing else. Samaritans held that worship was to be on Mount Gerizim in Samaria [central present-day Israel]; the Jews held that true worship was to be in the Temple in Jerusalem. The religious bigotry and hatred ran deep between the two groups. It is important to Jews frequently had to cross Samaria when going from Galilee to Jerusalem in Judea. Samaritans could be abusive to the Jewish pilgrims crossing their lands; and Jews could be the same way to the Samaritans. By the time of Jesus, this had been going on for a thousand or so years, and this is important for understanding the parable against the backdrop of Jewish thought of Our Lord’s time. Another important distinction – Jerusalem was a holy city; Jericho had become, notoriously, a place of loose morals and loose living. One can only imagine as to why a priest and a Levite were even heading there – but the Scripture falls silent on this point. Jesus, Socratically, leads the listener to come to the admission that a dreaded Samaritan, indeed, was the man’s neighbor. The Spirit of God dwelling in people leads them to doing good to others, even with our differences. Jesus is telling his audience that the Kingdom of God will turn human values and judgements upside down. He additionally makes the point of the Jewish religious authorities not necessarily being the ‘neighbor’ to the people; He also presages the mission of proclaiming His kingdom to all, yes, even to Samaritans.

The Carmelite is mostly hidden – we may be observed, e.g., giving drink to the thirsty – this is coincidental. Much of the charism is to do things for the good of others in a most hidden way; largely, through prayer for the things that matter in eternity. To Jesus Christ be all glory forever!

*“Christ has no body but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes with which He looks compassion on this world,
yours are the feet with which He walks to do good,
yours are the hands with which He blesses all the world.”*

~ Quote of OHM S. Teresa of Ávila [Teresa Sánchez de Cepeda y Ahumada 1515-1582] O.C.D., V.,D.



Knights of Columbus Soccer

Challenge

Boys and Girls, Ages 9-14

Event: The 2025 St. John the Baptist Church Knights of Columbus
Council 7333 Soccer Challenge

Location: Mark Harbourt Soccer Fields, New St., Allentown NJ08501

Date of Competition: Saturday, September 6th

Time: 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Contact Information: John Pitonyak

Phone: 609-850-7334

Contact: Participants receive a participation certificate.
Winners in each age group and gender receive a framed Champion's Certificate and Soccer Ball



Faith in Action

Please note: Entrants may compete in only one local competition.

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Community

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



20th Annual Monsignor Toomey Charity Golf Outing In Memory of Fred Kniesler

Monday, September 22, 2025

Mercer Oaks Golf Course
West Windsor, NJ 08550

- Breakfast & Dinner Buffet
 - Cocktail Hour
 - Open Bar
 - Bag Service on arrival
 - Complimentary range balls
 - Course Refreshments
 - Putting Contest
 - Food, Prizes and Raffles
(After golf is completed)
- 9:00 AM Registration
9:00 – 11:00 AM Breakfast
11:00 AM Shot Gun Start
4:00 PM Buffet Awards Dinner
- Foursomes \$175 per Golfer
(includes fees, carts & food)
Payment due
By September first
PLAYER LIMIT - 120 GOLFERS

See Registration Form on reverse side

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QUESTIONS? bab@dioceseoftrenton.org

2026 Saint John the Baptist: Mass Request Form

Our 2026 Mass book is open! 2026 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 2026 Masses can be requested per Form. **Due to high demand, we can only schedule ONE 12:30PM SUNDAY TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS PER REQUEST FORM.** The suggested Mass stipend is \$10.
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: _____

2026 Date Requested: _____ Mass time _____

Please stop here: Is the 2026 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: _____

2026 Date Requested: _____ Mass time _____

Please stop here: Is the 2026 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:

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