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Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Colossians 1: 15-16

Saint John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church         1282 Yardville-Allentown Road       Allentown, NJ 08501         www.StJohnRomanCatholic.org         Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time         Fifth Sunday after Pentecost         July 13, 2025					
<u>Sacrament of Confession</u> 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.			<u>Clergy and Parish Staff</u> Very Rev. Michael Wallack, Pastor Email: FrMikeWallack@gmail.com Rev. John Garrett, Weekend Assistant Mr. Paul DeGrazia, Deacon Email: pauldegraz@gmail.com		
<u>Contact Information</u> <u>Parish Website</u> StJohnRomanCatholic.org <u>Parish Office</u> Tuesday - Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm <u>Office Email: stjohnallentown@gmail.com</u> <u>Office Phone: 609-259-3391</u> Fax: 609-508-1407 <u>For an emergency requiring a priest,</u> <u>please call (609) 538-4126</u>			<ul> <li>Mr. Joseph Hepp, Deacon Email: jjhepp@yahoo.com</li> <li>Mr. Michael Scannella, Deacon Email: sfscdeacon@gmail.com</li> <li>Mrs. Dorothy Conway, Business Manager Email: sjbbusiness@optimum.net</li> <li>Mrs. Lauren Walters, Coordinator of Religious Education Email: sjbrccre@gmail.com Phone: (609)259-3586</li> <li>Mr. Peter Carter, Director of Music Email: sjbmusicdirector@gmail.com</li> <li>Mrs. Jo-Anne Ruff, Cemetery Coordinator Phone: (609)508-1715</li> </ul>		
Holy Mass Schedule and Intentions					
Saturday, July 12		Andrea Swierzey (d), requested by Mary Ann Salvatore Michael Lettiere (d), requested by The Kelly Family			
Sunday, July 13	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM	Thomas J. "Bud" Greenfield, Jr. (d), requested by The DeGrazia Family Victor Giglio (d), requested by Joan Giglio			
Monday, July 14	7:00 PM	Marianne Geraci (d), requested by Jason and Lauren Akers			
Tuesday, July 15	8:00 AM	Prudy Johnson (d), requested by Julie Gattini			
Wednesday, July 16 Our Lady of Mt Carmel		Kenneth Konecy (d), requested by Elaine Szul Cyrille Velasco (l), requested by the Rogacki Family			
Thursday, July 17	8:00 AM	Frank Santomarco (d), requested by Doreen Santomarco			
Friday, July 18	8:00 AM	Russell S. Young, Jr. (1), requested by Bruce and Donna Young			
Saturday, July 19		Angelo Mattozzi (d), requested by The Pellini Family People of the Parish			
Sunday, July 20	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM	Christina Beck (d), requested by Patricia Gervasoni			



In Preparation for the Feast of Saint Anne Mother of Our Blessed Mother Saturday, July 26, 2025

Join us in praying the Nine Day Novena Thursday, July 17 through Friday, July 25 (following each Mass)

A novena is a nine-day period of prayer to obtain special graces, to implore special favors or to make special petitions. Our Annual Saint Anne Novena will begin this Thursday, July 17 and will continue for nine days leading up to her feast day on Saturday, July 26. The Novena prayers are at all the Church entrances as well as in this bulletin. All are invited to participate in this beautiful devotion.

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 Lord! For more information or to sign up as a regular adorer, 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 for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, requested by a Parish Family

### Weekly Collection

Sunday, July 6, 2025: \$10,239.00 July Maintenance and Repair: \$4,616.00 (to date)

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 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.



A Note From Our Pastor Very Rev. Michael Wallack

My Dear Parishioners,

So often we can be overwhelmed by the evil in the world but we can find comfort in our Lord. This week we hear some great advice from Moses in our first reading from Deuteronomy; he said, "If only you would heed the voice of the LORD, your God, and keep His commandments and statutes that are written in this book of the law, when you return to the LORD, your God, with all your heart and all your soul." This reminds us to be loyal to our Lord even despite the things going on around us.

Our Lord reiterates what Moses said in a similar way in our Gospel by having the scholar repeat what was written in the law. He said, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

Personal holiness is key in order to follow our Lord and live with an integrity of faith. We can actually affect the world in a positive way by being as holy as we can be and actively choosing to find peace in conforming to God's will. There is an amazing peace in doing God's will and choosing to add to the good in the world instead of the corporate sense of sin. This will help us to work with God's grace and be more open to saying yes to Him.

Peace, Fr. Mike



Next Holy Hour: Wednesday, July 23, 2025

There will not be a Holy Hour or confessions this Wednesday, July 16 due to the 7pm Solemn Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Our next Holy Hour (with Adoration, Confession, and the Rosary) will take place on Wednesday, July 23 from 5:45pm until Benediction at 6:45pm. The 7:00pm Traditional Latin Mass will follow Benediction.

Mass Schedule Change for August 4 and August 11

Please note that on Monday, August 4 and Monday, August 11 our daily Mass will be celebrated at 8:00am. There will not be a 7:00pm Mass on those days. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place as scheduled beginning at Noon and ending with Benediction at 6:45pm.



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

Brothers and Parishioners,

#### Holy Hour and Rosary

There will not be a Holy Hour or confessions this Wednesday, July 16 due to the 7pm Solemn High Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The next Holy Hour will be on Wednesday, July 23 at 5:45pm. Thank you to all brothers and parishioners who attended our special Holy Hour honoring the Sacred Heart of Jesus. A special thanks to Deacon Paul and Deacon Mike for conducting this Holy Hour.

#### **Council Planning Meeting**

The Meeting will be this Monday July 14 at 7:30 pm in the Knights Hall. Your input in important as we plan the Council events for the coming Columbian year. All officers, program directors, and committee chairs are requested to attend. All brothers are welcome. Refreshments will be available at 7:00 pm.

### Parish Trenton Thunder Game: Save the Date

The game will be on Tuesday, August 12 at 7:00PM. The Knights will sell 50/50 tickets during this game. I have 7 tickets for this game for volunteers. Please let me know if you will be willing to volunteer.

#### **Awards Dinner**

In lieu of a PGK dinner, we will be having an awards dinner. I am looking for a couple of volunteers to assist me in creating 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.

### **FUTURE PLANNED ACTIVITIES**

**GOLF COMMITTEE:** The committee is looking for new members and event volunteers. The next meeting is on Wednesday, July 23 at 7:00PM. Outing is planned for Monday, September 22. Please drop off wine bottles and donations in the Parish Office during business hours. Registration is now open to be part of this great event. See the registration form in this bulletin. Registration forms will also be available in the vestibule of the church.

Vivat Jesus! GK Richard Ruff



#### 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 to everyone for your continued generous support of those most in need!

## The Sacred Music of the Mass Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon:	As for me, in justice	
Kyrie:	Mass VIII	105
Gloria:	Heritage Mass	192
Responsorial Psalm:	Turn to the Lord	
Gospel Acclamation:	Your words, Lord	
Offertory Antiphon:	To you, O Lord	
Offertory Hymn:	Tantum Ergo	707
Sanctus:	Roman Missal Chant	
Memorial Acclamation:	Roman Missal Chant	
Agnus Dei:	Roman Missal Chant	
Communion Chant:	The sparrow finds a home	
Communion Hymn:	Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All	240
Recessional:	Holy, Holy, Holy	562

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

### Saint John the Baptist Religious Education Program

We are very blessed to have a flourishing Religious Education Program for CCD students in Grades 1-8 at our Parish! Due to the overwhelming success of our Program, we wish to share a few important announcements for the upcoming 2025-2026 academic year:

#### **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.

### **Registration**

CCD Registration opened on May 21, 2025 and will close on September 5, 2025. Registration and payment is electronic, and can be completed 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 sjbrccre@gmail.com. Have a wonderful summer!

### 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 August 2-3.** Containers will be located in all three Church entrances. Thank you for your continued prayers and generous support.

# The Annual Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel



# Wednesday, July 16, 2025

8:00am Ordínary Form Mass Enrollment in the Brown Scapular will be offered after the Mass (Scapulars will be provided)

7:00pm Solemn Hígh Tradítíonal Latín Mass Sacred Music: Míssa Secunda by Hassler

Enrollment in the Brown Scapular will be offered after the Mass (Scapulars will be provided)

followed by a light Dinner Reception in Church Hall

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## The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

High Hlass Very Rev. Michael Wallack Celebrant

## Mass Intention

Pro Populo (for the People of the Parish)

## Alusic Intention

In memory of Frank Kiernan (d) and George Taraba, Sr. (d) requested by the TLM Family and Friends

### Lunch Convivium Today

Please join us after Mass this afternoon for a lunch Convivium in the Church Hall. There is no charge, and it is a great opportunity for fellowship and fun! We will also be offering many beautiful mantillas for sale as well as Latin Mass missals, books and CDs at our showcase in the Church Hall.

## st. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church The Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel



Solemn High Mass Wednesday, July 16, 2025 7:00pm

followed by Enrollment in the Brown Scapular and a light Dinner Reception

## The Sacred Alusic of the Alass

Processional:	Holy, Holy, Holy	176
<b>Sprinkling Rite:</b>	Asperges Me	207
Introit:	Exaudi Domine vocem meam	
Kyrie:	Mass XI	117
Gloria:	Mass XI	118
Gradual:	Protector noster aspice Deus	
Alleluia:	Domine in virtute tua	
Credo:	Credo I	212
Offertory:	Benedicam Dominum	
Offertory Motet:	Cor Jesu, Caritatis Victima	
Sanctus:	Mass XI	119
Agnus Dei:	Mass XI	120
Communion:	Unam petii a Domino	
Communion Motet	: Dona Nobis Pacem – Walker	
<b>Recessional:</b>	Salve Regina	739

We are grateful to our Sacred Music Director Peter Carter and our Schola Cantorum for today's beautiful Sacred Music of the Mass.



JM+JT



OHM Teresa of Ávila

**READINGS:** 

1 Pet 3:8-15 Mt 5:20-24





OHF John of the Cross

## The Carmelite Corner

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

 $\tilde{V}$ . Praised be Jesus Christ...  $\tilde{R}$ . 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,<br/>neque despícias me, Deus salutáris meus.be Thou my helper, forsake me not,<br/>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.

## NOVENA PRAYER TO SAINT ANNE MOTHER OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



## NINE-DAY NOVENA TO BE PRAYED JULY 17 - JULY 25 (The Feast of Saint Anne is Saturday, July 26, 2025)

Glorious Saint Anne, filled with compassion for those who invoke you, and with love for those who suffer, burdened with the weight of my troubles, I kneel before you and humbly beg you to take the present petition I bring to you under your maternal protection.

Ask your daughter Mary to intercede for me and to bring my petition to the feet of Jesus so that He may answer my request. Keep interceding for me until my request is granted.

## (Ask for your request in silence)

Above all, obtain for me the grace of one day seeing my God face to face, and praising Him with you and Mary and all the saints, through all eternity. Amen.

# Good Saint Anne, mother of Her who is our life, our sweetness and our hope, pray to Her for me and obtain my request. (Repeat three times)

Pray for us Saint Anne, Who have given life to the Immaculate Mother of God. O God, who granted Saint Anne the grace to become the mother of Her who gave birth to your only Son, grant that we, who keep her in remembrance, may obtain Her protection. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(Saint Anne, the Grandmother of Our Lord, is the Patron Saint of mothers, women in labor, those praying for the gift of a child, and grandparents.)

# **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

This is the largest charity & Scholarship fund raising event that the Knights of this parish run. Donations of any amount are welcome.

# **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**



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

# Foursome / Golfer Registration Form

\$175 per Golfer for payment by September 1<sup>st</sup>

Player 1:	
Email:	
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Player 4:	
Email:	
	Mail Payments to:
	, Kuishta af Calumbura #7222

**Knights of Columbus #7333** 

c/o Bill Henry 4 Whippany Road Allentown, NJ 08501

## Payments may also be dropped off in the Parish Office



## AS OF FRIDAY JUNE 20, ALL AVAILABLE TICKETS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED.

To join our Waiting List for tickets, please fill out the bottom of this form and return to the Office. If any tickets are returned to us from current ticket hold-ers, we will make them available to those on the Waiting List.

# SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH FAMILY NIGHT!

Trenton Thunder vs Williamsport Crosscutters Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 7pm

NFL Night - Special prizes from NFL Teams throughout game Kids 12 and under eat free! Super 50/50 by our Knights of Columbus Our Choir will sing the National Anthem!

## **Tickets are FREE for our Parishioners!**

Send in ticket request below!

Due to high demand, we regret that no phone or email requests can be honored.

FIRST COME - FIRST SERVED UNTIL ALL TICKETS ARE DISTRIBUTED

### SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH FAMILY NIGHT AT TRENTON THUNDER 2025 PARISHIONER WAITING LIST FOR TICKETS

NAME:

ADDRESS:

**PHONE:** 

NUMBER REQUESTED: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this form, detach and drop in collection basket, bring to Parish Office or mail to:St. John's Church-2025 Trenton Thunder Wait List1282 Yardville-Allentown RdAllentown, NJ 08501

You will be notified by the Office if tickets become available.



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 ph	one or email.					
Name of Person requesting the Mass(es):						
- Address of person requesting the Mass(es):						
Best contact telephone number:						
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Number of Masses requested (limit 2):	1 2 (circle choice)					
Mass #1: TODAY'S DATE:						
	Mass time					
Please stop here: Is the 2026 date	e you are requesting within 1 year of today's date?					
If yes, continue to the next line. If no, we Mass intention is for:	are not yet able to offer the Mass date you are requesting. Deceased Living (circle choice)					
Do you need a Mass card?	e ( )					
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:DeceasedLiving(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 pay- able to St. John's Church) and place in the collection basket or mail to: St. John's Church: 2026 Mass Request 1282 Yardville-Allentown Road Allentown, NJ 08501 6/3/25						



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