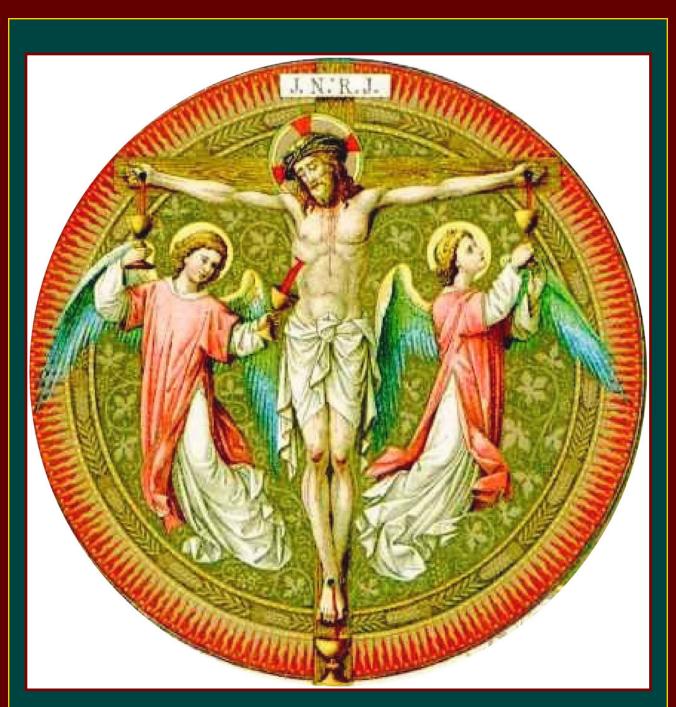


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The month of July is dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus



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# Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Fourth Sunday after Pentecost July 6, 2025



July 0, 2023						
<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			
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For an emergency requiring a priest, please call (609) 538-4126			<b>Mr. Peter Carter, Director of Music</b> Email: sjbmusicdirector@gmail.com			
picase can	. (005) 500-4	120	Mrs. Jo-Anne Ruff, Bookkeeper/Cemetery Coordinator			
Holy Mass Schedule and Intentions						
Saturday, July 5		Archbishop Teofilo Camomot (d), requested by The Didizian Family Eleanor DiBella (d), requested by The Tranosky Family				
Sunday, July 6	11:00 AM	The Nini Family (d), requested by Mr. and Mrs. Sebastiano Nini People of the Parish Cyrille Velasco (l), requested by Agnieszka Rogacki				
Monday, July 7	7:00 PM	Morton and Ellen Preston (d), requested by Bob and Pat Faber				
Tuesday, July 8	8:00 AM	Joyce M. Ciampa (d), requested by Janice Buchalski				
Wednesday, July 9		Barbara Terry (d), requested by The Family Athena Grace (l), requested by Mom				
Thursday, July 10	8:00 AM	Frank Santomarco (d), requested by Doreen Santomarco				
Friday, July 11	8:00 AM	Kuang Yu (d), requested by The Lee Family				
Saturday, July 12		Andrea Swierzey (d), requested by Mary Ann Salvatore Michael Lettiere (d), requested by The Kelly Family				
Sunday, July 13		Thomas J. "Bud" Greenfield, Jr. (d), requested by The DeGrazia Family Victor Giglio (d), requested by Joan Giglio People of the Parish				

#### 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 Lena Conway (d), requested by the Conway Family

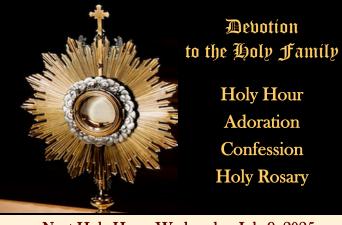
#### Weekly Collection

#### Sunday, June 29, 2025: \$12,842.00

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 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.



#### **Next Holy Hour: Wednesday, July 9, 2025** Our next Holy Hour (with Adoration, Confession, and the Rosary) will take place Wednesday, July 9 from 5:45pm until Benediction at 6:45pm. The 7:00pm Traditional Latin Low Mass will follow Benediction.

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A Note From Our Pastor Very Rev. Michael Wallack

My Dear Parishioners,

I pray that everyone had a peaceful and happy Fourth of July. We pray for our nation and especially those who assist by protecting our freedom, especially military, police, first responders and those in the medical field. May God protect and watch over them all. We pray for our nation that we can experience healing and peace and in gratitude for those who protect us. This weekend I ask you to consider saying a prayer as a family, for our nation that we may cherish and protect all those who help maintain freedom and the common good. May God Bless America, that we can cherish life in all its stages and protect the vulnerable, especially our Veterans who may be in need.

The words of Sacred Scripture are both informative – they give us information, and performative – they make God present. This means that every time we read or listen to the Bible, God wants to change us. He wants to give us a new strength to live out what we've heard. So it's important to listen attentively, and to try to pick up the significance of even apparently insignificant details.

In the Gospel this weekend, Jesus does something extremely important. When Christ sends His disciples out to share the new life they've discovered by being with Him, He sends them out two by two. The great commandment of Jesus is very simple: love one another as I have loved you. He's saying that no one can flourish in isolation. No one can love in isolation. No can become a saint in isolation. Therefore He sends them out two by two.

Peace and God Bless America, Fr. Mike

#### 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, July 12, 2025

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



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

Brothers and Parishioners,

#### Holy Hour and Rosary

Holy Hour this week is Wednesday, July 9 at 5:45PM. Please note that the traveling **ICON of the SACRED HEART OF JESUS** will be on display at this holy hour. The Icon will be at St. John the Baptist until July 12.

#### **Council Planning Meeting**

The Meeting will be next Monday July 14 at 7:30 pm. 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 Saturday, September 27. 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 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.

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 Diocese of Trenton 2025 Annual Appeal

The 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal for the Diocese of Trenton is in progress! Our 2025 Parish goal is \$37,000 and as of July 3, 108 families or individuals have already pledged \$22,384.00, which represents 60% of our goal. More information is available in our Church vestibules, on our Parish website, and at dioceseoftrenton.org/ catholicappeal.

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

Entrance Antiphon:	Your merciful love	
Kyrie:	Mass VIII	105
Gloria:	Heritage Mass	192
Responsorial Psalm:	Let all the earth	
Gospel Acclamation:	Let the peace of Christ	
Offertory Antiphon:	You will save a lowly people	
Offertory Hymn:	Praise to the Lord	721
Sanctus:	Roman Missal Chant	
Memorial Acclamation:	Roman Missal Chant	
Agnus Dei:	Roman Missal Chant	
Communion Chant:	Taste and see that the Lord is go	od
Communion Hymn:	Gift of Finest Wheat	528
Recessional:	God Bless America	

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. **This is a collection weekend.** Containers are located in all three Church entrances. Thank you for your continued prayers and generous support.



# Summertime is Here: Soak Up the Son of God A message from Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M. June 30, 2025

The Church just observed the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul on June 29, commemorating the martyrdom of the Apostles, St. Peter as Chief of the Apostles and St. Paul as the Apostle to the Nations. Each year, this solemnity is a national holiday in Rome and has traditionally marked the beginning of the summer vacation period for Vatican officials following a public Mass celebrated by the Holy Father in St. Peter's Basilica.

The observance of this solemn feast is an opportunity for all Catholics throughout the world to affirm our ancient Faith as we celebrate two of its greatest heroes and their entrance into eternity. Following the example of the Lord Jesus Christ, St. Peter and St. Paul gave their lives so that His Gospel might take root in our world through the spilling of their blood.

Despite the solemn, festive nature of this liturgical celebration in Rome and the days of vacation that follow, the martyrdom of Saints Peter and Paul are a reminder to all of us in the Church that summertime is not simply a holiday or a vacation from our Faith. In fact, the opportunities we have to take a break from the "rest of the year" work routines during the summer months, offer us a wonderful time to recommit ourselves peacefully, joyfully to the Faith that sustains us throughout the year — if we allow ourselves the occasions to do so.

Summer is a special time for family and friends by making time for them. No school! Picnics and barbecues; trips to the shore or mountains or wherever we enjoy some rest together; longer hours of daylight and starfilled nights; sitting outside, playing games, going to carnivals or summer concerts, taking long, leisurely walks or renewing healthy exercise to shed some winter pounds; gardening, picking strawberries or Jersey tomatoes and eating Jersey corn on the cob; doing lots of things or doing nothing in particular, summer is a time to slow down and realize how blessed we are by God, surrounded by those we love most who are truly gifts the Lord places in our lives.

Here is something for Catholics, young and old, to consider. Summer also and more importantly gives us an opportunity to pray without a lot of the usual distractions; to go to our parish church and celebrate God's presence as we kneel or sit before the Blessed Sacrament a little more often, maybe during the week; to read some good books – perhaps something spiritual – to help nourish and strengthen our souls; to engage in conversations we may not otherwise have time for; to tell stories, share memories and laugh with one another, something we may not do enough!

I have to believe that when God created the world and time and the seasons, he gave us summer as a "pause that refreshes," again if we allow ourselves the time to pause. It is part of nature to soothe our human nature and ready ourselves for the long, busy months that follow.

Don't neglect going to Sunday (or Saturday evening) Mass and receive Holy Communion in your own parish church or wherever you may be. The same for sacramental Confession. Encourage your children to do so as well. Take them to church! There is no such thing as a part-time or occasional Catholic.

This summer, spend some precious time, whether long or intermittent, to renew and refresh yourselves. You need it. It is a gift from God. Show your gratitude for this wonderful, amazing gift by using it with your families and friends, for your families and friends ... for yourselves and for them..

May God bless you this summer with fun, relaxation, safety, family, good friends and the true spiritual joys that renew your lives as Catholics, your spirit and your faith, hope and love. As you "soak up some sun," don't forget to soak up the Son of God as well!

Happy Summer!





# Fourth Sunday After Pentecost



High Hlass Rev. Ronan Murphy, Celebrant

### **Mass** Intention

Cyrille Velasco (l) requested by Agnieszka Rogacki

**Music Intention** In loving memory of Gregory Wallack (d) *Requested by the Parish and Staff* 

#### Lunch Convivium Schedule

We will not have a Convivium today as it is the Fourth of July weekend. Please join us downstairs in the Church Hall after Mass next Sunday, July 13 for a wonderful lunch Convivium. There is no charge, and it is a great opportunity for fellowship and fun! We also invite you to visit our Traditional Latin Mass showcase, which offers many items for donation.

## 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 Reception

# The Sacred Music of the Mass

Processional:	Praise to the Lord	721
Sprinkling Rite:	Asperges Me	207
Introit:	Dominus illuminátio méa	
Kyrie:	Mass XI	117
Gloria:	Mass XI	118
Gradual:	Propitius esto	
Alleluia:	Deus, qui sedes	
Credo:	Credo I	212
Offertory:	Illuminia oculos	
Offertory Motet:	Jesu Dulcis Memoria - Victo	ria
Sanctus:	Mass XI	119
Agnus Dei:	Mass XI	120
Communion:	Tu es Pétrus	
Communion Motet:	Dominus firmamentum	
Recessional:	Salve Regina	739

We are grateful to our Sacred Music Director Peter Carter, our Schola Cantorum, and our Choristers for today's beautiful Sacred Music! Professional recordings of the Sacred Music of the Traditional Latin Mass are available on our YouTube page: Schola Cantorum of St. John the Baptist.



JM+JT



OHM Teresa of Ávila

**READINGS:** 1 **PET 5:6-11** 

LK 15:1-10





OHF John of the Cross

# The Carmelite Corner

#### THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

 $\dot{V}$ . Praised be Jesus Christ...  $\dot{R}$ . Now and forever!

Dóminus inluminátio mea et salus mea, quem timébo? Dóminus defénsor vitae meae, a quo trepidábo? The Lord is my light and salvation, whom should I fear? The Lord is the protector of my life: Of whom shall I be afraid? PS. 26:1-2

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, our Introit [entrance song] introduces us to a Liturgy that reminds us to maintain an unshakeable faith in the providence of God, and to heed His call in all our affairs. We are to live life with zeal and joy, knowing that God has all of this life firmly in His hands. The Epistle is from the first letter of Paul to the Romans – with its message that the sufferings of our current human condition are nothing compared to the glory we are to receive in Heaven. Every creature 'groaneth and travaileth in pain.' This promise of future glory, however, does not keep us from seeking to perform whatever good we can do within this life; quite the contrary, we abide peacefully with the sufferings of this age as we seek out and perform the will of God in the building of His kingdom.

Is there any one of us who cannot identify with the Gospel of today? How many times have we set about tasks under our own direction, only to have them end up in a smoldering heap? When we experience the miraculous, we quite naturally identify with Peter – we are all sinful, falling short of the glory of God. But that is just fine. Dependence on the Master will lead us to superabundant results and to the glory that we have been promised. We go one way [fishing for fish], and then the good God steers us in another direction [fishing for souls]. Prayer is the conduit by which we gain God's will for us.

Part of the Carmelite charism is to have utter dependence on God, and to the world this seems rather odd. 'Why aren't these people doing something?" Why do they hide behind walls [i.e., our nuns]? The life of a Carmelite is one continuous prayer – we are doing something! The world thinks that prayer and dependence on God are a waste of time, but there are too many incidents of the efficacy of prayer to think otherwise. Life itself is miraculous, as are all the favors we have received from the loving hand of the Good Shepherd. To Jesus Christ be all glory forever!

"Lord, You see how often I fail, but I am never astonished at it... I enter into myself and say: 'Alas, I am at the first step as before!' But I say this in great peace, without sadness, because I know that You know perfectly how fragile is our nature and You are always ready to help us. What, then shall I fear? As soon as You see me fully convinced of my nothingness, You stretch out Your hand to me;; but if I should try to do something great, even under the pretext of zeal, You desert me. So, all I have to do is to humble myself, to bear with meekness my imperfections. Herein lies, for me, true holiness..."



# 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):						
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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: St. John's Church: 2026 Mass Request 1282 Yardville-Allentown Road Allentown, NJ 08501 6/3/25						



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