



# Saint John the Baptist

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### *Mission Statement:*

Our mission at St. John the Baptist Parish is to prepare people for the coming of the fullness of God's Kingdom by sharing the Catholic Faith and its tradition.

### *Parish Personnel*

Fr. Jim Weighner, Pastor ..... 715-384-3252 ext. 2  
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 St. John School Office ..... 715-384-4989  
 David Eaton, CCS President ..... 715-387-1177  
 Mass Times..... 715-384-3252 ext. 1

### *Masses*

Weekdays 7 a.m.  
 Saturdays 8 a.m. / 4:30 p.m.  
 Sundays 7 a.m. / 9 a.m. / 11 a.m.

HEARING LOOP INSTALLED



### *Sacrament of Marriage*

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.

### *Sacrament of Baptism*

Expectant parents are to participate in the Baptism preparation program. Contact the parish office for details.

### *Sacrament of Penance*

First & Third Fridays 6:00 p.m.  
 Saturdays Following the 8:00 a.m. Mass

### *Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick*

Those preparing for serious surgery are to contact the Rectory Office at 715-384-3252.

### *Parish Membership*

Call the Rectory Office at 715-384-3252

**MASS SCHEDULE****MON 11/8/21**

7:00am John Zinthefer

Scripture Readings: Wis 1:1-7

Lk 17:1-6

**TUES 11/9/21** The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

7:00am Steven Johnson

Scripture Readings: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17  
Jn 2:13-22**WED 11/10/21** St. Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church

7:00am Ted &amp; Dorothy Lescynski

8:00am Bradley Gryder

Scripture Readings: Wis 6:1-11

Lk 17:11-19

**THUR 11/11/21** St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

7:00am Shirley Tobin

Scripture Readings: Wis 7:22b—8:1

Lk 17:20-25

**FRI 11/12/21** St. Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr

7:00am Natalie Gisvold

Scripture Readings: Wis 13:1-9

Lk 17:26-37

**SAT 11/13/21** St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

8:00am Clarence &amp; Patricia Ottelien

Scripture Readings: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9

Lk 18:1-8

**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30pm Melvin Martin

**SUN 11/14/21**

7:00am Nancy Heckel

9:00am St. John the Baptist Parish Families

11:00am Living &amp; Deceased Members of the John &amp; Phyllis Kollross families

Scripture Readings: Dn 12:1-3

Heb 10:11-14, 18

Mk 13:24-32

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**LITURGICAL MINISTERS****NOVEMBER 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021****LECTORS**

4:30pm Jonathan Rootellis

7:00am Laurel Rudolph-Kniech

9:00am Maureen Karaliunas

11:00am John Salzmann

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

4:30pm Susan Youngwith / Marty Draxler

7:00am Al &amp; Barb May

9:00am Lonny Roberts / Cheryl Schmidt

11:00am John &amp; Lori Salzmann

**SERVERS**

4:30pm Abigail &amp; Sullivan Schuld

7:00am Paige Schlagenhaft / **OPEN**

9:00am Maverick &amp; Dakota Hannasch

11:00am Elizabeth Kitzhaber / Rita Glab

**MUSIC MINISTER**

4:30pm Ashley Nikolai / Karen Isaacson

7:00am Cindy Penker / Roni Steines-Machtan

9:00am Suzanne Golden / Choir

11:00am Cathy Heuer

**Confessions are heard on the first and third Fridays of the month at 6:00pm. Two priests are available at this time. They are also available on Saturdays after the 8:00am Mass.**

**Weekday Mass Servers:** We are looking for a couple of men to sign on as weekday Mass servers so that we can rotate one day a week or even once every other week if we get enough volunteers! If you are able to attend morning Mass, and would like to help out, please call the parish office at 715-384-3252.

**Monday** - David Gouin**Tuesday** - Dan Alsides**Wednesday** - Dan Flees**Thursday** - David Schlinsog**Friday** - Dennis Spencer**Saturday** - Kolbe & Dominic Landwehr**STEWARDSHIP - OCTOBER 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>**

Adult / Youth / Plate

\$11,031.33

Parish Improvement

\$775.00

Total

\$11,806.33

**Total to Date for the month of October****\$78,537.83**

**To have a prayer added to St. John's Prayer Chain**, please call Shirley 715-384-3613 and Donna 715-384-2479 (there are 2 lists).

**Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and youth servers**, now is the time to consider the months of Jan. - April as the ministry schedule will soon be worked on. Please contact the parish office if you know of dates that you are not available. Please call 715-384-3252 or e-mail at [mjgouin@frontier.com](mailto:mjgouin@frontier.com) by Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to be a lector, Eucharistic Minister or a youth server, call the parish office for more information. There is always a need! A training date will be set up for any youth 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up who would like to become Mass servers.

**St. John's Family Life Committee will be selling Christmas Cards after all Masses the weekends of Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> / 31<sup>st</sup> and Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> / 7<sup>th</sup>.** These cards feature the beauty of St. John's church and will be a treasure to send to your loved ones this Christmas season. Cards will be sold for \$1.00 per card in packets or individually. A limited number of these Christmas cards is available. Don't delay!

**The Finance Committee** will meet in St. Francis Hall on Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

**PCCW** All ladies of the parish are invited to the meeting on Tues., Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm in the Columbia Marie Fleisner, PCCW Deanery President, will be our guest speaker. We'll have a short business meeting, after which we'll socialize by playing Bingo, drawing for a door prize, and enjoying refreshments. We hope to see you there!

**Frassati Young Adult Group:** There will be a gathering for all young adults (high school graduates through age 39) on Tues., Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in St. John's Church. Please join us for adoration and an opportunity for confession with a pizza social to follow in St. Francis Hall. If you would like to be added to the email list to receive updates about our monthly meetings and other events, please contact Michael Iwanski at [michaeliwanski38@gmail.com](mailto:michaeliwanski38@gmail.com).

**Cemetery Plot:** One plot located near the entrance of Gate of Heaven Cemetery is available to buy. If interested, please call 715-387-2075. / Also, three plots available from another individual. One single plot and two plots next to one another. If interested, please call 715-207-7944.

**THANKSGIVING COLLECTION****Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**

The annual Thanksgiving "food drive" will be held this year as it was last year. St. John's will continue to help our parish families as well as St.

Vincent de Paul. Last year was quite successful in our monetary collection. Money received will be used to purchase gift cards for groceries and delivered to families before Thanksgiving. St. Vincent de Paul will purchase the items needed to fill their shelves for the community assuring that the needs of many will be met. **If you would like to help, please pick up a Thanksgiving envelope on the table as you enter church or put in an envelope clearly marked Thanksgiving Collection.** Checks should be written out to St. John's. You may also mail it into the office no later than November 14<sup>th</sup>.

**FALL HARVEST CARRY OUT DINNER****SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> - NOON - 2:00PM**

Call: Shirley Pritzl 715-384-8589 or Susan Youngwith 715-384-4343

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- Cost: \$10.00 / carry-out dinner / Pick-Up: 12:00 noon - 2:00pm
- St. John the Baptist primary school - Columbia room
- Enter through the Walnut Street handicap accessible doors or the Blodgett Street entrance

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### THE CHAPEL OF LORETTO, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

As we are in the month of November, I will try to offer some articles on some of our saints and something of their lives. As we are in the Year of St. Joseph, I will begin with a story of St. Joseph, and a staircase that has been attributed to him.

God bless,

Fr. Jim

The Chapel of Loretto is home to an exceptional work of carpentry. The staircase is well known for being surrounded by at least two mysteries: the identity of its builder and the physics of its structure. No one is able to fully understand how the structure can stand on its feet without any kind of central support attached to it. There is, maybe, a third mystery, too: although the staircase is known to be made of spruce wood, no one has been able to determine either what subspecies of spruce it is, or even how the wood got to the chapel.

In 1852, by order of the bishop of Santa Fe, Jean Baptiste Lamy, the Chapel of Our Lady of Light (inspired by the Sainte-Chapelle in Paris) was built. It was placed under the care of the Sisters of Loretto, who were to arrive from Kentucky to found a school for girls.

When the chapel was ready, builders were faced with an unexpected problem: there was no way to climb from the nave to the choir, on the second floor. It was a sad error in the design — one that the building's architect, Antonio Mouly, could not solve, since he had already passed away. When the nuns insisted on building a staircase, the builders told them it would be impossible, and that building a normal, regular ladder would take too much room. Finally, they advised the nuns to demolish the choir. Instead, the nuns decided to pray a novena to St. Joseph, patron saint of carpenters, asking for a solution.

After finishing the novena, according to testimonies that have passed from generation to generation since the mid-nineteenth century, a man appeared at the door of the chapel, saying that he could build a stairway, under one condition: he be granted total privacy.

The stranger locked himself in the chapel for three months with a saw, a square and a few other simple tools, and disappeared as soon as the work was finished, without ever having asked for any payment for his services.

The staircase, which is around six meters high, takes two full turns over its axis until it reaches the choir. It was built without any nails or glue, and lacks any kind of central support. The construction itself is said to be "impossible." According to some, it should have collapsed the very first moment someone used it, although it is assumed that the central spiral staircase is narrow enough to work as a central support on its own.

In any case, the original staircase was not attached to any wall until 1887, ten years later, when the railing was added, and the outer spiral was attached to a nearby pillar.

Tradition claims the mystery of the identity of the carpenter has never been satisfactorily solved, and there is not even a delivery report that might help decipher where the wood came from. During those three months, no one saw anyone entering or leaving the chapel.

As the carpenter left before the Mother Superior could pay him, the Sisters of Loretto offered a reward to anyone who could his make identity known, but no one ever showed up. So, yes: since then, the crafting of the staircase has been attributed to St. Joseph himself!

This full article, along with photos of the chapel can be found at the following website: <https://aleteia.org/2016/07/06/the-staircase-st-joseph-built-in-new-mexico/>



## *We welcome these children through the Living Waters of Baptism*

Baptized on November 7, 2021

Isaiah Dennis Prusinski - son of Phil & Dana Prusinski  
Sebastian Leo Prusinski son of Jerry & Auriel Prusinski

## *Welcome to these new members:*

Shane & Natalie Coombs family



## *Our sympathy to the families of:*

Rafaella Alaimo / Rita Knetter



*May the Souls of Rafaella & Rita  
and the Souls of all the Faithful Departed,  
through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen*

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**Marshfield Deanery Catholic Men's Group Week 9.** Please join us Tuesday morning from 6am - 7am in Dillenberg Hall at Our Lady of Peace for another great *That Man is You!* session. Dr. Lenny Delorenzo will help us acquire a taste for Heaven.

**Volunteers are needed to make rosaries for the missions.** Our Lady's Rosary Makers is a national organization providing simple to make handmade rosaries to missionaries world-wide, who are requesting rosaries. Please contact Rose at 715-650-7222.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** The purpose of our ministry is to offer a symbol of God's love and comfort through the gift of a prayer shawl. We knit or crochet shawls to be given to people in our parish or community. The shawls are then given, by you, to those in need of God's loving embrace. If you know of anyone who could use this gift of healing, we have a supply of prayer shawls in the Bride's Room for you to choose from.

**DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL:** The Annual Appeal Letters have been arriving. If you have not received yours, please call the parish office. Our goal to reach this year is \$134,825. Please consider how you can help our parish reach that goal together this year. Think of it as a way to do something beautiful for God. All mailings get sent directly back to the Diocese in the envelope they provide. If you do not receive a mailing from the Diocese, please call the parish office: 715-384-3252.

As the Diocese updates us on our progress we will list those who have contributed. **We now thank,** Bernie & Donna Knoeck / Tim & Kris Herr / Dan & Dorothy Flees / John Gibson / Adam Mauer / Ralph Lang / Sharon See



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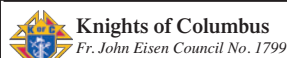
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