

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH

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SECOND SUNDAY OF
ADVENT



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WORSHIP

Sunday Liturgy: Saturday 4 p.m., Nov. through March – 5 p.m. April through October; Sunday 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Weekday Liturgy: Monday through Friday 7 a.m., Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. Always check weekly schedule for any changes.
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon by appointment with one of the priests.
Sacrament of Baptism: First and Third Sundays of the month at 12:15 p.m. Contact the Rectory to schedule.
Sacrament of Marriage: Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Contact the Rectory to schedule.
Eucharistic Adoration: First Friday of each month: 9:45 a.m. (Fri.) to 8:45 a.m. (Sat.) All other Saturday mornings: 9:30 through 11:30 a.m.

Pastor's Notes

Talk about jumping the gun on the Christmas season? I jumped a whole year ahead. Last week I said we'd be hearing St. Luke's Gospel throughout the year. Wrong! It should have been St. Mark's Gospel.

Oops!

When "the Spirit" was mentioned in last week's readings, I just jumped to good ol' Luke, missing the shortest of the synoptic writers, and the one probably most needed by today's society. It is Mark who is straight to the point, expecting a quick return of the Lord, an immediate second coming.

So with St. Mark's Gospel we'll find he does not mince words. There's no time for sugar-coating and coaxing. It's in-your-face faith; take-it-or-leave-it; no dancing around, no him-hawing. We see this attitude immediately as Mark does not worry himself with a genealogy or a Nativity Narrative as do the other synoptic writers. There is no deep theology as found in John's Gospel. Mark is displaying the love of God, promised through the prophets, now being fulfilled in the giving love of the cross.

"The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God."

You either believe or you don't believe. You either accept love, that is of God, or you don't. This is the truth as far as Mark is concerned. Accept it now or find a novel to read. Mark is going to provide the reasons for having such a belief through the teachings and actions of Jesus Christ. Basically, Mark is telling us: *"Here are the facts. If people don't prove worthy of faith, so be it. But be warned: The one who believes these basic principles of faith must be ready to live them without second thought. Once you say you believe, don't think you can turn away and come back whenever you so desire."*

Discipleship has a cost.

For us today, this opening line, ***"The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God,"*** rests within those who believe, those who have been baptized into the life of our Lord and Savior — through his death and resurrection. Jesus, the perfect model of the "Suffering Servant" spoken about by the prophet Isaiah, the epitome of the perfected "emptying of self," is that which we are to aspire to imitate. It is only through complete oneness with Jesus Christ that we will come to know the fullness of the Father's will and love. If you want it simply put: *Submission to the will of the Father means salvation, means accepting unconditional love.*

This is not something new to us. This topic of submission to the Father's will was discussed years ago when ***The Prayer of Awareness: GOD FIRST, Year 2,*** was heavily studied. So watch for more understanding of the Gospel of Mark, its theology and its purpose, and, most importantly, its application to our lives in 2011.

The "beginning of the gospel" takes place today in you and I, and anyone else who takes on that which is of Christ. It is ministry to others, for the sake of others. The

"beginning of the gospel" heard today, is actually seen in our individual giving of self — our loving — as did Jesus. That's why there's little hope held out for the one who professes belief, but doesn't show it, who cowards in the face of persecution or simple ridicule because of that faith.

Some scholars suggest that to properly understand Mark's Gospel, we must first read the narrative of Jesus' passion and death on the cross. The Crucifixion is the starting point for everything else in Mark's account. Nothing else matters if the passion and death are not understood.

Everything concerning salvation points to the act of surrender by Jesus. Our own salvation begins with our own surrendering of self for the sake of loving God and others, thereby enabling the works of the Lord to be manifest in and through our own lives.

That's what we heard concerning St. John the Baptist today — an immediate surrender to the One who is "greater than I." A good starting point for all of us.



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It has been called a cancer and an epidemic. It is a rapidly growing threat to the wholeness of our children. It once was found only in certain bookstores. It is across the internet and accessible on most handheld electronic devices. Bookstores are not needed. Everything is now on-line.

Addiction to pornography among our teens is outgrowing addiction to drugs and alcohol. But on-line porn is multi-generational, affecting men and women of all ages. It promotes an unhealthy sexual understanding as well as activity that is detrimental (emotionally and physically) to both the individual and society. It is degrading, destroys the dignity of the human person and can quickly become habitual.

A diocesan-sponsored workshop was held for priests (continuing education) who find themselves dealing with porn and its consequences so much more in their roles as confessors and counselors. Priests are very aware of the threat to the moral character of individuals through acceptance of pornography in one's life.

Following the holidays, we'll schedule evenings to provide ways in which pornography can be dealt with in the lives of adults, teens, and children. On our parish web page, we'll also have a connection to web sites that provide additional information helpful for parents and spouses. The current statistics are actually ugly, frightful.

National leaders against pornography in society suggest parents immediately be encouraged to check what is being texted, posted, and visited on every avenue of social media by their children and teens. They see this action not as infringement of privacy, but rather responsible action of loving parents. Love and concern of a parent is the greatest gift a child can receive.

Love and prayers,  
Fr. Tom



*Electronic Giving is easier than ever. Go to our website and scroll down to the bottom of the first page. You can browse all you want and you only proceed when you want to. The walk is educational. It is a lot easier than you might think. If you've ever paid your bills online, you can do this. This fits neatly with our Increased Giving Campaign. —The Finance Council*

Were we the good stewards that we are called to be? Did we give back with increase a portion of what we have received from our abundantly generous God? Have we grown in our faith and shared our time, talent, and treasure with others? It is not too late.

**Don't Forget:**

***The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
a holy day of obligation  
December 8th***



**Mass Times:**

**Wednesday, December 7th 4:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, December 8th 7:00, 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

VESPERS – 7:00PM  
EVERY SUNDAY OF ADVENT

***Advent Prayer & Praise***

*As the Spirit of the Lord came upon Mary, so too does that Holy Spirit come and fill us with the love of God manifested through the life of Christ we carry. We learn to accept and use these gifts for the building up of God's kingdom.*

*We gather in the church at 7:00 PM Wednesday evening for 90 minutes of prayer and praise, joy and hope.*



**Men's Fellowship**

We will soon be celebrating the most important birthday of all time. Let Men's Fellowship help you prepare for this great event. Join us on Saturday, December 10th at 7:30 a.m. in the annex. Prayer, reflection, conversation and refreshment are all part of the morning.



***Readings for the Week of December 4***

Sunday: Is 40:1-5,9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8  
Monday: Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26  
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Mt 8:12-14  
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30  
Thursday: Gn 3:9-15,20/Eph 1:3-6,11-12/  
Lk 1:26-38  
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19  
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4,9-11/Mt 17:9a,10-13  
Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a,10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8,19-28



***Offertory Report 2011***

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|----------------------------------|------------|
| November 27 Offertory            | \$ 10,836  |
| Weekly Budget                    | \$ 12,437  |
| Weekly Deficit                   | \$ -1,601  |
| Yearly Offertory Collected       | \$243,989  |
| Yearly Budget Needed to Date     | \$273,614  |
| Yearly to Date Shortfall (11/27) | \$ -29,625 |
| Additional Religious Retirement  | \$ 207     |

***Parish Share 2011***

523 Responses \$140,095 Collected

***Second Collection***

Parish Social Ministry, December 17/18  
Fuel Subsidy envelope can be given at anytime

***This Week***

**Sunday, December 4, 2011—Second Sunday of Advent**

LOC Christmas Cookie Sale after all Masses, annex

- 9:00 a.m. RCIA Catechumenate, rmr
- 11:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy, church/annex
- 6:00 p.m. Den meeting, cafeteria
- 7:00 p.m. Vespers, church

**Monday, December 5**

- 5:00 p.m. CCD
- 6:00 p.m. Praise Band, music room
- 6:30 p.m. CCD
- 7:00 p.m. Bell Choir, music room
- 7:00 p.m. Lector meeting, church

**Tuesday, December 6**

- 4:30 p.m. CCD
- 6:30 p.m. CCD
- 7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council, rmr

**Wednesday, December 7**

- 7:00 p.m. Prayer Group, church

**Thursday, December 8**

- 8:15 a.m. Intersection delivery
- 3:00 p.m. School Cantors, music room
- 3:30 p.m. Junior Choir, music room
- 6:30 p.m. Cantors, music room
- 6:30 p.m. Scouts, cafeteria
- 7:00 p.m. Choir, music room
- 7:30 p.m. Scouts, cafeteria
- 8:00 p.m. Eucharistic Ministers meeting, church

**Friday, December 9**

- 7:00 p.m. Junior Youth Ministry, annex
- 7:30 p.m. Den meeting, cafeteria

**Saturday, December 10**

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship, annex
- 9:00 a.m. Market Day pick-up, cafeteria
- 7:00 p.m. SJBS Junior High Dance, cafeteria  
Angel Tree gift return, church

**Sunday, December 11**

- Angel Tree gift return, church
- 9:00 a.m. RCIA Catechumeante, rmr
- 10:15 a.m. Baptism Prep, rectory
- 11:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy, church/annex
- 6:00 p.m. Den meeting, cafeteria
- 7:00 p.m. Vespers

## OPLATKY

Will be sold after all weekend Masses in the church vestibule and during the week at the rectory. The cost is .75¢ for one wafer and \$2.00 for four wafers.



## ANGEL TREE RETURNS



Christmas gifts for Christmas Outreach must be returned by **Noon on Sunday, December 11**. Please have the angels firmly attached to each package. The organizations will pick-up the presents immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

### PLEASE NOTE:

*We cannot guarantee that gifts received after Noon on Dec. 11 will make it to their proper destination. Gifts will be sorted and bagged by 1:00PM Sunday afternoon.*

*Thank you for your cooperation.*

## CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL

Those wishing to remember a loved one at Christmas, and to enhance the beauty of our church, may return their Christmas Flower envelope now. Please **print clearly**, the name of your deceased loved one (one name per line). A listing of the names submitted will be included on an insert in the December 25th bulletin. The average cost of a plant is \$8.00 which helps subsidize the overall cost. Please return your envelope soon. Thank you.



## OUTSIDE DECORATING

**Saturday, December 10 beginning at 9:30 a.m.**

STRONG, YOUNG BODIES (18 to 40+) are needed to assist and/or replace the older bodies not as agile as in past years. We'll use everyone who shows up. What we need to accomplish:

- Erect the outside Nativity
- Cut and haul Pine Trees for behind Nativity
- Hang Wreaths and outside decorations



Bring a pair of gloves and, perhaps a socket set for the Nativity project. We have the saw for the trees. A large truck to haul 14-16' trees would be a nice addition as well.



## CHURCH DECORATING

**Sunday, December 18 at 1:00 p.m.**

This is a project that allows for family participation. This is also where "fluff" is a good word as it means giving life to trees and wreaths and garlands smash down tightly for storage during the year.

What we wish to accomplish:

- Place, fluff, and light the 20+ trees that decorate our church
- Fluff and hang the 30+ wreaths and garlands
- Erect the "platform," and fashion the crèche
- Finish any outside work such as lights on bushes, etc
- Move existing plants
- Decorate the Annex — and much more

*Afterwards, we'll celebrate as always with soup and sandwiches for the workers.*

## *Local Opportunities to Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation*



## COMMUNAL SERVICES

Monday, Dec. 12 — St. Bernadette — 7:30PM  
Monday, Dec. 19 — St. John the Baptist — 7:00PM  
Tuesday, Dec. 20 — Our Lady of Joy — 7:00PM  
Wed., Dec. 21 — North American Martyrs — 7:00PM

As always, many priests will be available at each parish for the sake of individual confessing of sins. We gather first to be strengthened in the fact that, yes, the sacrament is valid and has a purpose in God's plan of forgiveness and mercy.

## **Liturgical Ministry Meetings in Church**

*All involved with these ministries (who did not attend last week's meetings) need to be present this week. The meetings are important but not lengthy. Thank you for your commitment to serve God and his people.*

### LECTORS

**Monday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m.**

### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**Thursday, December 8th at 7:45 p.m.**

## **RCIA Continuing Mystagogy**

Continuing Mystagogy has ended for the RCIA Class of 2010-2011. Continuing Mystagogy will begin for the RCIA Class of 2011-2012 following Pentecost.

## **PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY *dates to remember***

### **Advent Reflections at St. Joseph Spirituality Center** **Tuesday, December 6**

At 10:00 a. m. on December 6, Sr. Kathleen Garde, CSJ, will guide a reflection on Advent as a time of waiting and offers suggestions on how to prepare. A fee of \$20 includes lunch. To register, call 724-869-6587.

### **Growing Together**

You are invited to share information, resources and stories with other families at Growing Together, a professionally-facilitated support group for the family members of adults with special needs. Wednesday, December 7, 6:30-8:30 pm at Jewish Family and Children Service of Pittsburgh, 5743 Barlett Street, Squirrel Hill. For RSVP or more information contact Linda Marino at 412-422-7200.

### **Feeding the Poor at the Intersection**

On Thursday, December 8, at 8:15 a. m. the Food Committee will deliver six casseroles of macaroni and cheese to the Intersection in McKeesport. We thank you for baking and supporting this act of love toward our neighbor.

## YOUTH MINISTRY



- Senior High Youth Ministry will meet Sunday, December 4th from 7-9 p.m. Theme: Trust Me
- All 7th and 8th graders are encouraged to bring their friends and join the Junior High youth ministry on Friday December 9th from 7-8:30 pm. Theme: Gifts Beyond Gifts
- Produce to People- Help the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank distribute fresh fruit/vegetables, as well as other grocery items, at their weekly Saturday distribution. By attending a direct distribution, you will experience an introspective glimpse into the food insecurity that exists in our very own Pittsburgh communities. Join the youth ministry in this awesome experience on Saturday December 17th. We will leave St. John the Baptist at 7:30 am and return by 12:30. Our distribution site will be held on the South Side. Space is limited so please call Joann if you are interested.



- All I want for Christmas....is a retreat to Steubenville.! Join thousands of teens this summer at the Franciscan University in Steubenville. Our first choice for the weekend is June 22nd-24th. The cost is \$170. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is due no later than January 1st to hold your spot.



- Dinner and Confession will be held Monday, December 19th. Dinner is at 5:30 pm in the Convent followed by the communal Reconciliation Service in the Church. All 9th -12th graders are encouraged to attend.



- The March for Life will be held Monday, January 23rd in Washington D.C. More information to follow soon.

### BAPTISM PREP FOR EXPECTANT PARENTS

*Our next session is next Sunday, December 11th 10:15 a.m. in the rectory living room Please call 412-795-6376 to register*

*Please call the Rectory 412-793-4511 to schedule the Baptism*

Couples should contact Mrs. Tarr in the Religious Education Office as soon as they learn of the pregnancy. Parents who live their faith with their children provide witness and understanding during these brief one-hour sessions. Preparing for a child's spiritual needs is more important than anything else. In the process of doing what is right for the child, parents grow in the understanding of their faith.



## SCHOOL NEWS



### Monday, December 5

—Scrip due by 10:00 a.m.

### Tuesday, December 6

—Penguin practice from 9:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### Thursday, December 8

—Holy Day Mass at 9:00 a.m. with grades K-8

### Saturday, December 10

—Market day pick-up at 9:00 a.m.

—Formal Christmas dance for grades 7/8

**2012 Lottery Calendars—January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012 are now on sale**

**Pick one up at the Rectory or School Office for \$25.00, for the year.**

*They make great Christmas gifts!*

### LUCKY LOTTERY WINNERS

from November 21st to November 27th

Gene J. Harchelroad #469, Robert James Reitz III #780, Bob Billstone #872, Beth Monroe #967, Bobbie Francism #415, Robert J. Gilmore #242, Beverly Lintelmanm#512

Saint Joseph High School 8th grade Placement Testing will be held on Saturday, December 10 and Saturday, January 21. Call 724-224-5552 to register or for more information.

## St. John's Preschool

*Parishioners are welcome to attend any of the Parent Sessions*



### Pre-K and Four-Year-Olds Sessions, 9:00 a.m.

—Wednesday, December 7, Santa Visits

—Friday, December 16, Christmas Party

### Three Year Olds Session—9:00 a.m.

—Thursday, December 8, Santa Visits

—Tuesday, December 13, Christmas Party

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**SUNDAY - First Sunday of Advent (12/04)**

4:00 p.m. (*Vigil*) Richard Hogan (Kathy, Tara and Patrick)  
7:30 a.m. Denis Yoest (Wife and Family)  
9:00 a.m. Roberta Contreras (husband, John)  
11:00 a.m. Living and Deceased of the Parish  
7:00 p.m. *Vespers*

**MONDAY - Advent Weekday (12/05)**

7:00 a.m. Joanne Taglieri (Rose McGuirk)  
9:00 a.m. Guy Notte (Joanne Krupper)

**TUESDAY - Saint Nicholas (12/06)**

7:00 a.m. Brian Caimano (Herrmann Family)  
9:00 a.m. Alex DiFrank (Grandmother)

**WEDNESDAY - Saint Ambrose (12/07)**

7:00 a.m. Dolores Burns (The Burns Family)  
9:00 a.m. Donald Droschak (Pampena Family)  
9:30 a.m. *Mother of Perpetual Help Novena*  
4:00 p.m. (*vigil*) Phyllis and Robert Jenkins (Jean Farr)

**THURSDAY - Immaculate Conception of Mary (12/08)**

7:00 a.m. Spiritual Blessings for Asunta Zallo  
(nephew, Luigi)  
9:00 a.m. Connie and Carl Parco, Sr. (son, Carl)  
7:00 p.m. Anna Ristway (John Zitz)

**FRIDAY - Advent Weekday (12/09)**

7:00 a.m. Lisa Marie Plutto (Richard Plutto)  
9:00 a.m. Stella O'Block (Alice and Rich Shelly)

**SATURDAY - Advent Weekday (12/10)**

9:00 a.m. Donald Miller (sister, Celine and Children)  
9:30 a.m. *Eucharistic Adoration until 11:30 a.m.*  
4:00 p.m. (*Vigil*) Living and Deceased of Parish

**SUNDAY - Third Sunday of Advent (12/11)**

7:30 a.m. Angeline Hromyak (Husband and Daughters)  
9:00 a.m. Spiritual/Temporal Welfare of  
Deacon Joe Vannucci (Jackie and Ray Colbert)  
11:00 a.m. Deceased of the Foley and Quint Families  
(Kay and Jack Quint)  
7:00 p.m. *Vespers*

**Parish Mission Statement**

Saint John the Baptist Parish is located in Plum Borough, Pennsylvania and is part of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh.

As a faith community, we strive to imitate our patron Saint John the Baptist who led others to Christ. We are committed to keeping our faith alive and growing through prayer, sacraments, faith formation and service. Through evangelization and stewardship we encourage full and active participation of all members.

We hope to reflect the life and love of Christ by strengthening the faith of our parishioners while reaching out to all God's people.

***Saint John the Baptist, pray for us!***

**2012 Mass Requests**

Mass requests for 2012 are now being taken. If you are looking for a specific date, please schedule now. If you are unable to come to the rectory Monday-Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., you may drop the form with the stipend into the collection basket on Sunday. Please write on the envelope Mass request attention: Susan. Mass request forms are available at the rectory and in the church vestibule.

**Second Sunday of Advent**

***A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar***

Why is it so hard to forgive, yet so easy to get even? Listen to John the Baptist in today's gospel and repent of the anger and ugly feelings which block your ability to forgive. This Christmas give a gift which makes a difference. Give forgiveness.

***Pray for Seminarians***

***Anthony R. Sciarappa***

*Fourth year college at Saint Paul Seminary  
2900 Noblestown Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15205*

***Andrew J. Cypher***

*First year Theology at North American College  
00120 Vatican City State, Europe  
(air mail stamp must be used)*

***The Seminarians like hearing from our parishioners  
and are grateful for all your encouragement and prayers***

**VOCATION CROSS**



Please join Jennifer Dopico in prayer this week as she displays the Vocation Cross in her home to pray for Religious Vocations.

***Any parishioner interested in having the  
vocation cross in their home for a week in 2012,  
please contact Suzy Adamonis (412)793-6110  
or [adam50s@hotmail.com](mailto:adam50s@hotmail.com). All dates are available.***

***Prayer for Vocations***

Oh God, Father of all mercies, provider of a bountiful harvest, send your graces upon those you have called to gather the fruits of your labor; preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service to you. Open the hearts of Your children that they may discern Your Holy Will; inspire in them a love and desire to surrender themselves to serving others in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ.

Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life guided by Your divine Word and Truth. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, and Saints, humbly hear our prayers and grant Your Church's needs through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***GOOD NEWS: The diocesan seminarians will be celebrate masses with us at St. John's on Sunday, March 25, 2012.***

**PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY**



**Blind & Vision Rehabilitation  
Needs Assistance**

Blind & Vision Rehabilitation Services of Pittsburgh is in need of volunteers on Tuesday afternoons between 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. to help with: arts, crafts and field trips, drive clients to and from the doctor's office, the airport, the bus station, and serve as escort for group activities like bowling, shopping, movies and other events.



For more information, contact Nancy Schepis, Volunteer Coordinator, 412-368-4400 or [nschepis@pghvis.org](mailto:nschepis@pghvis.org).

**Hearing Devices Here in the Church**

Our parish has purchased new equipment to assist those who have difficulty hearing. The equipment is integrated with the sound system and will wirelessly transmit from the sound system to individual receivers. There are 6 receivers located in the usher's room. Please ask an usher if you wish to use one. There are 3 types of listening devices available:



1. Single earbud-connect the earbud to the receiver and insert the earbud in either ear. (Replacement earbud covers have been ordered and will be available in a few weeks).
2. Ear speaker- connect the speaker to the receiver and place the speaker over either ear.
3. Neck Loop-this device fits around your neck and connects wirelessly to hearing aids equipped with a "T" coil.

Please let us know what you think of the equipment and if you have any suggestions to improve its usefulness. We will let you know if we get information that will improve the usefulness of the equipment. You may make comments or suggestions to our usher or our disability advocates:

Jim Rogers: phone 412-793-4296, email [jim-rogers@hotmail.com](mailto:jim-rogers@hotmail.com), Judy Rogers: phone 412-793-4296, email [jmattisPavlinksky@gmail.com](mailto:jmattisPavlinksky@gmail.com), Martin Clancy: phone 412-793-4944, email [cmartinclancy@aol.com](mailto:cmartinclancy@aol.com)

**Help the Local Food Bank**

Unsure of what to do with that \$5.00 left on your Giant Eagle gift card or the \$3.00 left on the Community Market card? Now you can give them to the local food banks! Place those cards in an envelope, marked "Food Banks" and drop them in the Sundays collection baskets. Simple but effective, the food banks will greatly appreciate them. Thank you.



*Tuesday is the feast of St. Nicholas. Consider putting a treat in your spouse's shoe (a chocolate kiss, a love note, a coupon for a favor like a backrub or a chore you'll relieve your spouse of the next day).* © 2011 Susan Vogt

***Welcome to St. John's***

*We are pleased to welcome the following new members to St. John's:*

*Timothy and Amanda Czakoczi  
Duane and Kailey Littleton*

***Rest In Peace***

*Lord, grant eternal rest to the souls of the dearly departed, especially **William James Duffy, Sr.** who died on November 25th.*

***Praying for the Sick***

*Please pray for our parishioners who are in the hospital or at home and requesting our prayers: Rachel Faas, Raymond Milleman, Matthew Smith, Sally Ann Dominkush, Betty Telles, John Truxal, Matt Drop, Maxine Drop, Joan Yushinski, Suzanne Skillen, Carolyn Szydowski, Pat Guerriero, Betty Lawson, Ruth Gorczynski, Jennie Molcsan, Madeline Ferragonio, Dominic Mollica, Sister Janet Barnicle, Delores L. Serre, Rosemary Koontz, Lucille Perhac, Ralph Genella, Sr., Martha Jo Faircloth, Tillie Holiday Allsopp, Mary Thompson, Jim Abel, Lucille Brose, Dawn Kelly, Jean Guerriero, Anna Urick, Marian Brownhill, David Marshall, Thomas Kuntz, Chris Russo, Bertha Subic, William Bradley, Mabel Dancu, Don Kitchener, Ruth Sarich, Paula Titus, Nick Roman, Amy Carmichael, Dorothy Kokal, Jean Duffy, Jane Truxal, Mabel Barlich, Christina Rosignoli, Joseph Telles, Eva Ignelzi, Dave Thomas, Regis Kozusko, Patricia Coto, Patricia Keefer, Harry Trautmann, Josephine Bozich.*

***Sanctuary Candle***

*The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in honor of the Blessed Sacrament and in loving memory of Roberta Contreras requested by husband, John*

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