

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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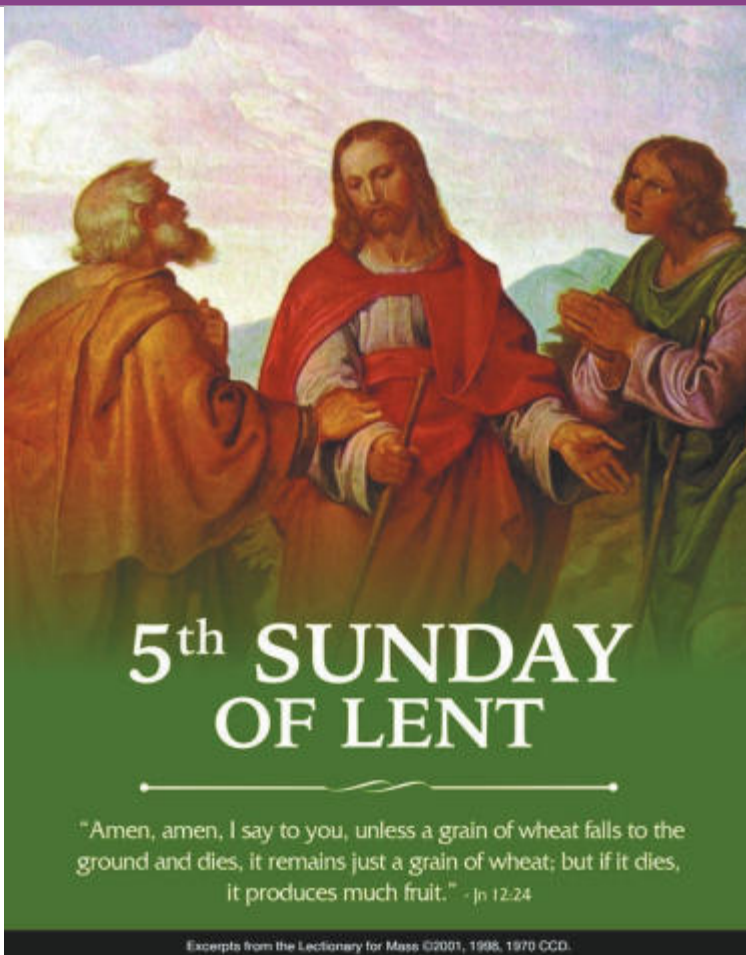
Rev. Speratus Kamanzi, AJ-Pastor

Established December 31, 1906



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### MARCH 21, 2021



## 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

"Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:24

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**PARISH MEMBERSHIP:** Active parish membership is both necessary and helpful to all involved when seeking sponsorship certificates, Marriage or Baptism preparations. Please call the rectory at 610.432.0034 or email [stjohnbaptistpa@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnbaptistpa@gmail.com) to register or to report address or phone number changes.

**MARRIAGE:** Engaged couples must contact a priest at least 6 months in advance of the requested wedding date in order to make proper arrangements for the Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program.

**BAPTISM:** Parents please email the Rectory Office at [stjohnbaptistpa@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnbaptistpa@gmail.com) 3-4 months prior to expected birth of your child to register for the Baptism and Baptism Prep Class.

**HOSPITAL VISITS:** Please have someone notify the Rectory when you or a family member is hospitalized.

### PAST PASTORS:

Rev. Msgr. Robert F. Kozel

Rev. Dominik P. Kalata

Very Rev. Dr. Robert B. Kosek, C.R.S.P. (Barnabite)

Rev. Gregory R. Karpyn

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Friday -9:00AM—2:00PM

Office Closed - Saturday, Sunday, Holy Day and Holidays

### DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN:

Please visit website at [www.allentowndioocese.org/](http://www.allentowndioocese.org/)

Please read St. John's current and past bulletins online by just logging on to: [WWW.PARISHESONLINE.COM](http://WWW.PARISHESONLINE.COM)

### VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC

To speak directly to the V.A. Coordinator please call:

DIRECT LINE ~ 1-800-791-9209

### SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR

Ms. Pamela Russo, M.S.W., M.S.

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, March 21, 2021 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
9:00AM ~ Health & Blessings for **Cuchran Family**  
By *M/M Stefan Cuchran*

**Monday, March 22, 2021**  
8:00AM +**Mildred Soha** by *Rob & Sue Neupauer*

**Tuesday, March 23, 2021 ~ St. Turbius of Mogrovejo**  
8:00AM +**Theresa Wittman** by *Rose Mrazik*

**Wednesday, March 24, 2021 ~**  
8:00AM ~ **Living & Deceased Parishioners**  
7:00PM - **Reconciliation Service**

**Thursday, March 25, 2021 ~ The Annunciation of the Lord**  
8:00AM ~ **For the Homeless** - Anonymous

**Friday, March 26, 2021 ~**  
8:00AM ~ **Living & Deceased Parishioners**  
6:00PM ~ **Stations of the Cross**

**Saturday, March 27, 2021**  
4:00PM +**David Vlahovic** by *Family*

**Sunday, March 28, 2021 ~ Palm Sunday**  
9:00AM ~ Birthday Blessings for **Jenica Chateau**  
By *Labram Family*

**7PM Reconciliation Service - March 24, 2021**

In Honor of **Catherine Bobeck's** 100th Birthday  
\$25 by John & Loretta Dashner

**SANCTUARY LIGHT OFFERINGS**

\$5 for +**Mary Panik** by *husband, Stephen Panik*

**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

**W**e, the Family of St. John the Baptist Catholic Community called by God and redeemed by Jesus Christ to be holy through the celebration of Mass and the Sacraments; to be faithful through Prayer, Scripture and Worship; to be Ministers and Witnesses with our Time, Talent, and Treasure; seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all things as we move forward on our journey to Eternity."

**DO NOT FORGET TO PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING OF THE PARISH**  
*Especially those in the hospitals and nursing facilities. Also, for those confined to their homes with an illness or disability.*

**MASS SCHEDULES:**

8: 00AM ~ Daily (Monday to Friday)  
4:00PM ~ Saturday  
9:00 AM ~ Sunday  
Vigil 7:00PM & Noon— Holy Days of Obligation

**CONFESSIONS:**

Before 8:00AM Mass ~ Monday to Friday or  
Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 PM



**EASTER RAFFLE  
MARCH 26, 2021**

Don't forget to return your raffle tickets . If you would like more, you can purchase them before or after mass or you can call the rectory during business hours 9AM-2PM.

**Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service**

If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at [www.ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 1-800-276-1562

**PARISH STAFF**

**PASTOR:** *Rev. Speratus Kamanzi, AJ*  
**SECRETARY:** *Mrs. Pat Noga*  
**HOMEBOUND MINISTRY:** *Mrs. Loretta A. Dashner and Mrs. Lisa Capece*  
**PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON:** *Miss Amy Zvitkovitz*  
**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:** *Mr. William Drost*  
**DATA ENTRY COORDINATOR:** *Mr. Ray Fernandez*  
**WELCOMING MINISTRY:** *Mrs. Pat Noga*  
**SEXTON:** *Judith Smith*  
**LECTOR COORDINATOR & SAFE**  
**ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR:** *Mrs. Michele Mrazik Grasso*

**WE WELCOME ALL VISITORS TO OUR CELEBRATION**



While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Catholics, our non-Catholic guests are welcome to receive a blessing from the priest or deacon during Communion. Join the Communion line with your arms crossed over your chest to receive your blessing. **GOD BLESS!**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**"Create a clean heart in me, O God."**

**A REPORT ON OUR STEWARDSHIP**

<b>TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION</b>	March 14, 2021	July 1, 2020 to Date
	<b>\$1,656</b>	<b>\$101,415</b>

Thank you to the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association for their generous donation of \$1,788.68 which went to defray the cost of our fish dinner in February. As always we are grateful for all they do for our church and our auxiliary.

**Lottery Calendar Winners**

Congratulations to our recent winners:

- March 8 --Unsold Ticket
- March 9 - Teresa Rasbold
- March 10 - Unsold Ticket
- March 11 - Unsold Ticket
- March 12 - Betty Stupak
- March 13 - Marion O'Neil
- March 14 - Elaine Haklar

**JANENKO'S LAWN CARE  
484-788-4140**

We will clean up and remove from the cemetery all debris, flowers (artificial and live), Christmas items, etc. and sweep in preparation for Palm Sunday and Easter. This will take place (**weather permitting**) on March 22nd. We will also be replacing the Veterans flags (**WHEN THEY ARRIVE**) and checking on the condition of the flag holders and repairing or replacing them as needed. We have holders for WW1, WW2, Korea, and Vietnam and the later wars in limited and varying amounts. Please call us and leave a message if you are missing one. We also will be attending to any new graves in need of filling in, raking and seeding.

**PARISH EVENTS/UPDATES**

**March 26 - Take out Fish Dinner 4-6:30PM**  
**March 26 - Easter Raffle Drawing.**  
**Winners will be notified**

**LAST ONE FOR LENT**

**TAKE OUT  
 LENTEN FISH DINNER  
 MARCH 26, 2021  
 4PM-6:30PM  
 \$12.00**

Purchase tickets in the main vestibule before and after weekend masses. (**NO SALES AT THE DOOR**). Tickets are also available in the rectory during business hours Monday-Friday from 9:00-2:00PM. There will be **NO TICKET SALES AFTER SUNDAY, March 21st.**

**Menu:** Baked Filet of Haddock, Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans, Creamed Cabbage, Tartar Sauce, roll and dessert.

**Catholic Charities  
 Chew Street Soup Kitchen**

The Soup Kitchen is having a much needed food drive on Saturday, April 17th for those who are much less fortunate. We will be accepting donations beginning **March 27th**. Please bring non-perishables, unopened food items, such as canned goods to the main vestibule of the church.. There will be boxes in which you can place the items that you wish to donate for the food drive.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. The people who receive our donations will be extremely grateful. The donated items will be delivered to the Soup Kitchen on April 17th.

<b>MASS</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</b>	<b>ALTAR SERVER</b>
March 27, 2021	MaryJo Rosenberger Jim Talianek	Loretta Dashner	
March 28, 2021	Lisa Capece Andrea Hajducko	Ed Marth	

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