

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



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Nativity of St. John the Baptist

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10:00 am

SUNG MASS

Voluntary: Cantabile in B

César Franck

Introit: *De ventre*

Isaiah 49:1-2, Psalm 92:1

From the womb of my mother the Lord hath called me by my name; and hath made my mouth as it were a sharp sword: beneath the shadow of his hand hath he hidden me, and hath made me like to a polished arrow. (Psalm) It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord: and to sing praises unto thy Name, O Most Highest. *Gloria Patri*. From the womb...

Kyrie eleison (*Missa Brevis* in C)

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in excelsis (*Missa Brevis* in C)

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,

we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;

thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Collect of the Day (*congregation kneeling*)

First Reading (*congregation sitting*)

Isaiah 49:1-6

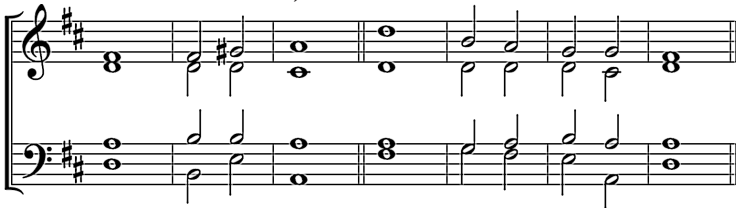
Listen to me, O islands, and pay attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

But I said, “I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD and my recompense with my God.” And now the LORD says, who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength – he says: “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.”

At the end of each reading the People respond: Thanks be to God.

Gradual: Psalm 139:1-2, 12-14

chant by Thomas Kelway



- 1 O Lord, thou hast searched me | out and | known me:
 thou knowest my down-sitting, and mine up-rising;
 thou understandest my | thoughts | long be- | fore
- 2 Thou art about my path, and a- | bout my | bed:
 and art ac- | quainted + with | all my | ways.
- 12 For my | reins are | thine:
 thou hast covered me | in my | mother's | womb.
- 13 I will give thanks to thee, for I am fearfully and | wonderful-ly | made:
 marvellous are thy works,
 and that my | soul | knoweth + right | well.
- 14 My bones are not | hid from | thee:
 though I be made secretly,
 and | fashioned + be- | neath + in the | earth.

Second Reading

Acts 13:22-26

In those days: Paul said, “God raised up David to be our fathers’ king; of whom he testified and said, ‘I have found in David, the son of Jesse, a man after my heart, who will do all my will.’ Of this man’s posterity God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised. Before his coming John had preached a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. And as John was finishing his course, he said, “What do you supposed that I am? I am not he. No, but after me one is coming, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie.’ Brethren, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you that fear God, to us has been sent the message of this salvation.”

Gospel Acclamation: *Tu puer*

Luke 1:76

Alleluia, alleluia. **V.** Thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways. Alleluia. *Before the Gospel:*

V. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. **R.** Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

Luke 1:57-66, 80

Now the time came for Elizabeth to be delivered, and she gave birth to a son. And her neighbors and kinsfolk heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they would have named him Zechariah after his father, but his mother said, "Not so; he shall be called John." And they said to her, "None of your kindred is called by this name." And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he would have him called. And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, "His name is John." And they all marveled. And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea; and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, "What then will this child be?" For the hand of the Lord was with him. And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness till the day of his manifestation to Israel. *After the Gospel reading:*

V. The Gospel of the Lord. **R.** Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon (*congregation sitting*)

Nicene Creed (*congregation standing*)

Hymnal 720

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, (genuflect) and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; (stand) and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People (*congregation kneeling*)

Confession, Absolution and Comfortable Words

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Antiphon: *Iustus ut palma* (*congregation sitting*)

Psalms 92:11

The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree: and shall spread abroad like a cedar in Lebanon.

Anthem at the Offertory: "Listen, O Isles"

George Benjamin Allen

Listen, O Isles unto me, and hearken ye people from afar. The Lord hath called me from the womb, and he hath made my tongue like a sharp sword. (Isaiah 49:1-2) He shall turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers. (Malachi 4:6) Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. (Matthew 3:2)

Offertory Hymn 10: "On Jordan's bank"

Winchester New

After the altar is prepared the priest says,

Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable unto God, the Father almighty.
The People stand and respond:

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at thy hands, for the praise and glory of his Name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up unto the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

R. It is meet and right so to do.

Preface of St. John the Baptist

Sanctus and Benedictus (*Missa Brevis* in C)

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God of hosts,

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer *The People kneel. After the Elevations:*

Priest: The mystery of faith.

The People with the Priest:

O Saviour of the world, who by thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us: save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

Our Father (*congregation standing*)

Hymnal 722

The Priest continues: "Deliver us ... and safe from all distress." *The People respond:*

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Peace and Fraction

The Priest offers a prayer for the peace of Christ, and then says:

V. The peace of the Lord be always with you. **R.** And with thy spirit.

Those who wish to exchange the Peace may "offer the sign of peace to those nearest and in a sober manner." The exchange is optional, and those who prefer not to exchange the Peace should kneel.

All kneel after the exchange of Peace.

At the Fraction:

V. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

R. Therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei (*Missa Brevis in C*)

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him that taketh away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

The People respond thrice:

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Antiphon: *Tu puer*

Luke 1:76

And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Those in full communion with the Catholic Church are welcome to receive Communion. Others are welcome to come for a blessing (crossing their arms over their chest), and join us in praying for the day when our Lord's prayer "that we all may be one" will be fulfilled. It is not possible to receive Communion by intinction at this Mass.

Motet: "Comfort, comfort ye, my people"

Louis Bourgeois

Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.
Hark, the voice of one that crieth in the desert far and near,
Calling us to new repentance since the kingdom now is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise to meet him and the hills bow down to greet him.
Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain;
Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad;
And all flesh shall see the token that his word is never broken.

(Paraphrase of Isaiah 40:1-5 by Johann Olearius, 1671;
trans. by Catherine Winkworth, 1864)

Ablutions Hymn 195: "Father, we thank thee"

Rendez à Dieu

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*said by the congregation kneeling with the celebrant*)

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us

to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Post-Communion Collect

Blessing and Dismissal

V. The Lord be with you. *R.* And with thy spirit.

The Priest gives the blessing. The Priest dismisses the People, and they respond:

Thanks be to God.

The Last Gospel (*congregation standing*)

John 1:1-14

V. The Lord be with you. *R.* And with thy spirit.

V. The Beginning of the Holy Gospel according to John. *R.* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

After the Gospel reading: Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn 9: "Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding"

Merton

Voluntary: Toccata in G

Théodore Dubois



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Saint John the Baptist is a Catholic parish of the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter, using the Divine Worship Missal, authorized by the Holy See for use in the Ordinariate. Those interested in instruction about the Ordinariate, and those interested in entering the full communion of the Catholic Church are invited to speak with Fr Ousley. The Saint John's Rectory (and parish mailing address) is at 502 Ford Street, Bridgeport, PA 19405. The telephone is 215-247-1092. The web site is: www.sjbbridgeport.org.

CALENDAR

Monday, June 26

Tuesday, June 27

Wednesday, June 28

Thursday, June 29

Friday, June 30

Saturday, July 1

Sunday, July 2

Feria

St Cyril of Alexandria, *bishop & doctor*: Mass, 6 p.m.

St Irenaeus, *bishop & martyr*: Mass & Healing, 10 a.m.

SAINTS PETER & PAUL, *apostles*: Mass, 6 p.m.

First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church: Mass, noon

Feria: Mass, 9 a.m.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sung Mass, 10 a.m.

LESSONS FOR MORNING & EVENING PRAYER

ST JOHN BAPTIST	Morning		Evening	
Sunday 6/25	Joshua 2	Mark 2:23-3:19	Hosea 11:1-9a	Acts 2:1-21
Monday	I Samuel 22:6-end	II Peter 1	I Samuel 23	Mark 8:11-9:1
Tuesday	24	2	25:2-42	9:2-29
Wednesday	26	3	Ezekiel 3:4-11	Galatians 1:13-2:8
Thursday Ss PETER & PAUL	Ezekiel 2:1-7	Acts 11:1-18	Ezekiel 34:11-16	John 21:15-22
Friday	II Samuel 2:1-3:1	I John 1:1-2:6	II Samuel 3:17-end	Mark 10:32-end
Saturday	5:1-12	2:7-end	6	11:1-26
Sunday 7/2	Joshua 3	Mark 3:20-end	Hosea 14	Acts 2:22-42(43-end)

Collect for the Nativity of St John the Baptist: ALMIGHTY GOD, by whose providence thy servant Saint John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of thy Son our Saviour, by preaching of repentance; make us so to follow his doctrine and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching; and after his example constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Collect for the ferias: O LORD, who never failest to help and govern those whom thou dost bring up in thy steadfast fear and love; Keep us, we beseech thee, under the protection of thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Collect for Saints Peter & Paul: O GOD, who didst give such grace to thy holy Apostles Saint Peter and Saint Paul, that they were enabled to bear witness to the truth by their death; grant unto thy Church that, as in the beginning she was enlightened by their teaching, so by their intercession she may continue in the same unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

INTERCESSIONS

Sick: Janis, Delbert, Vanessa, Patricia, Samuel, Hyacinth, Terraine, Martha, Charmaine, Adele, Angela, Delores, Charles; Marion, Timothy, Mary Joan, Mary Charles, Gary, Lisa, Bob, Martha, Richard, Cecily

Clergy: Francis, Benedict, Steven, Charles, John, David, Thomas, Roger

Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St Peter; the unity of the Church; Good Shepherd (Rosemont), Sacred Heart (Swedesburg), Holy Cross (Mount Airy), Our Lady of the Assumption (Strafford)

Persecuted Christians

Those who are with child: Gina, Teresa

Armed Forces, especially Aidan, David; all those in action

Pursuing higher education: Janice, Elizabeth, Charles, Aquinas, Timisha, Cheryl, Eliza, Lisa

Seeking employment: Joanna, Joshua, George, Kevin, Philomena

Birthdays: Timisha Smith-Rafi, Saheim Vaughn

R.I.P.: Jane Biswanger, Joseph Bennett Hill, Thelma Hershey, Lewis Wellington Tatum

NOTICES

All are invited to stay for coffee hour in the school building next door after the Mass. Sunday school meets during coffee hour.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Thelma Hershey.

Thrift Shop volunteers (including any new volunteers) are asked to meet with Fr Ousley for a few minutes during coffee hour today.

The Funeral Mass for Bennett Hill will be celebrated here at St John's at 11 a.m. on Thursday.

The Wednesday Bible Study meets at 11:05 in the parish house. The lesson this week is Proverbs 15. New folk welcome, either in person or on the conference call. Details from Fr Ousley. There will be no classes July 5th or 12th.

There will be no weekday Masses July 4th-14th.

This is the choir's last Sunday before summer break. Our thanks goes to them for their efforts which do so much to enhance our worship.

The Thrift Shop will be open on Saturday this week, 10-2.

The parish Pastoral Council will not meet in July.

Next Sunday, the laying on of hands for healing will be offered after the Mass.

Fr Ousley hears confessions in the confessional at the back of the nave on Sunday, 9-9:45 a.m., and at other times by appointment.