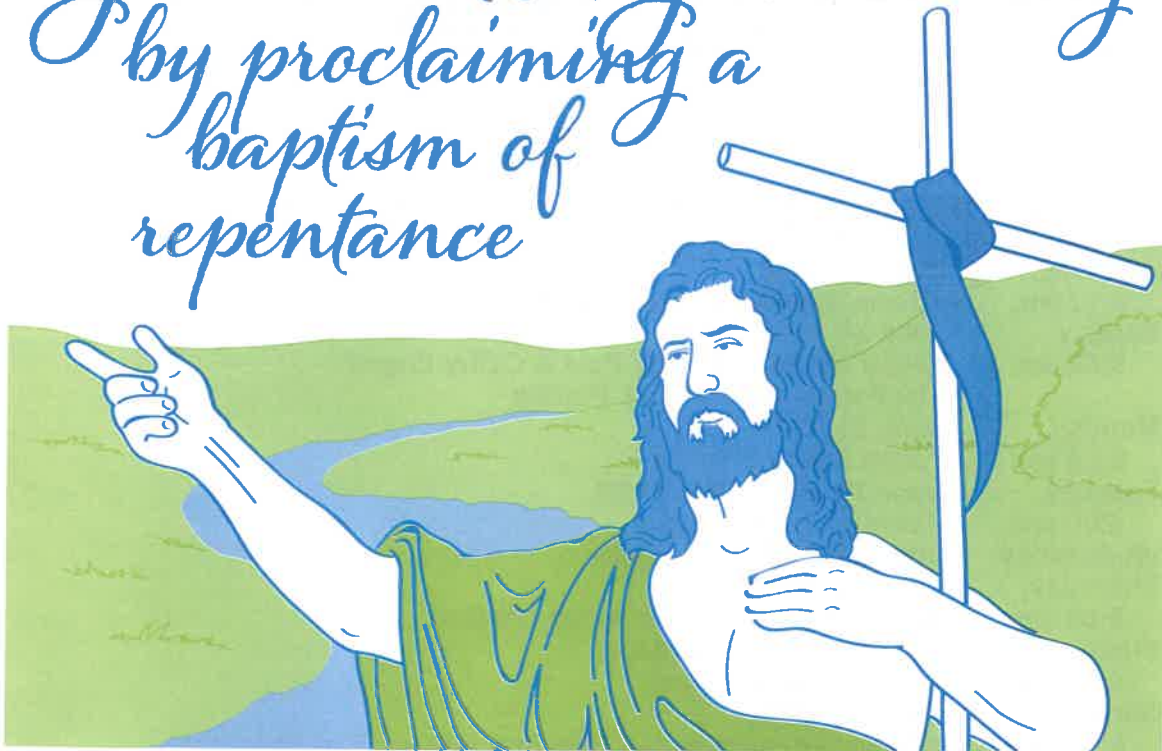


John heralded Jesus' coming
by proclaiming a
baptism of
repentance



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June 24, 2018 • The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

God loves infinite variety. God creates every human person as an unrepeatable being, each with a distinct purpose in life. Today, on the feast of John the Baptist, we praise God for creating this oneofakind powerhouse prophet and preacher. Maybe some of us share personality traits with John the Baptist. Or maybe we couldn't be more unlike him. God will use whatever gifts we have, bold or discreet.

God wants salvation to "reach to the ends of the earth," as today's reading from Isaiah says, so we can all find a way to serve the Lord. Nothing less than the salvation of the world is at stake; we have received the "word of salvation," Saint Paul says in the Acts of the Apostles. Today's feast is a perfect time to ask the Lord what gifts we have, and how we can use them to share the love of Jesus.

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THE NATIVITY OF
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Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 23, 2018
5:00 pm †Elane Nowak req. by Pat Latham

Sunday, June 24, 2018
9:00 am †Jerry Robbins req. by Paul & Cathy Engler /
The Parish Family of St. Patrick

Monday, June 25, 2018
9:00 am †John & Ann Shields

Tuesday, June 26, 2018—NO MASS
6:00 pm Adoration until 9 pm

Wednesday, June 27, 2018—NO MASS

Thursday, June 28, 2018
9:00 am †Jim Tulley req. by Ed & Judy Phelan

Friday, June 29, 2018—NO MASS
9:00 am Adoration until 11 am

Saturday, June 30, 2018
5:00 pm †Deceased members of Phelan & Osburn Families
req. by Bill & Georgia Phelan

Sunday, July 1, 2018
9:00 am †Lillian & Anton Groleski req. by Doris Robbins /
The Parish Family of St. Patrick

Altar Servers:

Saturday, June 30 - 5:00 pm
Brent Bieschke, Andy Horath

Sunday, July 1 - 9:00 am
Jimmy & Nicole Quigley

Lector

Saturday, June 30 - 5:00 pm
Linda Cakora

Sunday, July 1 - 9:00 am
Kelly Hoehn

Extraordinary Minister:

Saturday, June 30 - 5:00 pm
Jim Kreske

Sunday, July 1 - 9:00 am
Grace Niemiec

Usher:

Saturday, June 30 - 5:00 pm
Howard Bieschke, John Meyer

Sunday, July 1 - 9:00 am
Brad Phelps, Dennis Skolasinski

Music: Cathy Engler

Collection Counters : Boyle, Kotesa, Phelps

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, the weekly Sunday collection goal is \$2,463.93

Sunday, June 17 \$1,638.00

Thank you for your support of our Parish

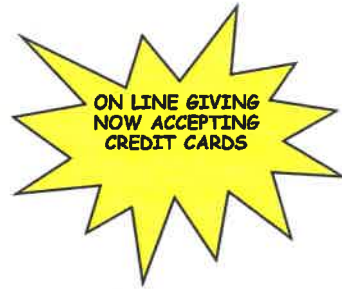
*Please Participate!
Your Gift Makes a Difference!*

Parish Goal:	\$ 10,600.00
Amount Pledged:	\$ 10,490.00
Amount Paid:	\$ 7,891.00
2017 Rebate	\$ 0



Diocese of Joliet

Thank you for your generous response.



Our parish offers Online Giving, a web-based electronic contribution application. We are providing this service so that you have the option to manage your contributions online or with your offering envelopes. This service is safe and secure. And it is convenient for you and for our parish staff. Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org and selecting the Online Giving link. It's easy and it's convenient!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS— A contact list of ministers; Lectors, Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, & Ushers is on the table in the vestibule. Pick up a copy and check all information for any errors and contact rectory for any changes. **Please email stpatrickwilton@aol.com with dates you are unavailable thru August 30, 2018.** Thank You.

Our second collection next weekend is for our Maintenance Fund, to help with the general upkeep of St. Patrick Parish. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.



Please remember in your prayers, Barb Flatt who entered eternal life. Remember also her family as we commend her soul to the Lord. It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead.

24 HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS ON JULY 6 WILL STILL BE CELEBRATED AT 9:00 AM

FIRST SATURDAY MASS ON JULY 7 WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 9:00 AM

Parish Accountant/ Business Manager (part-time) Position

St. Mary Magdalene/ St. Bernard Parish (Joliet) is seeking a part-time parish accountant/ business manager. This person will provide day to day management of the parish's finances and properties. Knowledge of accounting software along with solid accounting skills are required for this position. The parish accountant must have effective communication skills and the ability to work with others on many different levels. The individual must also be a self-starter with the ability to perform duties in a professional and confidential manner. A bachelor's degree with an accounting major is preferred and at least three years of accounting experience. Individual should have experience with accounting systems, Excel, Word and Microsoft Publisher. This is an hourly (8 to 10 hours a week) position with no benefits.

To apply, please send resume and cover letter to: magdalenechurch@aol.com. To view the full job description, visit: <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/listjobs.php>.

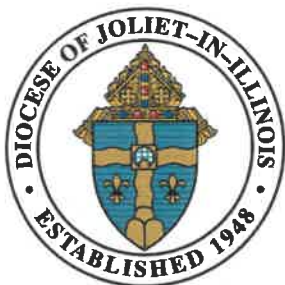


Our Two Week
Candle is burning for
Deceased members of Phelan & Osburn Families
Req. by
Bill & Georgia Phelan



BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR

The Council of Catholic Women has again been asked to help with the Catholic Charities Back to School Fair. We have been asked to focus on dry markers &/ or hand sanitizer, but they will of course accept any school supplies. Also requested are new or like new books appropriate for children from pre school through 12th grade. Cash donations are accepted and appreciated. Please make checks out to Catholic Charities, Back to School Fair. Please have donations in church by July 22. Thank you for your continuous support.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On **June 30-July 1**, our diocese will take up the [Peter's Pence Collection](#). Our participation supports the charitable work of Pope Francis as he reaches out to those who are marginalized and suffering around the globe. By supporting this collection, you join the Holy Father in bringing a little more mercy into the world.

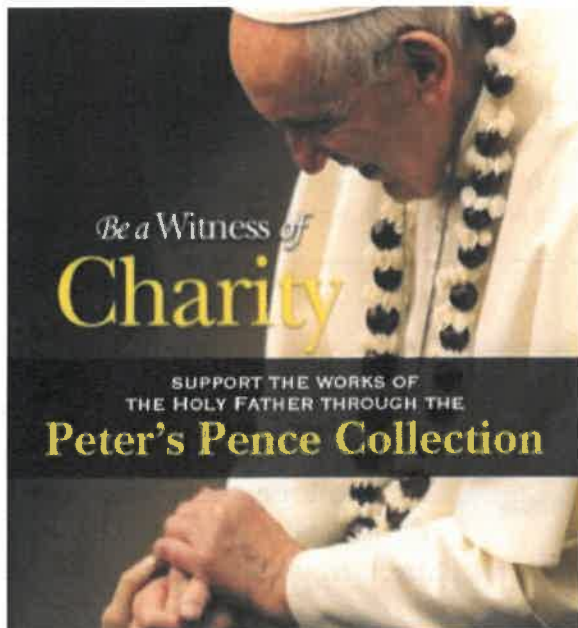
Pope Francis calls to us that efforts be made everywhere to promote the culture of encounter and justice, which alone can guarantee the spiritual and material welfare of all people. Your support makes it possible for the Holy Father to carry out his charitable works around the world, to help victims of war, natural disasters, and other difficult situations.

Let us join with our brothers and sisters in faith from around the globe to help Pope Francis reach the marginalized in our world. Please prayerfully consider how you can best support the collection this year.

Thank you, and may God bless you abundantly.

Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon

Bishop of Joliet



Annual Diocesan Ros-a-Ree Scout Retreat

Attention **ALL** Scouts – Male and Female. The Early Bird pricing for the Annual Diocesan Ros-a-Ree Scout Retreat / Campout will end July 15th. **Sign up soon as space is limited and costs will go up.** This retreat satisfies the retreat requirement needed for many of the Religious Recognitions. This year a special Ad Altare Dei Orientation class will be held at the Ros-a-Ree for those who **pre-register** for it and the class itself.

The Ros-a-Ree runs Aug 10th - Aug 12th and is open to **ALL** Scouts (male or female) who are entering the 6th grade or higher in the Fall. Registration beforehand is required. For more information and registration forms, visit: dioceseofjoliet.org/scouting and click on 'A-Z Directory' from the main page and from there scroll down the left side menu and click on 'Ros-a-Ree Retreat / Camp Out'.

"Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet."
--Acts 13:25

Remember to make your Amazon purchases By first going to our parish website at www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org and log into your amazon account from the link on our site. "We are a participant in the Amazon Services LLC Associates Program, an affiliate advertising program designed to provide a means for us to earn fees by linking to Amazon.com and affiliated sites."



GOING ON VACATON?

iTunes has a free app that makes going to Mass easy. Just download Catholic Mass Times Church Directory on your smartphone; use your current location and you can find churches, daily readings; saints; and more. You can also go to masstimes.org to find a church in your vacation area. Have a safe summer.



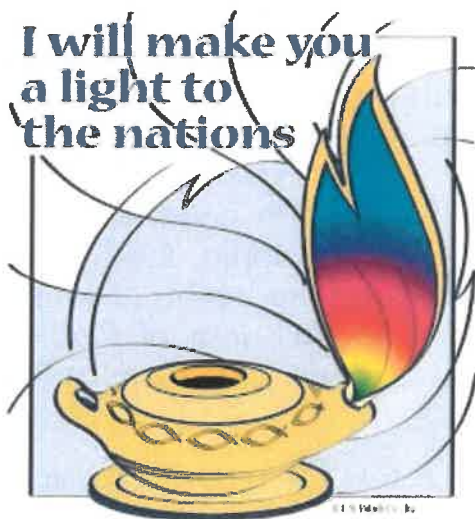
PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Marge Flint; Grace Niemiec; Cathy Engler, Loretta Long, Barb Flatt, Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Jeanne Kuzmicz, Bonnie Hack; Ron Bzdil; Adrian Wilkerson, Michelle Schneider; Joyce Heffern, Lisa Bernhard, Jim McGrath, Father Roger; Sister Anne Ellen Quirk; Torie Jasinski; Judith Wright; Frank Wahlen; Cecelia Mundt; Don Tures; Ron Wagner; Kyle Cassidy; Derek Knauer; Bill Phelan

Anyone wishing to be on the prayer list should contact the office.

Intention of the Holy Father MONTH OF JUNE

- That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK June 24, 2018



Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Ps 119:33-37, 40; Mt 7:15-20
Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-5, 8, 9; Mt 7:21-29
Friday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:15-17
Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 [5:21-24, 35b-43]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Monday: Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time
Wednesday: St. Cyril of Alexandria
Thursday: St. Irenaeus
Friday: Ss. Peter and Paul
Saturday: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church; Blessed Virgin Mary

RIPE AND READY



Teachers and coaches know how to modify their tactics to reach various learners. God does the same with us, perfectly assessing the precise intervention we need in particular situations. God sent Jesus into the world at the ripest moment in human history. Although plenty of prophets, for centuries, had foretold the coming of the Messiah, the profound honor of meeting Christ himself fell to John the Baptist. The Gospel of Matthew tells us what this blessed prophet was like: “John wore clothing made of camel’s hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey.” Out of an infinite variety of people throughout all of human history, God chose John the Baptist, in his wildness, to make us ready to meet the Son of God.

LEAST LIKELY TO SUCCEED

Few, if any, of us would be likely to choose John the Baptist as the one to prepare the world to meet its savior. Most of us would feel awkward around John, given his food and clothing choices, and his constant reminders to repent of our sins. John’s own father, Zechariah, doubted God’s providence when he learned his wife Elizabeth would give birth to John. As a punishment, the angel Gabriel removed Zechariah’s ability to speak. Luke’s Gospel reading today recounts the moment when Zechariah acknowledges God’s plan for his son. He supports Elizabeth—who had trusted in God’s providence all along—and regains his voice. Zechariah rejoices in God’s wisdom, praising God to all their neighbors.

John’s story reminds us how our instincts often run counter to God’s wisdom. Though we avoid awkward and difficult people, God chooses a locust-eating man to show us the way to Jesus. The lesson of John the Baptist is never to underestimate the power and wisdom of God. This inspires hope! We, like John, are “fearfully, wonderfully made” (Psalm 139). God has beautiful plans for each of us.

Today’s Readings: Is 49:1–6; Ps 139:1–3, 13–14, 14–15; Acts 13:22–26; Lk 1:57–66, 80

6/24/2018