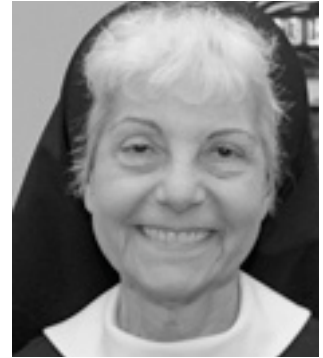


*Please look for Father O'Sullivan's "A Helping of Shepherds Pie" upon his return!*



## **STEPS TOWARD BECOMING A CANONIZED SAINT (Part 2)**



Friends, last week we explored the first two steps toward beatification and saintly canonization. To summarize briefly, the first phase, that of Inquiry, may occur five or more years after the death of the individual (fewer years if so designated by the Pope). The person is deemed "Servant of God," as in the case of Lucia Santos, the oldest of the three children of Fatima. When everything is in order and an affirmative vote is given, the person is designated "Venerable Servant of God." This step requires the approval of a miracle which becomes evidence of the intercessory power of the Venerable Servant of God and of his/her union with God.

Wherever the miracle has occurred that diocese may then conduct its own investigation, setting up a tribunal as well as both a scientific and a theological commission. Members of the scientific commission accept criteria that states that there is no natural explanation for the alleged miracle. While miracles can be of any type, the most frequent miracles are physical. In other words, there is documentation that supports the fact that the cure can only be attributed to God. No medical treatment could help what is considered beyond hope. The disappearance of a malignancy, for example, would appear to be unexplainable and instantaneous. The cure would unequivocally point to a divine cause. The theological commission would then determine whether the miracle resulted through the intercession of the Venerable Servant of God only. So, for example, family and friends would need to be praying exclusively to the particular Venerable and not to the Blessed Virgin or any other saints.

The task of the theological commission is to judge not only that the cure was a miracle but that this miracle is due to the exclusive intercession of the Venerable Servant of God. The decision is then forwarded to the Congregation in Rome and, if judged affirmatively, forwarded to the Pope. With the Holy Father's approval of a Decree of a Miracle the person is declared Blessed. It is important to realize that beatification is not considered an infallible papal act and so it is not yet appropriate that the Church give liturgical veneration to the Blessed. We do not yet pray to that particular person but, as in the case of a diocese or religious institute closely associated with the person's life, Catholics may privately venerate them.

Only after one more miracle will the Church move toward the canonization process. The process is the same as it was for the initial miracle. The alleged miracle is studied by scientific and theological commissions in the diocese in which it has occurred. The title of saint, conferred by the Pope, tells us that the person lived a holy life, is in heaven, and is now to be honored by the universal Church. Canonization does not "make" a person a saint; it recognizes what God has already done.

The process of canonization often takes a long time and a lot of effort. While we know that every person who is canonized is a saint, not every holy person has been canonized. No doubt we all have probably met or known many "saints" in our life. AND, don't forget, we are all called by God to be one! Impossible? Not really! With God in our life, all things are possible! So, let's get going!! Blessings!

*Sister Marganne*

# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

## Sunday, September 2

### Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM All the Members of our Parish  
9:30 AM Our Priest and all Priests, requested by the Blue Army  
11:30 AM Edward Kiernan, requested by Maureen Kirlin

## Monday, September 3: Saint Gregory the Great

9:00 AM Walter and Barbara Samsøe, requested by the Nally Family

## Tuesday, September 4: Tuesday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Walter and Florence Burek, requested by Walter and Frannie Burek

## Wednesday, September 5: Saint Teresa of Calcutta

8:00 AM Constance B. O'Neil, requested by the O'Neil and Link Families

## Thursday, September 6: Thursday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Jeanne Comfort, requested by Alice Samsel Foley

## Friday, September 7: Friday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Living and deceased members of the Kiernan and Kernan Families, requested by the Family

## Saturday, September 8: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM Ngoc Choo, requested by the Kenworthy Family  
4:00 PM Josephine and Alvin Rosetti, requested by JoAnne and Craig Wentzel

## Sunday, September 9

### Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Emily Wilkening, requested by Kristen and Robert Sica  
9:30 AM All the Members of our Parish  
11:30 AM Francisca Garraton, requested by her Family

## THIS WEEK AT ST•JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

### Sunday, September 2

Bakery Basket, after 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM Masses

### Monday, September 3 *Labor Day!*

Parish Offices are closed

### Tuesday, September 4

Confessions, immediately following 8:00 AM Mass  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:30 AM to 6:50 PM  
Benediction, 6:50 PM to 7:00 PM  
Blue Army Holy Hour, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

### Wednesday, September 5

Rosary at Manor Care, 6:15 PM to 6:45 PM

### Thursday, September 6

No Events Scheduled

### Friday, September 7

Divine Mercy Chaplet, 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM  
Rosary, 7:00 PM to 7:30 PM

### Saturday, September 8

Miraculous Medal Novena, immediately following 8:00 AM Mass  
Confessions, 2:45 PM to 3:45 PM  
Discipleship Fair, 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM

## WELCOME SONYA!



We are happy to announce that we have a new part-time Music Director following the retirement of Joan Crawford a few months ago. Ms. Sonya Novak will begin her tenure here at St. John's beginning the weekend of September 8-9. We

know that she will continue the fine liturgical ministry that we have here in our Parish.

## Our Upcoming Second Collection

In your generosity, please remember:  
*September 8th and 9th*  
Black and Indian Missions

## REST IN PEACE

In your kindness, please pray for the happy repose of the soul of

*Lucille Grzymkowski,*  
wife of Joseph Grzymkowski

May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



# RCIA

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

As we look ahead to September which will be here in, we are happy to announce that our RCIA program [Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults] will be held on Tuesday evenings beginning on September 18th at 7 PM. While the RCIA is intended for those who have never been baptized and are considering preparing for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, this rite also provides adaptations for those who are already baptized in another Christian faith – or are baptized Catholics who still need to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

We have a team raring to go! So, if you know of anyone who may be interested or possibly considering becoming Catholic or completing their sacraments of initiation, please contact Sister Marganne at [srmdrago@stjohnpa.org](mailto:srmdrago@stjohnpa.org) or call 215-295-4102.

This journey of faith is not made alone. All of us - this St. John community of believers - are eager to surround those in the RCIA with our support, our prayers, and our Christian witness. Someone may just be waiting for an invitation from YOU!

## BAKERY BASKET NEXT WEEKEND!



The Bakery Basket, sponsored by Youth Ministry will be held this Sunday, September 2nd, after the 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM Masses in the Deacon James Hartmann Meeting Room. Please stop by and enjoy food and friendship with family and friends. **All are welcome!**

## Next Sunday's Readings – September 9, 2018

Prepare for Sunday Mass by reading, reflecting and praying the readings with family and friends.

### Reading 1

Isaiah 35:4-7A

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

### Reading 2

James 2:1-5

### Alleluia

CF, Matthew 4:23

### Gospel

Mark 7:31-37



## ADMINISTRATION

### Third Sunday in August 2018

Regular Sunday Collection	\$ 10,971
Number of Envelopes	325

### Third Sunday in August 2017

Regular Sunday Collection	\$ 12,836
Number of Envelopes	354
YTD Collection	
(July 1, 2018 – August 19, 2018)	\$ 93,301
Average Number of Envelopes	335

**Thank you for your continued generosity!**

## Come, Let Us Worship The Lord!

On the Weekend of August 18/August 19, 2018  
226 people joined us at our 4:00 PM Mass;  
161 people joined us at our 7:30 AM Mass;  
220 people joined us at our 9:30 AM Mass;  
and 221 people joined us at our 11:30 AM Mass.

**Thank You For Making The Lord A Priority In Your Life!**

## God Bless Our Service Members



*Please keep in your thoughts and prayers all service men and women, along with their family members, when so many are far from home throughout the world. We are forever grateful for all the sacrifices that they and their families have made.*



- Lt. Timothy Abbracciamento  
(son of John and Ana Abbracciamento)
- Lt. Commander Matthew Piasecki  
(nephew of Alan and Linda Marquis)
- Majors David and Ann Driscoll  
(grandchildren of Joseph and Mary Loncosky)
- Chief Petty Officer Jim Buckley, USN  
(cousin of Linda Russell)
- Second Lt. Daniel P. Cummings  
(son of John and Christina Cummings)
- Ensign Stephanie G. Radzinski, USN  
(daughter of Rick and Maria Radzinski)

## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

- Adoration Society:** Maria DiDonato, Cynthia Mariotti
- Adult Faith Formation:** Sister Marganne Drago, 215.295.4102
- Aid for Friends:** Mary Africa, 215.428.9581
- Altar Servers:** Father Timothy O'Sullivan, 215.295.4102
- Community Food Dr.:** Cathy & Joe McLean, 267.833.3177
- Blessed Counters:** Father Timothy O'Sullivan, 215.295.4102
- CYO Athletic Directors:** Mike & Mary McGill, 215.337.8282
- Disability Advocate:** Kathy Ross, 215.736.8017
- Extraordinary Ministers Holy Communion:** Sister Marganne Drago, 215.295.4102
- Faith in Action/Staying Put in Bucks County:** Susan Cridge, 215.295.5726
- Funeral Liturgy Assistance:** Rosemary Goode, 215.493.7424
- Hospitality/Bakery Basket:** Ann Damron, 215.736.3527
- Knights of Columbus #7515:** Grand Knight, Joseph Retallick, 267.997.1087
- Lectors:** Sister Marganne Drago, 215.295.4102
- Men's Faith Share:** Vince Bodnar, 215.321.5155
- Pastoral Council:** Magda Manetas, 215.295.2512
- Prayer Network:** Lisa Petrino, 215.295.6468
- Seton Society:** Tom Brunner, 215.734.3031
- Social Concerns Committee:** Diane Coyle, 215.493.8472
- Ushers/Greeters:** Father Timothy O'Sullivan, 215.295.4102
- Women of the Word Prayer Group:** Connie Drummond, 215.493.5857

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Robert Amadio, Robin and Rolf Aspelunde (mother and father of Jayme Aspelunde), Helen Bahmiller (mother of Lynn Alexander), Nancy Baradziej, Michael Barkovich (son of Michael and Diana Barkovich), Tom Biester, John Camerlengo, (brother-in-law of Charlotte Camerlengo), Kathy Camerlengo (niece of Charlotte Camerlengo), Claudia (5 yrs. old - granddaughter of Karen and William DiBraccio), Noreen Conlin (mother of Frank Traynor), Louis D., Edward, Dennis Flynn (daughter-in-law's father of Chris and Diane Ledes), Patricia Funk, Mark Gellentien (son of Robert and Jeanne Gellentien), Margaret Gillespie (mother of Terry Gillespie), Gail I. (friend of Mary DiTanna), Joseph Jaconski (brother of Mary DiTanna), Ann M., Sean Marriott (6 yrs old - requested by the Knights of Columbus), Bernard Matulis, Gregory O'Brien (brother of Diane Ledes), Angela Planche (friend of Elisa Costas), Helen Sargent (wife of Raymond Sargent), Bob Schenck (husband of Liz Schenck), Milt and Bettyanne Simonds (mother and father of Elizabeth Simonds), Patti Stracci (friend of Kevin and Rosemary Hayes), Charles Sweeney, Jr. (nephew of Rosalee Kundra), Michael Vogt (son of Judith Hadalski), Derrick and Marty Warren, and all residents of Manor Care and Arden Court.



# PREP HAPPENINGS

Barbara Ann Nuzzolo, Director of Religious Education

SEE MORE ABOUT PREP ON THE WEBSITE:

<http://www.stjohnpa.org/PREP> or call 215-295-9239

PREP registrations were distributed to each student in the classroom in April. Reminders were sent by HONEYWELL and emails. Anyone who is currently enrolled in the PREP program is asked to return the completed registration form that was given out in class. The deadline for the family discount was May 1, 2018.

The PREP office opened August 22, 2018. At this time with the deadline so far past, I cannot guarantee that the session you desire will be able to be given. Catechists, staff and supplies were ordered the last week of June. The memo in the bulletin gave June 10, 2018 as the last possible date for the paperwork to be completed to reserve the session (Sunday or Monday) that best fits into your personal schedule. Some class numbers have reached the maximum and you will be assigned to a given session when the paperwork is processed in August. Students will not automatically be registered.

Because of the cost of books and the need to approach dedicated Catechists for teaching this year, I request PREP registration be a top priority. We can only provide the best PREP program because of the huge amount of cooperation that I always receive. Any family who registered received a bill for tuition during July 2018. If you did not get one, it is either because you DID NOT turn in a registration form OR you already PAID tuition when you registered. Thanks to all of you.

## Discipleship Fair

September 8th and 9th, 2018

St. John's annual Discipleship Fair will take place after all Masses on the weekend of September 8th and 9th. This is a wonderful invitation to all of our parishioners to reflect on their own personal interests and talents and use them in one or more of our parish's ministries, programs, and organization. Tables will be set up outside of Church with the names and descriptions of the various opportunities for you to choose. Please think about how you might be able to get involved in our wonderful parish offerings and consider signing up! Below are listed some of the ways in which we might wish to serve:

*Faith Formation:* includes such groups as Women of the Word (WOW); Men's Faith Group

*Music Ministry:* Choices include: cantor, instrumentalist, choir member

*Liturgical Ministry:* Lector; Adult Altar Server; Usher

*Hospitality:* Bakery Basket; Church door greeters; Altar cloth laundering; Church cleaning

*Youth:* Spiritual enrichment; service and outreach projects; sports

*Social Concerns:* Includes Shared Meal, Jesse Tree, Feed My Flock, Christmas Bazaar, etc.

Be sure to visit the various tables to learn about each of these and consider ways in which you can continue to grow in your service to our parish community – and beyond!

## Youth Ministry Announcements

Youth Minister: Meghan Horn

<http://www.stjohnpa.org/youth-ministry> or 215-295-4102

### Save the Date!

Youth Ministry is hosting a "Family Fun Fest" on Saturday, September 15th, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. There will be a bounce house and games for the kids, food and fellowship! BYOB event! New this year - Family Fun Fest will be ending with a Family Movie Night! Once the sun goes down, a movie will be projected outside!

### Jr. CYO Retreat Team

If you are entering high school this coming Fall, and would like to be on the Jr. CYO Retreat Team, please email Meghan! Duties will include meetings twice a month, as well as attendance on the full retreat day in November.

### Youth Ministered Masses

Starting on September 30th, every last Sunday of the month at the 11:30 AM Mass, will be a "Youth Ministered Mass." The youth of the parish will participate in assisting with the collections, the gifts, lecturing, singing, etc. If your son/daughter would like to participate in one of these Masses, please email Meghan! A sign up will be sent out shortly via Flocknotes!

### Abbeyfest

Abbeyfest: Faith, Music and Family, will be held this year on September 22nd in Paoli. If you would like to attend, tickets are available at <http://www.theabbeyfest.com>.



Join us for Chick-Fil-A Night to benefit St. John's Youth Ministry Program. On Monday, September 17th, from 4-8 PM, a percentage of the sales, will be donated back to us! **SAVE THE DATE** and be sure to tell the cashier in the store or at the drive thru that you came for Spirit Night!



## CYO Soccer and Cross Country Registrations are OPEN



Soccer is for any St. John's Parishioners from Pre-K through 8th Grade and High School Girls.

Cross Country is for any St. John's Parishioners, 3rd - 8th Grades. Please log onto [www.wagdogs.com](http://www.wagdogs.com) to register. If you have any questions regarding St. John's CYO program, please contact: Mary or Mike McGill at [cyodirector@stjohnpa.org](mailto:cyodirector@stjohnpa.org).

## SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE (socialconcerns@stjohnpa.org)

### FUTURE EVENTS: All events will be held in the Religious Education Center

Shared Meal Planning Meeting: September 12, 2018, 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Christmas Bazaar Meeting: September 12, 2018, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Social Concerns Meeting: September 19, 2018, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Shared Meal: September 28, 2018, 6:00 PM

### DONATIONS: (Please leave in the St. Gianna room )

**IFA Backpack Center** – ketchup, mustard, or mayo, sugar

**Homeless/Those in Need** - personal care products (shampoo, soaps, shaving cream, razors, deodorant, etc.)

**Soldiers' Ministry** - used cell phones or chargers

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! Due to your generosity, we filled two cars to the brim with school supplies that will be taken to the Willard School in Philadelphia. Many children there are living below the poverty level. We also provided refugee children with needed supplies as well. Thanks to you, many children will have a great start to their school year!

Funds from sales and from the Knights enabled us to provide ham for our August Shared Meal. Our guests were most grateful!

*"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."*

Hebrews 13:16

## PASTORAL CARE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Some with disability issues and their families may feel isolated from their faith community and thus isolated from God. Isolation is often caused by the stigma of the condition, or fear of being judged inadequate, weak, or the misperception that God is punishing them because they did something wrong. As a healing community we can support people with disabilities and their families with unconditional non-judgmental love in the following ways: increase our awareness of special needs and where to get help; offer prayers and support to individuals affected by disabilities; work on justice issues affecting all those with special needs; offer friendship or friendly conversation.

*"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone."* Isaiah 9:1



***"Mark Your Calendars for Very Best Ever  
Christmas Bazaar and Lunch with Santa"***

**Saturday, December 1, 2018 - 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

**St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church**

**752 Big Oak Road, Morrisville, PA**



Calling all girls grades K-6! Come join LFGC for crafts, service projects, games, and fun while we learn about saints and virtues and earn badges. We meet every Tuesday from 4:15 PM -5:15 PM. Contact Lucy Fronheiser at lucy.donnellan@gmail.com for more information or to sign up.



# Knighly News



## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GOLF OUTING SEPTEMBER 24, 2018**

The Knights of Columbus Councils of St John the Evangelist and St Ignatius will be holding their joint annual Charity Golf Outing on Monday, September 24, 2018, at the Northampton Valley Country Club in Richboro, PA. Sponsor registration, Golfer registration and donation forms are located on the Board at the Knights of Columbus table at the entrance of the church. Please consider supporting this event this year. This is a major event used to fund the many charitable activities supported by the Knights of Columbus.



## **FAMILY FUN FEST 2018 ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST FRONT SOCCER FIELD (Immediately following 4:00 PM Mass)**

Call your neighbors, gather your family, bring a picnic dinner and come out for our Family Fun Fest on Saturday, September 15th at 5:00 PM to meet our various coordinators for youth programs, play games, win prizes, and have a ton of fun! Hotdogs, pretzels and popcorn will be available for free! We look forward to seeing you then!

**(Outdoor Family Movie to follow.)**

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS



**CHARITY YARD SALE  
"OGNIWO" - POLISH LEARNING CENTER  
supports "Heart for Oliwia"  
on Saturday, September 29, 2018  
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
752 Big Oak Road  
Morrisville, PA 19067**

Death in her mother's arms or a surgery worth a fortune (\$1.3 million). Oliwia does not have much time!!! Life is priceless but not for little Oliwia. Only one doctor, Prof. Frank L. Hanley from Lucile Packard Children's Hospital in Stanford, CA can perform surgery for the difficult cardiac defect and save her life.