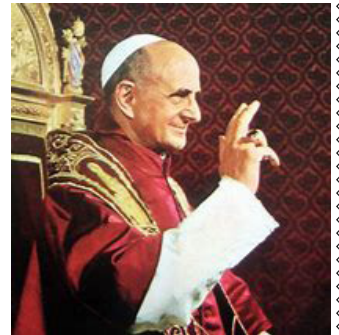


Please look for Father O'Sullivan's "A Helping of Shepherds Pie" upon his return!



Hear Ye! Hear Ye! New Saints to be Canonized on October 14th!



Friends, a few weeks ago I discussed the process that leads to the beatification and canonization of a saint. Now, in a few short weeks, we will actually “view” this process in action as the Church adds seven more saints to her sanctoral calendar. Two of these new saints, Blessed Pope Paul VI and Blessed Oscar Romero, are names we may recognize if we were growing up in the latter part of the 20th century.

In this column I will focus on the life and contributions of Pope Paul VI who became head of the Roman Catholic Church in 1963. Born Giovanni Montini in 1897 in the town of Concesio, Italy, the future Pope Paul VI was ordained a priest at the age of 22 and eventually served as Archbishop of Milan prior to his election as Pope in 1963. With the death of Pope John XXIII, with the Second Vatican Council in full swing at the time, Pope Paul oversaw much of what was either already decided or in the process of study, examination, and completion. For example, he promulgated a new Roman Missal in 1978 which introduced more familiar language in the texts of the Sacred Liturgy.

Perhaps he is best known for his landmark encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*, which was published in 1968. In it Pope Paul reaffirmed the Church’s prohibition of artificial contraception, approved natural family planning methods, and upheld the Church’s teaching on conjugal love and responsible parenthood. It is vital to underscore the key message in this document: the need to understand the inseparable dependency of authentic love and truth in human relationships. The bond of marriage and the sanctity of human life within that bond are beautiful images and realities. By means of this encyclical Pope Paul VI sought to guide followers in the Catholic faith towards honoring human dignity within intimate relationships and God’s very hand in procreation.

Pope Paul VI died in 1978 and was declared Blessed by Pope Francis in 2014. As we learned, the process of beatification and ultimate canonization requires two miracles. In the case of Pope Paul VI both miracles attributed to his intercession involved the healing of an unborn child. The second miracle occurred in 2014. A baby girl in Brescia, Italy was dying in her mother’s womb following a break in the placenta. The doctor explained to the mother that the child would be either stillborn or seriously brain-damaged. Refusing to have an abortion, the mother, on the advice of friends, went with her husband to a shrine in Brescia associated with Blessed Paul VI. There they prayed, begging for his intercession that their baby would be safely delivered. Not only were their prayers answered but today little Amanda is a healthy three-year old. Doctors have attested to this miracle and the Church has determined that this is indeed a sign of his sanctity.

Every saint, like every person, is unique. In God’s design, perhaps the quiet courage of Paul VI to defend the right to life, to bless the intimacy of married love, and to uphold the issues of social justice and human development are critical and at risk throughout the world today. The canonization of Paul VI is an opportunity for us to thank God for the way in which He continues to reveal His purposes through the Church and especially through the saints who serve Him.

God bless you!
Sister Marganne

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 16

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 AM Emily Wilkening, requested by Valerie and Gregory McKieran
 9:30 AM Florence, John and Jack Oberc, requested by the Bittner Family
 11:30 AM All the Members of our Parish

Monday, September 17: Saint Robert Bellarmine

- 8:00 AM Harry Glosser, requested by Larry and Toni Newman

Tuesday, September 18: Tuesday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 AM Margaret Mary Higgins, requested by Jim and Donna Higgins

Wednesday, September 19: Saint Januarius

- 8:00 AM Lauri and Bruno Florek, requested by their daughter, Judy Florek

Thursday, September 20: Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, and Paul Chong Ha-sang

- 8:00 AM Barbara A. Miller, requested by John Schweizer

Friday, September 21: Saint Matthew

- 8:00 AM Henry Grezlak, Jr., requested by Carol Lynn Grezlak

Saturday, September 22: Saturday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 AM All living and deceased members of DiCesare Family, requested by Maria DiDonato
 4:00 PM All the Members of our Parish

Sunday, September 23

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 AM Richard Strauss, requested by his wife and children
 9:30 AM James Eckert, requested by John and Ellen Payne
 11:30 AM Mary Jean and David Rudolph, requested by the Bontempo and Rudolph Families



*GOD BLESS
THE
CHILDREN!*

On Sunday, September 2nd, Deacon Thomas Cusick baptized

Owen Paul Dionne

son of Michael and Catherine

and

Graceyn Sky McGorry

daughter of Sean and Christie

into our Catholic faith.

*May the Blessings of their Baptism Day
always keep the presence of the Lord in their lives!*

Monthly Food Collection

The regular monthly collection of food for Mary's Cupboard will be held this weekend, September 15th and 16th. We hope it is as good as last month's collection that amounted to more than 440 pounds. Bless you all!



**CHILDREN'S
Liturgy of the Word**

Children's Liturgy of the Word begins this Sunday. During 11:30 Mass pre-school aged children up to those who have not yet received First Communion will be called forth to spend about 20 minutes learning about God's Word as he speaks to them!



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

Sunday, September 16

- Catholic Schools Fair (HS) after all Masses
 Feed My Flock, 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM
 PREP, 9:45 AM to 11:00 AM

Monday, September 17

- Youth Ministry Chick-fil-A Night, 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM (Langhorne location)
 PREP, 5:15 PM to 6:30 PM

Tuesday, September 18

- 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
 Bible Study, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Wednesday, September 19

- Rosary at Manor Care, 6:15 PM to 6:45 PM
 Social Concerns Meeting, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM
 Seton Society, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Thursday, September 20

- ESL Class (CRS), 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Friday, September 21

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

Saturday, September 22

- Miraculous Medal Novena, immediately following 8:00 AM Mass
 Confessions, 2:45 PM to 3:45 PM



RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

We are happy to announce that our RCIA program [Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults] will be held on Tuesday evenings beginning on September 25th 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 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!



REST IN PEACE

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

Pauline Garceau,
mother of Kathy DeMorro
and
Ann Piccinotti,
wife of John Piccinotti

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



Next Sunday's Readings – September 22, 2018

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

Reading 1

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 54:3-4, 5, 6 and 8

Reading 2

James 3:16-4:3

Alleluia

CF, 2 Thessalonians 2:14

Gospel

Mark 9:30-37



ADMINISTRATION

First Sunday in September 2018

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| Regular Sunday Collection | \$ 11,600 |
| Number of Envelopes | 342 |

First Sunday in August 2017

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| Regular Sunday Collection | \$ 14,105 |
| Number of Envelopes | 397 |
| YTD Collection | |
| (July 1, 2018 – September 2, 2018) | \$116,437 |
| Average Number of Envelopes | 337 |

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Come, Let Us Worship The Lord!

On the Weekend of September 1/September 2, 2018

234 people joined us at our 4:00 PM Mass;

157 people joined us at our 7:30 AM Mass;

222 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

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), 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

GREAT NEWS!! This year PREP will added a Kindergarten Program that will be held only on Sunday mornings from 9:45 AM to 11:00 AM. This will be instructive in nature and will follow the Scope and Sequence Curriculum of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Our teacher is Mrs. Heather Samsel and we are delighted she brings to the kiddies her love of her faith.

The material taught will be presented in an engaging manner with the learning skills of the children taken into consideration. The child must be 5 years old by September 30, 2018 just as is required in the local school district. If you would like more information about this class or if you would like to be involved with this Kindergarten class, do not hesitate to call. It is never too late to join the 5 little ones that are already enjoying the class. We will be learning more about Mrs. Heather Samsel. Please continue reading about the happenings in PREP. We are so proud of the dedication of both the parents and the teachers and the willingness of the students to attend.



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.

CYO Basketball Registration is Open!



Basketball is for any SJE Parishioners from Pre-K-High School and starts the week of November 1st. Please log onto www.wagdogs.com to register.



AID FOR FRIENDS

*Food and friendship
for the homebound*

Your help is needed to re-fill our new freezer with meals. Please pick up one of our dinner trays located in the Saint Gianna Room in back of the church, package a home cooked meal and place in our new freezer. It's that easy to help a needy, elderly, home-bound person to have a hot meal and companionship.

The goal of Aid for Friends is to enhance the quality of life for our home-bound neighbors and help them maintain their cherished independence. Our volunteers make weekly visits providing these home cooked meals and friendship. Please consider cooking or delivering meals!

Contact: Mary at 215-428-9581 or Aid for Friends at 215-464-2224

(12271 Townsend Road, Philadelphia, PA 19154)

Youth Ministry Announcements

Youth Minister: Meghan Horn

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

Jr. CYO Retreat

Save the date!! The Jr. CYO Retreat will be held November 3rd from 9:30am to 5:30pm. Open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders at a low cost of \$20! We spend the day learning more about ourselves, others, and God, while having fun doing it! As a group, we will attend the 4PM Mass Saturday evening, and all parents will be invited back to the St. John Bosco room for a slideshow presentation and pizza!

Pie Sale

Be on the lookout for Pie Sale order forms! Final date to order this year will be October 29th!

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, lectoring, 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! Be sure to tell the cashier in the store or at the drive thru that you came for St. John's Spirit Night!

**YANKEE
CANDLE®**

FUNDRAISING

The Youth Ministry program is excited to announce a Yankee Candle Fundraiser! The sale will run from September 22nd to October 5th. Items bought will be delivered in plenty of time for Thanksgiving and Christmas! Paper order materials are available in the vestibule of the Church and in the Pastoral Life Center. Please refer back to the bulletin in the near future to see the instructions for online orders. Yankee Candle will be donating 40% of all sales back to our program!

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

(socialconcerns@stjohnnpa.org)

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

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

Sewing/Knitting/Crocheting Meeting: September 23, 2018, 1:00 PM to 3:00 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!

"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

By reason of their Baptism, all Catholics are equal in dignity in the sight of God and have the same divine calling. Sometimes, when we think of people with disabilities, in relation to ministry, we tend automatically to think of doing something for them. We often do not reflect that they can do something for and with us. They have the same duty as all members of the community to do the Lord's work in the world, according to their God-given talents and capacities. People with disabilities are not looking for pity. They seek to serve the community and to enjoy their full Baptismal rights as members of the Church. Our interactions can be an affirmation of faith. We are one flock that follows a single shepherd.

"Amen, I say to you, unless you become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." Matthew 18:3-5



***"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

The event will include crafters, vendors, build-a-basket gift table, Secret Santa Shop for children, silent auction, a raffle, and much more. For children there will be lunch with Santa that includes a craft, which will be \$5.00. Other food/lunch items will be available for purchase as well. In addition, every child will receive a free book from Cops-n-Kids! Proceeds will benefit Interfaith Food Alliance Morrisville, St. John's Youth, Shared Meals, Feed My Flock, and other area non-profits. Interested parties wishing to rent a table should contact Mickey Reifsneider at 267-560-5608 or mickandchalreif@comcast.net.

If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Diane Coyle at 215-493-8472 or socialconcerns@stjohnnpa.org.



Knightly 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.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS



**MOUNT SAINT
JOSEPH
ACADEMY**

The Mount Open House will be on October 21, 2018 from 12 – 3:00. Girls in 6th, 7th and 8th grade are invited to attend with their parents to explore the innovative programs and spaces at the Mount. Register at www.msacad.org.

The Scholarship/Entrance exam will be on Saturday, November 3rd from 8:00 – 12:00.



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.