

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



*Remembering Oscar Romero,  
Martyr and Saint*



Salvadoran Archbishop Óscar Arnulfo Romero was gunned down by a right-wing death squad in 1980 at the start of the country's civil war. He will be canonized along with five other saints on October 14th by Pope Francis.

Oscar Romero was born on August 15, 1917 in El Salvador. As a young boy he attended a government-aided school and then was home-schooled, learning carpentry from his father in order to develop a future useful trade in his poverty-stricken country. In his early teens he entered San Salvador's seminary and then enrolled in the Gregorian University in Rome. Completing his degree in theology, Romero was ordained a priest in 1942 and returned to El Salvador the following year. He quickly set about assisting in building the cathedral and forming an Alcoholics Anonymous association. Becoming the Rector of a Seminary in San Salvador and serving the Archbishop, Romero met with much criticism for his conservative views which only worsened after he was chosen as the Bishop in a rural area of San Salvador in 1975. Named Archbishop of San Salvador two years later. Romero strongly objected to the abuse of human rights and he took it upon himself to protest in a non-violent way the issues of social injustice and poverty. Romero was known for his weekly sermons that were broadcast on the radio, with the intention of educating people about basic human rights and letting them know of the oppression people faced every day. Tensions only mounted as leftist opponents of the country's military government continued their attack on Church ideas and members. In March 1980, following a radio broadcast of his Sunday sermon, Romero was shot through the heart while celebrating Mass. His words enraged El Salvador's brutal regime as he pleaded for justice and the laying down of arms.

Many remember Oscar Romero as a supporter of liberation theology which he said was of two kinds: the Catholic vision and the Marxist belief. The Archbishop openly announced that he supported the Catholic idea, but not the other. His spiritual ideals embraced love for the Church of Rome, finding God in others, and a preferential option for the poor. The liberation Romero sought was and is at the heart of what it means to follow Christ. Faithfulness to God means challenging those approaches, ideals, and systems that impede the love we must have for one another – and for God.

On October 14, the canonization of St. Oscar Romero will be an occasion that, in the words of Pope Francis, not only acknowledges his personal courage and holiness but also remembers his companions who, like him, have suffered martyrdom for the sake of the kingdom of God.

God bless you!  
*Sister Marganne*

# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

## 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

### Monday, September 24: Monday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Antonia Sinacore, requested by Cindy Degele

### Tuesday, September 25: Tuesday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Ann P. McGeary, requested by Charles and Winifred McGovern

### Wednesday, September 26: Saints Cosmas and Damian

8:00 AM Kim-Ann Stearns, requested by the Macecevic Family

### Thursday, September 27: Saint Vincent de Paul

8:00 AM Catherine Kozak, requested by the Kozak Family

### Friday, September 28: Saint Wenceslaus

8:00 AM Sr. Joan Irene Klukaszewski, requested by Maureen and Darryl Puzan

### Saturday, September 29: Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

8:00 AM Emily Wilkening, requested by Ed and Joanne Popowski,  
4:00 PM Joseph P. Kirlin, Jr. and Theresa Kirlin, requested by the Kirlin/Graves Families

## Sunday, September 30

### Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM All the Members of our Parish  
9:30 AM Francis and Germaine Klemstine, requested by Germaine Thomas  
11:30 AM Matthew Graves, requested by Joan, Kathleen and Jenna

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

### Sunday, September 23

PREP, 9:45 AM to 11:00 AM  
Sewing/Knitting/Crocheting Meeting, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

### Monday, September 24

PREP, 5:15 PM to 6:30 PM

### Tuesday, September 25

Confessions, immediately following 8:00 AM Mass  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:30 AM to 6:50 PM  
RCIA, 6:00 PM to 8:00 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 26

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

### Thursday, September 27

ESL Class (CRS), 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon  
Youth Group (HS), 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM  
Adult Choir Practice, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

### Friday, September 28

Divine Mercy Chaplet, 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM  
Shared Meal, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM  
Youth Group (Jr. CYO), 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM  
Rosary, 7:00 PM to 7:30 PM

### Saturday, September 29

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



## HANDS IN SERVICE

St. John's HIS (Hands in Service) Group does light cleaning of our church once a month after the 8:00 AM Mass and we are finished in less than 2 hours. If you can help and have any questions, please contact Rosemary Hayes, 215-369-3174 or rgradyhayes@comcast.net.

Next cleaning date is **Friday, October 12th at 8:30 AM!**



## 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](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!



St. John the Evangelist Church is happy to announce that next week at the 11:30 Mass Jennifer Bubnis and Grant Samsel will be baptized and confirmed and also receive their First Holy Communion.

We look forward to welcoming them as they join us at Mass and become involved in our many wonderful parish events and activities.



## HOSTS FOR CELIAC DISEASE

We have special hosts available to anyone who suffers from Celiac disease. Only those who suffer from Celiac disease may use these hosts. Please see a priest in the vestibule before Mass.

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS!

To celebrate the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, we will have a Blessing of the Animals on Thursday, October 4, 2018 on the Portico in front of Church. All pets are welcome!



Children's Liturgy of the Word has resumed. 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!

## Next Sunday's Readings – September 30, 2018

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

### Reading 1

Numbers 11:25-29

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14

### Reading 2

James 5:1-6

### Alleluia

CF, John 17:17B, 17A

### Gospel

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



## ADMINISTRATION

### Second Sunday in September 2018

Regular Sunday Collection	\$ 13,433
Number of Envelopes	340

### Second Sunday in September 2017

Regular Sunday Collection	\$ 12,252
Number of Envelopes	350
YTD Collection	
(July 1, 2018 – September 9, 2018)	\$129,870
Average Number of Envelopes	337

**Thank you for your continued generosity!**

## Come, Let Us Worship The Lord!

On the Weekend of September 8/September 9, 2018

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

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

230 people joined us at our 9:30 AM Mass;

and 276 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

This was in the bulletin a few weeks ago but if you missed this important first day PREP information, here it is again.

All PREP classes began on Sunday, September 11, 2018 at 10:00 AM until 11:15 AM and then on Monday, September 12, 2018 from 5:15 PM until 6:30 PM.

If you have not registered, you may come early and there will be a registration form ready for you in the PREP office. Your child will then be able to go to the proper classroom and begin another wonderful year.

There is much excitement as we again begin another fantastic year thanks to the support, love and cooperation that I have received over the last few years. Your help is always welcome so if you have some time to spare and would like to be part of this great PREP program, I ask that you stop into the PREP office any time or call the office at 215-295-9239. I look forward to seeing you!

## 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 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM. 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 4:00 PM Mass Saturday evening, and all parents will be invited back to the St. John Bosco room for a slideshow presentation and pizza!

### Thanksgiving Pie Sale

Please see the pie sale order form included in today's Church bulletin.

### Youth Group

Youth Group will be held for all 6th, 7th and 8th graders (Jr.CYO) on Fridays, from 6-8pm in the St. John Bosco Room. Boys and Girls High School Youth Group will be held on Thursdays from 6-8pm.

### 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!



*Help Your Church!  
Non-Cash Fundraiser*

*Please continue to save your McCaffrey's grocery receipts and deposit them in our marked box located in the vestibule of the Church. For all receipts collected, Saint John's will receive 1% back from McCaffrey's.*

**Thank you!**



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. If you are interested in ordering, please click on this link: <https://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com/store.htm> Once on the page, scroll down a little bit and on the right hand side you will see an orange box titled "Start Shopping." Our group number is 999983020 and seller id is "Meghan55." Once you are on this new page, you have access to everything for sale!! Yankee Candle will be donating 40% of all sales back to our program!

## Welcome to St. John the Evangelist Church!

Our warmest welcome to all who are visiting us for today's Liturgy. If you are not officially registered in the parish and would like to become a parishioner, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket, You will be contacted. Parishioners may also use this form to note any address/phone/email changes.

\_\_\_\_\_ **New Parishioner** \_\_\_\_\_ **Address Change**

FAMILY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## CYO NEWS



**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](http://www.wagdogs.com) to register.

**Our Upcoming Second Collection**  
**In your generosity, please remember:**  
**October 20th and 21st**  
**Mission Sunday**

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

**FUTURE EVENTS:** All events will be held in the Religious Education Center  
Sewing/Knitting/Crocheting Meeting: September 23, 2018, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM  
Shared Meal: September 28, 2018, 6:00 PM

\*\*\*Our **Annual Day of Service** will be held on Sunday, October 28th from 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM. The activities we do on on this day help many in our community and surrounding areas. More information will be in upcoming bulletins. All ages are welcome to participate. Please save the date!

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

- \* **Day of Service** - cake mixes, frostings, individual servings of applesauce
- \* **IFA Backpack Center** – sugar/flour
- \* **Homeless/Those in Need** - personal care products (shampoo, soaps, shaving cream, razors, deodorant, etc.)
- \* **Soldiers' Ministry** - used cell phones or chargers

*"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@stjohnpa.org .



# Knightly News



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
GOLF OUTING  
MONDAY, 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

### UPCOMING HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE EVENTS/ENTRANCE EXAMS

**Nazareth Academy High School** - Saturday, October 13, 2018 from 9:00 AM to Noon. The 8th Grade Entrance Exam will be on Saturday, October 27th from 7:45 AM to Noon.

**Villa Victoria Academy** - Saturday, October 20, 2018 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. The Scholarship Test for incoming 9th grade girls will be held on Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 8:45 AM to Noon.

**Mount Saint Joseph Academy** - Sunday, October 21, 2018 from Noon to 3:00 PM. The Scholarship /Entrance Exam will be held on Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 8:00 to Noon.



**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.