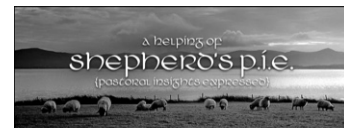
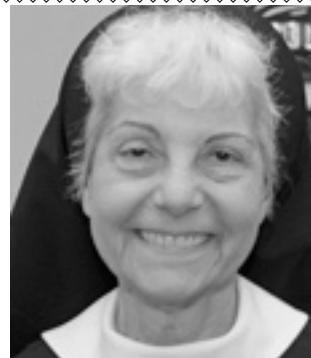


Please look for Father O'Sullivan's "A Helping of Shepherds Pie" upon his return!



DISCIPLES IN ACTION



Friends, THIS is the weekend! Our Discipleship Fair is in full swing here at St. John's. What a wonderful time for each of us to recognize just how important our parish is – to one another and especially to ourselves. Why do I say that? Well, the Church was founded by Jesus Christ and the Church belongs to Him! And, since He gave us His Church to tend, we have the privilege of serving as His disciples – as committed followers eager to tell others about Him in a variety of ways.

Perhaps one of the “easiest” ways to do that is to take stock of the many gifts and talents God has given each one of us. And then all we have to do is share who we are with others! Now, how can I do that? Well, perhaps I have been told that I have a good voice. Then why not join the choir? My family tells me that I am a great cook or baker. I know exactly what I can do: help to prepare a meal once a month for our Shared Meal program or Aid for Friends. I love to read to others. So, I might offer to be a lector. Friendly? Why not be an usher or a greeter at our Church door? Friends, I could go on and on – but I think you get the idea. We need you! We need your loving service.

Jesus taught His humble disciples lots of things about serving, about sharing, uncovering their basic talents and then giving them the courage and the dedication to go outside of themselves to serve others. Now, sometimes we might feel that we are already too busy. And, of course, that may very well be true. Or, we may think that elderhood has imposed limitations on our once very supple body. Whatever our reasons, why not step back and ask Jesus what HE wants from each of us. When Jesus commissioned His disciples to go out and teach all nations He really was asking them and us to be both His faithful followers. In addition to being a worshiper and a witness, Jesus was and is asking us to be His servant. He showed us how to do that: by washing the feet of His disciples (John 13:14-15). He gave us an example and so also we are called to do for others. Just think about this: Jesus is God and for some reason He NEEDS you and He needs me! His need is for us to get involved, to use our gifts, to strive to join Him in bringing everyone to the Father.

How can you and I do that? Well, as I mentioned above, this is Discipleship weekend. Our Fair, located directly outside the Church doors, has many tables filled with all kinds of information. Why not take some time to stroll around and read about the variety of ways that you can get involved. Please don't think that you are not talented enough, not smart enough, YOU ARE! Because it is not about talent or looks or money or success. This is all about being there for others – joining Jesus in ways that ultimately point to God. It means being open to serving, bending low like Jesus, and even if inconvenient, making yourself available to others. So, as the Father has sent me, He is also sending you and you and you! We are each of us disciples of the Lord and our call here at St. John's is to reveal HIM to others in ways that invite us to use and be who we are for the sake of others. See you at the Fair!

God bless you!
Sister Marganne

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, September 10: Monday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Julian and Regina Matusieski, requested by Karen Strzelec

Tuesday, September 11: Tuesday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Constance B. O'Neill, requested by John O'Neill and Family

Wednesday, September 12: The Most Holy Name of Mary

8:00 AM Antonia Sinacore, requested by Joe and Patty Bainbridge

Thursday, September 13: Saint John Chrysostom

8:00 AM Antonia Sinacore, requested by Toni and Larry Newman

Friday, September 14: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00 AM Mary (Maureen) Healy, requested by Cathy Hodges

Saturday, September 15: Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00 AM Judy Henke requested by Glenn and Christine Farnet
4:00 PM Maria Piascik, requested by Richard and Elizabeth Piascik

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



WELCOME TO OUR PART-TIME MUSIC DIRECTOR - SONYA NOVAK!



As many of you know, our previous Music Director, Joan Crawford, retired in June. Joan's shoes were hard to fill after 25 years, but we know that our new part-time Music Director, Sonya Novak, will continue the fine musical legacy enjoyed by our parish as both

organist and choir director.

Please stop by the music table outside at the Discipleship Fair today to meet Sonya. She will be recruiting new choir members and can tell you about the private lessons she offers in piano and voice.



Choir practice will be held on Thursdays from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. The first practice begins, Thursday, September 13, 2018 in the Church.



ST•JOHN THE EVANGELIST
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

Sunday, September 9

Discipleship Fair after all Masses
PREP, 9:45 AM to 11:00 AM
Jr. CYO Retreat Team Meeting, 3:00 PM

Monday, September 10

PREP, 5:15 PM to 6:30 PM

Tuesday, September 11

Confessions, immediately following 8:00 AM Mass
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:30 AM to 6:50 PM
PREP Catechist/Volunteer Retreat, 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Benediction, 6:50 PM to 7:00 PM
Blue Army Holy Hour, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Wednesday, September 12

Shared Meal Planning Meeting, 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Rosary at Manor Care, 6:15 PM to 6:45 PM
Christmas Bazaar Meeting, 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM

Thursday, September 13

No Events Scheduled

Friday, September 14

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

Saturday, September 15

Miraculous Medal Novena, immediately following 8:00 AM Mass
Confessions, 2:45 PM to 3:45 PM
FAMILY FUN FEST, 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Catholic HS Fair, after 4:00 PM Mass



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 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!

Monthly Food Collection

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

Next Sunday's Readings – September 16, 2018

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

Reading 1

Isaiah 50:5-9A

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

Reading 2

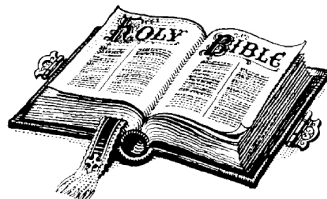
James 2:14-18

Alleluia

Galatians 6:14

Gospel

Mark 8:27-35



ADMINISTRATION

Fourth Sunday in August 2018

Regular Sunday Collection	\$ 11,536
Number of Envelopes	347

Fourth Sunday in August 2017

Regular Sunday Collection	\$ 13,564
Number of Envelopes	376
YTD Collection	
(July 1, 2018 – August 26, 2018)	\$104,837
Average Number of Envelopes	335

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Come, Let Us Worship The Lord!

On the Weekend of August 25/August 26, 2018
257 people joined us at our 4:00 PM Mass;
145 people joined us at our 7:30 AM Mass;
246 people joined us at our 9:30 AM Mass;
and 212 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 Marriotti (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 classes will begin today, Sunday, September 9, 2018 or Monday, September 10, 2018.

Religious Education is important and I invite all those who have not registered to do so immediately. You may come on either day and sign your child/children up. There will be lists posted in the cafeteria to direct your child to the table that he or she will gather. If there is a line through your child's name, this is a SIGNAL that he or she is not registered.

The teacher will greet the students and then there is prayer with all the PREP family in the cafeteria. The children will go to their classrooms and the parents of students in Grades K-1-2-3 must go up to the classroom at dismissal and gather their child. Students in Grades 4-8 will be dismissed from the cafeteria to the parents. The sessions are: SUNDAY - 9:45 AM to 11:00 AM and MONDAY - 5:15 PM to 6:30 PM.

I am looking forward to another great year and am excited to welcome all the students to our PREP program. If you know any student who would benefit from our program and is not registered, please give the parents a call. Invite them to come and talk to me about PREP.

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>.



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.



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)



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 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.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FAIR NEXT WEEKEND

Two of our Catholic High Schools have representatives coming to our Parish on September 15th and 16th to provide parents or guardians with information regarding their schools. Please stop by and ask any questions or pick up materials so you can make an informative decision about your child's high school education.

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**

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
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.