



Dear Friends,

Earlier this month, on October 2nd, we celebrated the feast of our Guardian Angels. Several days prior to our celebration of the feast of our Guardian Angels, on September 29th, we celebrated the feast of the Archangels: Michael, Gabriel and Raphael.

We have limited knowledge of angels, since their ministry is primarily before the throne of Almighty God in heaven. However, we hear several times in Sacred Scripture -both in the Old and New Testaments- of angels interacting with mankind to carry out an extraordinary mission on behalf of Almighty God.

In his writings, Saint Paul makes it clear that angels must never take precedence over the Lord Jesus! Angels are pure spiritual beings, created by God to serve Him for eternity. God alone knows how many angels exist to serve Him. Angels are also a part of the history of our salvation since Almighty God Himself has given each of us a Guardian Angel to watch over us. We also know through Sacred Scriptures that God has used angels throughout history as His extraordinary celestial messengers.

Through careful study of Sacred Scriptures, and much contemplation by many early Catholic theologians (*including Saint Gregory the Great and Saint Thomas Aquinas among many other influential theologians throughout the centuries*), it has become tradition to organize angels into three groups, with three divisions in each group, creating a total of nine 'hierarchies' of angels, also known as "The Choirs of Angels."

The first classification, or triad, of angels are the Seraphim, Cherubim and Thrones. These angels, tradition tells us, are the 'highest' rank of angels and their purpose is to offer eternal praise, honor and glory to God.

The second triad of angels are the Dominions, Virtues and Powers. In Saint Paul's letter to the Ephesians, he stressed our Lord's superiority to these angels: "...he showed in raising Christ from the dead and seating Him at His right hand in heaven, high above every principality, power, virtue, and dominion, and every name that can be given in this age or in the age to come." (*Ephesians 1:20-21*).

The third triad of angels are the Principalities, Archangels and Angels. These are the angels, tradition holds, that readily aid and assist mankind; they guide us and help up during our time on earth. It is in this distinctive triad of angels that we find the archangels – amongst the archangels are Gabriel, Michael and Raphael. Having received a command from Almighty God, these three archangels have come directly to aid mankind during special events recorded for us in Sacred Scriptures. We also have in this triad the angels – the choir simply called "angels"; these are the choir nearest to mankind. There are multitudes of references to angels throughout Sacred Scriptures. It is from this choir of angels that God appoints a 'guardian' angel to every soul He has created throughout time. (*If you listen careful, in many of the Eucharistic Prayer Prefaces we pray: and so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:*)

It is interesting to note that in all of Sacred Scriptures, only three angels are given names or identify themselves by names: The archangels Gabriel, Michael and Raphael. Their names are meant to convey to us their divine message and their mission. Gabriel is from the Hebrew and it means 'Strength of God'; Michael comes from the Hebrew and it means 'Who is like God?'; and Raphael also comes from the Hebrew and means 'God has healed'.

Although the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* makes no mention of these 'Choirs of Angels', it clearly acknowledges the existence of angels - describing their attributes as spiritual, serving, messengers, mighty, obedient to God, centered around Christ, ministering, protective, strengtheners, evangelizers, and mysterious. While it is thought-provoking to consider what some of the great saints before us reasoned, it is important to keep in mind what Saint Paul made very clear: that Christ is above, and has authority over, all angels. Angels do not deserve our adoration or our worship; however, they do deserve our attention and our friendship.

As a side note, our Holy Father, Pope Francis has asked the faithful to offer the Prayer to Saint Michael in reparation for the sins, abuses and scandals presently wounding the Church. For those who attend daily Mass at our Parish, you know we offer this prayer after each daily Mass. Beginning with the First Sunday of Advent (*We will have the Prayer printed and labeled onto our new hymnals for easy reference*) we will also include this Prayer in our Sunday and Holyday Liturgies.

Through the intercession of Saint John the Evangelist, may we be living examples of the gospel he has handed onto us.

Fr. O'Sullivan

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, October 14

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM John J. Knebl, requested by Anna F. Knebl
9:30 AM The Meyrick Family, requested by Stefanie Meyrick
11:30 AM All the Members of our Parish

Monday, October 15: Saint Teresa of Jesus

8:00 AM Robert T. McDevitt, requested by Maureen and Frank

Tuesday, October 16: Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque

8:00 AM Chuck Meyrick, requested by The Meyrick Family

Wednesday, October 17: Saint Ignatius of Antioch

8:00 AM Martha Taboada, requested by her husband, Javier

Thursday, October 18: Saint Luke

8:00 AM Edward Kiernan, Sr., requested by Patty and Dennis Witt

Friday, October 19: Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues

8:00 AM Mary Ann Rose, requested by the Shea Family

Saturday, October 20: Saint Paul of the Cross

8:00 AM Kyle Valdez, requested by the Chesney Family
4:00 PM All the Members of our Parish

Sunday, October 21

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The McVan Family, requested by Janice and Bernie McVan
9:30 AM Teresa Palagreiro, requested by Robert and Celeste Amadio
11:30 AM Matthew Graves, requested by the Graves, Allen and Deem Families

Saint Katharine Drexel, pray for us!

As many of you may know, the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, founded by Saint Katharine Drexel, have sold their Motherhouse in Bensalem. As part of the closing of their Motherhouse, the sacred remains of Saint Katharine Drexel have been removed from her resting place in the crypt of the Motherhouse to our Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Center city. On Sunday, November 18th at 11:00 am, Archbishop Chaput will celebrate a Mass to bless the newly installed tomb of Saint Katharine Drexel in our Cathedral. All parishioners are welcome to attend this Mass. There is limited parking available on a 'first come, first serve' basis at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Life Center parking lot.

POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL, PRAY FOR US!

On Monday, October 22nd, the Church will celebrate the feast of Saint John Paul. All Parishioners are welcome to join us at our 8:00 am Mass. During this Mass, a chalice first used by (then) Pope John Paul II will be used and after Mass the faithful will have the opportunity to venerate a first class relic of Pope Saint John Paul.

Monthly Food Collection

The regular monthly collection of food for Mary's Cupboard will be on the 20th and 21st of this beautiful Fall month of October 2018. Here's hoping the collection for those in need in our Lower Bucks community will be as bountiful as mother nature. God Bless!

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

Sunday, October 14

PREP, 9:45 AM to 11:00 AM
Retreat Team Meeting, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Monday, October 15

PREP, 5:15 PM to 6:30 PM
Baptism Preparation Program, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Tuesday, October 16

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
Christmas Bazaar Meeting, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
Bible Study, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Wednesday, October 17

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, October 18

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, October 19

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

Saturday, October 20

Miraculous Medal Novena, immediately following 8:00 AM Mass
Men's Faith Share, 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM
Confessions, 2:45 PM to 3:45 PM



WELCOMING NEW CHOIR MEMBERS NO AUDITION REQUIRED!

If you enjoy singing, please come to practice on Thursdays from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM or see Sonya Novak after Mass.
All voices are welcome!

Our Upcoming Second Collection

In your generosity, please remember:

October 20th and 21st

Mission Sunday



SETON SOCIETY

A grief support group for everyone
Grief, no matter where it comes from, can only be resolved by connecting to other people. - Thomas Horn

Meeting on Wednesday, October 17th, 7:00 PM
in the Pastoral Life Center

For more information for individual or group support, please call Tom Brunner, **215-734-3031**. (All discussions are confidential)

Next Sunday's Readings - October 21, 2018

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

Reading 1

Isaiah 53:10-11

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

Reading 2

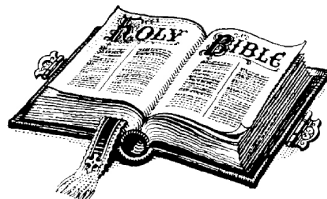
Hebrews 4:14-16

Alleluia

Mark 10:45

Gospel

Mark 10:35-45



ADMINISTRATION

Fifth Sunday in September 2018

Regular Sunday Collection	\$ 11,842
Number of Envelopes	348

First Sunday in October 2017

Regular Sunday Collection	\$ 14,390
Number of Envelopes	398
YTD Collection (July 1, 2018 - September 30, 2018)	\$164,884
Average Number of Envelopes	337

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Come, Let Us Worship The Lord!

On the Weekend of September 29/September 30, 2018

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

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

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

and 237 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)

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.

All Souls Day Remembrance - November 2, 2018

Any parishioner who has lost a loved one in the past year (who was not buried from St. John the Evangelist) and wishes to have them remembered during our special All Souls Day Mass on November 2nd at 7:00 PM, is asked to please call the Pastoral Life Center and speak with Darlene, giving her your name and the name of your deceased relative or friend.

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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

Mr. Vince Bodnar shares his love for the Catholic Faith with the students and does so in a gentle and welcoming manner and provides each student a safe place to learn and discuss the tenets of the Catholic Faith. All present seventh and eighth graders are invited to class and become willing participants. Our goal is to double the number of students from last year (17) with an even larger number but we are off to a very slow start. Only 3 this year and I know there are others who would benefit from this experience. You can still join us.

We provide a flexible year where weekly attendance, though encouraged, is not a requisite for participating in the class. The purpose of this class is to connect the students with a leader who is able to lead discussion from the material found in the Bible. What an awesome realization the students make when they discover that their faith is an integral part of their everyday life!!!

So much dedication and love for his faith is evidenced weekly as Mr. Bodnar prepares for the students each Sunday morning. This is the eighth year that this class is in session.

Mr. Bodnar resides with his wife and children as parishioners of St. John the Evangelist Parish and is the coordinator of the ministry of "Men's Faith Share."

Centered on discussion so that each student "makes the Catholic Faith their own," Mr. Bodnar delves into points of the doctrine that hold the interest of the students in a non-threatening peer setting. The springboard for his discussion comes from selections of the Bible. He wants all his students "to take ownership of their faith and keep it through young adulthood." This is a daunting task that is made easier under his guidance. There are resource materials that are used on this grade level to help guide the students with their faith journey. And the Dunkin Donut lattes and beverages that Mr. Bodnar treats the students to weekly make the class a little sweeter than it would ordinarily be!!!

All parents are encouraged to register their seventh or eighth grade child for this program. And as was said at the start of this article, it is never too late to register. Ceasing to learn about the Catholic faith in sixth grade hampers the full understanding of the many tenets of faith that are part of an individual's faith journey. The registration forms can be found on the website. Please consider this as an opportunity to provide your child with the opportunity to learn more about this wonderful Catho-

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: _____

Youth Ministry Announcements

Youth Minister: Meghan Horn

<http://www.stjohpa.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 Thanksgiving pie sale order form on our Parish website under Youth Ministry. The deadline for ordering is October 29, 2018!

Youth Group

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

Boys and Girls High School Youth Group will be held on Thursdays from 6-8 PM.

Youth Ministered Masses

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!



The Youth Ministry program is excited to announce a Yankee Candle Fundraiser! The online sale will run through January! To order online, please go to: <https://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com/store.htm>. Once on the page, scroll down a little bit and on the right hand side and 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!

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.wag-dogs.com to register. If you have any questions please contact Mike and Mary McGill at CYOdirector@stjohnpa.org or 215-337-8282.



Knighly News

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE (socialconcerns@stjohnpa.org)

FUTURE EVENTS: All events will be held in the Religious Education Center unless otherwise noted.

Social Concerns Meeting: October 17, 2018, 7:00 PM
Feed My Flock: October 21, 2018, 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM (Pastoral Life Center)
Shared Meal: October 26, 2018, 6:00 PM
The October Sewing/Knitting/Crocheting and Crafting Meeting will be part of the Day of Service on Sunday, October 28, 2018.

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

- * **Day of Service** - cake mixes, frostings, individual servings of applesauce; medium size birthday gift bags; birthday plates and napkins; children's hats and scarves.
- * **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

The sewing, knitting, crocheting, and craft group of St. John's will be selling handmade Fall items and treats after all the Masses the weekend of October 20th and 21st. Proceeds from this sale will benefit our Shared Meal, Feed My Flock, Interfaith Food Alliance, and other charities and needs in our community. Come see the beautiful items ladies of our parish have made and help those in need as well!

"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."
Hebrews 13:16

*****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. All ages are welcome to participate. To sign-up for an activity, please go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b45a5a82aa1f49-adayof>.

*****Visit Woodside Presbyterian to help pack rice and beans** for third world countries. Saturday, October 27th at 9:00 am and on the 28th at 12 pm. They helped us pack last year. Now, let's help them! Sign up using the following link <https://woodsidechurch.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/480/responses/new>

PASTORAL CARE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Welcoming People with Disabilities - By keeping in mind a few basics about relating to people with disabilities, you can not only prevent uncomfortable moments or embarrassing situations but can convey the warmth and friendliness we would like to extend to all parishioners and visitors.

- * Greet the person who has cognitive impairment.
- * Interact normally, enabling the person to respond to the best of his/ her capabilities.
- * Repeat information about yourself and your associates when meeting the person again. Some need the information repeated each time you meet, others do not.
- * Treat people equally, regardless of their participation level; give songbooks and offer refreshments to all, and give everyone a chance to speak.
- * Remember that much of what happens may be absorbed.
- * Communicate acceptance by sitting near the person or accepting a hug, if it appropriately conveys inclusion.
- * Enjoy the spontaneity of people who have fewer inhibitions.
- * Watch for talents. Focus on capabilities rather than disabilities.
- * Initiate conversation with everyday topics such as the weather, employment, living situation, or sports.

"God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear." 1John 4:16b



"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

Memorial Brick Dedication

The Knights of Columbus will be dedicating newly installed Memorial Bricks at a ceremony after the 11:30 am Mass on Sunday, October 28th. All are welcome to join us in Mary's Garden, adjacent to the Parish Rectory.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY FOR THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS

St. John the Evangelist Knights of Columbus Council 7515 is happy to announce the "Adopt-A-Family" program for food donations for this year's Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets. Here is how the program works:

- During the weekends of October 20 - 21 and October 27 - 28 the Knights of Columbus will have a table in the vestibule of the Church. At the table we will have a list of the families that can be adopted.
- If you would like to Adopt-A-Family, simply decide the size family for which you would like to provide dinner (we have families that range in size from 1 to 15 people) and come to the table. Please note that you are adopting the same family for both Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- We will then help you select a family from our list of about 100 families. We will also provide a list of suggested items to purchase. The Knights of Columbus will provide the turkey.
- You bring your Thanksgiving food to the school before and after the Masses the weekends of November 3 - 4 and November 10 - 11. It would be great if you could put your food in boxes.
- You bring your Christmas food to the school before and after the Masses the weekends of December 8 - 9 and December 15 - 16. Again, it would be great if you could put your food in boxes.

Thanks for supporting this activity. Please contact Tom Rossi (215-295-1654) if you have any questions or if you know of any families that may need some assistance this year.



The St. John's men's Malvern Retreat will be Nov. 2, 3, & 4, 2018. It is a traditional retreat for men. All men are welcome! Fathers and sons are encouraged to attend. It includes Mass, conferences (talks), private Adoration, Stations of the Cross and much more.

Please pick-up information about this retreat before or after Masses on the weekend of October 13 and 14. If you cannot make it this weekend, there will be a small table of retreat information in the Church vestibule. If you have any questions about this retreat, please contact Tom Burke at 215-337-8162 or TFBurkeJr@gmail.com. Join the men of St. John's as we embark on what could be one of the greatest spiritual journeys of your life!