



Dear Friends,

This coming Monday, October 22nd, is the feast day of Pope Saint John Paul. His feast day is actually observed on the anniversary of his installation as Supreme Pontiff on October 22, 1978. It is somewhat of an unusual circumstance that his feast day would be observed on the anniversary of his Pontifical Installation rather than the anniversary of his death, which is almost always when a saint's feast is celebrated. However, at the time of his beatification in May 2011, Pope Benedict XVI stated that he did not wish to observe John Paul II's feast day on the anniversary of his death (April 2nd) because it would often be 'overshadowed' by Holy Week or Easter Week celebrations. Consequently, Pope Benedict XVI did not wish to have his feast celebrated on the anniversary of his election as Supreme Pontiff (October 16th) since that is the feast of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque – a saint who was very dear to John Paul, and Pope Benedict did not want her feast day to be eclipsed by John Paul's feast day.

Pope John Paul II holds the distinction of being the third longest reigning Pontiff in the history of the Church. Tradition tells us that Saint Peter, the first Pope, reigned somewhere between 34 and 37 years; Pope Pius IX reigned for almost 32 years (1846-1878); and Pope John Paul II reigned for 26 and a half years (1978-2005).

Before his election in 1978, the papacy was revered, but by no means was it the institution that John Paul II helped to make it. His youth (*He was 58 when elected Pope and in great athletic shape*), his outgoing personality, his command of languages (*he spoke twelve languages!*), his concern for the poor, his defense of human rights, his demand for social justice, his fight against tyrannical forms of governments, his defense of human life from 'conception to natural death', as well as his reverence for our Catholic faith all helped to make him -and the papacy- a presence seen around the world and a powerful voice heard by the mighty and the humble.

During his reign as Roman Pontiff, Pope John Paul II made historic visits to 129 countries around the world – sometimes visiting the same country more than once. He made seven visits to the United States, including his memorable visit to the city of Philadelphia in October 1979. (*Perhaps some of our parishioners were even present for his Mass on Logan Circle in center city on October 3, 1979! I was at his Mass in Yankee Stadium in New York City on October 2, 1979!*)

While it is impossible to know for certain, many social experts claim that Pope John Paul II is the 'most photographed person' of modern history. During those visits to 129 countries, his public Masses and gatherings attracted millions of faithful and curious alike - most of whom had cameras. (*During his visit to Mexico City in January 1999, it was estimated that twenty-five million people lined his motorcade route through the city! When he visited The Philippines for the celebration of World Youth Day in January 1995, the closing Mass had an estimated crowd of six million people. I had the opportunity to attend several World Youth Day's hosted by Pope John Paul II: The closing Mass in Denver, Colorado in 1993 had over 600,000 pilgrims present; the closing Mass in Toronto, Canada in 2002 had an estimated crowd of 800,000 pilgrims and the closing Mass in Paris, France in 2005 had over 1.2 million people present!*) Over the course of his almost twenty-seven-year pontificate, he held General Audiences in Saint Peter's Square which attracted millions of pilgrims each year (*I am sure there are several parishioners who, over the course of his pontificate, had the opportunity to attend one of his General Audiences while on vacation in Italy*); not to mention the many visits he made throughout the city of Rome and many cities in Italy.

I had the particular privilege to meet John Paul II on four different occasions. Each of those occasions were extraordinary encounters with a man who radiated the presence of the Lord! On one of those occasions, Pope John Paul II used the chalice that I use for most Sunday Liturgies at our Parish.

In his nearly three decades occupying the Seat of Saint Peter, John Paul II tirelessly taught us the truths of our faith, he defended the teachings of our Church, he lived a life close to God, he taught us the love of forgiveness, he challenged us to always see the sanctity of life in all human life, he showed us how to live -and even how to die- with a Christ-centered dignity! And, because of his genuine love for God and neighbor, John Paul II was able to gather millions, upon millions of people to his presence to share with them the love, peace and presence of the Lord.

As we prepare to celebrate his feast day on Monday, we celebrate the faith and example of an extraordinary man of faith who was given to the Church to help us draw closer to the Lord, to remind us of the beauty of the truths of our faith, and, especially, a man who lived his life embracing the gospel of Jesus Christ and who invited countless others to do the same.

Through Saint John Paul's example and prayers, may each of us also welcome the grace of God to be faithful servants of the truth in this life, so that we too, might one day share in the presence of the Lord whom he loved and served so well!

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 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

Monday, October 22: Saint John Paul II

- 8:00 AM John Humienny, requested by his Family

Tuesday, October 23: Saint John of Capistrano

- 8:00 AM Christopher A. Behounek, requested by Ross and Deborah Ruriant

Wednesday, October 24: Saint Anthony Mary Claret

- 8:00 AM John and Agnes Higgins, requested by Jim and Donna Higgins

Thursday, October 25: Thursday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 AM Timothy Ryan White, requested by Carol Rossi-Meyer

Friday, October 26: Friday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 AM Salvatore and Catherine Miraglia, requested by the Africa Family

Saturday, October 27: Saturday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 AM Kyle Valdez, requested by Bud, Linda, Joe and Danielle Phillips and the Amy Munoz Family
4:00 PM Isabella and Paul Bozarth, requested by JoAnne and Craig Wentzel

Sunday, October 28

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 AM All the Members of our Parish
9:30 AM Constance B. O'Neil, requested by Barbara Link and Family
11:30 AM Ernesto Guillen, requested by his Family



**GOD BLESS
THE CHILDREN!**

On Saturday, September 29th, Father Timothy O'Sullivan baptized

Stephen John D'Agostino
son of Stephen and Siobhan
and

on Saturday, October 6th, Father Brian G. Konzman, SJ baptized

Elliott Marilu Conserette
son of Thomas and Stephanie
and

on Sunday, October 7th, Deacon Jonathan Hess baptized

Saylor James Krum
son of Megan Sbarro
and

Jackson John Lis
son of Timothy and Maxine
into our Catholic faith.

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

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

Sunday, October 21

- Pretzel Sale after all Masses
Feed My Flock, 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM
PREP, 9:45 AM to 11:00 AM
Retreat Team Meeting, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Monday, October 22

- PREP, 5:15 PM to 6:30 PM
Open Gym Night (CYO), 7:00 PM to 8:15 PM

Tuesday, October 23

- 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, October 24

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

Thursday, October 25

- 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 26

- 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, October 27

- Miraculous Medal Novena, immediately following 8:00 AM Mass
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!

Monthly Food Collection

The regular monthly collection of food for Mary's Cupboard is this weekend, 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!



REST IN PEACE

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

Thomas Markert,
uncle of Rosemary Hayes
and

Bishop Joseph Cistone

Bishop of Saginaw, MI and former priest of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia

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



Next Sunday's Readings - October 28, 2018

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

Reading 1

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

Reading 2

Hebrews 5:1-6

Alleluia

CF. 2 Timothy 1:10

Gospel

Mark 10:46-52



ADMINISTRATION

First Sunday in October 2018

Regular Sunday Collection	\$ 11,750
Number of Envelopes	339

Second Sunday in October 2017

Regular Sunday Collection	\$ 12,129
Number of Envelopes	350
YTD Collection	
(July 1, 2018 - October 7, 2018)	\$176,634
Average Number of Envelopes	337

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Come, Let Us Worship The Lord!

On the Weekend of October 6/October 7, 2018

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

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

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

and 252 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, Jack and Helene McCullough (requested by Judith Hadalski), 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.

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 year the PREP Kindergarten Program is in full swing 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 six kiddies her love of her faith. How we would love another two or three!

Mrs. Samsel resides with her husband of 22 years, Matthew, and her two sons, Daniel and Grant in Yardley. She brings to the class a new perspective and a willingness to be present to each one of her students. I am blessed that she accepted the invitation to teach the Kindergarten students and that she has already demonstrated a love for the students, a knowledge of the curriculum, and a willingness to go that extra mile when preparing for the class.

The material taught is presented in an engaging manner with the learning skills of the children taken into consideration. Your child must be 5 years old by September 31, 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 6 little ones that are already enjoying the class. 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.

St. Ignatius of Antioch Catholic School

OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, November 13th

9:00 – 11:00 AM and 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Open to all new families looking for Pre K 3 and 4 year old, Kindergarten and First Grade classes for 2019. Don't lose out on a place for your child. Tour our school and obtain information now.

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.stjohnpa.org/youth-ministry> or 215-295-4102

Steubenville!

Yes it is that time already! We will be attending Steubenville again this June (date TBA). If your son/daughter is planning on attending again, or for the first time, please let Meghan know so she can put you on the list!

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 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, lecturing, singing, etc. If your son/daughter would like to participate in one of these Masses, please email Meghan!

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!



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.



Knightly News

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE (socialconcerns@stjohnpa.org)

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

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. We will also be collecting gently used baby clothes; baby blankets; and gently used clothing after Masses on October 27 - 28th only. Collection boxes will be in the back of the church
- IFA Backpack Center** - As part of the Day of Service, we are collecting food donations for this food pantry on October 28th. There will be collection baskets in the back of church and in the school cafeteria.
- * **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

***Our Annual Day of Service will be held on Sunday, October 28th from 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM. The activities we do 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.

When meeting a person with deafness and hearing impairment:

- *Face the person you are talking to, who will appreciate seeing your facial expression and may read your lips. A well lighted room helps
- *Use gestures and facial gestures frequently to enhance your communication, smiling when the topic is happy, frowning when it is sad, pointing to objects and to others if they are the subject.
- *Change the wording of your sentence when the person doesn't understand you - change 7:30 to half past seven, for example.
- *Move closer to the person rather than shout.
- *Give extra cues and frames of reference to make group communication clearer. You could announce the topic - "Next item on the agenda is the parish picnic."
- *Turn off the radio, television, running water, or air conditioner when talking to a person with hearing loss. Background noises impede communication.
- *Tap the person on the shoulder to get his/ her attention, since calling their name may go unnoticed.

"The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words."

ALL ARE WELCOME!



"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!

EXPOSITION OF SACRED RELICS

HOLY MARTYRS CATHOLIC CHURCH

120 Allison Road

Oreland, PA * 215-884-8575

Thursday, November 1, 2018

Masses at 8:30 AM and 6:00 PM

(Over 100 Relics of the Lord and Saints will be displayed!) including the True Cross of our Lord, Relics from Mt. Calvary and the Birthplace of our Lord, the Cloak of St. Joseph, St. John the Baptist, St. Anthony of Padua, and many more.