



Dear Friends,

We find ourselves in this second full week of October; this week, as we do each year, we will observe the 8th through the 14th of October. However, in 1582AD, the dates of October 5th through October 14th did not ‘happen’; they were wiped from the calendar! And, it was by a Papal Decree from Pope Gregory XIII that this occurred. A little history lesson is in order to understand why the pope decreed that October 4, 1582AD would be followed by October 15th in the Christian world.

Up until 1582AD, most of the world (*The Roman world, most of Europe, and European settlements in the Americas and overseas*) used the Julian Calendar, which began being used in the year 46BC – a calendar put in place by, and named after, Julius Caesar. For over sixteen centuries, calendar dates were calculated through a formula decreed by Julius Caesar.

The Julian calendar was established to correspond to the lunar cycle of the earth in relation to its orbit around the sun. However, when the Julian Calendar was put in place, it actually was erroneously calculated and was off by about eleven minutes a year. Eleven minutes are really not a big deal, in and by themselves. However, when eleven minutes each year accumulated *over sixteen hundred years*, it threw the Julian calendar off by several days. Astronomers in the sixteenth century began to realize that the inaccuracy of the Julian calendar was slowly throwing the seasons ‘out of whack’, and that something needed to be done to rectify the centuries-old blunder.

One of the major concerns with the Julian calendar, was that the timing of Easter was being increasingly distanced from springtime, and the seasons of the year were slowly being misaligned. The pope shared his concerns with Astronomers who quickly realized the flaw of the Julian calendar and sought a way to rectify the misaligned calendar blunder.

While the late sixteenth century was a turbulent time for the Catholic Church (*Martin Luther began his Protestant Revolt in 1517AD and King Henry VIII separated the English realm from the Catholic Church in 1534AD*), many countries in Europe and its colonies still held allegiance to the Catholic Church and still held the pope in great esteem. So, it fell to the pope, whose authority (*remember; at this time, the pope was the spiritual leader of the largest religion in the world at the time, and he was also the temporal ruler over the Papal States – which encompassed much of present-day Italy*) would, more than likely, be respected by many, to decree the establishment of the new calendar.

And so, the Gregorian Calendar, named after Pope Gregory XIII, was promulgated to take effect in October 1582AD to replace the Julian calendar that had been in place for sixteen centuries.

The Gregorian Calendar has several unique stipulations that continuously correct a natural, but unavoidable, condition in the rotation of the earth: namely the ‘leap year’. Each complete revolution of the earth around the sun does not take exactly 365 days; it actually takes 364.2425 days – so there is a need to continuously correct the calendar. This is done with the leap year formula calculated in 1582AD.

A leap year, as we know, occurs (*almost!*) every four years when an additional day is added to the month of February. By adding this additional day (*almost*) every four years, the Gregorian calendar continuously aligns itself correctly with the spring and autumnal equinoxes.

However, a leap year does not occur every four years, as most of us presume. Every year that is exactly divisible by four is a leap year, except for years that are exactly divisible by 100, but these centurial years *are* leap years if they are *exactly* divisible by 400. For example, the years 1700AD, 1800AD, and 1900AD were not leap years, but the year 2000AD was a leap year.

Unfortunately, when the Gregorian Calendar was promulgated, some countries, especially where the Protestant Revolt had made great headways, refused to accept it because they saw it was some sort of ‘Catholic plot’ to stop the spread of Protestantism. For other countries, it took hundreds of years to accept the Gregorian calendar. It was not until 1700AD that Germany accepted the Gregorian calendar; and England and her territories, including the America colonies, did not accept the new calendar until 1752AD. Some orthodox countries, to this day, do not recognize the Gregorian calendar! (*Each year, Easter is celebrated by the Orthodox Churches a week later than we celebrate Easter because they still adhere to the Julian Calendar.*)

When the English Parliament finally advanced the Gregorian calendar, September 2, 1752AD was followed by September 14, 1752AD, and many Englishmen revolted and rioted in the streets, demanding that “the government give us back our eleven days!” However, in the American colonies, Benjamin Franklin humorously supported the introduction of the Gregorian calendar by writing, “It is pleasant for an old man to be able to go to bed on September 2nd and not have to get up until September 14th!”

The Gregorian calendar is just one of the countless ways in which the Catholic Church has had an impact on society and the world. So many countless other ways the Church has positively affected the life of man are found through the last two-thousand years of our Church’s history!

Fr. O’Sullivan

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, October 7

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Denise Brunner, requested by Thomas Brunner and Family
9:30 AM All the Members of our Parish
11:30 AM Our Priest and All Priests, requested by the Blue Army

Monday, October 8 Monday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Chet Baron, requested by Joyce Inderbitzin and James Jones

Tuesday, October 9: Saint Denis

8:00 AM Laura Schuster, requested by Peter and Magda Manetas

Wednesday, October 10: Wednesday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Mary Lou Dolan, requested by Richard and Jennie Schumeyer

Thursday, October 11: Saint John XXIII

8:00 AM Alfred Molinaro, requested by the Rossi and Meyer Families

Friday, October 12: Friday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Merriam Brelsford, requested by Richard and Dawn Lavinthall

Saturday, October 13: Saturday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Emily Wilkening, requested by Rich and Mary Lu Bradley
4:00 PM Edward Kiernan, requested by Nancy Peirce and Tom Germano

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

Sunday, October 7

Bakery Basket after the 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM Masses
PREP, 9:45 AM to 11:00 AM

Monday, October 8

PREP, 5:15 PM to 6:30 PM

Tuesday, October 9

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 10

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

Thursday, October 11

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
Interfaith Alliance Meeting, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Friday, October 12

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 13

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

CONGRATULATIONS, FATHER BRADY!

Next Sunday, October 14th, Father Brady will celebrate the 25th anniversary of his priestly ordination with his family and friends during a Mass of Thanksgiving at Saint Charles Seminary, where he lives and serves as the Dean of Diaconal Formation, Dean of the School of Theological Studies and is a Scripture professor. We wish Father Brady many more years of faithful service as a priest of the Archdiocese! We are blessed to have Father Brady with us each weekend!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! **From Father O'Sullivan**

I am grateful to so many parishioners for your cards, phone calls, thoughts and especially your prayers during my recent illness. Unfortunately, what I thought was going to be a two to three week recovery turned into a five-week hospital stay, with another week in a rehabilitation facility! What was supposed to be a simple operation turned into an unexpected infection and a second (unplanned) emergency surgery. While I am still recovering and not back to myself 100%, my doctors have given me the 'green light' to return to some pastoral responsibilities on a limited basis for a few weeks, then gradually increase activity until I can resume all of my pastoral duties. I am grateful for your understanding during these last weeks; I am also grateful to the priests from our neighboring parishes who have graciously joined us for weekday and Sunday Masses.

I am looking forward to getting back to parish life full-time, but am aware that I also need to follow the doctor's instructions.

BAKERY BASKET THIS WEEKEND!



The Bakery Basket, sponsored by the Lectors will be held this Sunday, October 7th, after the 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM Masses in the Deacon James Hartmann Meeting Room. Please stop by and enjoy food and friendship with family and friends. **All are welcome!**



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 needed!

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



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

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 or have any questions, please contact Rosemary Hayes, 215-369-3174 or rgradyhayes@comcast.net.

Next Sunday's Readings - October 14, 2018

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

Reading 1

Wisdom 7:7-11

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17

Reading 2

Hebrews 4:12-13

Alleluia

Matthew 5:3

Gospel

Mark 10:17-30



ADMINISTRATION

Fourth Sunday in September 2018

Regular Sunday Collection	\$ 11,194
Number of Envelopes	310

Fourth Sunday in September 2017

Regular Sunday Collection	\$ 12,026
Number of Envelopes	357
YTD Collection	
(July 1, 2018 – September 23, 2018)	\$153,042
Average Number of Envelopes	337

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Come, Let Us Worship The Lord!

On the Weekend of September 22/September 23, 2018

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

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

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

and 273 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.

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, 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

Today before I begin the column, I want to share the joy our family has today as we celebrate my mother's 99th birthday. God has bestowed many blessings on Sonia Marchesano enabling her to share her love and joy with all. If you have time or give it a thought, I ask that you whisper a prayer for God to continue blessing this remarkable woman.

I know this appeared before but with the new PREP year beginning, there were a few who have asked that this be repeated. This is but a synopsis and the PREP program at our parish follows the guidelines as set forth by the Philadelphia Archdiocese. You can go to this website for more detailed information.

CURRICULUM

GR K - God has many gifts and He is our Creator, who through Jesus shows us His love. Activities, stories, songs, and prayers assist the children gain a sense of belonging to God's family.

GR 1 - God loves us and we are special in the eyes of our Creator. The students learn that Jesus died and rose to new life, and that each person is a vital part of a parish community.

GR 2 - The students prepare for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. They study the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation and the lives of saints and Mary.

GR 3 - The students learn about the basic prayers and understand that the Mass is the center of our religious belief

GR 4 - Students learn how God's laws guide us and teaches us to respond to the call of holiness. They learn that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Light. The Commandments, Precepts of the Church, the lives of saints, feasts, devotions, and Catholic practices are taught.

GR 5 - Students learn that Jesus shares His life and mission with us through the celebration of the seven sacraments. The definition, meaning, symbols, and minister of each sacrament is studied.

GR 6 - The curriculum concentrates on preparing the students for their reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. The year also focuses on the study of the Old Testament as the root of our Catholic faith.

GR 7-8 - The students focus on their sacramental life, on building a strong relationship with God through prayer and community service. The connection of the Creed, Church History, New Testament, Morality and Liturgy of the Word are presented.

Mixed Levels - Gr 9-10-12 - Catechesis is individualized and students learn in depth the tenets of our Catholic Faith. Special consideration is given to assist students to become community minded by understanding the need for service. They learn that they are special in the eyes of their Creator and have an important role to play in the future of the parish community.

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 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.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE (socialconcerns@stjohnpa.org)

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

Christmas Bazaar Meeting: October 10, 2018, 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM

Social Concerns Meeting: October 17, 2018, 7:00 PM

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.

*****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>.

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

"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

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.

Here are some tips for those encountering folks with physical or mobility impairment:

*Speak directly to the person in the wheelchair- not only to the companion or caregiver.

*Offer assistance but accept a "No thank you" if that is the response. Respect any refusal

*Involve the person, in the wheelchair, in the conversation.

*If possible, sit down, so you are eye level, if the conversation will last more than a few minutes.

*Remember that walkers, wheelchairs, or other equipment are part of the personal space boundary

*Ask how to collapse the wheelchair or walker before attempting to load it into the car.

*Shake hands or touch people who are physically impaired in the same way you would anyone

*Allow space for wheelchairs or walkers. Always inform the person where their device is located.

*Recognize limitations and capabilities and ALWAYS invite everyone to participate in all phases of worship and community life.

*Your inclusive attitude will welcome all.

"God has said I will never leave you or forsake you." Hebrews 13:5



"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.



Women Of the Word [WOW]

Are you a woman who enjoys a lively discussion about our Catholic faith? Are you interested in establishing prayer-mate companions? If you do, then Women of the Word welcomes YOU! We are a group of parishioners and friends who meet on the third Saturday of each month, beginning at 9:30 AM. Our time together consists of prayer as well as listening to guest speakers via the internet or discussing a religious topic or book. Refreshments are served. For more information, please contact Connie Drummond at 215-493-5857. **Next Meeting: Saturday, October 13, 2018 (Please note the date change from previous bulletin.)**

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

FALL TRIP TO ITALY

November 4-14th 2018

*** Only 4 Spots Remain!***

Group trips usually have you running and rushing through a whirlwind of sites at such a fast pace that it leaves you forgetting almost everything. Our Trip is uniquely different! We have a trip designed to truly take-in and experience Italy. We stay only in 3 luxury hotels the entire time. We get to know the local flavors by taking our time. We have daily Mass, meals and personal guides throughout. We will see so much but at a leisurely pace instead of rushing. Travel with Father Jim DeGrassa and Father Matt Tralies for the trip of a lifetime. For information about our itinerary, pricing, and registration, contact Susan from select tours at 800-842-4842 or susan@select-intl.com, or visit www.selectinternationaltours.com.

HUMANAE VITAE - 50 YEARS LATER

On Saturday, October 13th an historic symposium will take place at the Logan Philadelphia Hotel, 8:30 AM.- 4:30 PM It will feature presentations by experts from the sciences, social sciences, history, philosophy, and theology, including:

-**Janet Smith, Ph.D.**, Chair of Life Ethics at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in the Archdiocese of Detroit;

-**Mary Rice Hasson**, a Fellow in the Ethics and Public Policy Center's Catholic Studies program in Washington, D.C. and well-known speaker and author;

-**Fr. Robert McTeigue, S.J.**, professor of philosophy and theology, and a member of the National Ethics Committee of the Catholic Medical Association;

-**Vicki Thorn**, international speaker and author on the topics of abortion's aftermath in women, men and others;

-**Angela Lanfranchi, M.D.**, breast cancer surgeon and pro-life activist, co-founder and current president of the Breast Cancer Prevention Institute; and

-**The Sisters of Life**, working to build a new and lasting culture of life and civilization of love.

For additional information, or to register, please visit

<http://phillycatholiclife.org/humanae-vitae-fifty-years-later/>.