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SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

January 1st



Mass Intentions For the Week

Sunday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

- 7:30 AM All the Members of our Parish
9:30 AM Robert O'Larnic, requested by Anna Marie Nagle
11:30 AM Donald Spader and Stan Spader requested by Vickie Fuller

Monday, January 2: Saint Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

- 8:00 AM Living Intention for Jim Monahan, requested by his Family

Tuesday, January 3: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

- 8:00 AM The Living and deceased members of the Swierkiewicz Family, requested by Ann and Akos Swierkiewicz

Wednesday, January 4: Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

- 8:00 AM Joseph and Winifred Jolly, requested by the McVan Family

Thursday, January 5: Saint John Neumann

- 8:00 AM Dr. Vincent LaRosa, requested by Mary and Richard Vassallo

Friday, January 6: Saint Andre Bessette

- 8:00 AM Living and deceased members of the Della Selva Family, requested by Ann and Akos Swierkiewicz

Saturday, January 7: Saint Raymond of Penafort

- 8:00 AM All Living and deceased members of the DiDonato Family, requested by Maria
4:00 PM Evelyn Puzan and Thomas Campbell, Sr., requested by Darryl and Maureen Puzan

Sunday, January 8

The Epiphany of the Lord

- 7:30 AM Margaret O'Larnic, requested by Anna Marie Nagle
9:30 AM All the Members of our Parish
11:30 AM Olga Rivas-Plata, requested by her Sons and Daughters



Adoration Society: Maria DiDonato, Cynthia Mariotti
Adult Faith Formation: Fr. William Monahan, 215.295.4102

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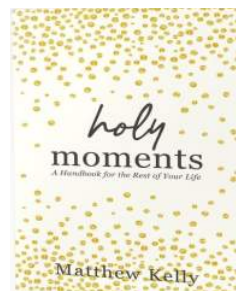
Youth Ministry: Maria Shadle, youthministries@stjohnpa.org

CHURCH HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Monday, January 2nd—Closed

VISITATION MINISTRY

If a family member is sick or you would like a visit from one of our Pastoral staff, please call our office at 215-295-4102 and we will have one of them return your call and schedule a visit.



Through the generosity of one of our Parishioners, copies of Matthew Kelly's book, *Holy Moments—A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life*, will be available in the vestibule of Church. Please pick up your free copy and enjoy this inspirational book.



Offertory Gifts

"Bringing up the gifts" is a way to offer our intentions and unite them to the offering of Christ. If you have requested the Mass intention and you are in attendance at the Mass and you wish to take up the Offertory gifts, please check in with the Ushers or Sexton 10 minutes before Mass begins. Thank you!



From the Pastor's Desk

To the Parish Family of Saint John the Evangelist,

A Happy, Joyful and Blessed New Year to all of our parishioners and your loved ones! My sincere prayer is that you had a safe, peaceful and enjoyable Christmas spent with those you hold most dear!

We here at Saint John's are most grateful for the Advent and Christmas Seasons we have celebrated here – they were truly seasons of great hope and joy!

As we set out on our Advent journey in anticipation of our Lord's coming once again into our lives and hearts, we began the season with a Marian Week of Prayer guided by a Vincentian priest, Father Michael Shea. Father led us through the week to contemplate Mary as a reason to hope and to intercede on our behalf to her Son, Jesus. Throughout the week Father heard countless Confessions and we anointed approximately 130 individuals with the Sacrament of the Sick at two healing Masses held on Thursday of the week. It was a time of abundant graces and blessings, and we are most grateful to Father Shea for witnessing to his great devotion to Our Blessed Mother!

Continuing to strive to keep the joy and hope of Christmas alive we hosted our annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 11th. For the many who attended, they were treated to an enjoyable array of Christmas hymns and carols, both traditional and contemporary. Truly an enjoyable afternoon was had by all in attendance! My thanks to Shelly O'Hara-Tapp, our Music Director, for directing the event and to our Adult and Cherub choirs for your joyful performance!

Our Knights of Columbus, from the outset of Advent, reminded us with their manger scene and Christmas banner at the corner of our property, the vital message of keeping Christ at the center of our Christmas preparations and celebration.

In addition, the Knights also hosted their annual coat drive to benefit Saint John's Hospice in Center City, Philadelphia. A good number of containers and totes were delivered containing various items (scarves, socks, gloves, coats, etc.) by generous volunteers. We are most grateful to Walter Burek, Lou Penge and all the Knights for their ongoing charitable works!

We also had a tremendous and exceptionally generous response to our annual Jesse Tree Program. Hundreds and hundred of gifts and donations were delivered to a large number of needy families in the surrounding area. It was an overwhelming display of charity and I am most grateful to Michelle Saupe and her group of volunteers for overseeing the collecting, sorting and distribution of all of those gifts and donations...please accept my heartfelt thanks!

In addition to our sacred liturgies and charitable works, Saint John's hosted it's annual Christmas Bazaar coordinated by our Social Concerns ministry. With a large number of vendors selling beautifully made crafts and with a visit from Santa, many of those who attended were able to update their Christmas gift lists. My thanks to all of those members of our Social Concerns ministry who helped to coordinate and oversee this successful endeavor...thank you for your time and hard work!

Our Youth Ministry also hosted an afternoon with Santa, who came to visit our children and have some cookies and milk with them, especially since all of them remained on Santa's "Nice" list! Our youth also hosted a baby-sitting event, allowing parents and family members to help Santa gather last-minute gifts for the children! My thanks to Maria Shadle, our Youth Minister, for coordinating these events!

I would like to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to all of the parishioners who stepped up and helped in the decorating of the Church with the trees, poinsettias and Manger scene...many hands made quick work of preparing our Church in a beautiful way for the celebration of Our Lord's Nativity! We would not be able to do such things without the generous assistance of so many giving parishioners! Once again, my sincerest gratitude and appreciation!

So, as you can see, much has been going on at Saint John's and I offer sincere prayers of gratitude to God for allowing me to serve so many faithful and giving parishioners...I am truly blessed!

One final note, on behalf of myself, Father Rudy, Father Brady and Deacon Tom, we are most grateful for the countless gifts and treats we received from so many parishioners...we are truly thankful and most grateful!

May God continue to bestow upon you and your loved ones His abundant graces and blessings throughout this New Year!

Fr. Will



Mass Readings for Next Sunday, January 8, 2023

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

Reading 1
Isaiah 60:1-6

Responsorial Psalm
Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Reading 2
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Alleluia
Matthew 2:2

Gospel
Matthew 2:1-12



Shared Meal—Will be in person on **Fri., January 27th**. Watch for SignupGenius for details!

Volunteers from St. John's are welcome at Habitat Re-Store on the third Friday of each month from 2:30 to 5:30, to help stock and organize items on the shelves. 1337 East Lincoln Highway Levittown, PA 19056

If interested, please register at:

<http://stjohntheevangelistcatholic-church.habitatbucks.volunteerhub.com/>.

Loving Hands—no meetings until February

Social Concerns Meeting—there will be no Martin Luther King event unless someone steps up to lead it this year. It is only two hours. If you are willing, please contact Kathy or Monica.

Kathy would like to express here sincere gratitude for all the love, prayers and support offered from both Social Concerns and the Saint John's community. She feels God's loving hands wrapped around her in your kindness!

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Nancy Baradziej	John Guinter	Cora Murtagh
Michael Barkovich, Jr.	Samantha Rose	Lena O'Brien
Irene Bentz	Haggerty	Florence Opara
Charles and	Edward Harkanson	Frank Palmieri
Carol Buiochi	David Hayes	Eleanor Queppet
Ann Ciocco	Frank Henniger	Richard and Magda
Ed Cook	Mary Ann Holt	Rueda
Claudia DiBraccio	Elliott Jacqueline	Abbie Stross
Louis DiTanna, Jr.	Kay	John Toler
Christopher Dixon	Joseph P. Kirlin, III	Austin Trainor (child)
Michael Donahue	Beth Lynch	Bridgette Traynor
Jerry Donnell	Ryan McVan	Martina Warren
Fidencio Francis	Connie Moredich	Dan Winistorfer

and all the residents of ProMedica, Arden Court and Heartis



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**



Thanks to our very generous fellow parishioners for donating food, money gifts and time to provide holiday meals to families in our community. With their help, St. John's Knights were able to provide meals for both Thanksgiving and Christmas to 91 families. Through Jesse Tree donations, we were able to provide gifts to over 200 children. We also distributed books made available by Cops N Kids Delaware County.



Knights of Columbus
**Chuck Meyrick/
Dick Wilson**
Memorial Men's
Coat Drive
THANK YOU!

The Director at St. John Hospice Homeless shelter at 13th and Arch was extremely appreciative for your generosity. We collected about 150 coats, hats, scarves, gloves, hoodies, and sweaters. Our pickup truck was packed with three very large appliance size boxes, and about eight large 30-gallon plastic bags. *Bless you all again for making Christmas special for those less fortunate than us!*

Lou Penge

St. John the Evangelist Youth Ministry

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*Wishing all St. John the Evangelist Parish a
happy and healthy New Year.*

**To stay up to date with all things Youth Ministry, please sign up
for our Youth Ministry Flocknote!**

**Our schedule will be posted soon for the spring. Students in 6th-
12th grade are encouraged to join with us.**

*Preparation and Decorating our Church for Christmas
Thank you to our Volunteers!*



Saint John the Evangelist
Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)



*January is the
Month of the
Holy Name of Jesus*



Virtue of the Month

Justice: Giving to each, beginning with God,
what is due him.

Family Faith Activity of the Month

Pray the Divine Praises found in the "Attention
Children of the Parish" each night as a family

This Week's Facts of our Faith

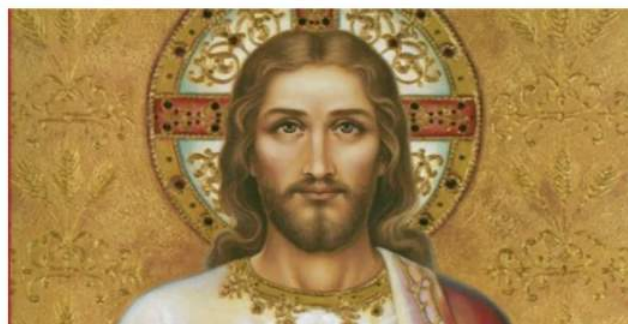
47. Q. What is the sin called which we
inherit from our first parents?

A. The sin which we inherit from our
first parents is called Original Sin.

48. Q. Why is this sin called Original?

A. This sin is called Original because it
comes down to us from our first
parents, and we are brought into
the world with its guilt on our soul.

Baltimore Catechism



To God be the Glory

"At the name of Jesus every knee should
bow, in heaven and earth and under
the earth, and every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of
God the Father,"

Phil 2:10-11

"To holy people the very name of Jesus is a
name to feed upon, a name to transport.

His name can raise the dead and
transfigure and beautify the living."

- Saint John Henry Newman

**May the Holy Name of Jesus
be upon our lips.**

Attention Children of the Parish

This month we celebrate the Holy Name
of Jesus. This week memorize the first
two verses of "The Divine Praises." Pray
them throughout the day all week long.
We will add another two verses next
week. Here are the first two verses:

**Blessed be God.
Blessed be His Holy Name.**

*Today January 1st is the
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.
Let us pray, Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us!*

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