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*"What we have seen and heard we proclaim to you, so that you may share life with us." 1 John 1:3*



“...They were overjoyed at seeing the star & on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.

They prostrated themselves & did him homage.

Then they opened their treasures & offered him gifts...”

# Epiphany of Our Lord



## *Our Mass Schedule for This Week*

### **Sunday, January 7** **The Epiphany of the Lord**

7:30 AM Gail Borton, requested by Judy and Bill  
9:30 AM Paulette Laudati, requested by the Rossi and Meyer Families  
11:30 AM Dennis P. Rodano, requested by Kathleen Overberger #7515

### **Monday, January 8: The Baptism of the Lord**

8:00 AM Alberta and Leo Hyska, requested by Charles and Maryann Hyska

### **Tuesday, January 9: Tuesday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Anne Banas, requested by the Banas Family

### **Wednesday, January 10: Wednesday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Deceased Family Members, requested by Dai Q. Nguyen

### **Thursday, January 11: Thursday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Pat Dansbury, requested by the Lube Family

### **Friday, January 12: Friday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Louis DiTanna, requested by Bernadette Korzon

### **Saturday, January 13: Saint Hilary**

8:00 AM Concetta Sancinito, requested by Mr. and Mrs. William Garenia, Jr.  
4:00 PM Susan M. Battista, requested by the Martella Family

### **Sunday, January 14** **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 AM All the Members of our Parish  
9:30 AM Fresner Jean, requested by the Nally Family  
11:30 AM Johanna Fuchs, requested by Charles and Winifred McGovern



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.



## **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!



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To the Parish Family of Saint John the Evangelist,

I hope this note finds all of you well and that you all enjoyed Christmas with family and loved ones!

On behalf of myself, Fr. Rudy, Fr. Brady, Deacon Tom, our seminarian Jude and the Parish Office Staff, I wish to extend our sincerest thanks for the countless greeting cards, gifts cards and edible gifts we received this Christmas! It is a genuine reflection of the thoughtfulness and generosity of you, the parishioners and we are all truly appreciative!

May your New Year be filled with joy, peace, and good health!

Once again, our sincerest thanks!

*Fr. Will*

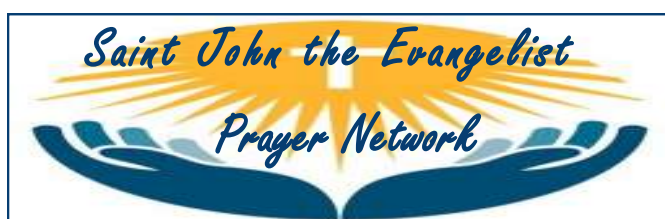


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Become a part of St. John's Prayer Network! Prayer petitions can be emailed to you each week and you can pray them on your own time. Petitions for prayers can also be emailed to me at anytime or placed in the Prayer Network box located in the vestibule of our Church. No meetings to attend!

Contact Lisa Petrino 267-994-4513; LisaPetrino412@gmail.com



**Join us in the Saint Gianna Room in  
Church every Friday evening at  
7:00 PM to say the Rosary. Our  
Blessed Mother would love to hear  
from you!**



Please stop by our Saint John the Evangelist Bakery Basket, sponsored by our WOW (Women of the Word) Group on **Sunday, January 7, 2024**, in the Deacon James Hartmann Meeting Room after the 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM Masses. Join us for fellowship, fun and a variety of baked goods and refreshments. Whether you are an existing parishioner, new parishioner or just visiting, you are most welcome!




**A grief support group for everyone.**

**Grief, no matter where it comes from, can only be realized  
by connecting to other people.—Thomas Horn**

For more information on individual or group support, please contact Tom Brunner at 215-734-3031. All discussions are confidential. Next meeting will be held on:

**Wednesday, January 10, 2024  
at 7:00 PM in the Pastoral Life Center**



*Mass Readings for  
Next Sunday,  
January 14, 2024*

**Reading 1**  
1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

**Responsorial Psalm**  
Psalms 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

**Reading 2**  
1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

**Alleluia**  
John 1:41-17b

**Gospel**  
John 1:35-42

*Saint John the Evangelist Social Concerns*



socialconcerns@stjohnpa.org



"God's work.  
Our hands."

Social Concerns will meet in the Social Concerns Room at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, January 10th. Note the date change.

Join us for service activities on Martin Luther King Day, January 15th, in the old school from 12:00 PM-3:00 PM.

The Next Shared Meal will be Friday, January 26, from 4:30-8:00. See Signup Genius for more information.

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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,720</b>

**Fifty-Second Sunday in 2022**

Regular Sunday Collection	\$ 13,278
<b>Parish Giving</b>	<b>4,225</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 17,503</b>

YTD Sunday Collection  
(July 1, 2023—Dec. 24, 2023) \$327,459

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For more information concerning our program, please check our website: [ivinsoutreach.org](http://ivinsoutreach.org). Or for additional information, please contact Frank Walter at (215) 428-0500 x101 or [frank@ivinsoutreach.org](mailto:frank@ivinsoutreach.org).



J.M.J.

# 2024

Upcoming Youth Meetings



Middle School - Sundays - 4:30-6 p.m.

High School - Wednesdays - 5-6:30 p.m.

High School - Sundays - 6:30-8 p.m.

Today we Celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany when the Three Wise Men, or Magi traveled a long distance by following a star to worship the Baby Jesus! They sought Him to pay Him homage and to give Him their finest gifts. Do you know what the three gifts were? What gifts could you bring to Jesus? Have you asked Him for an Epiphany in your life?



*Wise Men Still Seek Him*



Mrs. Michelle Saupe, Youth Minister - [youthministries@stjohnpa.org](mailto:youthministries@stjohnpa.org)



Villa Maria by the Sea Retreat Center, Stone Harbor, NJ, has posted its schedule of programs for the winter and spring of 2024. For more information or to register, visit [www.VMbytheSea.com](http://www.VMbytheSea.com).

Below are our February offerings.

**Tuesday, February 20, 2024**

**8:45 a.m.—2:45 p.m. \$60\***

**Close up of friends of Jesus: Mary, Martha and Lazarus**

presented by Sr. Mary Henrich IHM

Jesus shared a special relationship with Mary, Martha and Lazarus. He needed and valued their friendship. What can be learned from the close friendship, the intimacy, the sacred bonds? This Lent, explore your friendship with Jesus and others. Coffee and check-in begins at 8:45 a.m. The day includes Mass and lunch.

**Wednesday, February 28, 2024**

**8:45 a.m.—3:00 p.m. \$60\***

**"The Lord is Kind and Merciful"**

presented by Sr. Pat McDermott IHM

In a contemplative atmosphere, we will use Scriptural passages as well as other writings for our reflections. Coffee and check-in begins at 8:45 a.m. The day includes Mass and lunch.

\*You may opt to stay overnight the evening before these day events for an additional \$95.

Saint John the Evangelist  
Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)



IHS is an ancient way  
of writing  
Jesus Christ

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

**Virtue of the Month**

Fortitude: Being brave and strong in the face of trials

**Family Faith Activity of the Month**

Pray the Golden Arrow Prayer together as a family each night.

**This Week's Facts of our Faith**

149. Q. *Why can we not receive Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders more than once?*

A. *We cannot receive Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders more than once, because they imprint a character in the soul.*

150. Q. *What is the character which these Sacraments imprint in the soul?*

B. *The character which these Sacraments imprint in the soul is a spiritual mark which remains forever.*

151.. Q. *Does this character remain in the soul even after death?*

C. *This character remains in the soul even after death: for the honor and glory of those who are saved; for the shame and punishment of those who are lost.*

*Baltimore Catechism*

**To God be the Glory**

“The sweet Name of Jesus produces in us holy thoughts, fills the soul with noble sentiments, strengthens virtue, begets good works, and nourishes pure affection. All spiritual food leaves the soul dry, if it contain not that penetrating oil, the Name Jesus.”

~St Bernard of Clairvaux

**The Golden Arrow Prayer**

May the most holy, most sacred, most adorable, most incomprehensible and ineffable, Name of God, be forever praised, blessed, loved, adored, and glorified, in Heaven, on earth, and under the earth, by all the creatures of God, and by the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Amen.

**Attention Children of the Parish**

January is the Month of the Holy Name of Jesus. Cut out “The Golden Arrow Prayer” above from the bulletin, so that you can pray it with your family each night during this month. It’s a special prayer to make up for the times when people say Jesus’ name unkindly.

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