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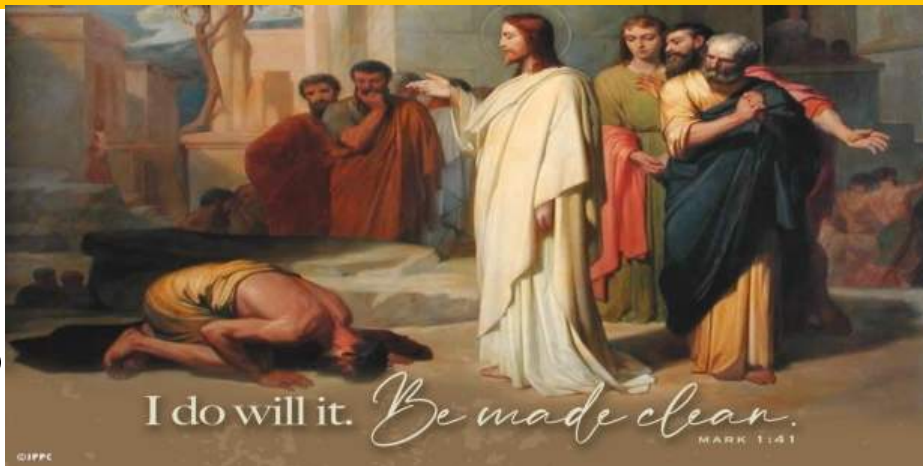
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OUR MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Vigil Mass: Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 AM
Weekdays Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Saturdays: 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM
Tuesdays: 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM
Other times by appointment

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements should be made with the priest at least 6 months before the wedding. Attendance at Pre-Marital Classes required.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sunday through Friday—after daily Mass, until 8:00 PM. Saturday -until Vigil Mass.

LECTIO DIVINA

Wednesdays: 8:30 AM in the Chapel

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Saturdays, following 8:00 AM Mass

VISITING THE SICK

If a family member is sick in the hospital, at home, or in a nursing home and they would like to have a short visit by a member of our Pastoral staff, please call the Parish Office at 215-295-4102.

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Preparations for Baptism should begin before your child is born. All expectant parents or parents of newborn children are asked to enroll themselves in our Parish Baptism Preparation class. Information will be shared when parents call to register for Baptism. Our small classes are held in our Pastoral Life Center. Baptisms are ordinarily celebrated on the first and third Sundays of each month at 1PM.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The RCIA is a process of welcoming new members into our Catholic faith. It also welcomes baptized Catholics who have not yet received the Sacraments of Confession, First Communion or Confirmation. Please contact Rev. William Monahan at 215-295-4102 for more information, or email at fatherwill@stjohnpa.org.



Sunday, February 11
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM Louise and Francis Bishop, requested by Bill and Judy
 9:30 AM Rossi and Meyer Families, requested by Bill, Carole and Kristin Meyer
 11:30 AM Johanna Fuchs, requested by Maureen and Marty Tantum

Monday, February 12: Weekday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM Police Officer John Pawlowski, 1st Anniversary, requested by the Pawlowski Family

Tuesday, February 13: Weekday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM Julian and Regina Matusieski, requested by Karen Strzelec

Wednesday, February 14: Ash Wednesday
 8:00 AM John Rooney, requested by the Luby Family
 4:00 PM Ash Wednesday Prayer Service
 7:00 PM Florence Opara, requested by Joe and Pat Mursch

Thursday, February 15: Thursday after Ash Wednesday
 8:00 AM Joseph J. Szulya, requested by Kathy Hartmann

Friday, February 16: Friday after Ash Wednesday
 8:00 AM Dennis Brown, requested by Vickie Fuller

Saturday, February 17: Saturday after Ash Wednesday
 8:00 AM John Rooney requested by Maria Shadle
 4:00 PM Joseph Brady, requested by his brothers and sisters


Sunday, February 18
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM Joseph Grzymkowski, requested by the Horn Family
 9:30 AM Henry Grezlak, Jr., requested by Carol Lynn Grezlak
 11:30 AM Ed Kiernan, requested by the Kiernan Family



Ashes will be distributed this Wednesday, February 14th at the 8:00 AM Mass, 4:00 PM Prayer Service, and 7:00 PM Mass.



Stations of the Cross will begin this Friday, February 16th at 7:00 PM in the Church. Join us as we retrace the final journey of Jesus Christ to Calvary.



RCIA: Adult Catholic Initiation
RITE OF CALLING THE CANDIDATES TO CONTINUING CONVERSION
FEBRUARY 18TH AT THE 9:30 AM MASS

Our candidates, Andrew, Brianna, Liam and Ryan, have been earnestly participating in prayer, instruction, and service to prepare for receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation and a full sharing in the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Our parish family celebrates this Rite to publicly acknowledge their sincere efforts to respond to the Holy Spirit in growing closer to Christ, their desire for the Sacraments, and their readiness to complete their initiation.

During the Rite, it is the candidates' sponsors and catechists who give testimony to their desire and readiness for the Sacraments, to join us fully in the life and mission of the Church. The gathered assembly joyfully acknowledges God's work in the lives of these candidates and affirms their willingness to provide continued love and support. Our faith community travels the path of conversion this Lent together with Andrew, Brianna, Liam and Ryan, to the joy of the Easter mysteries.

Ways You Can Support Our RCIA Candidates

"For we know, brethren, beloved by God, that he has chosen you; for our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction." I Thess 1:4-5

- Offer one of your Lenten sacrifices or prayers for their journey of faith.
- Spread the word - ask your ministry or faith group to do the same.
- Participate fully in the Rite and share your enthusiasm.
- Ask God to deepen the faith of their sponsors and families.
- Offer a word of welcome or encouragement when you meet them.
- Speak with one another and share with family and friends, about God's goodness in continually calling us and others into His life.



Liam (center) with his Mom, Mary Kate and his brother, Owen

MEET OUR RCIA CANDIDATE
Liam Davis

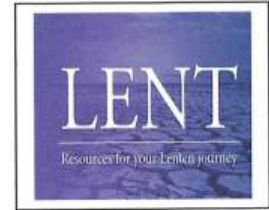
It was a challenging life experience that spurred Liam to turn to God in prayer, leading him to realize he wanted to learn more about God and have a deeper relationship with Him. He and his Mom, Mary Kate, then looked into local churches and they decided that Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church was the place for him.

Liam is a junior at Pennsbury High School and works part time as a cashier at McCaffrey's. Originally from Philadelphia, Liam has been living in Yardley since 2016 with his Mom and younger brother, Owen. Liam is on the football team at Pennsbury and enjoys working out and hanging out with his friends.

Liam is dedicated to learning and committed to following his path to Christ. We all enjoy his infectious smile! Our faith community is blessed to have Liam as one of our RCIA candidates and we pray he grows closer to God each day on his journey.



St. John the Evangelist Faith Formation Lent 2024



The following will be taking place at St. John's during the Lenten Season. All of these are being offered to enjoy fellowship with others, learn more about our Catholic faith, and grow closer to Jesus Christ.

"Soup and Stations"



On each of the Fridays during Lent, join other parishioners for fellowship and a light meal (soup, bread, water). The meal will take place from 5:30 PM to 6:45 PM. A good will offering will be accepted to support the **"Adult Faith Formation" Ministry Team**. Head over to the church after the meal for **Stations of the Cross**.



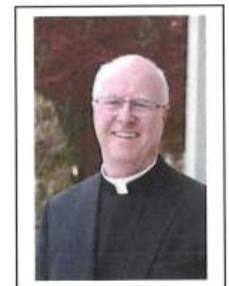
The light meal will take place in the locations and on the given dates below.
(**School Cafeteria**: February 16, March 1, 8, 15, 29)
(**Deacon James Hartmann Meeting Room**: February 23, March 22)

Lenten Talks

by Monsignor Joseph G. Prior

Set aside the dates listed below!!

Monsignor Prior will be visiting St. John the Evangelist on several **Wednesdays** during Lent to talk about the Catholic faith and what we as Catholics can do during Lent to help us grow closer to Jesus Christ. All talks will be given in the **Church** at 7:00 PM with light refreshments served afterwards.



Monsignor Prior served on the faculty of Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary (1999-2010), he was pastor of Saint John the Evangelist Parish (2010-2017), and he is currently pastor at Our Lady of Grace (2017-2024). He has written a weekly column for *CatholicPhilly.com* since 2012 and he is a Regional Dean in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

February 28
March 13
March 20

Lenten Movie Afternoons



Eucharist: “The sacraments are efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church #1131)

Experience God’s mercy in a whole new way by watching each session of *Forgiven*. On each of the Sunday afternoons below, you can gather with fellow parishioners to learn more about the *Transforming Power of Confession*.

February 25

Session 1: Where are You?

March 10

Session 2: An Encounter with Mercy

March 24

Session 3: The Rite Explained

Afternoon Format

Opening prayer

Introduction of *Forgiven*

Watch the video (outline provided)

Answer discussion questions

Wrap Up and closing prayer

All Sessions will take place in the **Parish Office (chapel area)** from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Light refreshments will be served.

After Session 3, priests will be available to offer the Sacrament of Confession.

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FAST AND ABSTINENCE

AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are 14 years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons 18 years of age and older, up to and including their 59th birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.

All are encouraged to participate in Operation Rice Bowl which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world.



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| Don Garner, Sr. | Beth Lynch | Martina Warren |

and all the residents of Yardley Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center, Arden Court and Heartis

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Youth Ministry Meetings

NO Youth Group Mtgs. Today 2/11

Middle School

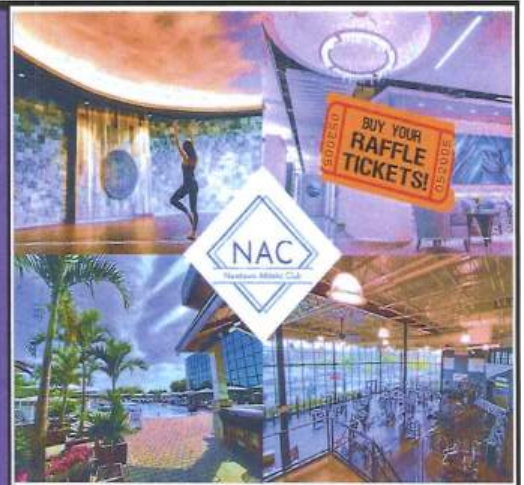
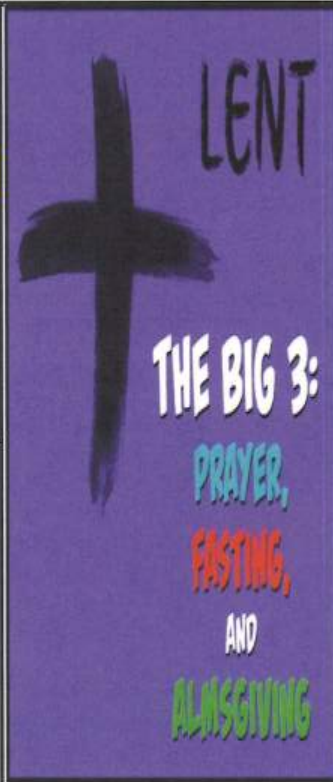
Sunday's 4:30-6:00 p.m.

High School

Sunday's 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.



If you have any new unloved gifts that you don't want consider regifting it to that you would Youth Ministry for the designer bag bingo raffle baskets. A collection box is in the Parish Office.



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Tickets are available at the office or email: youthministries@stjohnnpa.org

Little Black Books for Lent

Little Black books for Lent, with daily Lenten reflections beginning February 14th, will be available in the vestibule on Ash Wednesday.

Lenten Visio Divina

Join us virtually on Thursdays @ 7 pm during Lent. Starting on 2/15

Zoom Link:

<https://dasd-org.zoom.us/j/98906285987>

Email lizzysaupe@gmail.com with questions



Are you a woman who enjoys a lively discussion about our Catholic faith? If you are, then Women of the Word welcomes YOU!

**Next Meeting: Saturday, February 17, 2024
9:30 AM in the Pastoral Life Center**

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Join our faith community in a transformative Lenten journey through CRS Rice Bowl to meet people in Uganda, El Salvador and Indonesia who are working hard to overcome the challenges of hunger and the impact of climate change. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from our Church vestibule beginning this weekend. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on our connectedness as one family in Christ and work together to ensure our sisters and brothers worldwide can thrive. Visit crsrice-bowl.org to learn more.



Our monthly food drive will take place the weekend of February 17-18. Your donations will be delivered to Mary's Cupboard located on Levittown Parkway.

Thank you for always helping your neighbors in need!

Saint John the Evangelist
Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)



*February is the Month of the
Holy Family*

Virtue of the Month

Prudence: making good decisions in specific circumstances

Family Faith Activity of the Month

Pray Mother Teresa's Prayer for the Family each night.

This Week's Fact of our Faith

238. Q. What is the Holy Eucharist?

A. The Holy Eucharist is the Sacrament which contains the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, of Our Lord Jesus Christ under the appearances of bread and wine.

Baltimore Catechism

Mother Teresa's Prayer for the Family

**First half of the prayer*

Heavenly Father, you have given us a model of life in the Holy Family of Nazareth.

Help us, O Loving Father, to make our family another Nazareth where love, peace, and joy reign.

May it be deeply contemplative, intensely Eucharistic, and vibrant with joy.

Help us to stay together in joy and sorrow through family prayer.

Teach us to see Jesus in the members of our family, especially in their distressing disguise.

May the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus make our hearts meek and humble like His and help us to carry out our family duties in a holy way. Amen.

To God be the Glory

We give thanks to God for the gift of Himself in the Most Holy Eucharist!



*This past Sunday, February 4th
Daniel Prandini Paiva &
Ana Prandini Paiva
received their First Holy Communion.
May God be Praised!*

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