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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

FEBRUARY 18, 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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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.

PASTORAL LIFE CENTER

752 Big Oak Road, Morrisville, PA 19067
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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday
9 AM - 5 PM
No office hours on Saturday or Sunday, except by appointment

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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 18
First Sunday of Lent

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

Monday, February 19: Monday in Lent

8:00 AM Sister Fran Stein, RSM, requested by the Thomas Family

Tuesday, February 20: Tuesday in Lent

8:00 AM John E. Rooney, requested by Linda and Alan Chrzanowski

Wednesday, February 21: Saint Peter Damian

8:00 AM Philip Hoffman, requested by Dick and Carol Jones

Thursday, February 22: The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

8:00 AM Andrew Barkocy, requested by Al and Andrea DiGregorio

Friday, February 23: Saint Polycarp

8:00 AM Alexander and Genevieve Matusieski, requested by Karen Strzelec

Saturday, February 24: Saturday in Lent

8:00 AM Lizza Romano, requested by the Giordano Family
4:00 PM Anne Monahan, requested by Father Will

Sunday, February 25
Second Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM Charles Many, requested by Robert Trigg
9:30 AM All the Members of our Parish
11:30 AM Margarita Balcom, requested by Charles and Winifred McGovern



Marie J. Galloni



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, February 21, 2024
at 7:00 PM in the Pastoral Life Center

Save the Dates



Lenten
Reflection Series

with

Monsignor Joseph Prior

Wednesday, February 28

Wednesday, March 13

Wednesday, March 20



Monsignor Prior will be visiting Saint John the Evangelist Church 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 immediately following.



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. The light meal will take place in the locations and on the given dates below:

February 16, March 1, 8, 15, 29—School Cafeteria

February 23, March 22—Deacon James Hartmann Meeting Room

Please join us in the Church, immediately following dinner, for Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM



We would like to welcome the following new Parishioners who joined the faith community of Saint. John the Evangelist Church during the month of January 2024 :

James and Carol Peto



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.

MEET OUR RCIA CANDIDATE
Ryan Kaye



Ryan, with his wife, Jacqueline, and their son, Enzo.

Ryan grew up in Lansdale and recently moved back to Pennsylvania after travelling the country with the Navy for several years. His wife, Jacqueline, who was raised Catholic, was Ryan's inspiration for beginning RCIA at their new parish home, Saint John's. Their (almost!) two-year old son, Enzo was baptized this past year and Ryan wanted to fully unify his family in the Catholic faith. He also looks forward to building relationships and being involved with our parish family.

Ryan has been practicing as a periodontist for 8 years and enjoys helping his patients resolve their pain or restore dental function, from his office in Bensalem.

Jacqueline is a pediatric dentist, affirmed as an amazing Mom by Ryan and they enjoy family time exploring and going on outdoor adventures. Ryan loves music, playing the piano and being a DJ.

With his dedication and enthusiasm for his faith journey, Ryan is a gift to our community and we pray for God's continued blessings on him and his family.



Mass Readings for Next Sunday, February 25, 2024

Reading 1
Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Responsorial Psalm
Psalms 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19

Reading 2
Romans 8:31b-34

Gospel
Mark 9:2-10

Lost WEEK

Saint John the Evangelist Church Collections

thank you

Sixth Sunday in 2024

Regular Sunday Collection	\$ 8,754
Parish Giving	4,481
Total	\$ 13,235

Sixth Sunday in 2023

Regular Sunday Collection	\$ 7,535
Parish Giving	3,955
Total	\$ 11,490

YTD Sunday Collection
(July 1, 2023—Feb. 11, 2024) \$416,976

**Thank you for your continued
generosity!**

Saint John the Evangelist Social Concerns



Lenten Collection: From February 24th until March 24th

Social Concerns is organizing a collection to benefit Reach Out Foundation in Penndel.

Reach Out offers community support to those trying to break the cycle of homelessness, mental health issues, or addiction. At their facility, they offer coffee and community, laundry and shower facilities, a variety of support classes, and food access. Check the flyer in the vestibule for a list of items being collected. Items can be placed in boxes marked REACH OUT FOUNDATION in the vestibule and in the Saint Gianna Room (cry room).

Thank you for your support!

The next Social Concerns will meet in the Social Concerns Room at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, February 21st.

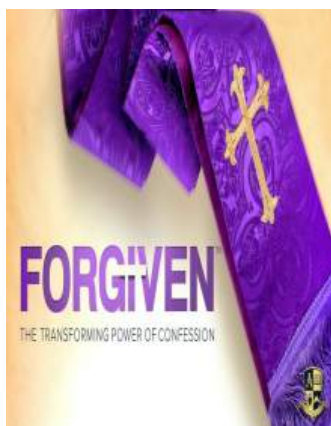
The next Shared Meal will be on Friday, February 23, from 4:30—8:00 PM. See Signup Genius for more information.

Loving Hands will be treated to a Thank You Luncheon on February 25th from 1:00-3:00 PM, in the Social Concerns Room.



Alyssa Adubato	Don Garner, Sr.	John Marcucci
Olivia Andrews	Roger Garseau	Ryan McVan
Ronald Ardeni	John Guinter	Connie Moredich
Karl Bahmiller	Samantha Rose	Linda Morelli
Irene Bentz	Haggerty	Lena O'Brien
Edward Bowden, Sr.	Ed Harkanson	Eleanor Queppet
Charles Buioocchi	Paul Hartmann	Magda Rueda
Jose Calix	David Hayes	Baby Grayson Rustay
Hilda Carman	Frank Henniger	Rita Senkovich
Joan Cope	Mary Hirsch	David Slagle
Ed Cook	Mary Ann Holt	Louis Stevens
Dennis DelGrosso	Thomas Karas	Abbie Stross
Claudia DiBraccio	Elliott Jacqueline	John Toler
Christopher Dixon	Kay	Alfred J. Tomaselli, III
Michael Donahue	Joseph P. Kirlin, III	Austin Trainor (child)
Jerry Donnell	William Kozak	Bridgette Traynor
Fidencio Francis	Theresa Land	Shelby Wagner
Cathy Fuller	Stella Lycoski	Martina Warren
	Beth Lynch	

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



Lenten Movie Afternoon

Experience God's mercy in a whole new way by watching Session 1: Where are You? of **Forgiven** next Sunday, February 25th in the Parish Office, from 1-3 PM with your fellow parishioners. Learn more about the **Transforming Power of Confession**. Light refreshments will be served.



FIRST WEEK OF LENT

A SEASON FOR REFLECTION

During this holy time, we are called to pause and pay closer attention to our relationship with God and our neighbors. Reflect on how the Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving can guide your journey and how the Eucharist helps us to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more and read this week's Story of Hope.

J.M.J.

Youth Ministry Meetings



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

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



Youth Ministry will have a Mini
Retreat on Sat. March 9th
to the Basilica Shrine of
The Miraculous Medal.

Additional details to follow
Open to grades 6-12 and their families.
RSVP required. Adult lunch cost \$5/Children Free



♥ Thank YOU ALL! ♥

Many thanks to Everyone for
Purchasing Hoagies or
Taking a Chance on the Gym Raffle!
to support Youth Ministry!



Special thanks to Len Kuchera
for all his help with the Raffle & the
Knights of Columbus & the NAC
For providing the Gym Raffle!



Thank you to all youth that came out to bake brownies for a local
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receive your delicious Valentine gifts!



Thank you also for helping wrap silverware rolls for TASK!

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Saturday, March 2, 2024

Cardinal O'Hara High School, Springfield, PA



Mike Schmidt



Mark Forest



Danny Bader



Mark Hartfiel



Deacon Nathan Gunn

Sign up at: <https://manupphilly.com/registration/>

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



Saint John/Holy Trinity CYO Track & Field Sign-Ups

Track & Field Sign-ups for the 2024 season are open. Nov-
ice, Minor & Cadet Age Groups (4th to 8th Grades) are
\$55.00 per runner and the Sub-Novice Age Group (born in
2015-17 is \$45.00 per runner. For more information and to
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Any questions regarding Track & Field please contact Doug
Bartlett at either 215-295-0279 or [Trini-
tyTrack@comcast.net](mailto:TrinityTrack@comcast.net).

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

173. Q. *To receive Confirmation worthily is it necessary to be in the state of grace?*

A. *To receive Confirmation worthily it is necessary to be in the state of grace.*
Baltimore Catechism

To God be the Glory

"We cannot regard this Lent as just another liturgical season which has simply happened to come around again. It is a unique time: a divine aid which we should accept. Jesus is passing by and he hopes that we will take a great step forward – today, now."
-Saint Josemaria Escriva

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.

Attention Children of the Parish

This past Wednesday the very special period of Lent began. This is the time when we grow closer to Jesus through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

PREP Substitutes Needed



**"I planted, Apollos watered,
but God caused the growth."
-1 Cor 3:6**

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