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**FEBRUARY 25, 2024**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

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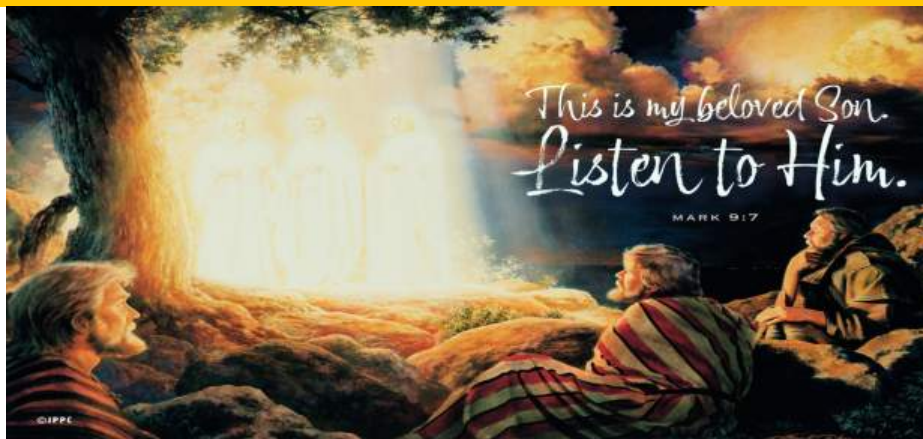
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### **OUR MASS SCHEDULE**

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.

### **PASTORAL LIFE CENTER**

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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.

## This Week's Mass Intentions

### 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

### Monday, February 26: Monday in Lent

8:00 AM All Priests, requested by the Blue Army

### Tuesday, February 27: Saint Gregory of Narek

8:00 AM John Rooney, requested by Joe and Pat Mursch

### Wednesday, February 28: Wednesday in Lent

8:00 AM John Rooney, requested by Toni and Larry Newman

### Thursday, February 29: Thursday in Lent

8:00 AM Mario Joseph Verrico, requested by his Parents

### Friday, March 1: Friday in Lent

8:00 AM Valerie Fuller, requested by Vickie Fuller

### Saturday, March 2: Saturday in Lent

8:00 AM Philip Wood, requested by Julia and David Wood  
4:00 PM Louis DiTanna, requested by Bernadette Korzon

### Sunday, March 3 **Third Sunday of Lent**

7:30 AM Joseph Grzymkowski, requested by the Horn Family  
9:30 AM John T. Lynch, requested by the Kenworthy Family  
11:30 AM All the Members of our Parish

## Lenten Reflection Series



with  
**Monsignor Joseph Prior**  
**Wednesday, February 28**  
**Wednesday, March 13**  
**Wednesday, March 20**

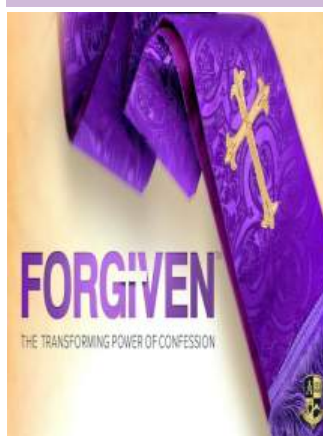
Monsignor Prior will be visiting Saint John the Evangelist Church on several Wednesdays during Lent to talk about the Catholic faith and what we as Catholics can do during Lent to help us grow closer to Jesus Christ. All talks will be given in the Church at 7:00 PM, with light refreshments served immediately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



On each of these 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 on the following dates:

**March 1, 8, 15, 29—School Cafeteria**

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



### Lenten Afternoon Movie

Experience God's mercy in a whole new way by watching Session 1: Where are You? of **Forgiven** this 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.







## *Rite of Christian Initiation*

Last Sunday, during the [Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion](#), our parish family received testimony and witness to the readiness and desire of our candidates to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Journeying alongside Andrew, Brianna, Liam and Ryan this Lent to the joys of Easter, let each of us in the faith community pray for them and their sponsors and give thanks to God for His abundant gift.



**Andrew, Meredith with children  
Morgan and Drew**

## MEET OUR RCIA CANDIDATE

### Andrew Brown

Originally from Lansdale, Andrew has been living in Falls Township since his marriage to Meredith, his wife of twelve years. Andrew and Meredith chose to be part of St. John's when their original parish, St. Joseph the Worker, closed. They have felt welcomed and it has opened the door for Andrew to bring to fruition his desire to grow closer to God in the Church.

Andrew and Meredith have two children, Morgan, 11 years, and Drew, 10 years, who are both very active in sports. Andrew not only enjoys watching his children play sports, but likes attending Phillies games, listening to music, exercising, and travelling. There is still time also, to spend with their boxer, Louie, who brings the family lots of joy.

Since 2011, Andrew has worked as a Police Officer in Bucks County and Meredith is a registered nurse. Andrew feels being an Officer is a calling, knowing he has the ability to impact someone's life for the better.

Andrew has always felt a void, he says, from not completing his sacraments. Eager to grow in faith, Andrew says he looks forward to each RCIA gathering. It shows – Andrew always brings a sense of inquisitiveness, sincerity, and humor.

We are blessed he and his family are with us.

## *Saint John's Bakery Basket*



Please stop by our Saint John the Evangelist Bakery Basket, sponsored by Saint John's Social Concerns, on **Sunday, March 3rd** 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!



In Akwangagwel, Uganda, the climate is very hot and dry. Farmers in this region depend heavily on the rainy season for a successful harvest. But lately—due to the changing climate—the rain has been coming later than it used to and is more inconsistent. Sometimes, when it does rain, it causes flooding and ruins the crops. Learn how Adolf and Florence have taken the matter into their own hands, implementing new farming techniques they learned from a Catholic Relief Services program to improve their farm and fight against hunger in their community. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to read their Story of Hope.



## Mass Readings for Next Sunday, March 3, 2024

**Reading 1**  
Exodus 20:1-17

**Responsorial Psalm**  
Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 11

**Reading 2**  
1 Corinthians 1:22-25

**Gospel**  
John 2:13-25

## Saint John the Evangelist Social Concerns



socialconcerns@  
stjohnpa.org

"God's work.  
Our hands."

### Lenten Collection: From February 24th until March 24th

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

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 Shared Meal will be on Friday, March 22, from 4:30–8:00 PM. See Signup Genius for more information.

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Lost WEEK

## Saint John the Evangelist Church Collections

thank you

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## In Need of Your Prayers

Alyssa Adubato	Don Garner, Sr.	John Marcucci
Olivia Andrews	Roger Garceau	Ryan McVan
Ronald Ardent	John Guinter	Connie Moredich
Karl Bahmiller	Samantha Rose	Linda Morelli
Irene Bentz	Haggerty	Lena O'Brien
Edward Bowden, Sr.	Ed Harkanson	Eleanor Queppet
Charles Buiochi	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 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](mailto:lizzysaupe@gmail.com) with questions



J.M.G.



☀️ Join us for a transformative day at the Basilica Shrine of the Miraculous Medal Youth Spiritual Pilgrimage on March 9th, 8 am to 2 pm! 🙏 Open to all youth 6-12 for just \$5. RSVP by March 2nd. 🙏 Don't miss this chance for spiritual growth and community connection.

See you there! 🙏

Check the SJE website for more information.



## Youth Ministry Meetings

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

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

Join Us for Faith, Food, Fun & Friendship- No Cost to Join!

*During this season of Lent, consider doing a Spiritual Work of Mercy by Praying the Rosary with those in a local nursing home.*

*Sunday's at 1:30 p.m.*



*Your presence alone will bring such joy to those staying there and your gift of prayer will bless them and you abundantly. Make this small sacrifice today! Contact Mrs. Saupe for more information @ [youthministries@stjohnpa.org](mailto:youthministries@stjohnpa.org)*

## THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of February 25, 2024



### The Three Temptations with Dr. Brant Pitre

**Reflect** with Dr. Brant Pitre on the temptations of Jesus in the desert as he gets to the heart of the meaning of Lent.



### The Hour of Our Death | Eternal Rest | Episode 3

The Anointing of the Sick is one of the seven sacraments of the Church. This session, we discover, the role of this sacramental anointing in the spiritual struggle during serious illness, the final stages of our temporal life, and the hour of our death.



### Talking Back: Scripture's to Answer Common Fears | Fearless | Episode 3

How can the word of God help us face fear and win back victory from the Enemy's control? Chris continues his conversation with Fr. Dave Pivonka about how people of faith address fear. Scripture provides concrete ways to wield the power of God's Word against the fear of need, abandonment, vulnerability, condemnation, and more. Unlock the means for the Lord to free you from all fear.

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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**

174. Q. What special preparation should be made to receive Confirmation?

A. Persons of an age to learn should know the chief mysteries of faith and the duties of a Christian, and be instructed in the nature and effects of this Sacrament.

*Baltimore Catechism*

**To God be the Glory**

"God had one Son on earth without sin,  
but never one without suffering."

-Saint Augustine

We adore You, O Christ,  
and we praise You,  
Because by Your Holy Cross  
You have redeemed the world.

**Attention Children of the Parish**

Last week we read that Lent is a time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. One special pray that people pray each Friday during Lent is the Stations of the Cross. There are 14 Stations. Do you know where they are in the Church? Take some time after Mass and look at the Stations of the Cross. Be sure to begin at the 1<sup>st</sup> and end with the 14<sup>th</sup>. Talk to Jesus in your heart about what you see. Be sure to thank Him for all that he suffered for love of us.  
Thank Him for dying for us.

**PREP Substitutes Needed**

If interested, please contact the PREP Office  
at [prepdirector@stjohnpa.org](mailto:prepdirector@stjohnpa.org)

**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.



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