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MARCH 2, 2025

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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If any parishioner, a family member, or a loved one are in need of a priest, please call the **EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER** at 215-375-0460 and leave a detailed message.

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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
215.295.4102, 4103
sjeoffices@stjohnpa.org

OFFICE HOURS

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

P.R.E.P. OFFICE

728 Big Oak Road
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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.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The OCIA 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 Lori Miller at 856-905-2624 for more information.



Sunday, March 2
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Philip Wood, requested by Julia Wood
9:30 AM John Lynch, requested by the Kenworthy Family
11:30 AM All the Members of our Parish

Monday, March 3: Saint Katharine Drexel

8:00 AM John and Loretta Paglanite, requested by their sister, Ann

Tuesday, March 4: Saint Casimir

8:00 AM George Monahan, requested by Father Will Monahan

Wednesday, March 5: Ash Wednesday

8:00 AM Cindy Lane, requested by Darryl and Maureen Puzan
4:00 PM Ash Wednesday Prayer Service
7:00 PM All the Members of our Parish

Thursday, March 6: Thursday after Ash Wednesday

8:00 AM John Skolka, requested by Lennore and Len Lodico

Friday, March 7: Saints Perpetua and Felicity

8:00 AM Beverly Mignella, requested by Scott Glass

Saturday, March 8: Saint John of God

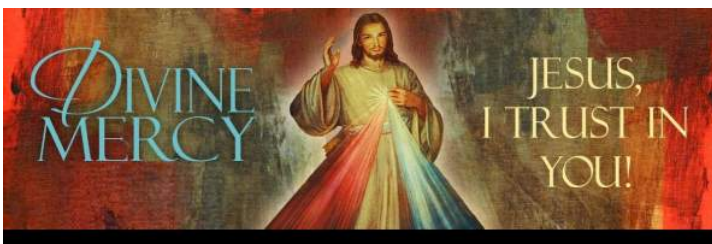
8:00 AM Jean Lucci, requested by Mark and Charlotte Principi
4:00 PM All the Members of our Parish

Sunday, March 9
First Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM Joseph Grzymkowski, requested by the Horn Family
9:30 AM Mary and Quentin Cole, requested by Declan Cole
11:30 AM Joe and Grace Salamone, requested by the Salamone Family



Ashes will be distributed this Wednesday, March 5 at the 8:00 AM Mass, 4:00 PM Prayer Service, and 7:00 PM Mass.



Looking for something special to do this lent? Join us **15 minutes before mass** to say the Divine Mercy Chaplet as a community. Help yourself to a Chaplet card at the end of your pew. Let's bring our community closer to Jesus through this powerful prayer.



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.

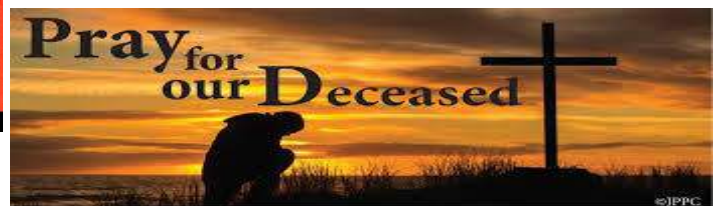


Stations of the Cross will begin this Friday, March 7th at 7:00 PM in the Church. Join us as we retrace the final journey of Jesus Christ to Calvary.

Saint John's Bakery Basket



Please stop by our Bakery Basket, sponsored by Social Concerns, this **Sunday, March 2nd**, 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!



Edward Harkanson



OCIA: Adult Catholic Initiation

RITE OF CALLING THE CANDIDATES TO CONTINUING CONVERSION MARCH 9th AT THE 11:30 AM MASS

Next Sunday, our parish family celebrates this special ceremony with our candidates preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist. During this Rite, the candidates are presented as sincerely desiring the Sacraments and earnestly entering into the final preparations. Their sponsors provide witness to the community of their spiritual growth and readiness.

Our parish family – *the living example of Christian life to our candidates* and who have witnessed the candidates' participation in prayer and service - is asked to affirm the testimony of the sponsors and to commit to their continued prayers and care.
Our response: A joyful "We are."

Please continue to pray for Rachel, Raeanne, Shane, William and Thomas as we walk the way of repentance and reconciliation together this Lenten season.



An Invitation from Archbishop Pérez

Join Archbishop Nelson Perez for discussions where he will listen to your hopes, dreams, concerns, and desire for renewal regarding the future of the Church of Philadelphia. Please join him at one of the following locations in Bucks County:

Tuesday, March 4

Saint Frances Cabrini
Fairless Hills, PA
6:30-8:30 PM

Thursday, March 13

Saint Michael the Archangel
Levittown, PA
6:30-8:30 PM

Thursday, March 20

Saint Agnes
Sellersville, PA
6:30-8:30 PM

To register, please visit www.trustandhope.org



AVAILABLE MARCH 5– APRIL 10

Saint John the Evangelist Parish is on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ in our parish community. Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith!

The first step in this process involves assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities, and that is where the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) comes in! The DMI is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at SJE. The Disciple Maker Index is designed to:

- Invite parishioners to reflect on their journey of discipleship.
- Enable parish leadership to make data-driven decisions.
- Help parishioners grown in their faith.

The **10-15 minute survey** can be accessed through an online link from **March 5– April 10**, and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide your perspective on our parish's efforts to help you grow in relationship with Christ. **All responses will be confidential**, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. **We will share the link with you a bit closer to the launch of the survey.** Paper surveys will also be available upon request for those who do not have the ability to complete the survey online. (To request a paper survey, please contact the parish office at SJEoffices@stjohnpa.org or 215-295-4102.) Thank you in advance for your participation!

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST SOCIAL CONCERNS

Social Concerns Lenten Collection, benefiting the Reach Out Foundation in Pennel, will take place from March 5th-April 13th. Reach Out offers support for the homeless, and those with addiction and mental health concerns. See flyer in the bulletin and the vestibule for specific items being collected. Donations can be left in marked bins in the Saint Gianna Room.

Social Concerns Loving Hands Spring Sale—Saturday and Sunday, March 15-16 after all Masses. Homemade baked goods and other items will be available. Proceeds support our many projects.

Social Concerns Meeting—Wednesday, March 19, at 7PM, in the Social Concerns Meeting Room. Bring your ideas for a Social Concerns fundraiser.

LAST WEEK

Saint John the Evangelist Church

Collections

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Eighth Sunday in 2025

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| Regular Sunday Collection | \$11,222 |
| Parish Giving | <u>4,856</u> |
| Total | \$16,078 |

Eighth Sunday in 2024

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|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Regular Sunday Collection | \$ 9,917 |
| Parish Giving | <u>4,551</u> |
| Total | \$14,468 |

YTD Sunday Collection
(July 1, 2024—Feb. 23, 2025) \$ 436,582

Thank you for your continued generosity!



This Week on Formed Week of March 02, 2025



How to Lent

Lent is right around the corner. In HOW TO LENT you will be guided by priests and religious in the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving so that you can make this your best Lent yet.



Foretold

From the beginning, God had a plan to save man from sin. With Jesus, that plan was fulfilled. But he also has a specific plan for you. Watch Foretold to rediscover God's providential love for you.



Whole 40

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.
Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

Join Us for the Fifth Annual

Gary M. Gladwell, Jr. Corn Hole Tournament!

We are excited to invite you to the **Fifth Annual Gary M. Gladwell, Jr. Corn Hole Tournament**, taking place on **Saturday, March 8, 2025** from **1-5 PM** at the **Monsignor Paul Parish Center**.

This event is more than just a Corn Hole Tournament; it's an opportunity to come together and support a cause close to our hearts—cancer research. We are honored to celebrate the memory of **Gary M. Gladwell, Jr.**, a long-time member of our parish. All funds raised will directly benefit **Philly Friends of V** and their ongoing efforts for cancer research.

WHAT'S IN STORE:

- **Corn Hole Tournament** – Teams of two adults can register for just \$60 at <https://phillyfriendsofv.org> by February 25, 2025. **Cash prizes** and **trophies** will be awarded to the top three teams!
- **Raffle Baskets** – Over 25 incredible baskets, plus a **Basket of Cheer!**
- **Food & Music** – Enjoy delicious offerings from **Uncle Vin's Food Truck** and music throughout the event.

We hope to see you there for a fun afternoon of friendly competition, great food, and, most importantly, supporting a meaningful cause. Let's make this event a memorable one! To donate, volunteer or for any questions please email: Gentlemanscup515@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you there!

Birthday box Service project

How can you help?

Please consider helping the less fortunate with items to bake a cake to celebrate a birthday!

Volunteers are welcome to come and help pack the birthday boxes on

Saturday, March 15th
5pm-6:30pm.

RSVP by emailing
youthministries@stjohnpa.org

We are in need of cake mixes, small bottles of oil, frosting, candles, and sprinkles.

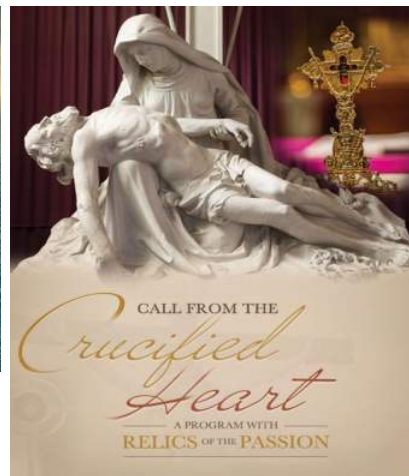
Items will be collected until Saturday, March 15th to the Parish Office.

Items can be purchased directly from this Amazon wish list:



Experience Ireland!

Father Timothy O'Sullivan, of Saint Ephrem Parish in Bensalem, is hosting a trip to experience the beauty of Ireland and her people! The trip is scheduled for June 28-July 8, 2025. The trip will visit Dublin, Knock, Belfast, Galway and many other beautiful places! You'll experience the wonderful hospitality of the Irish people and see more shades of green than you realize existed! For a brochure with detailed information, please call Saint Ephrem Rectory, 215-245-1698, and a brochure will be mailed to you. To register for the trip, go to: cloverdaletravel.org, look under 'Upcoming Trips' and you'll find the upcoming trip: 'Explore Ireland' with Father Timothy O'Sullivan.



This presentation is being brought to us as part of a collaborative initiative between the Knights of Columbus and the Apostolate for

Holy Relics.

The Relics of the Passion collection includes:

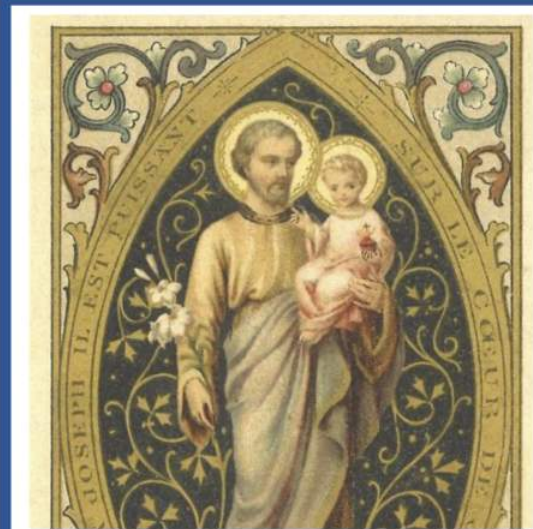
- A piece of the True Cross (discovered by St. Helena)
- A piece of the Holy Table from the room where the Last Supper took place
- A piece of the Column of Flagellation
- A piece of the Crown of Thorns
- Relics of the Holy Apostles
- A replica of the Holy Nail, fashioned using filings from the true nails
- A relic (bone) of St. Longinus, the centurion who pierced the side of Christ
- A picture of (the effigy of) the Veil of Veronica touched to the original with a Vatican seal attesting to the fact.
- A piece of the exterior wrapping for the Shroud of Turin

Our Lady of Guadalupe
5194 Cold Spring Creamery Road, Doylestown, PA 18902
March 16, 2025 at 6:00PM

Questions? Contact Lisa Kopertowski:
youthministry@olguadalupe.org

Saint John the Evangelist
Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

March is the
Month of
Saint Joseph



Virtue of the Month

Temperance:
Enjoying things in a
proper, balanced way

Family Faith
Activity of the Month

Each day ask Saint
Joseph, Head of the
Holy Family, to help
your family to be Holy.

This Week's Facts of Our Faith

Q. Have all these prophecies concerning the Redeemer been fulfilled?

A. All the prophecies concerning the Redeemer have been fulfilled in every point by the circumstances of Christ's birth, life, death, resurrection and glory; and He is, therefore, the Redeemer promised to mankind from the time of Adam.

Q. Where shall we find these prophecies concerning the Redeemer?

A. We shall find these prophecies concerning the Redeemer in the prophetic books of the Bible or Holy Scripture.

Q. If the Redeemer's coming was so clearly foretold, why did not all recognize Him when He came?

A. All did not recognize the Redeemer when He came, because many knew only part of the prophecies; and taking those concerning His glory and omitting those concerning His suffering, they could not understand His life.

Baltimore Catechism

To God Be the Glory

Three beautiful questions to ask ourselves
as put forth by Saint Ignatius. . .

What have I done for Christ?

What am I doing for Christ?

What ought I do for Christ?

May your Lenten preparations be blessed!

Attention Children of the Parish

This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. This is a very special time when we pray, fast, and give alms to unite ourselves ever more closely with Jesus and to show Him our love. Write down how you will pray, fast, and give alms this Lent.

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