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**MARCH 3, 2024**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

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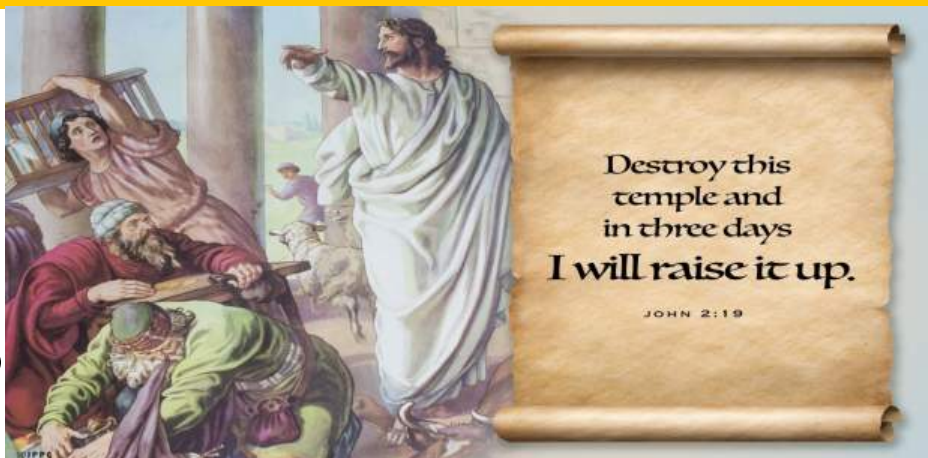
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### **PLEASE NOTE:**

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.

### **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, 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

**Monday, March 4: Saint Casimir**

8:00 AM George Monahan, requested by Father Will

**Tuesday, March 5: Tuesday in Lent**

8:00 AM Cindy Lane, requested by Darryl and Maureen Puzan

**Wednesday, March 6: Wednesday in Lent**

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

**Thursday, March 7: Saints Perpetua and Felicity**

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

**Friday, March 8: Saint John of God**

8:00 AM Bernadette Shimp, requested by Toni and Larry Newman

**Saturday, March 9: Saint Frances of Rome**

8:00 AM The living and deceased members of the DiDonato Family,  
requested by Maria DiDonato  
4:00 PM Louis DiTanna, requested by Michele and Tony DeCicco

**Sunday, March 10**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

7:30 AM Charles Many, requested by Robert Trigg  
9:30 AM Louis DiTanna, requested by Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Reis  
11:30 AM John W. Fitzgibbon, requested by Dawn Parkinson



RCIA: Adult Catholic Initiation  
A Journey of Faith

**Presentation of the Creed**  
**March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the 4pm Vigil Mass**

*"This Creed is the spiritual seal, our heart's meditation and an ever-present guardian; it is, unquestionably, the treasure of our soul." -St. Ambrose*

When we profess the Creed as one community of believers, we enter into communion with God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - and unite ourselves to one another in the common language of our faith. At the Vigil Mass, our parish family **hands on "the treasure of our soul"** to our candidates. Andrew, Brianna, Liam and Ryan receive from you the foundation of our Christian faith as you recite these words in their presence. Please pray that they receive this treasure with open hearts and remain faithful to it.

THIS WEEK ON  
**FORMED**

Week of March 03, 2024



**Liturgical Living/Catholic All Year at Home w/Kendra Tierney**

Join the Tierney family as they celebrate the feast of Saint Frances of Rome, patroness of homemaking! Learn about practicing the corporal works of mercy in the home, the very Catholic Lenten history of pretzels and beer, and watch Kendra and three year old Barbara make something they like to call "trash can soup." Find this episode's feature recipes and more about liturgical living in the home at Catholic All Year. <https://catholicallyyear.com/at-home/>.

CATHOLIC ALL YEAR  
AT HOME  
*Saint Frances of Rome*



**The Faithful Departed/Eternal Rest/ Episode 4**

What is left for the living to do after someone dies? In this session, we talk about the final ways in which those still living on earth care for the body and soul of the dead. We discuss the work that remains for the living to do as we grieve for the deceased and as we turn to the work of preparing for our own death, and the hope in which we live and die as Christians.



**Death, Where is Your Sting? Sarah Kirchner's Story/Fearless/Episode 4**

Despite our attempts to cheat it, we all must face death eventually. Listen as Chris shares the powerful story of Sarah Kirchner and her courageous battle against pediatric bone cancer. Who can bring us victory in the face of such significant trials? Find out in this lesson.

"I was  
**sick** and  
**you visited**  
**me . . .**"  
—Matthew 25:36 NKJV



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 someone return your call and schedule a visit.





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## Prayer, Fasting, & Almsgiving: *Not Just for Lent*

A 3-NIGHT PRESENTATION WITH MSGR. PRIOR

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 7 PM:**  
"Prayer: Conversation to  
Contemplation"

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 7 PM:**  
"Fasting: Giving & Receiving"

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 7 PM:**  
"Almsgiving: A Life of Love"

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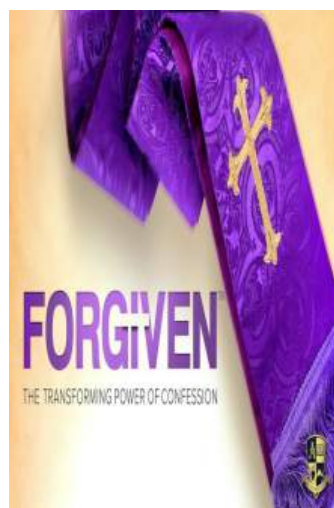


## Soup and Stations

*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 2: An Encounter with Mercy of **Forgiven** next Sunday, March 10th 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.



# LENT

PRAY40



JOIN THE LENT PRAY40 CHALLENGE

Dive deeper into prayer this Lent with **HALLOW**, a Catholic prayer and meditation app that helps us all find peace in God.





## Mass Readings for Next Sunday, March 10, 2024

**Reading 1**  
1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

**Responsorial Psalm**  
Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

**Reading 2**  
Ephesians 5:8-14

**Gospel**  
John 9:1-41

## 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 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!

Social Concerns will meet in the Social Concerns Room in the old school at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, March 20th.

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

## 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!

### 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

Lost WEEK

## Saint John the Evangelist Church

## Collections

thank you

### Eighth Sunday in 2024

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

### Eighth Sunday in 2023

Regular Sunday Collection	\$ 7,535
<b>Parish Giving</b>	<u>3,955</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,490</b>

YTD Sunday Collection  
(July 1, 2023—Feb. 25, 2024) \$444,206

**Thank you for your continued  
generosity!**

## PRAYER REQUEST

We are here to lift you up in prayer.

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

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



Nowadays, in Morazan, El Salvador, it is very difficult to know when the rainy or dry seasons will be. The unpredictable weather puts the livelihood of Sandra's family in jeopardy. Despite the challenges, Sandra and her husband, Santos remain dedicated to ensuring their children grow healthy and succeed in school. Learn how their strong family dynamic enabled Sandra to participate in a Catholic Relief Services' project on raising chickens and how her determination has helped her family and community. Visit [crsricebowl.org](https://crsricebowl.org) to read this week's Story of Hope.



+J.M.J.+

St. John the Evangelist  
**YOUTH MINISTRY**  
Set Apart & Chosen For His Purpose

### Youth Group 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!



☀️ 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 Look Ahead



March 3rd - 1:30 p.m. Pray the Rosary @ Nursing Home

March 9th - 1-day Pilgrimage to Basilica - RSVP by today!

March 10th - 1:30 p.m. Pray the Rosary @ Nursing Home



Easter Flowers for Sale on the Weekend of March 23-24 after Masses until they are sold.

### Easter Egg Hunt & Hot Dog Social

at 1 p.m. on Sunday, March 24  
at the SJE Parish Center/Field



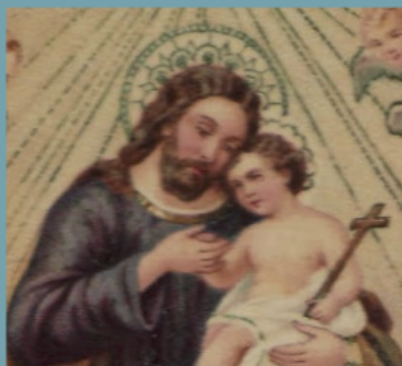
Tickets are on sale now for the Designer Bag Bingo on Friday, April 19th! \$25 in Advance/\$30 at Door (cash only)  
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WRAPPING UTENSILS  
FOR TASK, AND  
HELPING OUT OUR  
KNIGHTS OF  
COLUMBUS



Saint John the Evangelist  
Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)



*Good Saint Joseph, pray for us!*

*February 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 night ask Saint Joseph to guide and protect your family.

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

175. Q. *Is it a sin to neglect Confirmation?*

A. *It is a sin to neglect Confirmation, especially in these evil days when faith and morals are exposed to so many and such violent temptations.*

176. Q. *Which are the effects of Confirmation?*

A. *The effects of Confirmation are an increase in sanctifying grace, the strengthening of our faith, and the gifts of the Holy Ghost.*

*Baltimore Catechism*

**To God be the Glory**

“My dear Saint Joseph, I beseech thee to obtain for me a contrite and humble heart, and great purity of soul and body.”

Recite 3 Glorias

-Aspirations to Saint Joseph for  
Every Day of the Week (Sunday)

**Attention Children of the Parish**

We are now beginning the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Lent. Remember Lent is a special time when we unite ourselves with Jesus through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Write down three extra things you can fast from this week. Remember the whole point of this beautiful Church season is to grow closer to Jesus, to be more united with Him. He is our best friend!

Fasting

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**PREP Substitutes Needed**

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

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