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### MARCH 23, 2025

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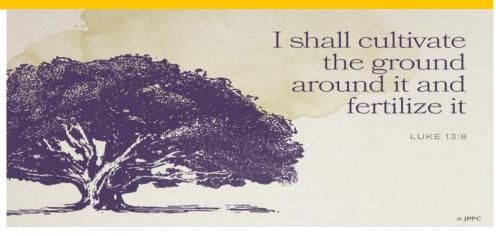
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If any parishioner, a family member, or a loved one are in need of a priest, please call the EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER at 215-375-0460 and leave a detailed message.

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### **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**



### **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

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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 23 Third Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM All the Members of our Parish

9:30 AM Darius F. Thomas, requested by the Thomas Family 11:30 AM Louie and Doris Strzelec, requested by Karen Strzelec

#### Monday, March 24: Monday in Lent

8:00 AM Jean Lucci, requested by the Petrino Family

Tuesday, March 25: The Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 AM Mary Spader, requested by Vickie Fuller

Wednesday, March 26: Wednesday in Lent

8:00 AM Stan Lozowski, requested by Joe and Pat Mursch

<u>Thursday, March 27: Thursday in Lent</u> 8:00 AM Stan Lozowski, requested by his Family

Friday, March 28: Friday in Lent

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

Saturday, March 29: Saturday in Lent

8:00 AM Judith Valentin, requested by the Nally Family 4:00 PM Bill and Kate Overberger, requested by their children

> Sunday, March 30 Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM Pat Arnold, requested by her sister, Grace Arnold

All the Members of our Parish 9:30 AM

11:30 AM Martin, Helen and Rosemary Coffey, requested by the Salamone Family



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.



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

Wednesday, April 2

Our Lady of Grace Penndel, PA

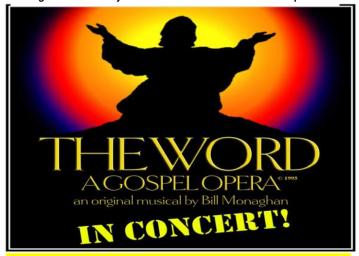
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Thursday, April 3

Our Lady of Good Counsel Southampton, PA 6:30-8:30 PM

To register, please visit www.trustandhope.org

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### 30TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT Friday, March 28, 2025, 7:00-9:00pm

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### Take the Survey, Help Saint John's Parish!

The Disciple Maker Index survey, where parishioners throughout the Archdiocese are asked for their responses to questions about their parish and their faith, has returned. We ask all parishioners to take the survey.

To take the DMI survey for Saint John's parish:

- Go online to https:// portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/ x8301x OR click on the QR Code
- For those who are more comfortable in completing the survey in a written format, paper surveys will be available in the Parish Office. To request one, please contact sjeoffices@stjohnpa.org, or call 215-295-4102.

The DMI Survey will be open and active for responses from March 5 to April 10. Taking the survey takes approximately 10 -15 minutes. If you have any questions about the survey or have any difficulties, contact the Parish Office at the above number.



#### OCIA: Adult Catholic Initiation

### Meet Thomas Reynolds Our Candidate for Confirmation

Thomas lives in Yardley with his grandparents, his sister Leela, and his four dogs, Sophie, Teddy, Harley, and Shakeleton. It was his grandmother, Angela, who brought him to Saint John the Evangelist parish.

Thomas with his Grandmother, Angela

A tenth-grade student at Pennsbury High School, Thomas enjoys basketball, going on walks, playing games, and hanging out with his friends. He is enthusiastic to learn more about his faith and dedicated to preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Angela, who is not only his grandmother, but his sponsor as well, says Thomas has embraced his faith wholeheartedly and she is very proud of him for that. Thomas looks forward to being a part of our community because he thinks St. John's is a great church – the people are friendly and his family and friends are here. We pray with joy for Thomas and welcome him for the blessing he is!



### OCIA: Adult Catholic Initiation PRESENTATION OF THE CREED AT 4 PM MASS THIS WEEKEND

Hospitality following in the church vestibule. Do stop by to greet our candidates.

On this Third Sunday of Lent, our parish community formally presents and entrusts the Creed to our Candidates for Initiation so that this summary of faith may continue to be transmitted from generation to generation.

**To nourish their faith,** our candidates are engaged in prayerful reflection this Lent, guided by Scripture, and deepened by active participation in the Mass where they are surrounded and supported by our parish community. **To live their faith,** our candidates are reaching out to care for others. Perhaps you have met them engaging in one of our many Lenten service opportunities?

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT COMPLETING SACRAMENTS AS AN ADULT, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE: stjohnpa.org OR PICK UP A BLUE OCIA BROCHURE IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE. YOU MAY ALSO CONTACT THE OCIA TEAM DIRECTLY THROUGH LORI MILLER AT 856-905-2624



Experience God's mercy in a whole new way by watching *Forgiven* with fellow parishioners to learn more about the *Transforming Power of Confession*.

March 23

Session 2: An Encounter with Mercy

April 6

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Session 3: The Rite Explained

All sessions will take place in the **Pastoral Life Center** from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.



Congratulations to the following parishioner who received Academic Honors for the Second Quarter at Archbishop Ryan High School:

Herbert Lottier—Second Honors



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 one of them return your call and schedule a visit.



Social Concerns Lenten Collection, benefiting the Reach Out Foundation in Penndel, 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 below and in the vestibule for specific items being collected. Donations can be left in marked bins in the Saint Gianna Room.

Shared Meals—Friday, March 28th, from 4:30-8:00 PM in the Religious Education Center. See Sign-up Genius for ways that you can help

### Saint John the Evangelist Church Last WEEK Collections

thank you

Eleventh Sunday in 2025 Regular Sunday Collection Parish Giving Total	\$10,360 <u>4,213</u> \$14,573
Eleventh Sunday in 2024 Regular Sunday Collection Parish Giving Total YTD Sunday Collection	\$ 7,441 3,875 \$11,316
(July 1, 2024—March 16, 2025)	\$483,487

Thank you for your continued generosity!

### Reach Out Foundation of Bucks County

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### REACH OUT FOUNDATION LENTEN COLLECTION

The Reach Out Foundation's mission is to provide a safe and supporting environment for individuals with a mental illness or addiction disorder and/or homelessness and to assist them in recognizing their strengths and the power to recover. Reach Out offers community support to those trying to break the cycle of homelessness, mental health issues, or addiction. At this Penndel location, they offer coffee and community, laundry and shower facilities, a variety of support classes, and food access.

From March 5th through April 13th, we are collecting the items listed below for the REACH OUT FOUNDATION

\*\* Kindly place your donations in the boxes labeled REACH OUT FOUNDATION, located in the St. Gianna Room in the back of the Church. \*\*

### Items Needed

Bathroom hand soap **Boxed Tissues Boxed Instant Rice** Boxes of Chicken, Beef or Vegetable Broth Campbell's individual single serve soup Canned Cream of Chicken Soup Canned Cream of Mushroom Soup Cans of Diced Tomatoes Chef Boyardee - single serve pasta bowls Coffee Corn Oil Crackers

Creamer Packets Cup of Noodles - single serve soups **Dried Basil** Dried Oregano Hand Soap Instant Soup (individual packets) Large & Small Paper Plates Laundry detergent pods Napkins Olive Oil

Paper Towels Peanut Butter Plastic Forks and Spoons Powdered Coffee Creamer Ramen Cups of Soup Salt & Pepper Small Ziploc Bags Spaghetti & Spaghetti Sauce Styrofoam Hot/Cold Cups Sugar Packets Sweet & Low Packets 40-gallon trash bags \$10 and \$25 gift cards to Wawa, Walmart, and Dunkin' Donuts

Thank you for your generosity!

Paper Plates

Blessings to All from the St John's Social Concerns Committee.

"Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing." — Mother Teresa

# SAVE THE DATE SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025



Youth Ministry Easter Egg Hunt and Resurrection Celebration

(MORE INFORMATION IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN)



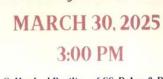
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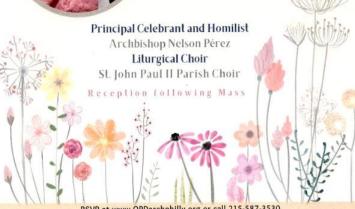
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The Saint John's Knights are preparing to provide Easter meals to families in our community. We will again distribute non-perishable food donated by our generous parishioners. The Knights add a ham and bread to each meal.

Please consider signing up to support a family. Knights will be in the vestibule before and after Mass on March 22/23 and 29/30. You can choose a family, get information about drop off dates, and our recommendations for your meals. Please bring your donations before or after Mass on the weekends of April 5/6 and 12/13.

If you prefer, contact Jim Coyle at 215-622-3894 or <a href="mailto:jecoylejr708@gmail.com">jecoylejr708@gmail.com</a> to sign up for a family.

# Saint John the Evangelist Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

March is the Month of Saint Joseph





Blessed Solemnity of the Annunciation! March 25<sup>th</sup>

### 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.

Saint Joseph, Head of the Holy Family, pray for us!

### This Week's Facts of Our Faith

### Q. What do we mean by Our Lord's Passion?

A. By Our Lord's Passion we mean His dreadful sufferings from His agony in the garden till the moment of His death.

### O. What did Jesus Christ suffer?

A. Jesus Christ suffered a bloody sweat, a cruel scourging, was crowned with thorns, and was crucified.

### **Attention Children of the Parish**

Dear Children.

On the First Sunday of Lent, we prayed an extra prayer and then on the Second Sunday of Lent, we fasted from something. Today, let's find something we can give to someone in need, and then give it to them. Color the word almsgiving to show the beauty that's in our heart when we give.

ALMSGIVING

### To God Be the Glory

Lent: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving

### **Almsgiving**

"Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, 'Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole

livelihood.'"
-Mark 12: 41-44

"God loves a cheerful giver."
-2 Corinthians 9:7b

On March 18<sup>th</sup>, our 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders made their First Reconciliation!



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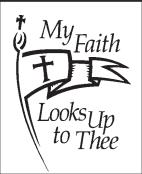


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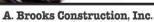
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