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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

MARCH 30, 2025

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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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FOURTH 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 30 Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

9:30 AM All the Members of our Parish

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

Monday, March 31: Monday in Lent

8:00 AM Jean Lucci, requested by Toni and Larry Newman

Tuesday, April 1: Tuesday in Lent

8:00 AM Living intention for Patrick Gallagher, requested by a friend

Wednesday, April 2: Saint Francis of Paola

8:00 AM Living intention for Anne Ciocco, requested by Nancy McNeela

Thursday, April 3: Thursday in Lent

8:00 AM Nona M. Pilotti, requested by Irene Bradshaw and Family

Friday, April 4: Saint Isidore

8:00 AM Dr. John and Mrs. Irene H. Bentz, requested by Sister Wilma

Saturday, April 5: Saint Vincent Ferrer

8:00 AM All Priests and Seminarians, requested by the Blue Army 4:00 PM Jean Lucci, requested by Tina and David Polizzotti

Sunday, April 6
Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM All the Members of our Parish

9:30 AM Stephen and Rita Diabelko, requested by Mary and Jim Love

11:30 AM Louis E. Stevens (1st Anniv.), requested by the Stevens

Family





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:

Wednesday, April 2 Our Lady of Grace

Penndel, PA 6:30 PM—8:30 PM Thursday, April 3 Our Lady of Good Counsel Southampton, PA 6:30-8:30 PM

To register, please visit www.trustandhope.org



Our Church Ministries

Adoration Society: *Maria DiDonato, Cynthia Mariotti* **Altar Servers:** *Lucy Fronheiser, lucydonnellan@gmail.com*

Bakery Basket: Joan Graves, 267.760.3950, and Sinota Fakolujo, 215-378-7666

Bereavement Group: Kathy Ross, 267.230.1224 **Bible Study:** Jane McGinniss, 267.981.3739

Blessed Counters: Fr. William Monahan, 215.295.4102 Caring for Friends: Mary Africa, 215.378.9438

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Youth Ministry: Maria Shadle, youthministries@stjohnpa.org



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

number.

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





How and why do we do this?

During Lent, as **o**ur Adult Initiation candidates prepare for the Easter Vigil, the Church formally hands on to them words that we treasure: the Creed and the Lord's Prayer. During a designated Mass, the priest and the community of faithful recite, and the candidates receive, the precious Creed that summarizes our faith. The prayer that Jesus taught us (which St. Augustine called the most perfect prayer) is then handed on to them during a smaller gathering of the community for weekday Mass or faith sharing service.

As our candidates prepare to complete their Sacraments, they are continuing to attend Sunday Mass together at 9:30 am. After each liturgy, they gather with members of the OCIA Team to reflect on the day's Gospel and learn more about our Catholic faith and traditions. On this Fourth Sunday of Lent, during their group session, they will focus on the Lord's Prayer, which St. Augustine called "the most perfect prayer." It will be ritually handed on to them to treasure and teach to new generations. Then, during the week ahead, they will participate in a Lenten Retreat.

Next Sunday, April 6th, our Adult Initiation Team and candidates will be sponsoring the parish Bakery Basket. Do stop by for a beverage and pastry after 9:30 or 11:30 Mass and say hello. We will be happy to answer questions about OCIA, adult Sacraments, or becoming a Catholic.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT ADULT INITIATION, YOU CAN 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**.

April 6

Session 3: The Rite Explained

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



April's meeting will be held on Monday, April 14th.

Please note our time change for this session. We will meet earlier at 5:00pm in the Parish Office Building. This will allow time to attend the Sacrament of Confession at 7:00, if you wish. Anyone experiencing grief because of the loss of a loved one is invited to attend. All are welcome!

Call Kathy Ross with any questions, 267-230-1224

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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 in the vestibule for specific items being collected. Donations can be left in marked bins in the Saint Gianna Room.

Social Concerns Meeting - <u>Wed., April 16th, at 7:00 PM</u> in the Old School. Bring your ideas for a Social Concerns fundraiser.

Shared Meals—<u>Friday, April 25th, from 4:30-8:00 PM</u> in the Religious Education Center. See Sign-up Genius for ways that you can help.



Alyssa Adubato Olivia Andrews Ronald Ardenti Alyssa Belardo-Troy Baby Dylan Baby Lauren Karl Bahmiller Maureen Barrett Edward Bowden, Sr. Charles Buiocchi Joan Cope Ed Cook Dennis DelGrosso Claudia DiBraccio Yolanda DiCicco Christopher Dixon Michael Donahue Jerry Donnell Anna Dubon Grant and Noah Elliot Joni Elliot Daniel Fedejko Roselyn Foulke

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



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.

Saint John the Evangelist Church

Collections

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Tw	elfth	Sur	ıday	in	20	25	
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Last WEEK

Regular Sunday Collection
Parish Giving
Total

\$ 8,101
5,063
13,164

Twelfth Sunday in 2024

Regular Sunday Collection \$10,430 Parish Giving 4,601 Total \$15,031

YTD Sunday Collection

(July 1, 2024—March 23, 2025) \$496,651

Thank you for your continued generosity!



On Sunday, March 2, 2025, Reverend William Monahan baptized

Emery Mae Bigos

daughter of Ryan and Jessica Bigos

Claire Joyce Bancroft Gianna Elise Bancroft Mallory Brooke Bancroft

daughters of Douglas and Kylie Bancroft

into our Catholic faith. May the blessings of their Baptism Day always keep the presence of the Lord in their lives.



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St. John the Evangelist

I wanted to take a moment and thank all those who came out to our first ever pancake dinner! We had a lot of fun and the food was delicious. Thanks to our Knights for cooking the pancakes, bacon and sausage and for their generous donation as well as Hormel for donating the bacon for our event. I hope everyone enjoyed! I know we definitely did!!







A HUGE thank you to you, our parishioners, for all the donations for the birthday boxes! Together we were able to make close to 200 boxes to be donated to numerous food pantries in the area. These boxes allow families to celebrate birthdays at low to no cost!

Knights of Columbus

Adopt a Family

St. John the Evangelist Youth Ministry





Sunday, April 13, 2025 Beginning at 1:00 PM

Different age

Come out on Sunday, April 13th for the egg hunt, face painting and crafts!

Space is limited! Sign up by age group today!

NEW THIS YEAR!

group hunts!

Thanks to all who have already signed up to donate meals to families in need. The Knights will be back in the sacristy before and after the Masses on March 29 and 30. You are invited to choose a family to support. You can make a cash donation if you prefer.

The Knights will collect the donated food before or after Mass on the weekends of April 5/6 and 12/13. We will add ham and bread to each meal before we distribute them for Easter.

If you prefer, contact Jim Coyle at 215-622-3894 or jecoylejr708@gmail.com to sign up for a family!

Saint John the Evangelist Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

March is the Month of Saint Joseph





Blessed Laetare Sunday! The 4th Sunday of Lent

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 did Jesus Christ suffer?

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

Q. When did Our Lord suffer the "bloody sweat"?

A. Our Lord suffered the "bloody sweat" while drops of blood came forth from every pore of His body, during His agony in the Garden of Olives, near Jerusalem, where He went to pray on the night His Passion began.

Q. Who accompanied Our Lord to the Garden of Olives on the night of His agony?

A. The Apostles Peter, James and John, the same who had witnessed His transfiguration on the mount, accompanied Our Lord to the Garden of Olives, to watch and pray with Him on the night of His agony.

Baltimore Catechism

Director of Religious Education prepdirector@stjohnpa.org

To God Be the Glory

"I have decided to not let this Lent go by like rain on stones, leaving no trace. I will let it soak into me, changing me. I will be converted. I will turn again to the Lord and love Him as He wants to be loved."

-Saint Josemaría Escrivá

"Return to the Me with your whole heart."
-Joel 2:12

Attention Children of the Parish

Dear Children.

Today Our Holy Mother the Church celebrates "Laetare Sunday." Laetare is a Latin word that means "Rejoice!" Today the priest may wear a rose color vestment like he does during the 3rd week of Advent. Why today? Why rejoice? It's Laetare (Rejoice) Sunday because this is the halfway mark of the Sundays of Lent. Color the word "Laetare" in such a way that causes one who sees it to rejoice.



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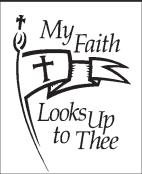


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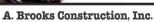
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