

# ST • JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

"What we have seen and heard we proclaim to you, so that you may share life with us." 1 John 1:3

## **APRIL 7, 2024**

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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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## **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**



#### **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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728 Big Oak Road 215.295.9239

#### 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 father-will@stjohnpa.org.



Sunday, April 7 Sunday of the Divine Mercy

7:30 AM Living and deceased members of the McVan and Jolly

Families, requested by Janice and Bernie McVan

9:30 AM All the Members of the Parish

11:30 AM Charles Many, requested by Robert Trigg

Monday, April 8: The Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 AM John Hartmann, requested by Janet Groome

<u>Tuesday, April 9: Easter Weekday</u> 8:00 AM Rev. Rudi Moore, requested by Jim and Donna Higgins

Wednesday, April 10: Easter Weekday

8:00 AM Frank Brady, requested by Cathleen Lynskey

Thursday, April 11: Saint Stanislaus
8"00 AM Living and deceased members of the Galgano Family, requested by Maria

Friday, April 12: Easter Weekday

8:00 AM Clifford Clark, requested by the Rosary Group of Saint John's

Saturday, April 13: Saint Martin I

8:00 AM Deceased members of John and Loretta Paglianite Family,

requested by their sister, Ann
4:00 PM Brian Donahue, requested by the Donahue Family

Sunday, April 14 Third Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM Mary, Frank and Mary A. Fazzalore, requested by the

Nally Family

9:30 AM Joe and Grace Salamone, requested by the Salamone Family

11:30 AM All the Members of the Parish, requested by the Knights

of Columbus #7515



The Conclusion of our Divine Mercy Novena will be held at Saint John the Evangelist Church

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY April 7, 2024 at 3 PM



Adoration Society: Maria DiDonato, Cynthia Mariotti Adult Faith Formation: Tom Burke, tomburkeyourwillbe done@gmail.com

Altar Servers: Fr. William Monahan and Parish Deacon, 215.295.4102

Bakery Basket: Joan Graves, and Sinota Fakolujo, bakerybasket@stjohnpa.org

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Bible Study: Jane McGinniss, 267-981-3739

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RCľA: Lori Miller 856-905-2624

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socialconcerns@stjohnpa.org; 215-378-6781

Ushers: Walter Burek, walterburek@icloud.com

Women of the Word Prayer Group:

Connie Drummond, 215.493.5857

Youth Ministry: Michelle Saupe,

## Saint John's Bakery Basket



Please stop by our Saint John the Evangelist Bakery Basket, sponsored by the Bakery Basket group, today, Sunday, April 7th 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!



Clyde Stanley

To the Parish Family of Saint John the Evangelist,

#### He is not here! He has risen as He said, alleluia!!



We have just celebrated the most sacred time of our liturgical year, the Paschal Triduum of our Savior and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. And while we rejoice at our redemption, we had journeyed through prayer, fasting and almsgiving to reach this joyous time!

Our Lenten season was filled with many opportunities for us to turn away from sin, turn back to the Lord, and unite our sacrifices and sufferings to His.

In a special way I would like to thank and acknowledge Tom Burke and the Adult Faith Formation team for providing and coordinating the various opportunities available to our parishioners. From the Soup and Stations, to the afternoon movie presentations and discussions using our Formed parish subscription, to the insightful Lenten reflections provided by Monsignor Prior, Tom and his committee provided ample opportunities for parishioners to enter fully into the spirit and sacrifice of the Lenten season and I am most grateful!

In addition, I wish to thank and acknowledge Lori Miller and the RCIA team for leading our candidates through a deeper understanding and experience of the enriching and fulfilling faith we all share. The candidates seemed truly prepared and earnest in their desire to become full and active members of the family of the Church and the parish of Saint John's. We welcome them once again and I extend sincere thanks to Lori and her team for their faithfulness and dedication.

Lastly, I wish to thank in a special way all the parishioners who came forward and assisted in the decorating of the church. As I mentioned in my comments at the Easter Masses, I do not have the keenest eye for floral arrangements and decorating capabilities so I am most grateful to all of the parishioners who volunteered their time and talent to make the Church a truly beautiful place of worship!

For. Will

## R.C.I.A. - Adult Catholic Initiation - A Journey of Faith

#### AT THE EASTER VIGIL

Christopher Schuster, Ryan Kaye, Brianna Barratt, Liam Davis, and Andrew Brown COMPLETED THEIR JOURNEY TO BECOMING FULLY-INITIATED MEMBERS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

## Congratulations! May God bless you and your families as you joyfully celebrate the Easter Season.



IF YOU TOO ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING HOW TO COMPLETE YOUR SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION AS AN ADULT,

PLEASE PICK UP AN R.C.I.A. BROCHURE IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE.

AN R.C.I.A. TEAM MEMBER WILL BE HAPPY TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS.

# Saint John the Evangelist Church Collections

thank you

Twelfth Sunday in 2024

Regular Sunday Collection \$10,440Parish Giving \$4,601Total \$15,041

Twelfth Sunday in 2023

Regular Sunday Collection \$8,306
Parish Giving 4,475
Total \$12,781

YTD Sunday Collection

(July 1, 2023—March 24, 2024) \$497,381

Thank you for your continued generosity!

## Saint John the Evangelist Social Concerns



Social Concerns Meeting—Wednesday, April 17th, 6:30—8:30 PM in the Social Concerns Meeting Room.

Shared Meal–Friday, April 26th, 4:30—7:00 PM. See Sign-up Genius for ways that you can help.

Social Concerns Loving Hands Meeting—Sunday, April 28th, 1-3 PM in the Social Concerns Meeting Room.



Alyssa Adubato Olivia Andrews Ronald Ardenti Karl Bahmiller Irene Bentz Edward Bowden, Sr. Charles Buiocchi Jose Calix Hilda Carman Theresa Ross-Clark Joan Cope Ed Cook Dennis DelGrosso Claudia DiBraccio Christopher Dixon Michael Donahue Jerry Donnell Roselvn Foulke Fidencio Francis Cathy Fuller

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

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## Week of April 08, 2024



## The Rosary: A Special Way to Pray

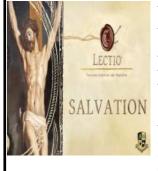
Join Brother Francis in this entertaining and guidance –filled presentation that will inspire children to deepen their faith by praying the Rosary.

## Why Catholics believe in "life everlasting"



The Catholic Church cares about every BODY. Think of relics and funerals—reverence for our bodies and the body's of holy people is part of being Catholic. But why? We find the answer at the end of the Creed: "I believe in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting." That's a pretty strong statement and it's founded on Jesus. Because Jesus rose from the dead, we can look forward to our own body's being raised at the end of time. Pretty cool, right?

## Not Just a Legal Transaction/ Lectio: Salvation/Episode 5



After the Fall, each person is born not only with the stain of sin on their soul but also with a fallen human nature. Thanks be to God that His gift of salvation not only frees us from Original Sin but also transforms us from the inside out, healing the root of our brokenness: our hearts. As we will see in this session, salvation is not simply a legal transaction by which we are declared righteous, but by the gift of God's Spirit we are actually made righteous.



### **THANK YOU!**

Together, we changed lives this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl. THANK YOU for being a part of this effort! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl to the Parish Office or donate by using your collection envelope.

J.M.J.

## Youth Group Meetings Sunday's (Meet at Office)

4:30 p.m. Mid. School 6:30 p.m. High School Thank you to everyone (youth and parents) that helped with Operation Resurrection. Praying the Rosary, Selling Flowers, Stuffing Eggs, Helping at the Egg Hunt and Helping at Mass this Easter Season & Always! and Support! Thank YOU!! May God Bless You Abundantly!



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## LONGWOOD GARDENS







Saint John's Knights of Columbus were able to distribute meals to 100 families on Holy Saturday, March 30. Some Knights greeted those that could pick up their food while others drove throughout our local communities with very generous meals that were enjoyed on Easter and beyond. Parishioners donated meals, hams, gift cards and cash to Adopt-A-Family. With the cash donations, our Knights of Columbus council provided ham and bread with each meal. We provided restored books provided by Delaware Valley Cops N Kids to any child under 13. The Knights of Columbus and our grateful families thank you for your holiday support.

# ADULT ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED! God Is Calling. will you answer?

Are you looking to serve the Lord in a very special way? Please consider being an Adult Altar Server at Saint John's. We are in need of men and women who might be able to assist at our Daily Masses, for funerals and special celebrations. Training will be provided. If you are being called to serve, please call the Parish Office at 215-295-4102 and leave your name and phone number and we will have someone return your call. Thank you for considering this special ministry!



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



## April is the Month of Holy Eucharist

## Virtue of the Month

Obedience: Saying "yes" to the loving will of God and those He has set over us

## **Family Faith Activity of the Month**

Visit Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament each week in the Chapel

O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Dívine, All Praise and all Thanksgiving be every moment Thine!

"It would be easier for the world to survive without the sun, than to do without Holy Mass." -Saint Padre Pio



## To God be the Glory

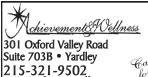
Congratulations to
Lily Wendel!
Lily's beautiful artwork
for the
"Keep Christ in Christmas"
poster contest won 3<sup>rd</sup> place
at the state level.
To God be the Glory!



On March 23<sup>rd</sup> Brother Abraham and Brother Samuel, Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, led our 7<sup>th</sup> Graders in a faith filled, fun filled Confirmation Retreat.

The outpouring of God's graces was abundant!

On April 10<sup>th</sup> the children will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please remember them in your prayers!



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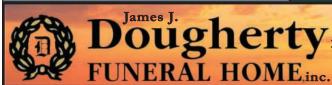
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