

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 13, 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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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Father, into your hands I

commend my spirit.

LUKE 23:46

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.

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

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OFFICE HOURS

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

P.R.E.P. OFFICE

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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.

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord7:30 AMJohn Richard Caruso, I, requested by the Caruso Family9:30 AMAnthony F. DiSalvo, requested by the DiSalvo Family11:30 AMAll the Members of our Parish

<u>Monday, April 14: Monday of Holy Week</u> 8:00 AM Pat Arnold, requested by her brother, Gerard Arnold

Tuesday, April 15: Tuesday of Holy Week 8:00 AM Sam and Catherine Paglianite, requested by their daughter, Ann

<u>Wednesday, April 16: Wednesday of Holy Week</u> 8:00 AM Living intention for Mary Fucich, requested by a friend

Thursday, April 17: Holy Thursday 7:00 PM Pro Popolo

Friday, April 18: Friday of the Passion of the Lord 3:00 PM Prayer Service

Saturday, April 19: Holy Saturday 7:00 PM Easter Vigil—Pro Popolo

<u>Sunday, April 20</u> Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord 7:30 AM Pro Popolo 9:30 AM Pro Popolo



MONDAY, APRIL 14—7:00 PM Saint John the Evangelist Church

TUESDAY, APRIL 15—7:00 PM Saint Ignatius of Antioch Church

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16-7:00 PM Our Lady of Grace Church

Volunteers are needed to help decorate the Church for Easter on Saturday, April 19th at 10:00 AM. If you are able to help, your assistance would be greatly appreciated!







DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

Our novena begins on Good Friday (April 18)

Join us to pray on Zoom

Code: 921-9539-9524

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Saturdays at 9 AM

All other days at 7 PM

Final Day will be held at St. John the Evangelist Church

Dívíne Mercy Sunday Apríl 27 at 3 PM

Jesus told St. Faustina :

The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (699).

Don't miss out on this AMAZING GRACE! Make plans now to ...

- 1.) Go to Confession
- 2.) Receive Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday
- 3.) ASK Jesus to receive this grace
- 4.) Attend our Service at 3 PM to receive ANOTHER INDULGENCE For a loved one in purgatory

I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy" (Diary, 687).



HOLY THURSDAY—APRIL 17 Mass of the Lord's Supper—7:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament in Chapel Repository following 7:00 PM Mass until 9:30 PM Compline (Night Prayer) 9:30 PM

GOOD FRIDAY—APRIL 18

Lauds (Morning Prayer) -9:00 AM Repository with Blessed Sacrament open following Morning Prayer until 3:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion—3:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY—APRIL 19 Lauds (Morning Prayer) - 9:00 AM Blessing of Food—Main Church 9:30 AM NO CONFESSIONS & NO MASS AT 4:00 PM 7:00 PM EASTER VIGIL MASS (Fulfills the Sunday Obligation)

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD—APRIL 20 Masses—7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM

OCIA: Adult Catholic Initiation



ENTERING HOLY WEEK

This weekend our candidates for Initiation join in celebrating Palm Sunday as once again we hear and experience the emotional account of our Lord's Passion. All of us will take home our palms and prepare ourselves for the three most holy and solemn days of our church year: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Our candidates enter these final few days getting ready to complete their Sacraments of Preparation on Saturday night.

On Holy Thursday evening, they will join us at the unique and beautiful Mass of the Lord's Supper. Following the example set by Jesus, the priest will wash the feet of several parishioners, including some of our candidates, as a sign that we must all serve one another. This liturgy ends with the Blessed Sacrament being carried in procession to repose in the chapel which is open for a while for prayer.

On Good Friday there is no Mass. Instead, our candidates will participate in the solemn and moving afternoon liturgy that includes Scripture and Adoration of the Cross. Holy Communion is distributed at the end of the liturgy to those who can receive.

Holy Saturday is a quiet time of prayer as we await the evening Vigil. At dusk, our candidates will join the parish as we joyfully gather for the first Mass of Easter with the lighting and blessing of new fire. At this Easter Vigil Mass we all receive a candle lit from the great Paschal Candle and the candidates will listen with us to a sampling of Scripture stories from Creation through to Christ's Resurrection. After the homily, we all renew our baptismal promises.

During the Vigil, five candidates will celebrate their Sacraments of Initiation. We pray for them all. They are a great blessing to our faith community.

A NEW GROUP OF ADULT CANDIDATES WILL BE FORMING SOON.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC, OR ABOUT COMPLETING YOUR SACRAMENTS AS AN ADULT, 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



All women of the parish are invited to a lively discussion about our Catholic faith at our Women of the Word Meetings. Join us on the 3rd Saturday of each month in the **Pastoral Life Center at 9:30 am**. We pray, listen to guest speakers via the internet or discuss a religious topic or book. For more information, please contact Connie Drummond at 215-493-5857.

Next meeting: Saturday, April 19, 2025



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



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!



📅 Saturday, May 3, 2025 💮 8 AM Mass | Breakfast to follow

Pastoral Life Center (Ends by 10:30 AM)

Join fellow men of the parish for Mass, a hearty breakfast, and an inspiring talk on Faith by seminarian Declan Cole.

Breakfast Menu: Eggs, French toast, potatoes, sausage, bacon, pastries, bagels, coffee, tea, and juice.

No charge – goodwill offerings appreciated. RSVP is required due to limited seating.

Scan to RSVP!



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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.



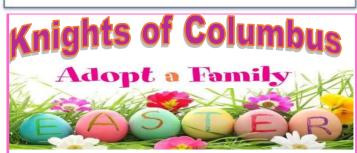
Father Francis O'Reilly Scholarship for Catholic High School Education

The Knights of Columbus St. John the Evangelist Council 7515 is offering two scholarships valued at \$1,000 each to high school students whose parents are registered members of St. John the Evangelist Parish. Additionally, an unlimited number of scholarships are available for students whose fathers have been members of Council 7515 as of May 1, 2025.

To qualify for the Scholarship, students must be enrolled in a Catholic high school or academy in the 2025/2026 school year.

Application forms with complete details are available in the church vestibule or online at https://sje7515.org. The deadline for submissions is May 15th, 2025.





Don't forget! This is the final weekend (April 12/13) for Meal drop offs for the Adopt-a-Family for Easter, before or after any Mass. Knights will be waiting at the door of the old school nearest Big Oak Road.

Saint John the Evangelist Church Collections *thank you*

\$ 7,847 <u>4,573</u>
\$12,420
\$ 8,666 <u>4,991</u> \$12,657

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YTD Sunday Collection	
(July 1, 2024—April 6, 2025)	\$521,106

Thank you for your continued generosity!



OCIA: Adult Catholic Initiation

Meet Raeanne Raccagno Our Candidate for Full Initiation

Raeanne's journey of faith began at St. Ann's Church in Bristol. Growing up she grew close to God in prayer and was very involved with youth groups and volunteer work with another Christian community but always missed worshipping within the Catholic Church. She began attending Mass at St. John's last summer and then made her decision to prepare for the Initiation Sacraments soon afterwards.

Raeanne is a currently a junior at the College of New Jersey. She is majoring in journalism and environmental studies, with a major in marketing. Raeanne hopes to secure a profession that combines her current studies and her continuing desire to help others. She says she feels closest to God when she is serving others.

Faith, Raeanne's Mom, says her daughter is a beautiful, caring young woman – a "Ray" of sunshine to those around her. Our parish family has witnessed Raeanne's brightness and generosity of spirit in our community at Mass and at our outreach activities. We joyously welcome Raeanne and continue to pray for her as she progresses on her path of faith!



Saint John's Parish collects food for **Mary's Cupboard** through monthly food drives. Our next collection will be on the weekend of April 19/20.

Thank you for your generosity towards our neighbors in need! God bless you! St. John the Evangelist Youth Ministry







Sunday, April 13, 2025

Beginning at 1:00 PM

Different age group hunts!

NEW THIS YEAR!

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

Space is limited! Sign up by age group today!





This Week on Formed Week of April 13, 2025



Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, representing the most important days of human history. Immersed in the Holy Land, the pilgrim is brought tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape, and the reality of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.



The Last Days: The Passion and Death of Jesus the Christ w/ Jonathan Roumie

This filmed presentation of the theatrical production movingly recreates the final moments of Jesus' earthly ministry as a teacher through His crucifixion and death. The play has been seen by thousands worldwide, not only as a live performance but also in live streams and televised broadcasts.



How to make a Palm Sunday Cross

Have you ever wondered how to make a cross with palms? Join Lyn Dam from the Archdiocese of Denver on how to make a palm leaf cross for Palm Sunday!

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



Youth Ministry is selling a variety of Easter Flowers after all Masses on the weekend, of April 19-20 in the vestibule of Church. Please stop by and purchase some beautiful flowers and support our Youth!



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

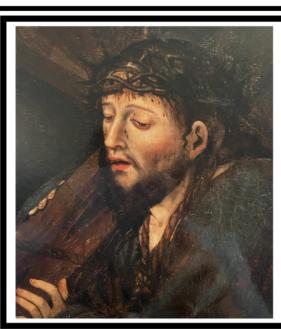
Fidencio Francis Cathy Fuller Dee Galloway Don Garner, Sr. Roger Garceau John Guinter Samantha Rose Haggerty David Hayes Frank Henniger Zane Helsel Mary Hirsch Mary Ann Holt Ethel Humienny Jim Jones Elliott Jacqueline Kay Joseph P. Kirlin, III Theresa Land Beth Lynch Carmen Marchesano John Marcucci Michael Martin

Butch McCain Ryan McVan Angie Meszaros Connie Moredich Philip Murtaugh Lena O'Brien **Eleanor Queppet** Anthony Ragolia Magda Rueda Baby Grayson Rustay James Schlauch Albert Spicer Louis Stevens Joseph Stracci Abbie Stross Fryderyk Szkutnik John Toler Alfred J. Tomaselli, III Bridgette Travnor Ignatius Turchi Shelby Wagner Martina Warren David Wood

and all the residents of Yardley Rehabilita<u>t</u>ion and Healthcare Center, Arden Court and Remington.

Saint John the Evangelist Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

Thís Week ís Holy Week



Virtue of the Month

Fidelity: Being faithful to promises and commitments.

Family Faith Activity of the Month As a family visit Jesus in the Adoration Chapel each week.

This Week's Facts of Our Faith

Q. What caused Our Lord's agony in the garden?

A. It is believed Our Lord's agony in the garden was caused:1) by His clear knowledge of all He was soon to endure; 2) by the sight of the many offenses committed against His Father by the sins of the whole world; 3) by His knowledge of men's ingratitude for the blessings of redemption.

Q. Why was Christ cruelly scourged?

- A. Christ was cruelly scourged by Pilate's order, that the sight of His bleeding body might move His enemies to spare His life.
- Q. On what day did Christ die?
- A. Christ died on Good Friday.
- Q. Why do you call that day "good" on which Christ died so sorrowful a death?
- A. We call that day "good" on which Christ died because by His death He showed His great love for man, and purchased for him every blessing.
- Q. Where did Christ die?
- A. Christ died on Mount Calvary.

Q. Why did Christ suffer and die?

A. Christ suffered and died for our sins.

Baltimore Catechism

To God Be the Glory

"A single tear shed at the remembrance of the Passion of Jesus is worth more than a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, or a year of fasting on bread and water." -Saint Augustine

> "We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You. Because, by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world" -Stations of the Cross

Attention Children of the Parish

Thís week ís called Holy Week.

Let's think of ways we can comfort Jesus in our thoughts, words, and deeds this week.

Let's write them down and do them.

Thought: _____

Word: _____

Deed: _____



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