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SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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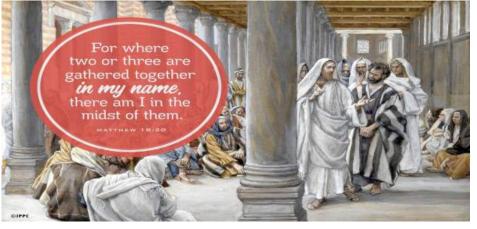
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If any parishioner, a family member, or a loved one are in need of a priest, please call the EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER at 215-375-0460 and leave a detailed message.

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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.

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, September 10 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM All the Members of our Parish

9:30 AM Bob Webster, requested by Germaine Thomas and Diane

11:30 AM Robert Webster, requested by the Gormley Family

Monday, September 11: Monday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Thomas Tallman, requested by Wayne and Dorie Tallman

Tuesday, September 12: The Most Holy Name of Mary

8:00 AM Rita and Ray Schultz, requested by Karen Strzelec

Wednesday, September 13: Saint John Chrysostom

8:00 AM Elizabeth Romani, requested by Patricia Cerviello and Debbie Samuel

Thursday, September 14: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00 AM James Cusick, requested by Cynthia and Jim

Friday, September 15: Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00 AM Angie Mullin, requested by Michelle Mullin

Saturday, September 16: Saints Cornelius and Cyprian

8:00 AM Margaret Mary Higgins, requested by Jim Higgins
4:00 PM Deceased members of Azarraga Family, requested by Mey and Kathy Guillen

Sunday, September 17 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Living Intention for Edward Cook, requested by Kevin and Jane McGinniss

9:30 AM All the members of our Parish

11:30 AM Humberto Rivas-Plata, requested by his sons and daughters

Saint John's Bakery Basket



Please stop by our Saint John the Evangelist Bakery Basket, sponsored by our Extraordinary Ministers, on **Sunday, September 10**, 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 goodies. Whether you are an existing parishioner, new parishioner or just visiting, you are most welcome!



The monthly food drive will be held next weekend, **September 16-17**, at all Masses here at Saint John's. Mary's Cupboard, our local Catholic Social Services agency down on the Levittown Parkway, receives your donations and distributes the food to those temporarily in need until they get back on their feet or get longer term government help. Please be as generous as possible. God Bless You!



The winner of the Saint John the Evangelist 50/50 raffle was drawn on Tuesday, September 5th at 12 Noon. They have been contacted and are thrilled, but wish to remain anonymous.

Thank you to all who participated and we'll see you next year!





A grief support group for everyone.

Grief, no matter where it comes from, can only be realized by connecting to other people.—Thomas Horn

For more information on individual or group support, please contact Tom Brunner at 215-734-3031. All discussions are confidential. Next meeting will be held on:

Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the Pastoral Life Center



Are you a woman who enjoys a lively discussion about our Catholic faith? If you are, then Women of the Word welcomes YOU! We are a group of parishioners and friends who meet once a month on a Saturday in the Pastoral Life Center. Our time together consists of prayer as well as listening to guest speakers via the internet or discussing a religious topic or book.

For more information, please contact Connie Drummond at 215-493-5857.

Next Meeting: Saturday, September 16, 2023 9:30 AM—11:00 AM in the Pastoral Life Center



Daniel Mangiori and Grace L. Morris



RCIA: Adult Catholic Initiation A Journey of Faith

Come explore what a life of faith within the Catholic community can be! Small Group Sessions begin in October at Saint John's.

Adults interested in becoming Catholic or baptized Catholic adults wishing to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist are invited to begin a journey of faith this October at Saint John's. Small group sessions include presentations on Catholic beliefs, Scripture reading, discussion, service, and prayer – all in a welcoming and informal setting.

Take the first step to a closer relationship with Jesus and a new way of life within our parish family. For details, contact Lori from the RCIA Team at 856-905-2624.

To the Members of Saint John's Parish Family

Has a friend, family member, neighbor or co-worker expressed interest in the Catholic faith or in completing their Sacraments? Consider offering them a sincere invitation to participate in our learning sessions and pray for them as they decide. RCIA brochures are available in the Church vestibule to share.

"Tell them it is beautiful to be a friend of Jesus and that it is well worth following him."

- Pope Benedict XVI



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



Little Bethlehem will be at Saint John the Evangelist Church to offer religious items, carved from olivewood, after all the Masses on the weekend of **September 16-17.** By purchasing these items, you are helping your brother and sister Christians living in the Middle East stay attached to their roots and keep their Churches open. Thank you and God Bless!

Ghassan & Siham Alsahouri



Reading 1 Sirach 27:30-28:7

Responsorial Psalm *Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12*

Reading 2 Romans 14:7-9

> Alleluia John 13:34

Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

Saint John the Evangelist Social Concerns



Social Concerns Meeting, Wednesday, September 20—6:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the Social Concerns Meeting Room.

Shared Meals, Friday, September 22—4:30 PM to 8:00 PM. See Signup Genius for more information.

Electronic Recycling event will be **Saturday, September 23** - 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to rid yourself of old or outdated devices, while helping those in need. See the flyer in the bulletin or back of Church for more details.

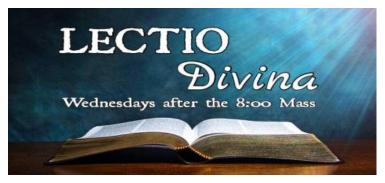
Loving Hands Meeting, Sunday, September 24-1:00 PM to 3:00 PM in the Social Concerns Meeting Room.

Mark your calendars for our Annual Day of Service, Sunday, November 5. Hope to see you there!



Join the Saint John's Choir!!

If you love to sing and would like to be a part of an amazing group, the Saint John's Adult Choir is the place for you!! The Adult Choir rehearsals have already begun. We will meet each Thursday evening at 7:00 PM in the Church. The choir will sing at selected Masses throughout the year and will sing for the annual Christmas concert in December. All are welcome!



Saint John the Evangelist Church Collections thank you

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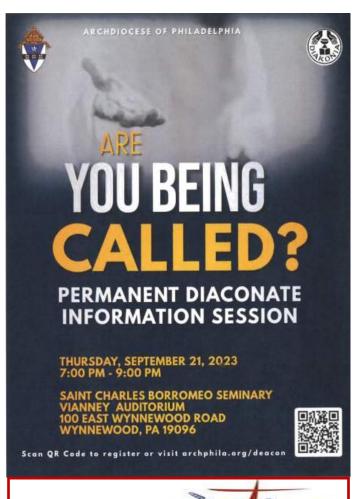


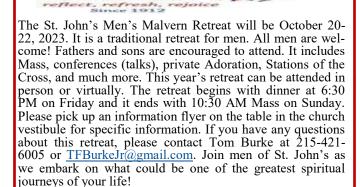




Villa Maria by the Sea Retreat Center, Stone Harbor, NJ is now welcoming lay people as well as clergy and religious to participate in our spiritual programs. Formerly a retreat house reserved solely for the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (Malvern, PA), our new building accommodates 45 overnight guests. Our Catholic faith is rooted throughout our property. Mass is celebrated in Mary, Star of the Sea Chapel and has the Blessed Sacrament present for Eucharistic Adoration. There are serene indoor and outdoor porches for quiet reflection or small group sharing. The Stations of the Cross are located inside the chapel and outside where you are invited to pray this beautiful devotion. The Saint Joseph Garden is a peaceful place to enjoy God's beauty.

Please visit VMbytheSea.com to view our Fall 2023 offerings of spiritual workshops and weekend retreats. Contact Sr. Emily Vincent, IHM, at 609-964-7696 or S.ERebalsky@VMbytheSea.com with any questions.









St. John's Youth Ministry participated in Boscov's 27th Annual Friend's Helping Friend's Event this past Sunday, September 3, 2023.

SJE Youth Ministry will be selling tickets after all Masses beginning on September 30th. With your kind donation of \$5.00, you will receive a 25% off coupon to be used at Boscov's on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, from 8 a.m.—11 p.m. You not only receive the coupon but also have a chance to win a \$100 Boscov's gift card!

Every donation received goes directly to St. John's Youth Ministry. Thank you in advance for your support of our youth!

Michelle Saupe, Youth Minister





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September is the Month of Our Lady of Sorrows



Virtue of the Month

Charity: Loving God with all your heart, mind, and strength, and your neighbor as yourself

This Week's Facts of our Faith

- 126. Q. What do you mean by the indefectibility of the Church?
 - A. By the indefectibility of the Church I mean that the Church, as Christ founded it, will last till the end of time.
- 127. Q. In whom are these attributes found in their fullness?
 - A. These attributes are found in their fullness in the Pope, the visible Head of the Church, whose infallible authority to teach bishops, priests, and people in matters of faith or morals will last till the end of the world.

Baltímore Catechísm

Attention Children of the Parish

This week the Church celebrates the Holy Name of Mary

on Tuesday. Color the name of Mary beautifully. Be sure to make it a prayer. Talk to Mary as you color.



Family Faith Activity of the Month

Each night thank God for your family. Thank Him for each person by name.

To God be the Glory



PREP Begins Today



Please remember our children and their families in your prayers!

Please also remember our Catechists and Volunteers who so generously give of their time in forming our young people for their journey with Christ here on earth and in the life to which they are all called in Heaven.

"The greatest kindness one can render to any man is leading him to Truth." -Saint Augustine

If you would like to be a Catechist, a Substitute, or Volunteer please contact the PREP Office at prepdirector@stjohnpa.org May God bless you!

Director of Religious Education Christa Stefanchik prepdirector@stjohnpa.org

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