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NOVEMBER 26, 2023

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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
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sjeoffices@stjohnpa.org

OFFICE HOURS

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

P.R.E.P. OFFICE

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 fatherwill@stjohnpa.org.



Sunday, November 26

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

- 7:30 AM Joseph T. Carberry, requested by the Madden Family
- 9:30 AM Rossi and Meyer Families, requested by Carole, Bill and Kristen Meyer
- 11:30 AM Brian Donahue, requested by the Donahue Family

Monday, November 27: Monday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 AM David Chesney, requested by Lisa and Jim Petrino

Tuesday, November 28: Tuesday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 AM Healing Mass for Ronald Ardeni, requested by Henry Paglianite

Wednesday, November 29: Wednesday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 AM Michael Santicerma, requested by his mother, Debbie Santicerma

Thursday, November 30: Saint Andrew

- 8:00 AM Peter Bodor, requested by John and Carol Edenhofner

Friday, December 1: Friday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 AM Frank Brady, requested by the Lynskey Family

Saturday, December 2: Saturday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 AM Dana Wilson, requested by Kathy and Kevin Baker
- 4:00 PM Carl Sposato, requested by Adolf and Ottilia Reitter

**Sunday, December 3
First Sunday of Advent**

- 7:30 AM All the Members of our Parish
- 9:30 AM Loretta Narwicz Bessette, requested by Charles and Lee Narwicz
- 11:30 AM Maureen Owens, requested by the Owens Family



Adoration Society: Maria DiDonato, Cynthia Mariotti
Adult Faith Formation: Fr. William Monahan, 215.295.4102

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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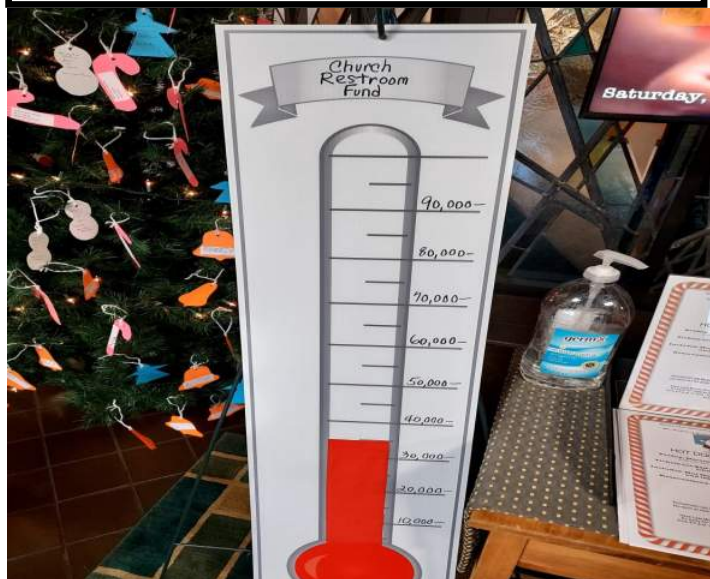
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Youth Ministry: Michelle Saupe, youthministries@stjohnpa.org

LOOK FOR OUR CHURCH RESTROOM FUNDRAISING SIGN IN THE VESTIBULE OF CHURCH AND KEEP TRACK OF OUR PARISHIONER DONATIONS TOWARDS OUR \$80,000 GOAL. THANK YOU!



Prepare your hearts for Christmas by attending our Music Ministry Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 10, 2023 from 1:30 - 2:15 PM. Light refreshments and treats will be served immediately following the concert in the vestibule of Church.

All are welcome!



RCIA: Adult Catholic Initiation
RITE OF WELCOMING
FOR THE CANDIDATES
DECEMBER 10th AT 11:30 AM MASS

What is the Rite of Welcoming?

Our parish family will celebrate a special ceremony called the **Rite of Welcoming** with our candidates for initiation. During this ceremony, Andrew, Brianna, Liam, and Ryan publically affirm their intention to continue their preparation for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. The candidates are signed with the Cross as a reminder of their Baptism and its hope of life eternal.

Why do we celebrate in community?

It is not only the candidates who declare their intention during this ceremony - the community of believers do also. We as God's family affirm our care for Andrew, Brianna, Liam, and Ryan through the signing by the sponsor on our behalf and our verbal pledge of support. The assembly praises God in gratitude for them. By our community's example of joyful worship, hope-filled prayer and charity towards others, we share our faith and witness with the candidates throughout the journey.

Prepare for Your Part.

Like newborn infants, long for pure spiritual milk so that through it you may grow up to salvation, for you have tasted that the Lord is good. I Peter 2:2-3

What spiritual nourishment do **you** need now to grow towards the Lord's goodness and to help others do the same?



Please join us on Friday, December 15th at 9:00 AM to help decorate our Church for Christmas. We are in need of volunteers of all ages for as much time as you can possibly spare. Thank you!



Electronics Recycling Day
at
St. John the Evangelist

When: Saturday, December 2, 2023

Time: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

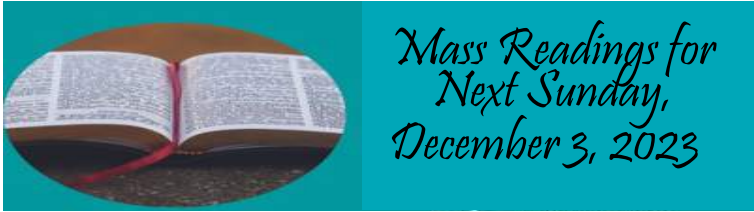
Where: St. John the Evangelist (SJE) Parking Lot

Who: People Advancing Reintegration (PAR)

Why: Protect the Environment

All proceeds benefit the non-profit home.par-recycleworks.org.

The flyer in the church vestibule has more specific information about this event.



*Mass Readings for
Next Sunday,
December 3, 2023*

Reading 1
Isaiah 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7

Responsorial Psalm
Psalms 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Reading 2
1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Alleluia
Psalms 85:8

Gospel
Mark 13:33-37

**This is the last weekend to take
Ornament Tags from the Jesse
Tree. We still have plenty left!**

Saint John the Evangelist Jesse Tree



Saint John the Evangelist Social Concerns



socialconcerns@
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"God's work.
Our hands."

Social Concerns Meeting, Wednesday, December 6th at 7:00 PM.
This will be our Christmas gift wrapping meeting for IFA children.

Shared Meals will be on Friday, December 22nd from 4:30 to 8:00 PM. See Signup Genius for more information.

The Saint John the Evangelist Knights of Columbus are proud to add the Jesse Tree to our list of charitable programs that serve our parish's vibrant community.

Please select as many Angel/Ornament tags as you wish from our *Jesse Tree* in the Church vestibule. The child's name, age, gender, and gift wish are listed on the Angel/Ornament tag. The deadline to return the gifts to the *Jesse Tree* is **Sunday, December 3, by 1:00 pm.**

With your help and the love of Jesus Christ, our Emmanuel, it will be a Merry Christmas for all!

- *Please attach the Angel/Ornament tag to the gift when returning
- *Please use **gift bags** instead of wrapping paper
- *Donations are gratefully accepted - place your contribution inside the box in the vestibule



Save the Date
**Christmas
Bazaar**

**"Mark Your Calendars for the
Very Best Ever Christmas Bazaar"**
Saturday, December 9, 2023 - 10 to 3
Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church
Monsignor William J. Paul Parish Center
752 Big Oak Road, Morrisville, PA
**Join us for a fun-filled day of shopping,
and take a chance on our raffles!**

Saint John's Bakery Basket



Please stop by our Saint John the Evangelist Bakery Basket, sponsored by our PREP Program, next **Sunday, December 3**, 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!

+J.M.J.+



St. John's Youth Ministry

Michelle Saupe, Youth Minister - 267-994-0580

Service Opportunities

Friday, December 1st

Hot Dogs with Santa

5:30-7:30 p.m. (Helpers please arrive 4:45 p.m.)

Location: SJE Gym

Sunday, December 3rd

Jesse Tree Sort

After the 11:30 a.m. Mass

Location: SJE Cafeteria

Friday, December 23rd

Last Minute Babysitting PJ Party

4-7 p.m. - Cost: \$20 p/p - Snacks Included

Location: SJE Gym

(More Service Opportunies on Website)



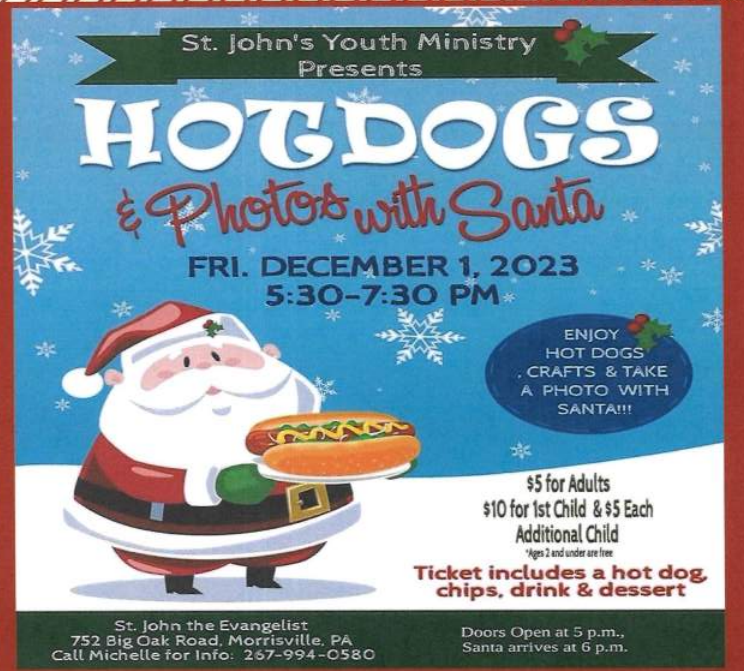
Youth Group Meetings

Sunday, November 26th & December 3rd

No Youth Group Meetings

NEW - Wednesday, November 29th

5:00 - 6:30 p.m. - High School



St. John's Youth Ministry Presents

HOT DOGS & Photos with Santa

FRI. DECEMBER 1, 2023
5:30-7:30 PM

ENJOY HOT DOGS, CRAFTS & TAKE A PHOTO WITH SANTA!!!

\$5 for Adults
\$10 for 1st Child & \$5 Each Additional Child
(Ages 2 and under are free)

Ticket includes a hot dog, chips, drink & dessert

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Doors Open at 5 p.m.,
Santa arrives at 6 p.m.



St. John the Evangelist
Youth Ministry Reunion & Young Adult
Ministry Kickoff!

Bowling NIGHT

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22ND
FROM 7:00PM-9:00PM
AT BOWLERO FEASTERVILLE
MORE INFORMATION TO COME!

Saint John-Holy Trinity Intramural



CYO Basketball Sign-Ups

Basketball Sign-ups for the 2023-2024 Intramural Basketball season are now open for Grades PreK-4 to 3rd Grade. Practices start December 14th. Registration fee is \$55.00.

Please sign up via <https://holytrinity.sportngin.com/register/form/310598512>

Any questions regarding Intramural Basketball please contact Doug Bartlett at TrintyTrack@comcast.net.



St. John the Evangelist Youth Ministry Poinsettia Sale!



After Masses the weekend of December 2nd and 3rd
\$10 for a 6.5" poinsettia

All poinsettias will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Thank you for supporting our Youth Ministry!



Saint John the Evangelist
Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

“As we enter Heaven, we will see them, so many of them, coming toward us and thanking us. We will ask who they are, and they will say: ‘A poor soul you prayed for in purgatory.’”

-Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



November is the Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Virtue of the Month

Courtesy: Being thoughtful of others

Family Faith Activity of the Month

This month pray as a family the Prayer of Saint Gertrude for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

This Week’s Facts of our Faith

142. Q. Which are the Sacraments that increase sanctifying grace in our soul?
- A. The Sacraments that increase sanctifying grace in our soul are: Confirmation, Holy Eucharist, Extreme Unction, Holy Orders, and Matrimony; and they are called Sacraments of the living.
143. Q. Why are Confirmation, Holy Eucharist, Extreme Unction, Holy Orders, and Matrimony called Sacraments of the living?
- A. Confirmation, Holy Eucharist, Extreme Unction, Holy Orders, and Matrimony are called Sacraments of the living, because those who receive them worthily are already living the life of grace.

Baltimore Catechism

To God be the Glory



The Solemnity of Christ the King

“When once men recognize, both in private and in public life, that Christ is King, society will at last receive the great blessings of real liberty, well-ordered discipline, peace and harmony.”

– Pope Pius XI

May we allow Jesus Christ to truly reign in us!

The Prayer of Saint Gertrude

Our Lord told Saint Gertrude that 1,000 Holy Souls would be released from Purgatory each time it is prayed.

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

Attention Children of the Parish

Today we celebrate Jesus Christ, Our King. Cut out the picture of Jesus Christ, Our King and hang it high. Every time you see it, pray something like “Jesus, please reign in my heart.”

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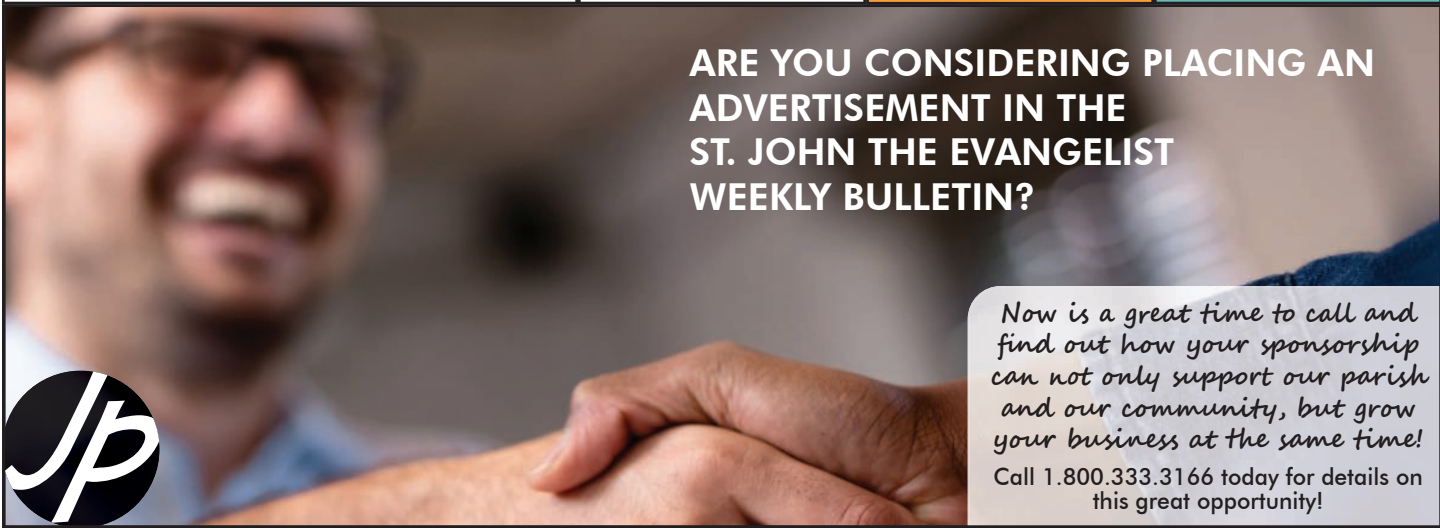
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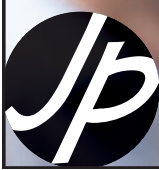
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