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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

DECEMBER 3, 2023

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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PLEASE NOTE:

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
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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 fatherwill@stjohnpa.org.



Sunday, December 3
First Sunday of Advent

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

Monday, December 4: Saint John Damascene

- 8:00 AM Joseph Swartz requested by Kathy and Robert Parasimo

Tuesday, December 5: Tuesday in Advent

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

Wednesday, December 6: Saint Nicholas

- 8:00 AM Dorothy Smith, requested by Stefanie Meyrick and Family

Thursday, December 7: Saint Ambrose

- 8:00 AM Henry Paglianite, requested by Ann and Akos Swierkiewicz
5:30 PM Mary Spader, requested by Vickie Fuller

Friday, December 8: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:00 AM Joseph Monaghan, requested by the McVan Family
7:00 PM Yvonne Carroll, requested by Lisa and Jim Petrino

Saturday, December 9: Saturday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 AM Maryanne Gorrell, requested by Darryl and Maureen Puzan
4:00 PM Thomas Tallman, requested by the Penge Family

Sunday, December 10
Second Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 AM All Priests, requested by the Blue Army
9:30 AM All the Members of our Parish
11:30 AM Dorothy Smith, requested by Nancy Brown

Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation, are:
Thurs., December 7th, 5:30 PM Vigil
Fri., December 8th, 8:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Immaculate Conception



On Sunday, November 19, 2023, Reverend William Monahan baptized

Colin James Burke
Son of Timothy and Regina Burke
And

Lucas Joseph Colao
Son of James and Amanda Colao

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

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. 1 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?



Richard Rueda



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!



To the Parish Family of Saint John's,

We are half-way there! As you can see by the above photo, we have completed the foundational work regarding the plumbing, electrical and framing aspects of our church restroom project. We have had some delays due to difficulty scheduling various inspections (which need to occur as each phase is completed). We are most grateful for your continued patience as we work toward the completion of the new restrooms and the renovation of the existing restroom.

On another positive note, we have also reached the half-way point in our fundraising goal toward the project. We have received \$40,000 in donations and have additional monies which have been verbally committed toward the project. With these additional financial commitments, we will be close to our financial goal of \$80,000. I would kindly ask you to please consider helping us reach our goal!

Finally, I wish to express my sincere thanks and gratitude for the continued generosity of so many of you, the faithful parishioners of Saint John's, without which none of these projects would be possible.

Fr. Will



Advent Evening of Reflection with Father Mike Davis *Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 7:00 PM*

Please join us for An Evening of Reflection on Tuesday, December 12th at 7:00 PM in the main church. We will be having Fr. Mike Davis, Pastor of Assumption BVM Parish in Feasterville joining us to share his reflections on Mary as Our Lady of the Eucharist. During this time, when the Universal Church is calling for a Eucharistic Renewal and Revival, we do well in this season of Advent – this season of hope and expectation -- to contemplate our Blessed Mother and the gift of her Son whom she brings into the world at Christmas time and by the gift of the Eucharist.

Take time from the crowds, the "online traffic," and the general hustle and bustle of the holiday season, this evening will help to keep our hearts attentive and eager for the coming of Emmanuel into our lives and hearts!

Once again, please join us! All are welcome!

Fr. Mike was ordained a priest on May 16, 1987. After Ordination, Father Mike had served as a Parochial Vicar, a high school teacher and school minister before becoming the Pastor of Divine Mercy Parish in 2004. He began parish ministry, serving as a parochial vicar, until he became Pastor of Divine Mercy Parish in Philadelphia in 2004.

In 2015, Fr. Mike became Pastor of Assumption BVM Parish in Feasterville, PA in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, where there has been a Flame of Love Prayer Cenacle for many years. He is also Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Movement in the US.

Just recently, Fr. Mike returned from sabbatical for a fall semester at the University of Dayton taking graduate classes on the topic of Mariology (from 1500 to present day).



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!

Saint John the Evangelist Social Concerns

socialconcerns@stjohnpa.org

"God's work. Our hands."

Sept. 10 2023

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.



"Mark Your Calendars for the Very Best Ever Christmas Bazaar"

Saturday, December 9, 2023 - 10 to 3

Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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Join us for a fun-filled day of shopping, and take a chance on our raffles!

LAST WEEK

Saint John the Evangelist Church

Collections

thank you

Forty-Seventh Sunday in 2023

Regular Sunday Collection	\$ 8,030
Parish Giving	<u>3,721</u>
Total	\$ 11,751

Forty-Seventh Sunday in 2022

Regular Sunday Collection	\$ 11,536
Parish Giving	<u>4,320</u>
Total	\$ 15,856

YTD Sunday Collection
(July 1, 2023—Nov. 19, 2023) \$260,118

Thank you for your continued generosity!



Volunteers are needed to transport the Jesse Tree gifts after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on December 3 to the school cafeteria where the sorting of gifts for the children will then follow from 12:30 - 3:30pm. Please join us if you can and thank you for your generous support of our Jesse Tree



**LITTLE BLUE BOOKS FOR
ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SEASON**

Will be available in the vestibule of Church this weekend. Reflections for the season run from December 3rd, 2023 to January 8th, 2024.



***Knights of Columbus Chuck Meyrick--
Dick Wilson Memorial Men's Coat Drive***

Saint John's Parish will be collecting SLIGHTLY USED MEN'S warm coats, hats, gloves, sweaters, hoodies, blankets/comforters, and new white socks for homeless men at all Masses on December 16 and 17. Boxes will be placed in the vestibule of the Church. Your generosity in offering up good wearable clothing for the men will be most appreciated by those who are homeless on the streets of Philadelphia.

Call Lou Penge at 215.913.8155 if you have any questions. Thank you.



Service Opportunities

Saturday & Sunday, December 2nd & 3rd. Poinsettia Sale After All Masses Until Sold. Location: Church Vestibule

Sunday, December 3rd

Jesse Tree Sort

After the 11:30 a.m. Mass

Location: SJE Cafeteria

Sunday, December 3rd

Knights of Columbus

After the 11:30 a.m. Mass

Location: Old Church/School

Friday, December 22nd

Last Minute Babysitting PJ Party

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

Location: SJE Gym

(More Service Opportunities on Website)



Advent has begun! Please consider helping at one of the service opportunities listed here or on our webpage. Service to others is a great way to prepare your heart for the Birth of Our Lord!



THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!



Thank you so much to everyone who volunteered, donated or participated in Youth Ministry's

Hot Dogs with Santa! Your support was truly appreciated and we were thrilled to have you! Santa and Mrs. Claus were so happy to see all of you! Keep up the great work to stay on the good list!

Need to do Last Minute Shopping and need a Babysitter?

On Friday, December 22nd, Youth Ministry will be having a

Babysitting PJ Party from 4-7 p.m. for ages 3-5th grades

Cost: \$20 - Location SJE Gym - Sign up today!

Location: SJE Gym



Note: No Youth Ministry Meetings on December 3rd

See you next week!

+J.M.G.+

Michelle Sauppe, Youth Minister - 267-994-0580

**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!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THANKSGIVING
ADOPT-A-FAMILY
PROGRAM**

THANK YOU AND REMINDER

A warm and heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported this year's Adopt-a-Family program for Thanksgiving. With your incredible generosity Saint John the Evangelist Knights of Columbus Council 7515 was able to provide food for 96 families.

Christmas meals should be dropped off on the weekends of December 2/3 or 9/10. The Knights will collect donations before and after each Mass.



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.

Saint John's Bakery Basket



Please stop by our Saint John the Evangelist Bakery Basket, sponsored by our PREP Program, on **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!

Saint John the Evangelist
Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)



*December is the Month of the
Immaculate Conception*



Virtue of the Month

Purity: Keeping your soul free of sin

Family Faith Activity of the Month

Pray that beautiful pray found on the Miraculous Medal,
"Oh, Mary, conceived without sin,
pray for us who have recourse to thee."

This Week's Facts of our Faith

144. Q. What sin does he commit who receives the Sacraments of the living in mortal sin?

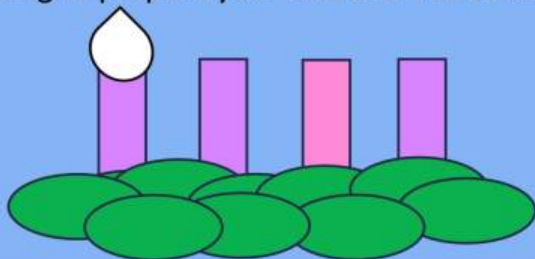
A. He who receives the Sacraments of the living in mortal sin commits a sacrilege, which is a great sin, because it is an abuse of a sacred thing.

145. Q. Besides sanctifying grace do the Sacraments give any other grace?

A. Besides sanctifying grace the Sacraments give another grace, called sacramental.
Baltimore Catechism

Attention Children of the Parish

We begin the 4 weeks of Advent today by lighting one candle to show that it's the first week of Advent. This week color the flame of the 1st candle and tell Jesus what you are doing to prepare your heart for His coming.



To God be the Glory



December 8th

*The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
A Holy Day of Obligation*

"The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin."

- Pope Pius IX, 1854.

Let us entrust ourselves and all our cares to Our Blessed Mother as we prepare for Jesus' coming.
To God be the Glory!

"Keep Christ in Christmas"

PREP Student Poster Contest

Due: December 4th

*"O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear."*

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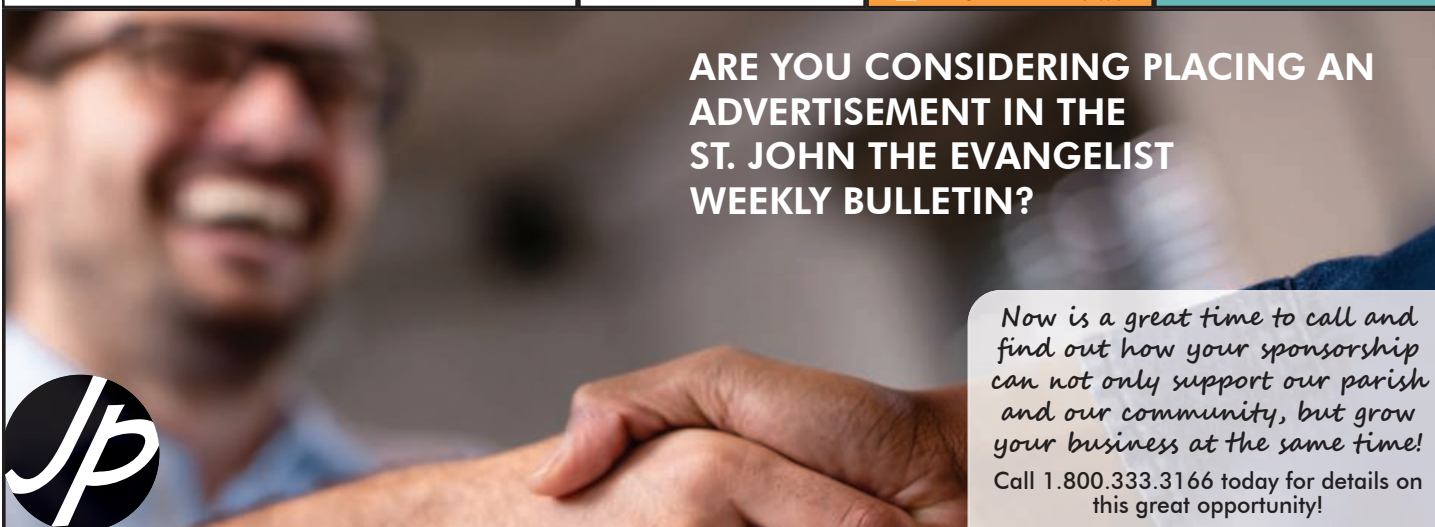
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