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## 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*

**DECEMBER 8, 2024**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

### **PARISH CLERGY**

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Reverend Alexander Gibbs  
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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  
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

### **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.

### **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.



**Sunday, December 8**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

- 7:30 AM Healing Mass for Father Timothy O'Sullivan, requested by Joe and Pat Mursch
- 9:30 AM All the members of our Parish
- 11:30 AM Mary Spader, requested by Vickie Fuller

**Monday, December 9: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

- 8:00 AM All deceased members of the Knights of Columbus #7515, requested by the Knights of Columbus #7515

**Tuesday, December 10: Our Lady of Loreto**

- 8:00 AM Michaelene Nally and Family, requested by the Breslin Family

**Wednesday, December 11: Saint Damasus I**

- 8:00 AM Jim Godown, requested by Jim and Kathy Hartmann

**Thursday, December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe**

- 8:00 AM Robert Mariotti, requested by Cynthia and Jim

**Friday, December 13: Saint Lucy**

- 8:00 AM Becki Loven, requested by Gerri and George Maus

**Saturday, December 14: Saint John of the Cross**

- 8:00 AM Richard Bujnicki, requested by Karen Strzelec
- 4:00 PM Victor R. Napolitano, requested by Ginnie Napolitano

**Sunday, December 15**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**

- 7:30 AM John Katsock, requested by Vivian and Family
- 9:30 AM Teresa and Charles Meyrick, requested by the Meyrick Family
- 11:30 AM All the members of our Parish



**CHURCH  
DECORATING**  
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Please join us on Friday, December 20th 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!



On Sunday, November 24, Deacon James Hartmann Baptized his Great-Granddaughter:

**Adelina Rose Martin**  
daughter of Kevin and Gabrielle Martin

into our Catholic faith.  
May the blessings of her Baptism Day always keep the presence of the Lord in her life.



**Our  
Church Ministries**

- Adoration Society:** Maria DiDonato, Cynthia Mariotti
- Altar Servers:** Lucy Fronheiser, lucydonnellan@gmail.com
- Bakery Basket:** Joan Graves, 267-760-3950, and Sinota Fakolujo, 215-378-7666
- Bible Study:** Jane McGinniss, 267-981-3739
- Blessed Counters:** Fr. William Monahan, 215.295.4102
- Caring for Friends:** Mary Africa, 215.378-9438
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- CYO Athletic Director:** Joe Hartigan, cyodirector@stjohnpa.org
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**  
Cathleen Lynskey, clynkey@stjohnpa.org
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- Prayer Network:** Lisa Petrino, 267.994.4513
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- Social Concerns Committee:** Monica Forst, 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:** Maria Shadle, youthministries@stjohnpa.org

**ST. ANDREW CHRISTMAS  
NOVENA**



Hail and blessed be the hour and moment  
In which the Son of God was born  
Of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight,  
in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold.  
In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee,  
O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires,  
[here mention your request] through the merits  
of Our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and of His blessed Mother. Amen.

It is piously believed that whoever recites the St. Andrew Christmas novena prayer FIFTEEN times each day from the feast of St. Andrew (November 30th) until Christmas Eve will obtain the favor requested.



## Saint John the Evangelist Christmas Schedule 2024

### Christmas Mass Schedule

*Tuesday, December 24th*  
4:00 PM and 8:00 PM

*Wednesday, December 25th*  
**Christmas Day Masses**  
7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM

**NO CONFESSIONS ON SATURDAY, DEC. 21ST**

### Advent Confessions (7:00 PM)

**Thursday, December 12—St. Frances Cabrini**  
**Monday, December 16—St. John the Evangelist**  
**Tuesday, December 17—Saint Ignatius**  
**Wednesday, December 20—Our Lady of Grace**



<b>Major Joseph Alexander</b>	<b>SSG John A. Kozlowski, II</b>
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<b>LTC David and Ania Driscoll</b>	<b>LT Matthew Richardson, USA</b>
	<b>CPL Ryan Sellner, USMC</b>

If you have a family member serving in the Armed Forces and would like them to be remembered in our Parish prayers, please call the Parish Office and leave their names, rank and branch of service.



Alyssa Adubato	Don Garner, Sr.	Michael Martin
Olivia Andrews	Roger Garceau	Butch McCain
Ronald Ardenti	John Guinter	Ryan McVan
Alyssa Belardo-Troy	Samantha Rose	Walter Mitchell
Baby Dylan	Haggerty	Connie Moredich
Karl Bahmiller	Ed Harkanson	Philip Murtaugh
Maureen Barrett	Paul Hartmann	Lena O'Brien
Irene Bentz	David Hayes	Eleanor Queppet
Edward Bowden, Sr.	Frank Henniger	Magda Rueda
Charles Buiocchi	Zane Helsel	Baby Grayson Rustay
Joan Cope	Alan Hill	Albert Spicer
Ed Cook	Mary Hirsch	Louis Stevens
Dennis DelGrosso	Mary Ann Holt	Joseph Stracci
Claudia DiBraccio	Ethel Humienny	Abbie Stross
Christopher Dixon	Carly Jacobs	Fryderyk Szkutnik
Michael Donahue	Jim Jones	John Toler
Jerry Donnell	Elliott Jacqueline	Alfred J. Tomaselli, III
Grant and Noah Elliot	Kay	Austin Trainor (child)
Joni Elliot	Joseph P. Kirlin, III	Bridgette Traynor
Shanna Fan	Theresa Land	Ignatius Turchi
Daniel Fedejko	Beth Lynch	Shelby Wagner
Roselyn Foulke	Carmen Marchesano	Martina Warren
Fidencio Francis	John Marcucci	David Wood
Cathy Fuller		

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

St. John the Evangelist Music Ministry

## Christmas Concert

Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 pm

Featuring  
**Praise Band**  
**Adult & Children Choir**

Refreshments served following the 11:30 Mass!



Saint John's Parish collects food for **Mary's Cupboard** through monthly food drives. Our next collection will be on the week-end of December 16/17.

Thank you for your generosity towards our neighbors in need!  
God bless you!



**Social Concerns Meeting**—Wrapping Party date has been changed to **Wednesday, December 11th, at 7:00 PM-8:30 PM** in the Social Concerns Room. Please NOTE the Date Change.

**Shared Meals**—Friday, December 27th, from 4:30-8:00 PM in the Religious Education Center. See Sign-up Genius for ways that you can help.

*An Evening with Dan Tarrant  
(Personally Catholic)  
at Saint John the Evangelist*



*Knights of Columbus*

*Adopt a Family*  
FOR CHRISTMAS  
**REMINDER**

Don't forget! Christmas is around the corner, and if you signed up for the Adopt-a-Family Christmas meals, the Knights will be collecting your donations before and after Mass on the weekends of December 7/8 and 14/15.

*Thank You!*

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

Saint John's Parish will be collecting gently used MEN'S warm coats, hats, gloves, sweaters, hoodies, blankets/comforters, and new white socks for homeless men at all Masses on December 7 and 8. 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.

# CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

St. John the Evangelist Youth Ministry  
would love to have you at

**Cookies and milk with Santa**  
**Sunday, December 15, 2024**  
Doors open at 1:00, Santa arrives  
around 1:30. **LOCATION: SCHOOL CAFETERIA.**



Pre-registration is **HIGHLY** requested to be sure we have  
enough cookies and milk.  
We are asking for a donation of a canned good for entrance.

Register here



## **Saint John/Holy Trinity CYO**

### **Intramural Basketball Sign Ups**

Basketball Sign-ups for the 2024-2025 Intramural Basketball season are now open for Grades PreK-4 to 2<sup>ND</sup> Grade. Practices start December 16<sup>th</sup>. Registration fee is \$65.00.

Please sign up via <https://holytrinity.sportngin.com/register/form/202384596>

Any questions regarding Intramural Basketball please contact Doug Bartlett at [TrintyTrack@comcast.net](mailto:TrintyTrack@comcast.net).

## **POINSETTIA SALE**

After all Masses the  
weekend of December 14-15.  
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Supporting St. John the Evangelist  
Youth Ministry

Saint John the Evangelist  
Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

*December is the  
Month of  
the Immaculate  
Conception*



*“O Mary, Conceived  
Without Sin, Pray  
for Us Who Have  
Recourse to Thee.”*

Virtue of the Month

Purity: Keeping your soul free of sin

Family Faith Activity of the Month

Go to Confession as a family

This Week’s Facts of our Faith

**Q. Who is the Immaculate Conception?**

A. Mary is the Immaculate Conception.

**Q. What does the Immaculate Conception mean?**

A. The Immaculate Conception means that Mary was conceived in Saint Anne’s womb without Original Sin.

To God be the Glory

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Attention Children  
of the Parish

Blessed Second Week  
of Advent!

This week color the two  
Advent candles purple. Color  
the flames so they look like  
they are shining brightly. Write  
down two things you will do  
this week to get ready for  
Jesus’ Birthday and do them.  
Remember Advent is a time of  
preparing for Jesus’ Birthday!

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*“Keep Christ in  
Christmas”*



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