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DECEMBER 10, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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

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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 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

Monday, December 11: Saint Damasus I

8:00 AM Cassie Sweeney, requested by the Mansfield Family

Tuesday, December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 AM Henry Paglianite, requested by Kathy and Kevin Baker

Wednesday, December 13: Saint Lucy

8:00 AM Kaitlin Abel, requested by the Abel Family

Thursday, December 14: Saint John of the Cross

8:00 AM Richard Bujnicki, requested by Karen Strzelec

Friday, December 15: Friday in Advent

8:00 AM Victor Napolitano, requested by Ginny Napolitano

Saturday, December 16: Saturday in Advent

8:00 AM Michael Prokop, requested by Lisa and Jim Petrino
4:00 PM Brett Incollingo, requested by Sheila Gawel

Sunday, December 17
Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM Rosemary Polons, requested by Larry and Linda Smith
9:30 AM Charles and Teresa Meyrick, requested by the Meyrick Family
11:30 AM All the Members of our Parish



*Shirley Wasiakowski
and
John Hartmann*



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!

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



What is the Rite of Welcoming?

Today our parish family celebrates 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?



Prepare your hearts for Christmas by attending our Music Ministry Christmas Concert this 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!



Saint John the Evangelist Christmas Schedule 2023

Christmas Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 24th
4:00 PM and 8:00 PM

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

NO CONFESSIONS ON SATURDAY, DEC. 24TH

Advent Confessions (7:00 PM)

Monday, December 18—St. John the Evangelist
Tuesday, December 19—Saint Ignatius
Wednesday, December 20—Our Lady of Grace

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.



A grief support group for everyone.

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

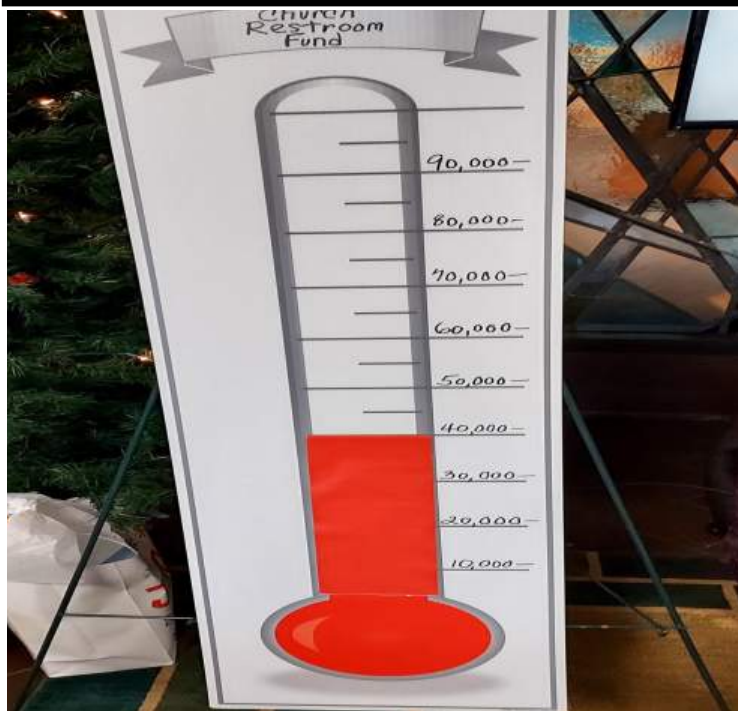
For more information on individual or group support, please contact Tom Brunner at 215-734-3031. All discussions are confidential. Next meeting will be held on:

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



The monthly food drive for Mary's Cupboard at St. John's will be held next weekend, December 16-17. Mary's Cupboard is in need of food donations, such as cereal, pasta and sauce, soups, peanut butter, etc. for those in need in Lower Bucks County. Thank you for your help. It is greatly appreciated!

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!



Women of the Word

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, December 16, 2023
9:30 AM—11:00 AM
Pastoral Life Center**

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Forty-Eighth Sunday in 2023

Regular Sunday Collection	\$ 9,190
Parish Giving	<u>4,146</u>
Total	\$ 13,336

Forty-Eighth Sunday in 2022

Regular Sunday Collection	\$ 7,758
Parish Giving	<u>4,125</u>
Total	\$ 11,883

YTD Sunday Collection
(July 1, 2023—Nov. 26, 2023) \$273,454

Thank you for your continued generosity!



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.

Knights of Columbus

Adopt a Family
FOR CHRISTMAS

REMINDER

This is the last weekend for Adopt-a-Family Christmas meals to be dropped off. The Knights will collect donations before and after each Mass in the School building.

Thank You!

J.M.J.



Extra Special Thanks to Chris Cridge, Maryann Gardner,
Gerri Maus, Jean Birndorf & Liz Roetenberg



"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own love and concern.." - Mother Teresa



Upcoming Youth Meetings

Sunday, December 10 - Middle School 4:30 and High School 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 17 - 4:30 p.m.-Christmas Movie Night (Both Middle & HS)

Christmas Food Drive – Knights of Columbus

Saturday, December 16, 2023 – 8:30-11:00 a.m.

Location: St. John's School

YM - Last Minute Babysitting PJ Party

Friday, December 22, 2023 - 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Location: SJE Gym



(More Service Opportunities on Website)

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



Michelle Saupe, Youth Minister - 267-994-0580

Congratulations!

ELOISE FRONHEISER!

Saint John the Evangelist Parish is proud to announce that we have a Class of 2024 Neumann Scholarship winner! We are very excited that Eloise Fronheiser, who attends Saint Ignatius School in Yardley, has won this prestigious award. Eloise also earned the highest High School Placement Test Score in Bucks County. The Connelly Foundation announced 52 winners on Wednesday, November 29th. The scholarship winners receive a full four year tuition scholarship to a Philadelphia Archdiocesan high school of their choice. Eloise will be attending Conwell Egan Catholic High School in the Fall of 2024. Eloise joins her sister, Margaret, who was a recipient of the same Newman Scholarship award last year! Congratulations to Eloise and Margaret for their dedication and hard work in their studies and also to Mr. and Mrs. Fronheiser for their example and continuing promotion of Catholic education!

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

**Bowling
NIGHT**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22ND

FROM 7:00PM-9:00PM

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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

146. Q. What is sacramental grace?

A. Sacramental grace is a special help which God gives, to attain the end for which He instituted each Sacrament.

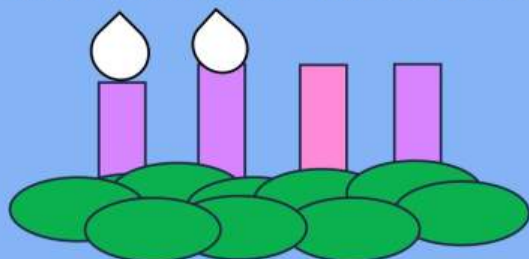
147. Q. Do the Sacraments always give grace?

A. The Sacraments always give grace, if we receive them with the right dispositions.

Baltimore Catechism

Attention Children of the Parish

Have you been preparing your heart for Jesus' Birthday? Are you allowing the light of Jesus to shine more brightly in all your choices throughout the day? This week, as we get closer to Christmas, the light of the Advent Wreath increases. Color the first two flames. We are now in the 2nd week of Advent.



To God be the Glory



A heartfelt thank you to one of God's Special Helpers for donating Advent Calendars for each of the children in PREP. Above is a picture of the Advent Calendar that the children received. Behind each door is a holy picture and Scripture verse to help them joyfully prepare for Jesus' Birthday!

“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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