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## ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

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**DECEMBER 17, 2023**

**THIRD 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  
215.295.4102, 4103  
sjeoffices@stjohnpa.org

### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday to Friday  
9 AM - 5 PM  
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### **P.R.E.P. OFFICE**

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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 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

**Monday, December 18: Monday in Advent**

8:00 AM Maryanne Gorrell, requested by Sean and Robin Pfeiffer and Family

**Tuesday, December 19: Tuesday in Advent**

8:00 AM Michael A. Prokop, requested by Eileen and Jim Bolger

**Wednesday, December 20: Wednesday in Advent**

8:00 AM Cathy Burke, requested by the the Shared Meal Team

**Thursday, December 21: Saint Peter Canisius**

8:00 AM Mr. and Mrs. Albert DiAngelo, requested by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Chamber

**Friday, December 22: Friday in Advent**

8:00 AM Jim McCarthy, requested by the McCarthy Family

**Saturday, December 23: Saint John of Kanty**

8:00 AM John J. Brennan, requested by Patti Scanlon and Family  
4:00 PM Brian Donahue, requested by the Donahue Family

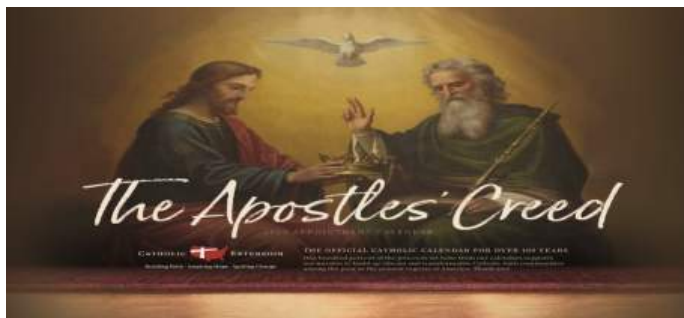
**Sunday, December 24**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

7:30 AM Healing intentions for the Hewitt Family, requested by the Nally Family  
9:30 AM John Thomas Lynch, requested by the Kenworthy Family  
11:30 AM Matthew Graves, requested by the Kirlin and Graves Families



**CHURCH HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS**

Friday, December 22nd—9:00 AM to Noon  
Tuesday, December 26th—Closed  
Friday, December 29th—9:00 AM to Noon  
Tuesday, January 2nd—Closed



**PARISH CALENDARS COMING SOON!**

Please pick up your 2024 Parish Calendar in the vestibule as you exit Church next weekend. If you have a neighbor who is unable to come to Church, please take one for them too!

Many thanks to the Fitzgerald-Sommer Funeral Home for providing these for our Parish families.



**Rite of Christian Initiation**  
**Our Candidates Welcomed**  
**into the Community**

Last Sunday, our candidates for initiation joyfully celebrated their intention to continue their preparation for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Our parish family in turn affirmed their intention and offered support and guidance to them for the path ahead. Let us continue to pray and offer thanksgiving to God for each one of them – Andrew, Brianna, Liam and Ryan, along with their sponsors.



*Saint John the Evangelist  
Christmas Schedule 2023*

*Christmas Mass Schedule*

*Sunday, December 24th  
Christmas Eve Masses  
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

*Beautiful Performances at Our Music Ministry Christmas Concert*



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## Knights of Columbus Jesse Tree Thank You



The Knights of Columbus would like to express our deep appreciation to the parishioners of St John the Evangelist for their overwhelming response to this year's Jesse Tree program. Your continuing support and generosity will give almost 600 children more than a 1,000 gifts to open on Christmas morning. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

### Saint John the Evangelist Social Concerns



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

Thanks to all who supported the St. John's Christmas Bazaar, which was a resounding success! St. John's tables, our non-profits and our vendors reported a wonderful day, which would not have been possible without the help of many, many hands. Profits from the Bazaar support our many Social Concerns projects and will benefit many in need.

Many thanks to the Loving Hands group and all those who baked, crafted items for sale, planned, or helped in any way to make this year's Christmas Bazaar a tremendous success! It couldn't happen without an all-out group effort. Since this is a major fund raiser for Social Concerns, those contributing help us continue our effort to help those in need. We are grateful for your support!

The Next Shared Meal will be Friday, December 22nd, from 4:30-8:00. See Signup Genius for more information.

Social Concerns will meet in the Social Concerns Room at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, January 10th. Note the date change.

Join us for service activities on Martin Luther King Day, January 15th, in the old school from 12:00 PM-3:00 PM.

## Congratulations To The Newly Baptized

On Sunday, December 3, 2023, Reverend William Monahan baptized

**Cameron Marc Dickerson**  
son of Marc and Danielle Dickerson

**Lucy Shea O'Hara**  
daughter of Daniel and Maggie O'Hara  
and

**Nora Jane Salvatore**  
**Chase Joseph Salvatore**  
daughter and son of John and Samantha Salvatore

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

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

## Bowling NIGHT

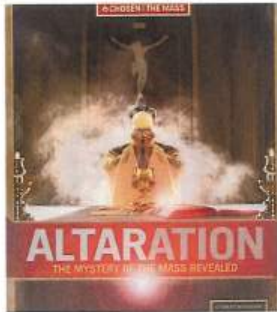
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Coming Soon!

Starting Wednesday, January 3rd  
for Grades 8 - 12th - 5:00-6:30 p.m.



### Volunteer Opportunity

YM - Last Minute Babysitting PJ Party

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

Location: SJE Gym

(More Service Opportunities on Website)

### Upcoming Youth Meetings

Sunday, December 17 - 4:30 p.m.-Christmas Movie Night (Both Middle & HS)  
Sunday, January 7 - 4:30 p.m. Middle Sch. & 6:00 p.m. HS

No Youth Meetings on 12/24 & 12/31

### Need to do Last Minute Shopping and need a Babysitter?

On Friday, December 22rd, Youth Ministry will be having a  
Babysitting PJ Party from 4-7 p.m. for ages 3-5th grades  
Last minute babysitting PJ Party for Age 3 - 5th Grade  
Location: SJE Gym



The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday and we light the pink/rose colored candle. This candle is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

Did you notice anything different at Mass today?

## Pictures from Saint John's Electronic Recycling Event



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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**

148. Q. Can we receive Sacraments more than once?

A. We can receive the Sacraments more than once, except Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders.

149. Q. Why can we not receive Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders more than once?

A. We cannot receive Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders more than once, because they imprint a character in the soul.

*Baltimore Catechism*

**To God be the Glory**

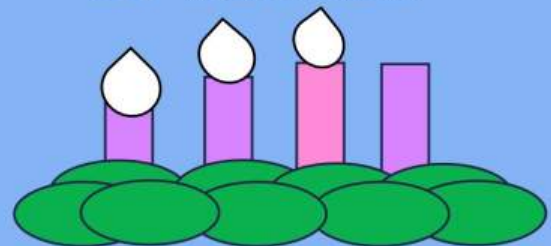


One of God's Special Helpers made a stop at PREP this past Sunday and Monday filling shoes with treats and a beautiful holy card.  
Thank you, Saint Nicholas!  
Thank you, Jesus!

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

**Attention Children of the Parish**

Just 8 days until Jesus' Birthday! Are you ready? Think about other birthdays you celebrate. How do you prepare? Do you think about the gifts you want, or do you think about the gift you will give? Let's be ready to really celebrate the gift of Jesus' Birthday. Color 3 flames. We are now in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent.



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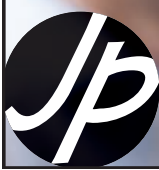
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