



# SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

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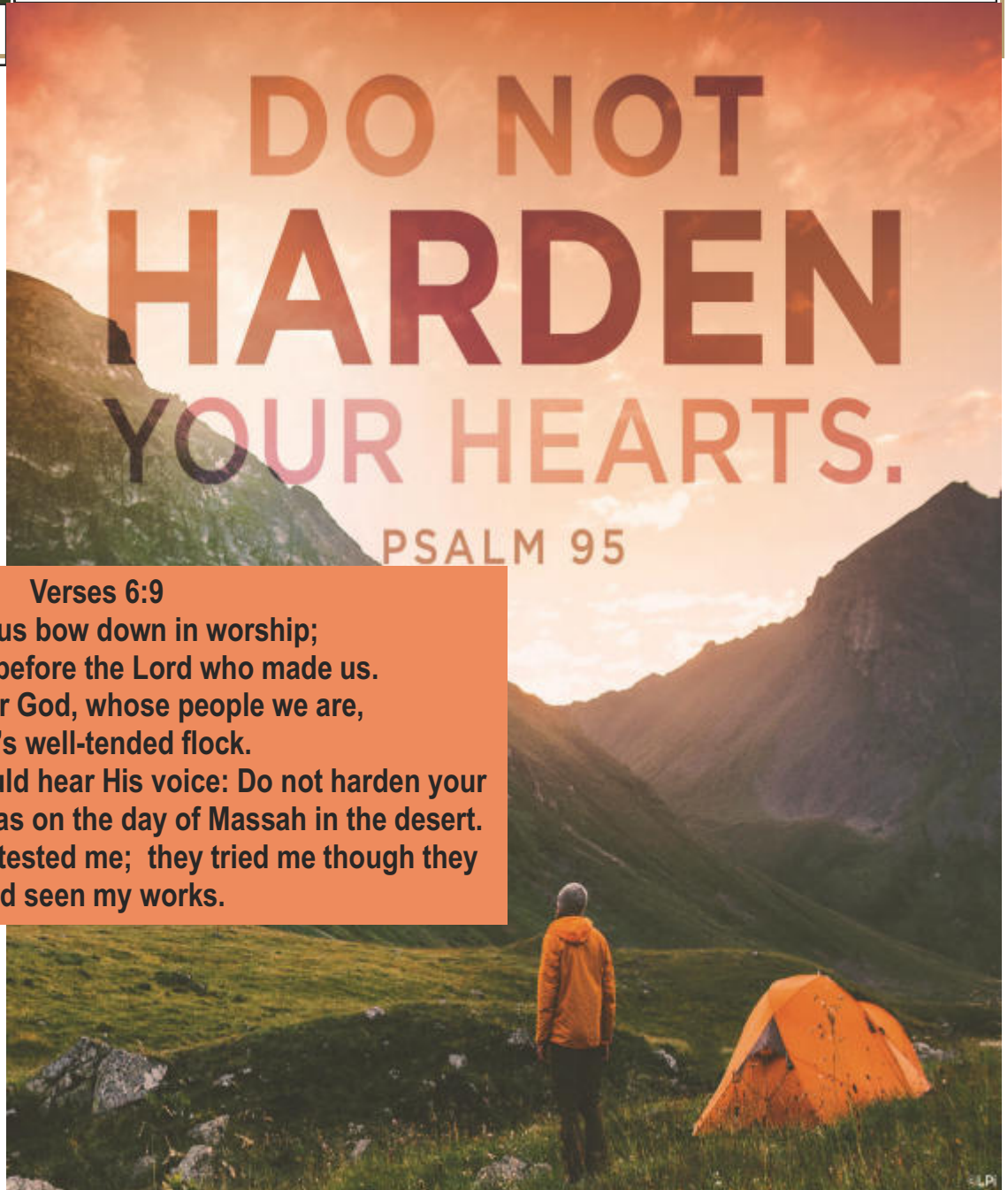
*The mission of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church is to provide a place of Catholic worship, sacraments, spiritual guidance, education, love and support of all ages throughout our parish and community.*

**Parish Mission Statement**

JANUARY 31, 2021

### Your Intentions

Mary Wild  
Maggie Richmond  
Jennifer Sullivan  
Megan Kuhl  
Mark Puls  
Doug Harkness  
From all suffering due to COVID-19



### Verses 6:9

**Enter, let us bow down in worship;  
Let us kneel before the Lord who made us.  
For this is our God, whose people we are,  
God's well-tended flock.**

**Oh, that today you would hear His voice: Do not harden your hearts as at Meribah, as on the day of Massah in the desert. There your ancestors tested me; they tried me though they had seen my works.**

### **Mass Schedule**

#### **Weekday**

**Tuesday:** 5:00pm

**Thursday:** 8:30am

#### **Weekend:**

**Saturday:** 4:00pm

**Sunday:** 10:15am

**First Thursday-8:30AM-Mass**

Holy Hour \* Subject to change due to holy days

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Tue. 4:00-4:45 pm or by appointment. Contact the office or Father for an appointment.

#### **Sacrament of Marriage**

Engaged couples must call the office to set up an appointment to start the Marriage Preparation

#### **Sacrament of Baptism**

Please call the office to set up an appointment to start the Baptism Preparation Process..

#### **Sick or Hospitalized**

Please notify the office of family members who are ill or in the hospital.

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### Mass Intentions

4:00 pm Saturday Jan 30th

† Ann Sheridan  
By Louise McCormick

10:15 am Sunday, January 31st  
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

† Catherine Cherveney  
By Donna Noon

5:00 Tuesday Feb 2nd  
The Presentation of the Lord

† Msgn. Thomas Brady  
By The Parish

8:30 am Thursday Feb 4th

† Ann Bell  
By Maria Kmiec

4:00 pm Saturday Feb 6th  
St. Paul Miki and Companions

† John Sullivan  
By June Courad

10:15 am Sunday Feb 7th  
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

For the People of St. John's Parish

### Presentation of the Lord

Today is observed as World Day for Consecrated Life. Its purpose is "to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of practice of the evangelical counsels" as well as "to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord" (Pope John Paul II 1997)

### Scripture Image of God

*"My dear brothers and sisters, how can you claim that you have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ if you favor some people more than others?" (James 2:1)*

James argues that favoring one person over another among the believers is wrong. The principle stands that in the eyes of God we are equal. However, we know from life experience, that because there are the well-to-do as there are the have-not-so-much, we offer the front pew to the first (hoping they will return the favor!) and make the latter sit in the pew alongside the church's wall. In doing so, are we keeping God's ways?

Already the Old Testament is showing that treating one person better than the other is wrong, for one and only one reason: God made us all in His image. The Book of Proverbs makes it clear: *"The rich and poor have this in common: The Lord made them both"* (Proverbs 22:2). Neither man nor woman is made more in the image of God than the other.

If sometimes you feel worthless or of little value, remember that God made you for a good reason; you are the bearer of God's image! It may not necessarily be the bearing of the physical image—look into the mirror when you rise in the morning—but it definitely is the spiritual!

Kahlil Gibran, a Lebanese —American writer and poet in his book *"The Prophet"* says: "When you love you should not say, 'God is in my heart, but rather, 'I am in the heart of God'".

Fr. Joachim

### Paul Miki,

Jesuit scholastic, and his 25 companions, including 2 Jesuits, 6 Franciscans, 15 tertiaries, and 2 laymen, were crucified by order of ruler Hideyoshi Feb 5, 1597 at Nagasaki; among them, the Mexican, Felipe de Jesus, the first martyr from the Americas to be beatified.

### Respect Life Corner

#### Word Of Life

"Walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God's gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us. 'Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age' (Matt. 28:20)

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

# EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

## Embracing Change in Christ

It's officially one month since we popped the champagne, toasted 2021 and wrote down a list of resolutions. This is usually the time when we start to take a good, hard look in the mirror to assess what we have done — or have not done — with the first month of this brand-new year.

New years can be scary, can't they? Full of promise, sure, but also full of room for failure. Full of space for our old baggage, old fears and the continuation of old mistakes.

The same can be said of Christ, and the new life he offers us, if we are brave enough to accept it. Opportunities like that can be intimidating. In that moment, we might find ourselves like the man with the unclean spirit crying out: "What have you to do with me, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?"

Jesus is a comforter of the afflicted; he is a consoling figure, but he is also a challenging one. Sometimes we have grown attached to our afflictions. The idea of correcting bad habits or forming new ones is frankly terrifying to us. We have a voice deep inside who sees Christ and his invitation to repentance, and it cries out in fear: "I know who you are!"

When we live in the present, disavowing the baggage of the past or fear of the future, we submit ourselves to the promise of redemption. Let us be brave everyday stewards and invite Christ's healing power into our lives. We won't regret it — I'm sure the demoniac never did.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

### Parish and Community News

Contribution statements are ready for email, pick up or snail mail. Please let the office know your choice.

Check out the Hanover Chamber pages for fund raisers and volunteer opportunities for our community.

St. John's also has volunteer openings for lectors, ushers, counters, please contact the office if interested.

Anyone interested and learning how to serve the Lord by learning how to be a sacristan for St. John's please contact Maria, in the office.

### Stewardship Report

|                         |                 |                    |
|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Weekend of January 17th | National Appeal | Diocesan Appeal    |
| Sun. Envelopes \$520.00 | \$155.00        | Goal \$5539.00     |
|                         |                 | To Date: \$3500.00 |

### Gospel Readings The Week Of January 31, 2021

Sunday: Mk 1:21-28  
 Monday: Mk 5:1-20  
 Tuesday: Lk 2:22-40  
 or 2:22-32  
 Wednesday: Mk 6:1-6  
 Thursday: Mk 6:7-13  
 Friday: Mk 6:14-29  
 Saturday: Mk 6:30-34  
 Next Sunday:  
 Mk 1:29-39

#### Liturgical Roles

##### Feb. 6th

|             |           |
|-------------|-----------|
| JoAnn Nolan | Lector    |
| Maria Kmiec | Sacristan |
| Joe Kmiec   | Usher     |
| Jim Irwin   | Usher     |

##### Feb 7th

|               |           |
|---------------|-----------|
| Matt Wild     | Lector    |
| Laura Kuzniar | Sacristan |
| Mike Kuzniar  | Usher     |



#### St. Anne Society

St. Anne Society meets Quarterly in Hanover at St. John's church hall.



#### Knights of Columbus


Fr. Ron Conro Knights of Columbus meet the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm in the church hall at The Church of St. Mary in Elizabeth .

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