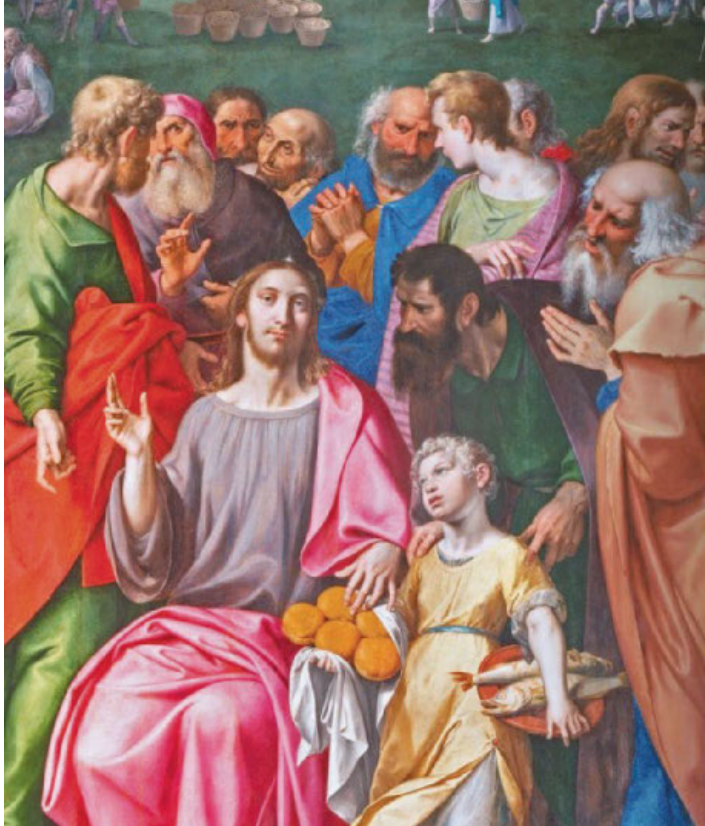


SAINT JOHN CATHOLIC CHURCH



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?” Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. - Jn 6:9, 11

JULY 28, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASSES

Vigil: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8, 10, 11:30 AM

No 5 PM Masses in July & August

(Communal Rosary after the 8 AM Mass)

DAILY MASSES

Monday-Friday: 8 AM

Saturday: 8:30 AM

(Communal Rosary after each Morning Mass)

Adoration

First Friday of the Month

Immediately after the 8:00 AM Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday after the 8:00 AM Mass

Sacrament of Confession

Saturdays: 3 – 4 PM or by appointment

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***But when you pray, go to your inner room
and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret.
And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.
~ Matthew 6:6***

Dear Parishioners:

We seem to be speeding through the summer. I hope you have had the time to take some rest and relax. As we have been doing for the last three summers, we have been busy continuing the work of renewing and refreshing the buildings here on the campus of our beautiful parish. This summer we will complete installation of a new floor in the Father Blanchard Center. The floor was badly damaged after serving our community for over 50 years. We also removed the non-functioning plywood additions to the stage and abated mold and other problems in the Hall, including upgrading the lighting. We will gain some much needed space in the Hall and also be able to use storage in the Hall that had been unusable. The Saint John Pre-School has grown greatly over the last two years, and needs more usable space. Also, in service to the Darien Community, we will be hosting voting in the Father Blanchard Center this summer and fall.

We have also been renewing and restoring the basement of the Church so as to make it more comfortable and useful.

July 26th is the feast of Saint Joachim and Saint Anne. Tradition tells us that they were the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. They are not mentioned in the Bible. Rather, their story was told in literature which was produced by early Christians fascinated by all aspects of Christ's life on earth. They produced many pious stories, often weaving them from the barest of historical fact. The authors were always anonymous, although they would use the name of a great saint or apostle to add credence to their story. They would even refer to them as "gospels" to try to give them authority.

The early accounts begin with Joachim and Anne, an older couple who longed for children and yet had not been so blessed. It tells how they prayed and longed for a child. Their prayer and petitions are heard by God, and they are blessed with a child, whom they named Mary. This longed for child was special, and her parents knew it. She was to be the vessel which would bear the *Longed-for-of-Ages* – the Messiah!

The Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne is the original Grandparents' Day because it honors the grandparents of the Savior. The fact of our Savior's human ancestry and the cooperation of His human family is our joy. Jesus Christ, the *Word Made Flesh*, dwelt among us in our human flesh. In honoring His grandparents we proclaim our Faith in the Incarnation – God become Man.

Let us pray blessing on all our Grandparents, indeed on all those of advanced years, as we call upon the "Grandparents of God" for intercession and blessing.

Love and peace,

Fr. Liam Quinlan

I've attached a picture I took on pilgrimage to Ireland a couple of years ago. You can see Queen Anne's Lace in the silhouetted in the foreground, a lake, and Kylemore Abbey in the distance. Queen Anne's Lace is named for Saint Anne, as it is in full bloom around her feast day.



Anyone who is new to our area or is looking for a spiritual home, Saint John Catholic Church warmly welcomes you. If you have any questions or are interested in joining our Saint John Parish community, please call Rose Lotocky at the parish office at 203-655-1145 or visit www.stjohndarien.org.



On sacred music: Peeters and Howells

I've written about the musical role of "propers" on a few occasions, and this Sunday's propers are particularly exciting for me this year – Year B, that is, not 2024. One of my favorite liturgical composers, Flor Peeters, wrote a suite specifically suited for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B, or in the Extraordinary Form, *Dominica XI Post Pentecosten*. Therefore, the organ music this week will be Peeters's *Ante Introitum* piece, *Deus in loco sancto suo*; *Post Offertorium: Exaltabo te*; *Post Communionem: Honora Dominum* – all corresponding to the propers for the day; and the postlude, *Post Benedictionem: Ite Missa est XI Missa* (based on the *Ite Missa est* chant melody from Mass XI, otherwise known as *Missa Orbis Factor*).

Another musical highlight this weekend will be the motet at communion – Herbert Howells's *Levavi oculos meos* for soprano and organ. I aim to explore some of the rather challenging music of Howells this upcoming choral season after diving headfirst into his sublime motet *Like as the hart* this past Easter. While *Levavi oculos meos* is arranged for a simple two-part ensemble, it retains all the complexity and nuance characteristic of Howells's sacred music, a fresh and respectful 20th century treatment of the text.

-Neil Flores,

Director of Sacred Music/Organist

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

Vigil:

4:30PM ✠ Joseph Lauro
by The Sanfilippo Family

SUNDAY

July 28

8:00AM ✠ George Hartlett by His Wife, Paula
People of Saint John Parish

10:00AM

11:30AM ✠ Theresa Willis *1st Anniversary*
by Marilyn Machi & Family

NO 5:00PM Mass

MONDAY

July 29

8:00AM ✠ Margaret D. Dunn by Her Family

TUESDAY

July 30

8:00AM ✠ Ltjg. Michael J. DeBartolomeo
by His Family

WEDNESDAY

July 31

8:00AM ✠ James Long

THURSDAY

August 1

8:00AM ✠ Carol & John Hansen by Geri Krawiec

FRIDAY

August 2

8:00AM ✠ John Bonner by Fr. Quinlan

SATURDAY

August 3

8:30AM ✠ Richard Beauregard by His Family

Vigil:

4:30PM ✠ Kathy Gogolak
by Cathy & Frank Gallagher

SUNDAY

August 4

8:00AM ✠ Joseph Valentine
by Marilyn & Dan Dolcetti
People of Saint John Parish

10:00AM

11:30AM ✠ Joanne Timmel
by The Schifini Family

NO 5:00PM Mass

Sanctuary Candles

The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of
Theresa Willis
by Marilyn Machi & Family

The Marian Candle burns in memory of
Anna Franko

The Saint Joseph Candle burns in memory of
Joan Mahoney
by Her Daughter

If you would like to memorialize or dedicate a candle in the sanctuary, in the name of a loved one, you may do so by contacting the parish office and making a request. We will take requests for petitions for the Saint Joseph, Sanctuary, and Marian candles which will burn for one week each.

The Mass Book for 2025 is now Open.

Mass Intentions and Sanctuary Candles are now a \$15 donation to the Church.



BECOME CATHOLIC

New Sessions Begin in September

RCIA is the process by which adults become fully Catholic through the sacraments of Baptism, the Eucharist and Confirmation. For Catholics, RCIA can expand and deepen your knowledge of our faith while growing closer to Jesus.

Perhaps you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and/or becoming fully Catholic, we invite you to come to our weekly sessions.

Got questions or need more information? Please contact Brad Bushell at (917) 837-6257 / BBushell@aol.com.

Readings for the Week of July 28, 2024

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 (see 16)/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15
Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Ps 32:18-19, 20, 21/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 (24b)/Eph 3:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35





Parishioners looking to baptize a child should contact Rose Lotocky at the parish office for registration information at (203) 655 - 1145 or stjohnb@optonline.net.

Thank You for Sharing Your Blessings.

Sunday, July 21, 2024: \$ 5,167
Online: \$ 2,355

Total: \$ 7,522
Last Year: \$ 8,598

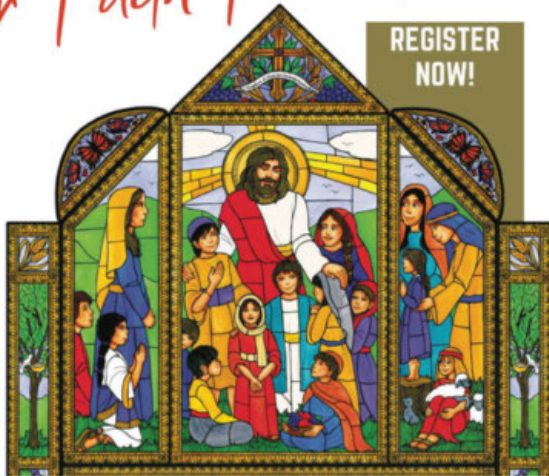
Co-Operative Mission Appeal: \$ 1,335
Last Year: \$ 1,423

Next Sunday, the second collection will be for our regular Monthly Offertory.

TIME TO REGISTER



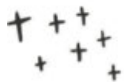
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Next session is at 7:00pm on Tuesday, August 6.

To join us, simply dial 1-605.313.4441 and enter code 885793# as prompted.

For more information, please contact Brad Bushell at 917.837.6257 / BBushell@aol.com



LifeNotes

for a Culture of Life and a Civilization of Love

Catholics, Protestants and Evangelicals may seem to be the final targets of the Culture War, but a closer look reveals Christianity was among the first. Paul Kengor, Catholic, author and political science professor, wrote: “And yet, all along, from the very outset, **no institution foresaw the scourge of atheistic communism like the Roman Catholic Church.** The Church’s scathing condemnation of communism preceded even *The Communist Manifesto* (1848). **Pope Pius IX released *Qui pluribus* (1846) affirming communism is “absolutely contrary to the natural law itself” and if adopted would “utterly destroy the rights, property, and possessions of all men, and even society itself.”** Pius IX issued *Nostis Et Nobiscum* (1849) referring to socialism and communism as “wicked ... perverted theories ... pernicious fictions.”

For the Church, this was the beginning of countless responses to communism and socialism (in strict Marxist-Leninist theory, socialism serves as a transition to full communism). Pope Leo XIII followed with *Quod Apostolici muneris* (1878) defining communism as “the fatal plague which insinuates itself into the very marrow of human society only to bring about its ruin.” More statements followed: 1881, 1901, 1910, 1914, 1924, 1928, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1937, 1939, 1961, 1971, 1991 and 2005. Pope Pius XI’s seminal *Quadragesimo Anno* (1931) wrote: “Religious socialism, Christian socialism, are contradictory terms; no one can be at the same time a good Catholic and a true socialist.” Excerpted Crisis Magazine and Tradition Family Property



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Saint John Parish

2024 Bishop’s Appeal as of 7/18/2024

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Wedding Jubilee Mass
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For all those married couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 45th or 50+ anniversaries are invited to gather at Saint Augustine Cathedral, Bridgeport Saturday, October 25, 2024 at 1:30PM for a Mass celebrated by Bishop Caggiano. More information to follow.

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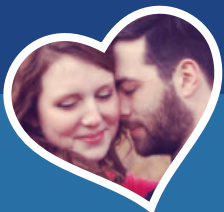
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