Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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Sacraments

Mass Schedule LC = Lower Church UC = Upper Church
Weekdays: 7:45, 12:05, 5:15 (LC)
Saturday: 7:45, 12:05 (LC); 5:15 Vigil for Sunday (UC)
Sunday: 8:30, 10:30, 12:30, 6:00pm (UC)

Reconciliation

Wednesday through Saturday: 3:30-5:00
Not available on Holy Days

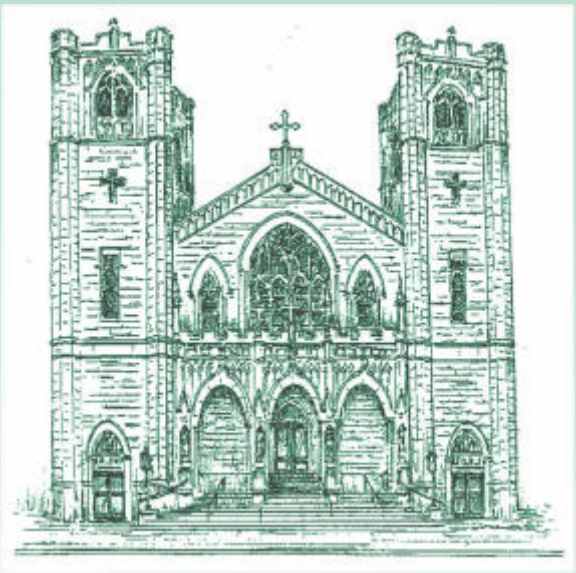
For Information on Sacraments

Please contact the Pastor regarding Baptisms, Weddings or other Sacraments at 215-563-4145 extension 23 or email him at pastor@stjohnsphilly.com.

Devotions

Evening Prayer and Benediction
Monday through Saturday 4:50pm (L)
Eucharist Adoration
Monday through Friday 12:45-4:45; Saturday 12:45-5:00 (LC)
Novena To Our Lady of Lourdes
Wednesday after the 12:05 and 5:15 Masses
Novena To St. "Padre" Pio: Friday after each Mass
The Rosary is prayed Monday through Friday at 5:45pm

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is open to adults who have not been Baptized and are considering becoming members of the Catholic Church and to those Catholics who have not completed their sacraments of initiation (Communion and/or Confirmation). Contact the RCIA Coordinator by phone at 215-563-4145 ext.14 or email at rcia@stjohnsphilly.com



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St John's Young Adult Community

St John's Young Adult Community (20s and 30s) host the 6pm Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. We also sponsor guest speakers, prayer nights, Bible studies, socials, and service events for young adults. If you would like to get involved or find out more, email contact@jacksyacs.com<mailto:contact@jacksyacs.com, or visit www.jacksyacs.com<http://www.jacksyacs.com/.

Health Care Ministry-Eucharistic Ministers

St. John's serves the pastoral needs of Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and Center for Neuroscience and PowerBack - Elder Care. To volunteer call the parish office.

O. F. S. - Secular Franciscans

Meets the 4th Sunday of every month. Contact Venus Murphy, OFS at 215-729-0409 (evenings) or Ann Marie DiCesare, OFS at 215-567-7763, ext. 122 (day)

Legion of Mary – Mother of Mercy Praesidium at St. John's
Meets on Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. at the Parish Center.
Mission: To find Jesus through prayer, works of mercy and evangelization through Mary and commitment to the Holy Spirit.
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915 Vine St., Phila., PA 215-922-0999
Sunday Mass Schedule: 10:00am - Cantonese
11:15am - English, 12:30pm - Mandarin
Friar John Daya, OFM Cap — Pastor

Parish Websites: www.stjohnsphilly.org, www.jacksyacs.com

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 4, 2021

From the Pastor's Desk

I have a variety of items to pass onto you this week.

As you are aware the July 4th holiday is being celebrated on Monday, July 5th. There is one Mass on the 5th at 9:00 am in the upper church.

I am happy to report that this week we paid $10,000.00 on the principal of our debt incurred for the repair of the church towers. Our new balance is **$796,036.00.** You might recall we needed to take out a loan from the Archdiocese in the amount of $1.2 million for the two repairs. Over the past five years, because of parishioner and visitor contributions we have been able to pay down our debt by nearly $500,000.00. Thanks to all who contributed in any way to this effort.

This past Wednesday another (this makes 6) structural engineer came to assess the needed repairs to the **basement and courtyard.** I have not received the report or the proposal but will keep you informed when that information becomes available to me.

Leave a Legacy or Honor a Loved One.
Please remember St. John the Evangelist in your will and estate planning. Memorial gifts to St. John's perpetuate the memory of a loved one or honor a living person. Your thoughtfulness and support will enable the parish to continue its presence, ministry, and service to the larger community.

Historical Preservation Endowment Fund
$438,489.39

Thank you for all you do for our parish and for your commitment to ensure that St. John's is "Good News in the Heart of Philadelphia."

Peace and God's blessing,

Father John

Please pray for the repose of the souls of our deceased and for all those in need of prayer….especially:

Our sick and recovering: Theresa Romeo Aponte, Barbara Gertz, P/O Andy Chan, Colin Neville, Ryan Patrick Hayes, Maryann McBride, Joyce Leonetti, Marva Branch, Ben Santos, Patricia Smith, Dorothy Stradling, Ricky Lapean, Jane DiGiacomo and Father Akolla's sister, Peggy.

Also ~ for those to whom we minister at Jefferson Hospital & for the intentions of those listed in our book of prayer.

Please call the Parish office to add someone to our list.

Parish Finances — Sunday Collection
June 26/27

Number of Envelopes Used: 46
Number of Envelopes Mailed: 340
Amount in Envelopes: $2,935.00
First Collection Loose: $1,075.00
Electronic Giving: 5
Amount:: $325.00
Total Collection: $4,335.00

Thank you for your support!

Readings for the week of July 4, 2021

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/ Mk 6:1-6a
Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15 ab [cf. 2b]/ Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 [15a]/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 [22]/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18 -19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 [cf. Ps 69:33]/Mt 10:24-33

St John the Baptist in Manayunk is seeking a new Facilities Maintenance Lead.

Position is full time, responsible for custodial care, cleaning and maintenance of all parish buildings including two churches, two cemeteries, administrative buildings, school buildings, parish hall/gymnasiums and parish grounds; site evaluations, repairs and overseeing contractors. Two years' experience required. Email **sjbphila@stjohnmanayunk.org** for more information.

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School has a sixth or seventh grade teaching position open for the 2021-2022 school year. This is a full-time position and any applicant must be a practicing Catholic, hold a Bachelor's Degree, and have a Teaching Certificate or be in the process of obtaining one.

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School has Technology and Art teaching positions open for the 2021-2022 school year. They are part-time positions, and any applicant must be a practicing Catholic, hold a Bachelor's Degree or an Associate's Degree, or be in the process of obtaining one.

For more information, please contact the principal, Dolores Butler at **215-763-6564**.

GOSPEL MEDITATION -
July 4, 2021 — 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's all so ordinary that we can easily miss it. The seagulls hunting and diving for mollusks at the beach offer a display of determination and precision as they gather their food for the day. It's simply what these creatures do. Yet, there's a magical artfulness and skill to their work that speaks volumes about the One who breathed life into their being. This is pretty much the way it is with God's presence. God comes in common ways through common things and ordinary people. Sadly, we are so engulfed in our little worlds of order and ideas to notice the beauty and wonder of it all. Many have numbed themselves to the Divine spark at the essence of all life because that's just the way it is. What's so special about it? A sunset is a sunset and a seagull is a seagull. That's precisely what they thought about Jesus too. After all, isn't he just the carpenter's son? What merit can his words possibly have?

If we're looking for God to come in an event that is so dramatic and intense that it knocks our socks off, then think again. When pondering God's relationship with His people and God's action in our lives, we have to go back to the stable and the recurring, creative, unending power of God's presence. It was a quiet, run of the mill kind of night. There was nothing spectacular or extraordinary. To the naked eye, a woman gave birth to a child and there wasn't anything extraordinary to see. We have a hard time understanding God's ordinary-ness. Jesus grew up in an ordinary town, had neighbors and did normal human things. Perhaps that's why we don't always like the Gospel. It doesn't dazzle us with extraordinary things but simply challenges us to take a different look at our ordinary stuff. That makes us uncomfortable. We prefer things as they are. Our lack of faith can even cause us to take offense at what Jesus says and does, dismissing it as folly.

God's life-giving presence continues to sustain that seagull in flight and keep all things in being regardless of whether we have the faith to see and understand this. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be hardened and blinded to what God is doing or desiring to do. While God continues to do what he has done for all eternity, faith is needed for God's presence to bear fruit. The blinders we wear and the expectations we bring to life can often prevent us from seeing graced moments that radiate with God's graceful presence. They also prevent God's transforming, healing, and hope filled vision for our world from being realized. Without faith, God won't be able to do much for us either.

Birthday Blessings

July 4 ~ Mickey Leroy
July 6 ~ **P**atricia Evans
July 7 ~ Mary Kay Cicala
July 9 ~ Marie Colville, Howard Cusick, Emily Rojax

Did we forget your birthday? If so, please let us know….

MASS I INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 3 ~ Vigil — 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:15 pm Intention of the Celebrant

Sunday, July 4 ~ Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am Michele Harris — Birthday
10:30 am People of the Parish
12:30 pm Intentions of the Celebrant
6:00 pm Intentions of the Celebrant

Monday, July 5 ~ Weekday
9:00 am T Jay's 36th Birthday (L)
One Mass only today

Tuesday, July 6 ~ Weekday
7:45 am The Polek Family
12:05 pm Mary Ciloon Dougherty — 14th Birthday
5:15 pm Paul Hargadon

Wednesday, July 7 ~ Weekday
7:45 am Joseph Hargadon (L)
12:05 pm Friends, Benefactors and Members of the Sanctuary Guild
5:15 pm Jessica Grace Niblack — Birthday (D)

Thursday, July 8 ~ Weekday
7:45 am In Honor of Betty Coyle (L)
12:05 pm Bill & Robin Connor (L)
5:15 pm In Honor of Fr. John Daya — 43rd Anniversary of Priesthood (L)

Friday, July 9 ~ Weekday
7:45 am Benefactors of St. John's Hospice
12:05 pm Dorothy Hargadon
5:15 pm Patricia Senior — 15th Anniversary

Saturday, July 10 ~ Weekday
7:45 am Kenneth R. Carrion, Jr. (L)
12::05 pm Judy Feliciano (L)

Vigil - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:15 pm Intentions of the Celebrant

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week:

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Upper Church *~ in memory of Dorothy & Paul Hargadon*

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