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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

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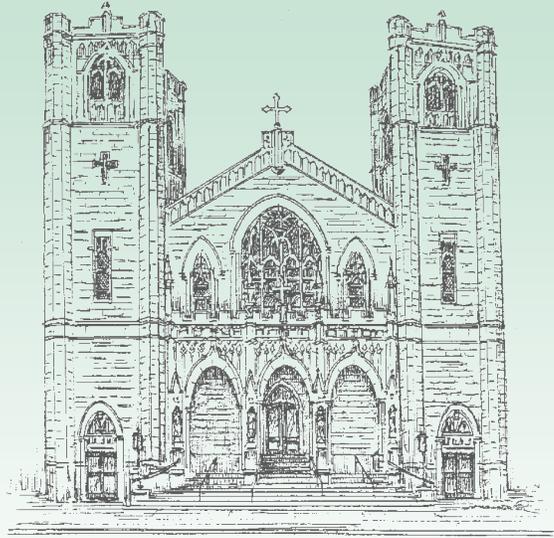
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Sunday Mass Schedule: 10:00am - Cantonese

11:15am - English, 12:30pm - Mandarin

Friar John Daya, OFM Cap — Pastor

Parish Websites: www.stjohnsphilly.org,



"Good News in the Heart of Philadelphia"

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

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 or visit 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.
Wanted: Active and Auxiliary members. 215-457-6343
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LGBT Prayer Group -St. John's invites all LGBT members and their friends to a monthly meeting every 2nd Tuesday at 7pm at the parish center. This meeting is open to everyone and will consist of prayer, monthly discussion topics and a social. Contact Michael Flynn at microsflyn@aol.com for more details.

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 31, 2021

From the Pastor's Desk

I have a few reminders but first a reflection that I believe is pertinent to all of us.

Remembering Our Beloved Dead

The readings and prayers at a Catholic wake service, funeral Mass and graveside blessing are a wonderful expression of what we believe about life, death and the life hereafter. As the Church prays, so the Church believes.

"The souls of the just are in the hand of God and no torment shall touch them." (Wisdom 3:1)

This is a line from one of the readings at a funeral Mass. Many people, including myself, find this quote very consoling—an assurance that our loved ones are with God.

In our Catholic Faith, we have always had a profound reverence and respect for the dead. The honorable custom of visiting family and friends' graves has been a part of many people's childhood and adult life.

The catacombs in Rome were the first Christian cemeteries. There the martyrs and deceased members of the community were buried in caves. The community would frequent these caves with visits and prayers. Mass was even offered on the tombs of various holy men and women who gave their lives for the Lord. Their burial site was the altar.

Even today, we bless the ground where a person's remains are buried. The following prayer is said at the graveside:

"Lord Jesus Christ, by your own three days in the tomb you hallowed the graves of all who believe in you and so made the grave a sign of hope that promises resurrection even as it claims our mortal bodies. Grant that our brothers and sisters may sleep here in peace until you awaken them to glory."

During this holy month of November, take time to remember your deceased relatives and friends. If it is possible, visit their graves and offer a prayer for them, and ask their prayers for you.

"We believe that all the ties of friendship and affection which knit us as one throughout our lives do not unravel with death."

This Wake Service prayer reminds us that we are still connected to our loved ones. We are woven together with them not only through our thoughts, memories and affections but are spiritually in union with them in the Communion of Saints.

We friars say this prayer to end our evening meal.

"May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."

May we continue to honor our dead by living lives of faith, hope and love.

(adapted from an article by Father Greg Chervenak, O.F.M. Cap.)

I am on vacation and will be back in my office on Wednesday, November 3rd. Please remember me in your prayers for safe travels. Thank you.

As a reminder, **November 1st is the Feast of All Saints**. Because it is on a Monday this year, it is **not** a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will follow the usual week-day schedule

Historical Preservation Endowment Fund

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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 blessings,
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, Colin Neville, Ryan Patrick Hayes, Dorothy Stradling, Father Akolla's sister, Peggy, Concetta Miller, Howard Cusick, Louis Macrie, Dolores Filippini, Grace Coughlan, Dot Vaughan, Arlee Kirby and Jim Chadwick.

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

The Collection Report for October 23/24 will appear in next week's Bulletin

Readings for the week of October 31, 2021

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

Monday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Tuesday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1 or 4ab]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40a

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [1b]/Lk 16:9-15

Birthday Blessings

November 1 ~ George Bradford, Robert Bueding

November 4 ~ Paul Danove, Laura Rodriguez-Ramos

November 5 ~ William Doyle

November 6 ~ David Bassett, Sheldon Gilchrist, Helena Taylor, Evelyn VanBalen

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

Gospel Meditation —31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Centuries of God’s devoted people have found this prayer on their lips: “Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!” The fundamental prayer has been laid as the cornerstone of many spiritual lives. Where did you learn how to pray or did you? Maybe there is a wisdom figure in your life who inspired and guided you by the genuine, holy simplicity of their lives. His or her example may have led you to God and taught you how to pray. Or perhaps you discovered this art on your own after stumbling over yourself enough times and finally realizing it was time to reach out to Someone greater than yourself. There is a timeless truth that we not only tend to forget, but may have never learned. There is only one God, the Lord alone! As a result, we often worship other gods rather than the One true God. Everything in our life gets distorted and we find ourselves lost and off center.

If we haven’t learned it yet, there is a life lesson at the top of all of the possible lessons to be learned. There is One True and Eternal God who alone has a solitary claim on us and must be loved with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Until we learn this primary lesson, we run the risk of getting distracted and side-tracked. We will also never really figure out what is at the heart of the relationships we share with the other human beings on this planet with whom we share life. That one primary lesson will teach us the second most valuable lesson: that we must love our neighbor as ourselves. You cannot have one without the other. The presence of God in the core soul of each one of us requires that all of our relationships work together. This truth is at the heart of the Gospel.

If every human being, each in their own way, could stumble upon and genuinely embrace this truth, look how different life would be! Our priorities will immediately shift from “I and me” to “us and we” and we will develop a more inclusive vision for our brothers and sisters. Concerned not only about my own well-being and happiness but also that of our brothers and sisters, humanity stands a chance at succeeding in the struggle with injustice, abuse, inequity, violence, war, entitlement, and privilege. It seems that getting to this point has been at the heart of the Gospel and the kingdom of God from the moment Jesus first started to preach. It’s a wonder why, then, why so many centuries later, we have still failed to achieve his vision. Maybe we just haven’t learned our primary lessons yet.

REMEMBERING OUR DECEASED —November is the month in which we remember our deceased loved ones in a special way.

MEMORIAL CROSSES are available for those who wish to honor deceased family and friends at this time. These crosses will be placed in our cemetery and will remain there for the month of November. Special envelopes with blank labels will be available in both the Upper and Lower Church for anyone wishing to place a memorial cross in the cemetery.

ALL SOULS NOVENA — Novena envelopes are available in the back of Church. Simply write the names of all those you wish to enroll on the envelope and place the envelope and your donation in the collection basket. All those enrolled will be remembered in daily mass for 9 days beginning Tuesday, November 2 .

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 30 ~ Vigil — 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:15 pm People of the Parish

Sunday, October 31 ~ Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am Intentions of the Celebrant
10:30 am Intentions of the Celebrant
12:30 pm Intentions of the Celebrant
6:00 pm Intentions of the Celebrant

Monday, November 1 ~ All Saints Day
7:45 am Mary Chen
12:05 pm Friends, Benefactors and Members of the Sanctuary Guild
5:15 pm Pedro & Maria Arevalo

Tuesday, November 2 ~ All Souls Day
7:45 am Mr. & Mrs. Gaston Maurice
12:05 pm All Souls Novena Intentions
5:15 pm Dec’d Members—Arevalo & Lascado Fam.

Wednesday, November 3 ~ Weekday
7:45 am All Souls Novena Intentions
12:05 pm Michael Carvajal — 9th Anniversary
5:15 pm Benefactors of St. John’s Hospice

Thursday, November 4 ~ Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop
7:45 am All Souls Novena Intentions
12:05 pm Leopold Okulicki
5:15 pm Secular Franciscans

Friday, November 5 ~ Weekday
7:45 am Emily Ceniza
12:05 pm Pamela McDonald
5:15 pm All Souls Novena Intentions

Saturday, November 6 ~ Weekday
7:45 am Sam Basile
12:05 pm All Souls Novena Intentions

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

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