

# 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](mailto: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

## HOLY REDEEMER

## CHINESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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](http://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](mailto: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](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.  
Wanted: Active and Auxiliary members. 215-457-6343  
[SJLegionofMary@gmail.com](mailto:SJLegionofMary@gmail.com) • [fb.com/SJLegionofMary](http://fb.com/SJLegionofMary)

**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](mailto:microsflyn@aol.com) for more details.

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, December 26, 2021**

As always, I have several items I want to pass on to you, but first,

### MERRY CHRISTMAS!

I hope you, your family and friends had a wonderful, joyful celebration of the Birth of Christ.

Once again, **Christmas was a wonderful, inspiring celebration here at St. John's.** I want to say a word of thanks to those who gave their time, energy and talents in making it a joy-filled experience: those in various liturgical roles of service, those who cleaned the upper and lower churches, to all of us for our presence and participation; each of us, in our own way enhanced the Christmas liturgy in making it an inspiring celebration of the Birth of Christ. I particularly want to offer a special word of gratitude to **Deborah Lewis**, sacristan, for her bringing beauty to the churches by her creative decorations.

On behalf of the pastoral staff and Capuchin friars, **thanks** to those who sent greeting cards, gifts and wishes for the Season. On a **personal note**, thanks to those who remembered me through your cards, gifts and kind words and sentiments; you truly added to my Christmas joy and spirit!

There is still time to make a **Year-End** gift to St. John's. Here are several suggestions where you might direct your gift:

Pastor's discretion, Operating budget, Historical Endowment Preservation Fund, Debt reduction effort.

The Finance Committee is in **need of members.** The committee meets the second Wednesday at 6:00 pm in the parish center. On average, the meetings run about 45 minutes. If you have an interest, please call me at 215-563-4145x23.

### Historical Preservation Endowment Fund \$518,003.65

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 to you, your family and friends throughout this Christmas Season!  
Father John

December 26, 2021

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

**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, Dorothy Stradling, Father Akolla's sister, Peggy, Concetta Miller, Howard Cusick, Arlee Kirby, Terri McNamee, Jim Chadwick, and Fr. Francis Russo.

**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.**

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

**NEW YEAR SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, December 26**  
8:30, 10:30, 12:30 & 6:00 pm

**Friday, December 31—New Year's Eve**  
7:45 & 12:05 Mass only

**No Confession or Adoration on New Year's Eve**  
**Church will close following the 12:05 Mass**

**New Year's Eve — Vigil of Mary, Mother of God**  
5:15 pm

**Saturday, January 1 — New Year's Day**  
**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**  
9:00 am

**No Confession or Adoration on New Year's Day**

**Feast of the Epiphany**  
**Vigil — 5:15 pm**

**Sunday, January 2 – Feast of the Epiphany**  
8:30, 10:30, 12:30 & 6:00 pm

**Readings for the week of December 26, 2021**

**Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

**Monday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

**Friday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

**Saturday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

**Parish Finances — Sunday Collection**  
**December 11/12**

Number of Envelopes Used: 35

Number of Envelopes Mailed: 350

Amount in Envelopes: \$1,845.00

First Collection Loose: \$2,885.00

Second Collection- Music Ministry: \$1,772.00  
(includes \$1,243.00 from Christmas Concert)

Electronic Giving: 9

Amount: \$570.00

**Total Collection: \$7,072.00**

**Thank you for your support!**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, December 26 ~ Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

8:30 am People of the Parish

10:30 am Matt McGoff

12:30 pm Christmas Novena Intentions

6:00 pm For the Intention of the Celebrant

**Monday, December 27 ~ St. John, Apostle and Evangelist**

7:45 am In Honor of St. John the Evangelist

12:05 pm Deceased members of the Pacetti Family

5:15 pm Christmas Novena Intentions

**Tuesday, December 28 ~ The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

7:45 am Deceased Members of the Thrasher Family

12:05 pm Marisa Amoroso

5:15 pm Frank Dzwoniarek

**Wednesday, December 29 ~ Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

7:45 am Friends, Benefactors and Members of the Sanctuary Guild

12:05 pm Christmas Novena Intentions

5:15 pm Juan Marrero

**Thursday, December 30 ~ Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

7:45 am Margaret Hackett

12:05 pm Benefactors of St. John's Hospice

5:15 pm Christmas Novena Intentions

**Friday, December 31 ~ Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

7:45 am Christmas Novena Intentions

12:05 pm Fr. Senan Glass & Fr. Anselm Martin

**Vigil of Mary, Mother Of God**

5:15 pm Jill Mansour

**Saturday, January 1 — Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

9:00 am Christmas Novena Intentions

**Vigil — Epiphany of the Lord**

5:15 pm Intentions of the Celebrant

*The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week:*

*Lower Church ~ in memory of the Smith Family*

*Upper Church ~ in honor of Richard Fandino*

**Birthday Blessings**

**December 27 ~ Laurel Grady**

**December 28 ~ Susan Janowiak, Heidi Strickland**

**December 29 ~ Michael Johnston**

**December 31 ~ Jane Canaan**

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



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