

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

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,



"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 <<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 • • 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 for more details.

Epiphany of the Lord, January 2, 2022

From the Pastor's Desk

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas celebration and that the 2022 will be a good one for all of us.

As you and I know, when a new year begins the news media recaps some of the top stories of the past year. Here at St. John's there have been many **significant newsworthy events** that occurred and have been celebrated. I want to tell you about those:

24 infants were welcomed into the church through Baptism

4 persons received the gift of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation

1 adult individual was baptized (RCIA)

50 couples committed themselves to each other through Marriage

2 persons completed their life's journey in death

177 individuals received the Sacrament of the Sick or Last Rites at Jefferson Hospital or at home

Since December 20th the total **Year-End** donations amounted to **\$61,800.00**. Of that number, \$29,000.00 was directed to the debt reduction fund (stipulated by the donor), the remaining \$32,800.00 was designated for my discretionary use.

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 \$518,259.65

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 and in this New Year!

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, 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.

Parish Finances — Sunday Collection December 18/19

Number of Envelopes Used: 42

Number of Envelopes Mailed: 350

Amount in Envelopes: \$1,300.00

First Collection Loose: \$1,875.00

Second Collection- Music Ministry: \$415.00

Electronic Giving: 10

Amount: \$978.00

Total Collection: \$4,568.00

Thank you for your support!

Readings for the week of January 02, 2022

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Birthday Blessings

January 2 ~ Kristen Maynes

January 3 ~ Ryan DiSanti

January 5 ~ Theresa Catelli, Mary Louise DiGiuseppe, Meghan Morley

January 7 ~ Arthur Lumi, Alice Nelson

January 8 ~ Kyra Malamood

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

GOSPEL MEDITATION
January 2, 2022
The Epiphany of the Lord

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 2 ~ Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 am Christmas Novena Intentions
 10:30 am People of the Parish
 12:30 pm For the Intention of the Celebrant
 6:00 pm For the Intention of the Celebrant

Monday, January 3 ~ Christmas Weekday

7:45 am Veronica Daya
 12:05 pm Ronald Slepín
 5:15 pm Shu Fang Chen

Tues., January 4 ~ St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

7:45 am Mary & Louis Sgro
 12:05 pm Intentions of John Best (L)
 5:15 pm Millie White (L)

Wed., January 5 ~ St. John Neumann, Bishop

7:45 am Special Intention of Margaret Sgro (L)
 12:05 pm Sr. Rosemary Rehrer
 5:15 pm Jean Lentine

Thursday, January 6 ~ Christmas Weekday

7:45 am Friends, Benefactors and Members
 of the Sanctuary Guild
 12:05 pm Fr. Joe Glynn, OCD
 5:15 pm the Dr. Mark Testa Family (L)

Friday, January 7 ~ Christmas Weekday

7:45 am Joseph DiGrazia
 12:05 pm Shu Fang Chen
 5:15 pm Juan Marrero

Saturday, January 8 ~ Christmas Weekday

7:45 am Benefactors of St. John's Hospice
 12:05 pm Frank Lee

Vigil ~ The Baptism of the Lord

5:15 pm Intentions of the Celebrant

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week:

Lower Church ~ in honor of Richard Fandino



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