

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 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
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.

The Baptism of the Lord, January 9, 2022

From the Pastor's Desk

This week I have a couple of new items to pass on to you and an update.

We are eight days in to the New Year which I hope has been good to you, your family and friends so far.

You might recall the weekend of October 16/17 Sister Dorothy Fabritze of the Missionary Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on behalf of the Annual Missionary Appeal. Sister Dorothy asked that I publish the following:

“It was a joy for me to be present with you! I shared with you the efforts of the Missionary Sisters to empower the local church in 21 countries around the world to continue a tradition of compassionate presence through our ministry. Although I had hoped to met many of you personally, I am **grateful for your generosity** in response to my mission appeal which amounted to **\$1,211.00**. Our Sisters are grateful for your generosity. I along with our Sisters will continue to pray for all of you - especially during this time of pandemic - and we ask that you continue to pray for us as well”.

Year-End Giving

As of January 4, 2022, our Year-End giving has grown to **\$70,699.00!** Of that number, \$35,249.00 was directed to the debt reduction fund (stipulated by the donors), the remaining \$35,450.00 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 \$522,179.65

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 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 25/26

Number of Envelopes Used: 34
Number of Envelopes Mailed: 350
Amount in Envelopes: \$2,210.00
First Collection Loose: \$760.00
Electronic Giving: 6
Amount: \$310.00
Total Collection: \$3,280.00

Christmas Collection

Number of envelopes used: 39
Amount in Envelopes: \$10,495.00
Loose: \$1,910.00
Electronic Giving: 1
Amount: \$50.00
Total Collection: \$12,455.00

January 1/2

Number of Envelopes Used: 46
Number of Envelopes Mailed: 350
Amount in Envelopes: \$1,792.00
First Collection Loose: \$2,625.00
Electronic Giving: 12
Amount: \$525.00
Total Collection: \$4,942.00

Mary, Mother of God

Number of envelopes: 18
Amount in envelopes: \$315.00
Loose: \$375.00
Total Collection: \$690

Thank you for your support!

Birthday Blessings

January 10 ~ Joyce Larry

January 12 ~ Patricia Niblack, Diana Zalewski

January 15 ~ Gilda Thomas

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

GOSPEL MEDITATION — January 9, 2022
The Baptism of the Lord

“We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ.”
 — Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

Readings for the week of January 09, 2022

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, 21-22or, 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

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 9 ~ Baptism of the Lord

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

Monday, January 10 ~ Weekday

7:45 am Bonacruz & Manalo Family (L & D)
 12:05 pm John Wilson
 5:15 pm Fr. Anselm Martin — 11th Anniversary

Tuesday, January 11 ~ Weekday

7:45 am Joseph Chen
 12:05 pm Friends, Benefactors and Members of the Sanctuary Guild
 5:15 pm Ruth Flynn

Wed., January 12 ~ Weekday

7:45 am Souls in Purgatory
 12:05 pm Joseph Chen
 5:15 pm Betty & Philip Smith — 6th Anniversary

Thursday, January 13 ~ Weekday

7:45 am Ramon DeGordon
 12:05 pm Shu Fang Chen
 5:15 pm Mother Yang

Friday, January 14 ~ Weekday

7:45 am Intentions of David Best (L)
 12:05 pm Helpless Souls
 5:15 pm Benefactors of St. John's Hospice

Saturday, January 15 ~ Weekday

7:45 am Andy Chen
 12:05 pm Mary Adel Nise

Vigil ~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:15 pm Intentions of the Celebrant

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week:

Lower Church ~ in honor of Richard Fandino

The Parish Center will be closed on Monday, January 17 in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King. The office will re-open on Tuesday, January 18 at 9:00 am.



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