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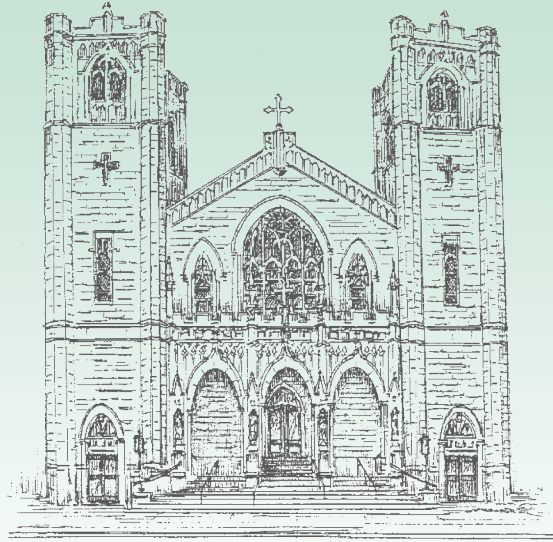
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Sacraments

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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Sunday Mass Schedule: 10:00am - Cantonese

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

Friar John Daya, OFM Cap — Pastor

Parish Websites: www.stjohnsphilly.org,

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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.
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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.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 16, 2022

From the Pastor's Desk

This week I have several new items that will be of interest to you as well as updates.

Masks required at St. John's. Even though the Archdiocesan policy is not imposing the wearing of masks but strongly encourages wearing them, in the interest of safety and health of everyone, the friars have agreed to require wearing masks in church and in the parish office. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

New Assignment and congratulations to Father Akolla who has been assigned as chaplain at Neumann University. Due to his assignment he will no longer serve as parochial vicar of St. John's but he will still be in residence here.

In celebration of **Martin Luther King, Jr.** there will be only **one** Mass on Monday, January 17th at 9:00 am in the upper church. The parish office will be closed and will reopen on Tuesday.

As we celebrate the life of Martin Luther King, Jr., let us pray that our government leaders and each of us recommit ourselves to promoting the rights and dignity of all persons and work to eliminate prejudice in all its forms.

Firefighter's Mass. Due to the rising cases as a result of the omicron variant, the Firefighter's Mass is canceled for this year.

Finance Committee. On Wednesday, January 12th members of the Finance Committee will gather for its monthly meeting. One of the agenda items will be to discuss where we will apply the \$35,450.00 year end giving designated for my discretionary use. As I mentioned in my previous columns, \$35,249.00 will be used for the debt reduction effort as requested by the donors. As a reminder the total year end giving came to \$70,699.00. I want to express my sincere **thanks** to all who made donations in support of St. John's.

Historical Preservation Endowment Fund \$522,581.95

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, Dorothy Stradling, Father Akolla's sister, Peggy, Concetta Miller, Howard Cusick, Arlee Kirby, Terri McNamee, Jim Chadwick, Fr. Francis Russo, Janice McCabe, Linda Smith, Greg Scanlon and Rich McMichael.

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 January 15/16

Number of Envelopes Used: 31
Number of Envelopes Mailed: 350
First Collection: \$2,546.00
Electronic Giving: 9
Amount: \$608.00
Total Collection: \$3,226.00

Thank you for your support!

Readings for the week of January 16, 2022

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

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Birthday Blessings

January 17 ~ Elizabeth Abrams, Lucille Nibbio

January 18 ~ Richard Finch

January 19 ~ Judith Logan

January 22 ~ Lauren Kearney, Nicholas Paulson

Belated Birthday Greetings to Ed O'Donnell who celebrated his birthday on January 15.

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

GOSPEL MEDITATION — January 16, 2022
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., January 15 — Vigil — 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:15 pm For the Intention of the Celebrant

Sunday, January 16 ~ 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:30 am For the Intention of the Celebrant
 10:30 am For the Intention of the Celebrant
 12:30 pm For the Intention of the Celebrant
 6:00 pm People of the Parish

Monday, January 17 ~ Weekday

9:00 am Br. Michelangelo Pio & CFRs (L)

One Mass only today

Church will close immediately following Mass

Tuesday, January 18 ~ Weekday

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

12:05 pm Paul Chin and Family — Thanksgiving (L)
 5:15 pm Janice Chen

Wednesday, January 19 ~ Weekday

7:45 am Brady and Kyle Chin — Thanksgiving (L)

12:05 pm Edward Barabin, Jr.

5:15 pm Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, January 20 ~ Weekday

7:45 am Benefactors of St. John's Hospice

12:05 pm Tyler Kavana (L)

5:15 pm Souls in Purgatory

Friday, January 21 ~ Weekday

7:45 am Evelyn Posluszny

12:05 pm Intentions of Drew & Kate Best & Family(L)

5:15 pm Antoinette Gonnella

Saturday, January 23 ~ Weekday

7:45 am Joseph Chen

12:05 pm Martha de Lozano

Vigil ~ Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:15 pm People of the Parish

*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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