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Sacraments Mass Schedule

Weekdays (lower church)
7:45, 12:05, 5:15

Sunday (upper church)
Saturday vigil 5:15
8:30, 10:30
12:30, 6:00PM

Devotions

Evening Prayer and Benediction

Monday through Saturday: 4:50 PM

Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes & Saint Bernadette after all Masses on Wednesday

Novena to Padre Pio: after all Masses on Friday

Eucharistic Adoration: Monday through Saturday, 12:30-5:00 PM

Reconciliation

Wednesday through Saturday: 3:30—4:45 PM
No Confessions on Holy Days

Baptisms and Weddings

Contact the Pastor at 215-563-4145 ext. 23 or at pastor@stjohnsphilly.com

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The RCIA is for those who are considering entering the Catholic Church through Baptism, or for those who are already baptized, through Confirmation and First Eucharist. For information, call the parish office.

"Good News in the Heart of Philadelphia"

O. F. S. - Secular Franciscans -Meets the 4th Sunday of every month. Contact Carolyn Murray @267-881-8794.

LGBT Prayer Group -There is 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

Saint John Young Adult Community — Jack's Yacs is a young adult community that meets regularly for prayer, catechesis and social interaction. For information contact Father Tom at pastor@stjohnsphilly.org

Laudato Si Circle — Meets on First Sundays after the 10:30 am Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church Parish Center (enter on Ludlow Street). Help St. John the Evangelist Church and the surrounding community to go green while learning ways to deepen your own Eco spirituality. For more information contact LaudatoSiCircle@Stjohnsphilly.com or call Carolyn Murray @267-881-8794.

HOLY REDEEMER CHINESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

915 Vine St., Phila., PA
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Sunday Mass Schedule:

10:00am - Cantonese

11:15am - English

1:30pm - Mandarin

Friar Thomas Betz, OFM Cap — Pastor

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 29, 2023

From the Pastor's Desk

Second collection for Debt Reduction: Our monthly collection for Saint John Church debt reduction is this weekend, October 28-29. Please be generous.

Holy Hour/Happy Hour: Jack's Yacs, our young adult outreach, will have a Holy Hour in the lower church after the 5:15 Mass on Wednesday, November 1, the Feast of All Saints. It is also the vigil of the Feast of All Saints. After our Holy Hour, we will head to a local bar for some drinks and fellowship.

Beef and Beer Fundraiser: A few parishioners would like to revive an old tradition of an annual beef and beer fundraiser. But we need a committee to work on it. If you'd like to help, please email me at pastor@stjohnsphilly.com.

Saint John Golden Eagles: We have at Saint John's an active young adult outreach. We want also to have a dynamic outreach to our senior church members and friends, those 60 years of age and older. On Sunday, October 29 after the 10:30 Mass we will hold a meeting and social for seniors. Refreshments will be available and we look for ideas about how we can better serve our seniors. The name "Saint John's Golden Eagles" has been suggested since the eagle is the symbol of Saint John the Evangelist, the writer of the fourth gospel.

Mass in Honor of Saint Martin de Porres, November 5: The annual Mass in honor of Saint Martin de Porres will begin with a choir prelude at 2:30 PM followed by Mass at 3 PM at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. This event is sponsored by the Office for Black Catholics.

November, the 'month of the dead': November begins with the Feast of All Saints, in which we are assured that ordinary people--mothers and fathers, bankers and plumbers, students and teachers--are all called to live with Christ forever in heaven. Saints are not just canonized well known people, but ordinary people like you and me. On November 2, we have the Feast of All Souls which assures us that imperfect people, sinners, are still called to salvation through an after death purification in purgatory.

Here at Saint John's we offer two ways to remember and pray for our beloved dead in November. Beginning on the Feast of all Souls, we will offer a novena of Masses (nine days) for those whose names are submitted. And during the month of November, you can place names of your deceased love ones on a cross which will be displayed in our cemetery. Remember your deceased relatives and friends at Saint John's during November. Special envelopes for both the Novena and the Memorial Crosses are available in the back of the Church

Fr. Tom

Help Wanted

We are in need of Altar Servers for Sunday Mass. Anyone interested is asked to contact Nadine at flossiecamac@gmail.com or call 267-254-1098.

Black Catholic History: Report by Nadine Boulware
On July 20-23, 2023, Brother Andrew McCarty OFM Cap, Deborah Lewis and Nadine Boulware attended the 13th National Black Catholic Congress in National Harbor, Maryland.

The following is a report from Nadine on her experience of the Congress:

The theme of the Congress was "Write the Vision. A Prophetic Call to Thrive". The Congress is a gathering of Black Catholics from across the United States. The National Black Catholic Congress has a long and distinguished history. The first Congress met January 1-4, 1889 in Washington DC and was attended by Father Augustus Tolton, the first Black Catholic priest in the US. It was called at that time, The Congress of Colored Catholics. The first Congress was organized by Daniel Rudd, a former slave and journalist.

At the 2023 Congress I was inspired as I witnessed people being informed, fellowshiping with others, sharing their experiences of being Black and Catholic in 2023. More than 3,000 people attended, including bishops, deacons, priests and lay people. Deborah Lewis and I were amazed and thrilled to be in the midst of such a large gathering of enthusiastic Black Catholics from across the United States.

I grew up in an all-Black Catholic parish, Our Lady of Mercy, in North Philadelphia. I never met or even saw a Black nun or priest until I was an adult. When I was a child, it seemed that there were plenty of Black Catholics, though no clergy or religious Sisters. But over the years, as Black Catholic parishes closed in Philadelphia, I saw fewer and fewer Black Catholics. It seemed to me that Black Catholics were a dying breed until I experienced the 2023 Congress. I was discouraged at the diminishment of the Catholic faith among African Americans and at times, I doubted my faith in the Catholic Church, though I never doubted my faith in God.

I am here to bear witness that Catholicism among African Americans is not dying; it is thriving!

We are all children of God, no matter the color of skin or gender, but Black Catholics have a magnificent history in the US Catholic Church and that story needs to be told..

November 2023 is Black Catholic History month. I wonder how many people know that there are six Black Catholic Americans who are being actively considered for canonization as saints. I feel called as a result of my experience at the 2023 Congress to share the story of these six servants of God who fought to keep their faith and who guided others to persevere as Catholics.

I will begin with Father Augustus Tolton. He was declared Venerable by Pope Francis in 2019. He lived by these words: "Follow not a well-worn path. Go instead where there is no path and blaze a trail."

I am ready to blaze a trail to help us learn how these six Venerables kept their faith in God. Walk with me over the next few months as I share their stories in the Saint John the Evangelist bulletin

Cookie Alert — Volunteers Needed

Cookie makers are desperately needed for upcoming events. Use your talents, show your creativity while serving the parish and bringing joy to others.

Please contact Carolyn Murray @ 267-881-8794 to volunteer.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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, Father Akolla's sister, Peggy, Bob Bueding, Harry Booker, David Hoefner, Kyran Hines, Josh Bradley, Tony DiSandro, Kathleen Hubert, Gina Hilo, Bridget McCulligan, Andrea Coughlan, Jean Smith, Dan Mansor and Jim Hughes.

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.

Sunday Collection October 21/22

Number of Envelopes Used: 346
Number of Envelopes Mailed: 325
Amount in Envelopes: \$2,218.00
First Collection Loose: \$1,572.00
Second Collection: \$851.00 (**Mission Sunday**)
Electronic Giving: 49
Amount: \$2,277.00
Total Collection: \$ 6,918.00

Thank you for support!

Birthday Blessings

October 31 ~ Renee Lamons
November 1 ~ Daniel Allen, George Bradford, Bob Bueding, Chelsea Goldschrafe, Ben Rosso
November 4 ~ Paul Danove

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

Ways to support St. John Church

The parish needs your ongoing support even when you are not here for Mass. Please consider mailing your envelopes, writing a check, using automatic bill pay from your bank, or donating through PayPal or Venmo.

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PAYPAL/PARISH GIVING



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Oct. 28— Vigil—Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:15 pm For the People of the Parish

Sun., October 29 — Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am Friends, Benefactors and Members of the Sanctuary Guild
10:30 am For the Intentions of the Celebrant
12:30 pm Paul Rene Arevalo — 10 month Anniversary
6:00 pm For the Intentions of the Celebrant

Monday, October 30 — Weekday
7:45 am Lawrence La Rose
12:05 pm Thanksgiving to St. Anthony
5:15 pm Herbert Howelli

Tuesday, October 31 — Weekday
7:45 am Socorro Bonacruz
12:05 pm Paul Dally, Esquire
5:15 pm Concetta Miller — 1 year Anniversary

Wed., November 1 — All Saints — Holy Day of Obligation
7:45 m People of the Parish
12:05 pm Dec'd members - Barabin & Carvajal Families
1:05 pm Florence, Katherine & Veronica Degnan
5:15 pm Pedro & Maria Arevalo

Thursday, November 2 — All Souls Day
7:45am Ella Faringer
12:05 pm All Souls Novena Intentions
5:15 pm Dec'd members—Arevalo-Lascano Family

Friday, November 3 — Weekday
7:45 am Steven Naug
12:05 pm Michael Carvajal — 11th Anniversary
5:15 pm All Souls Novena Intentions

Sat., November 4 — St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
7:45 am All Souls Novena Intentions
12:05 pm Secular Franciscans (L & D)

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

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