

The Basilica of St. John

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Named to the National Historic Registry, September 8, 1987
Elevated to the rank of Minor Basilica by Pope John Paul II, October 4, 1989

Pastor: *The Very Reverend Aquinas M. Nichols*

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Rev. Mr. Mark Campbell
Rev. Mr. Juan Bustamante

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Hispanic Office-Secretary:
Homebound Ministry:
Baptism Preparation/Youth Ministry/Annulments:

Masses:	Saturday:	9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (Sunday Vigil), 6:00p.m. (Spanish Mass)
	Sunday:	8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. (Festive Sung Mass)
	Holy Days:	Usually 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. (check voicemail for Mass Schedule changes)
	National Holidays:	Usually 9:00 a.m. (or check Mass Schedule on the inside of this bulletin)
	Weekdays:	12:00 noon

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament:
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Baptism:
Marriage:
Visit to Sick:
New Parishioners:
Mass Homily:
Pregnancy Hotline:

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday
Saturday: 2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. or by appointment
Parishioners contact the parish office - (515)244-3101 ext. 0
Parishioners contact the office at least 6 months prior to requested date of marriage
Please inform office of any illness or hospitalization in the family
Please contact the Parish Office to register as a member of our parish
BasilicaofStJohn.org click on Live Telecast tab.
For those considering abortion: 1-800-848-LOVE

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

God doesn't seek out the perfect, but looks for those who are willing, for those who are humble, who will try and try again to do God's will. This must be part of our daily prayers. It is a constant work set before us to seek out the Lord's will in all things.

Please observe the restrictions, social and otherwise, that are in place to keep everyone safe from the Covid 19 virus. A reminder to consider getting the flu shot now before the flu season begins.

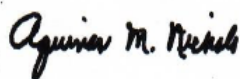
Because of increased vandalism in Catholic Churches, in order to protect our grounds, please be advised that the gate will be closed earlier from now on as long as there are no cars in the parking lot, or events taking place.

The Parish Council met last Sunday. It was decided after discussion, and after seeking medical advice, not to start up coffee and donuts just yet. I know we all long to return back to our normal life as much as possible, but this does not seem like an opportune time to begin social functions just yet. We will keep you posted as things develop. Most likely our Fish Fry Suppers and the Seder Meal will also be on hold this year. We will see how things develop and what the Bishop's directives will be once we get closer to Lent.

We will begin selling our annual raffle tickets in October this year. Tentatively, the winning tickets will be drawn on the First Sunday of Advent. There will be more about this very soon when the plans are finalized.

Please note that we are falling behind in our budget needs. We are **\$51,536.61** short of needed income. I ask you all to step up to the plate to see that we remain financially stable. Our deficit grows every week. We cannot take up a collection yet so please avail yourselves of the online option and the secure boxes and the baskets in the Basilica. We also still owe \$42,461.00 for the 2020 ADA. We need to stay ahead of the financial side of things before we get much farther behind. The Lord bless you all!

Devotedly in the Lord,



(The Very Reverend) Aquinas M. Nichols
Pastor

WEEKLY INCOME – 9/20/20

Total - \$10,999.50
Need - \$17,372.08

Year to Date (YTD) – Fiscal Year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021
YTD Total - \$156,928.35
YTD Need - \$208,464.96

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL-Amount still owed: \$42,461.00

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 26 TO OCTOBER 4

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 26	4:00PM 6:00PM	+Tom Salsberry Spanish Mass
SUN 27	8:30AM 10:30AM	Intentions for Kim & Vuong Dinh Family Parish & Benefactors
MON 28	12:00PM	Intentions of Norbert Hemberger
TUE 29	12:00PM	For the Souls of all the Orphans
WED 30	12:00PM	+Judy Tatz
THU 01	12:00PM	+Madeline James
FRI 02	12:00PM	Special Intention
SAT 03	9:00AM	NO MORNING MASS AT THE BASILICA +Donaceano Munoz
(Vigil Mass)		
	4:00PM	Parish & Benefactors
SUN 04	8:30AM 10:30AM	+Niem, +Hue & +Nhien Tran Friends/Benefactors of Franciscan Sisters, FEHJ

THE BASILICA OF ST. JOHN STREAMING ONLINE:
www.BasilicaofStJohn.org home page, scroll down to "Streaming Masses" & click on the tab to watch daily Mass and the Sunday Mass.

PRAYER CHAIN: Do you know someone who is in need of prayer? The Basilica Prayer Chain can help. To request prayers email Deacon Luke Tieskoetter at tieskoetterluke3@gmail.com or Terri at 321-2743 or sinc2@aol.com.

CATECHISM CORNER:

Last week's question:

Last week's question: ***What is sacramental grace?***

ANSWER: Sacramental grace is the grace of the Holy Spirit which is given by Christ and is proper to each sacrament. This grace helps the faithful in their journey toward holiness and so assists the Church as well to grow in charity and in her witness to the world.

New ways to give to the Basilica of Saint John:
Text-To-Give phone number. With Text-To-Give you simply put in a dollar amount and send a text to the following: (515) 293-4810. Scan the following QR Code for a one-time gift or setup an account.



The Basilica of St. John
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 27, 2020

Respect
Life



**YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
 SEPTEMBER 28 THRU OCTOBER 4**

MON 28	9:00AM 6:30PM	NO Adoration RCIA+
TUE 29	8:00AM	Organ Practice+++
WED 30	9:00AM 6:30PM	NO Adoration First Communion Mtg/ <u>Year 2</u> Students-- and one parent --meet in the hall
THU 01	8:00AM	Organ Practice+++
FRI 02	9:00AM	NO Adoration
SAT 03	8:30AM	NO Chaplet of Divine Mercy##
SUN 04	8:00AM	NO Vietnamese Prayer Group%

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of September 28, 2020:

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

LIFELINES:

THIS WAS IN A BROCHURE FROM **PLANNED PARENTHOOD** IN 1952:

"Is abortion birth control?"

"Definitely not. **ABORTION** requires an operation. It **KILLS THE LIFE OF A BABY** after it has begun. **It is DANGEROUS to your life and health. It may make you STERILE, so when you want children you cannot have them....ABORTION KILLS LIFE.**"

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Begins September 23 through November 1. The Basilica will be taking Friday, October 9, and Friday, October 16, 2020. Go to docs.google.com/spreadsheets/1EX8x75jUtWpOmMVgmFnUmZuKLSb6DzpNWGld4IGcQ/edit?usp=sharinglink to sign up. It's important now more than ever. Be that witness for life, by praying on the sidewalk, fasting and being a visible witness. Call Mary with questions: 515-975-2534. Thank you, The Basilica Pro-life group

Pass the word! Sign up for the Basilica of Saint John Newsletter...Use the following link to sign-up... <https://www.basilicaofstjohn.org/newsletter>



CONGRATULATIONS: To Charlotte Niyorukundo & Jerard Nizigiyimana who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage on September 12, 2020.



CONGRATULATIONS: To Luz & Jose Haro, who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage on September 26, 2020.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Congratulations to **Nora Burgin, Cristo Cruz, Cynthia Soriano, Angel Damian, & Sindy Vigil** and their families on the recent celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism.

PARENT/CHILD MEETINGS FOR FIRST COMMUNION: Students in Second Year (child in grade 2 or higher, that is in their second year of RE and will receive First Communion in May of 2021)—will meet Wednesday, September 30 at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. **Please have at least one parent accompany their child to the meeting.**

FYI CONFIRMATION STUDENTS: Students preparing for Confirmation have class in October. First Year (grade 9) meets Wednesday, October 7 from 6:15-7:30pm in the Parish Hall. Bring one parent with you. Second Year (grade 10) meets Wednesday, October 14 from 6:15-7:30pm in the Parish Hall. Bring one parent with you. Questions?--Contact Margaret Stastny at MargaretS@basilicaofstjohn.org.



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL: Parent/student/teacher conferences will be held this week on September 30 and October 1. If you have not received notification of a conference time, please call Mrs. Lechuga at the school to make an appointment. Classes will be dismissed early at 1:00pm on Wednesday, September 30 for conferences. Please be at the school to pick up your child at that time. There will be no classes October 2 through 9. Students and staff are on Fall Break. Classes will resume Monday, October 12, 8:00 a.m.

BASILICA PROLIFE NEWS—LIFE CHAIN: Sunday, October 4, 2020 is the date for this year's Life Chain. It will once again take place at St. Theresa's Catholic Church, lining up along Merle Hay Road and University Ave. This will be a prayerful, peaceful witness to the sanctity of life, the right to life of the children who have yet to be born. It begins at 2 pm and ends at 3:30 pm. Come for the whole time or come when you are able. God bless us all and God bless the little ones.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.): **ARE YOU** interested in becoming Catholic? **DO YOU** know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic or learning about the Catholic Faith? **ARE YOU** curious about the Catholic Faith? RCIA classes will begin in September. If you are interested in becoming Catholic and learning more about the faith, or if you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic, please call Margaret Stastny at 515-244-3101 ext. 220.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

CSS Bible Study: There will be a Zoom Bible Study starting October 7 on Wednesdays at 1:30pm for 18 weeks. It will be on the Gospel of Mark. Cost is \$39.95. For more information & how to sign up, contact Jane at 515-779-8280. Books can be purchased at Divine Treasures.

Volunteer Opportunity: Fall Help Needed! We are looking for volunteers to help at the Catholic Charities food pantry on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons - 12:00 - 3:45 pm. PPE and safe working conditions are in place! If you are able to help, please contact Holly at hackermann@catholiccharitiesdm.org

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Basilica of Saint John Memorial Landing

Remember the special people and events in your life by purchasing a Memorial Brick in their name, to be placed in the landing in front of our beautiful Basilica of Saint John.

Birthdays, Weddings, Anniversaries, the names of your
Parents, Children, Brothers, Sisters
Whomever and whatever you wish to remember in brick.

The cost is \$100 for each brick and there is no limit as to
how many you wish to purchase.

When paying by check, make your checks payable to the
Basilica of Saint John.

The brick can be engraved with up to three lines of fifteen
characters on each line. The space between words is
counted as one of the characters. Print clearly on the
spaces below exactly how you want your brick engraved.

I would like my brick to read as follows:

My name is _____

Address _____

State and Zip code _____

Phone # (____) ____--____

If you have any questions, please call
the Basilica of Saint John @ (515) 244-3101 Ext. 205

(Some examples are shown on the back of this form)

EXAMPLES

**Mom and Dad
We love you
John and Mary**

**John and Mary
Kennedy - Wed
April 27, 1960**

**Our Son, Jacob
b. 7-23-39
d. 2-26-40**

**Fr. John Smith
Ordained
June 17, 2010**

**Whatever else you would like to say as long as it fits on no
more than fifteen spaces in each line.**

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