



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



SEASON OF HOPE

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MASS SCHEDULE/HORARIO DE MISA

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WEEKDAYS

MONDAY through FRIDAY 8:30 am

WEEKENDS

SATURDAY EVENING 5:00 pm

SUNDAY 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am

ST AGNES

SUNDAY ENGLISH 9:30 am

DOMINGO MISA EN ESPANOL 11:00 am

HOLY DAYS

HOLY DAYS 7:00 am & 7:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY 3:30—4:30 pm

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*December 3, 2023
Altar Flowers
In Loving Memory of
Dorothy Tardiff
Req. by Anna, Nikki & Stephen Tardiff*

November 18th&19th Offertory

Collection: \$11,088
Online Giving: \$ 4,926
Less Average Expenses: **(\$12,500)**
Balance: \$ 3,514

Thank you for your generosity!

Please consider including St. John the Evangelist Church in your Will (Tax ID #22-1542321).

A bequest to the Church will leave a legacy of faith that will help ensure our mission and ministries remain vigorous and alive for future generations.



Join us at St. John's
for the Perpetual
Novena in honor of Our Lady of the
Miraculous Medal.

Every Monday morning at 8:00am

The Rosary Altar Society

- ◆ Rosary Meeting December 11th at 7PM
- ◆ Prayer January 6th at 4:30PM



If interested, please contact
Vicki Casey,
President: 609-397-9265

Knights of Columbus

GRAND KNIGHT -Tyler Veth
Contact #: 609-658-6580
Next Meeting:
December 7th at 8:00PM



FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION PRAYERS

First Friday following the 8:30AM Mass for meditation prayers in devotion to our Blessed Mother and the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



*December 3, 2023
Sanctuary Light
In Loving Memory of Shawn R.
Benjamin
Req. by Grace & Gregory Sconzo*



*Commemorative Candle
St. John Paul II
In Loving Memory of
Bob Furlow
Req. by His Daughter Barbara & Family*

Let us remember all those who have asked for our prayers especially the sick and suffering of our parish.

Edwina Gill, Rose Korney, Grace Emma, Michael Hughes, George Fresco, Beverly Fresco, Gregory Maloney, Mary Holcombe, Efigenia Avalos, Gary Davila, Ruth Yolanda, Nelly Lozano, Yuri Gil, James Malagrino, Tom Carty, Joseph M. Waters, Lawrence Miele, Jim Oehlers, Jonathan Perez, Blaine Fresco, Simon Santiago, Gary Becker, Kay Cuccinotta, Pamela Bhagroo, Derek Bruehl, Marianne Cooper, William Taulane, Robert Abitz, Nolan Curran, Alicja Zajac, Chris Taylor, Walter Baszczewski, Vincent Stillitano, Wendy Biase, Bert Johnson, Renee Leone, Barbara Docs, Ann Nanni, Tony Grasso, Sheils Family, Jennifer St. Marie, Josephine Marzullo, Mia Saccone, Kevin Washburn, Jo-an L. Jacobs

***"Saint Joseph, comfort of the afflicted,
pray for us"***



Prayer is the best weapon we possess. It is the key that opens the heart of God.

— Pio of Pietrelcina —

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



"Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord."

James 5:14

Each Wednesday there will be prayers for the sick. We will pray for our Parish members in addition to those we know personally who are sick or suffering. Prayers will commence immediately following Mass at 9:00am every Wednesday and will be approximately 10 minutes long. We will offer Prayers and intentions for everyone to pray aloud together. We look forward to you joining us in the power of collective prayer.

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Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 2, 2023

5:00PM Shiels Family
Req. by Tim & Judy Rudderow

Sunday, December 3, 2023

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8:00AM Star Loved Ones & Memorial Mass

9:30AM Sunday Marie Peters
Req. by Phil & Arlene Peters

11:00AM John Reina Sr.
Req. by Reina Family

St. Agnes

9:30AM For The People
11:00AM Souls in Purgatory
Req. by Cory & Carl Dale

Monday, December 4, 2023

8:30AM Pete Ashton
Req. by Richard & George

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

8:30AM Marielena Ramirez
Req. by Ana Orozco

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

8:00AM Margaret Herman
Req. by Janine & Steve MacGregor

Thursday, December 7, 2023

8:30AM Patsy & Anita Cupo
Req. by Mary & Albert Cruz

Friday, December 8, 2023 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00AM For The People
7:00PM Margaret Gribbon
Req. by Patricia Gribbon

Saturday, December 9, 2023

5:00PM Dale Errico, Sr.
Req. by Barbara & Family

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Second Sunday Of Advent

8:00AM Amy CiFelli & Family
Req. by Her Family
9:30AM Filomena Procaccini
Req. by David & Linda Platas
11:00AM Shawn R. Benjamin
Req. by Lisa Brady & Stefan Dahlmark

St. Agnes

9:30AM Elda Serranti
Req. by Tess Serranti
11:00AM For The People
Req. by Cory & Carl Dale

Diocese Announcements

Jesus Christ Superstar

Villa Victoria Academy located at 376 W. Upper Ferry Road in Ewing, NJ is hosting a showing of the original landmark 1973 movie **Jesus Christ Superstar** on Saturday, December 9, 2023 at 7 pm. Four original cast members from the 1973 movie will be in attendance for this final 50th anniversary reunion. Merchandise will be available for sale, along with beverages and snacks. General admission tickets are \$20 online, \$25 at the door. Tickets can be purchased in the Villa Victoria Academy main office during school hours or at www.tedneeley.com

Study Theology at Georgian Court University!

All programs can be completed remotely. Master of Arts or a Graduate Certificate in Theology, with concentrations in Pastoral Ministry or Mercy Spirituality. Not sure? Take one or two classes on a non-matriculating basis to see if our programs are right for you. Generous financial aid available. New semester begins January 16, 2024. There is still time to apply. Contact department chair Johann M. Vento for more information: jvento@georgian.edu. We look forward to getting to know you and talking about your interest in studying theology.

Retrouvaille For Your Marriage

Stress In Your Marriage?

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?
Have you thought about separation or divorce?
Does talking about it only make it worse?

RETROUVAILLE is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages sponsored by the Office of Family Life, Diocese of Metuchen, NJ.

RETROUVAILLE consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with four follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend is **February 2 – 4, 2024**. All inquiries are confidential. For further information, please contact Rich Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or Annette Colasuonno 732-672-0748 or email 3024@helpourmarriage.org.

ADVENT FEATURE



ADVENT

The word 'Advent' is from the Latin *adventus* for "coming" and is associated with the four weeks of preparation for Christmas.

Advent begins on the Sunday after the Solemnity of Christ the King and continues for four weeks until Christmas Vigil Mass.

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Marriage Encounter

In this season of Thanksgiving, why not celebrate your marriage and its many blessings by attending a Marriage Encounter Weekend?

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is February 16 - 18

Please apply ASAP as space is limited.
Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information
(Tom & Ruth DeFalco)

Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information.

Catholic Tools Corner

Resources to mature in the Faith

The Bible in a Year & Catechism of the Catholic Church

ascensionpress.com

USCCB Daily Mass Reading and more

usccb.org

Experience "The Chosen" series

watch.angelstudios.com

Laudate

Catholic app

Weekly Reflection

CCC

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." - Mark 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

CCC 1040 The Last Judgment will come when Christ returns in glory. Only the Father knows the day and the hour; only he determines the moment of its coming. Then through his Son Jesus Christ he will pronounce the final word on all history. We shall know the ultimate meaning of the whole work of creation and of the entire economy of salvation and understand the marvelous ways by which his Providence led everything towards its final end. The Last Judgment will reveal that God's justice triumphs over all the injustices committed by his creatures and that God's love is stronger than death.⁶²⁸

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit in Diocese of Trenton

Nov 27 - Dec 11, 2023

St. Jude Roman Catholic Church, Blairstown, NJ (Metuchen)



FOOD DRIVE

The next St. John's Food Drive for the Delaware Valley Pantry is on **December 2nd & 3rd** after all Masses.

All monetary donations will be given to the St. John's Outreach Ministry of our Parish. Please be generous in your giving,

"None of us can think we are exempt from concerns for the poor and for social justice."

Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel*, 2013, Ch.4, #201



*Keep watch,
because
you do
not know the day or the hour.*

Matthew 25:13

Bible Challenge



What does the first Advent candle represent?

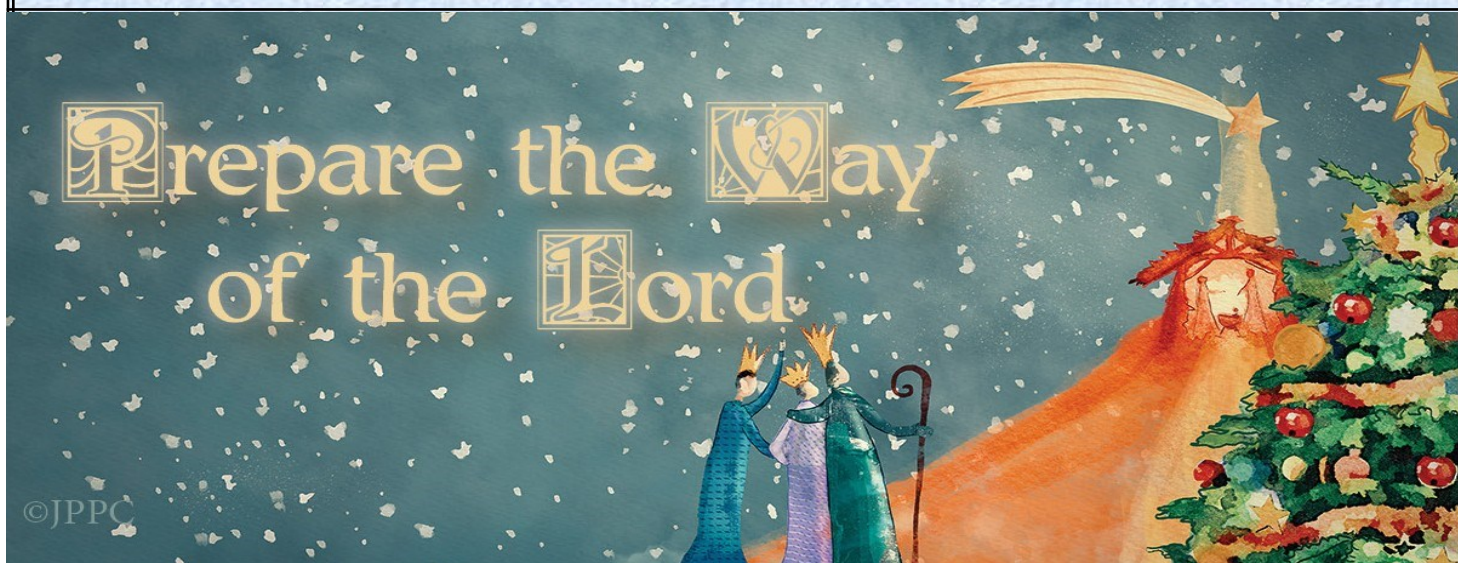
Bible Challenge answer from last week's bulletin:

In Psalms 136, "O give thanks to the Lord, for he is _____. His mercy endures forever"

- A. Holy
- B. Stern
- C. Right
- D. Good

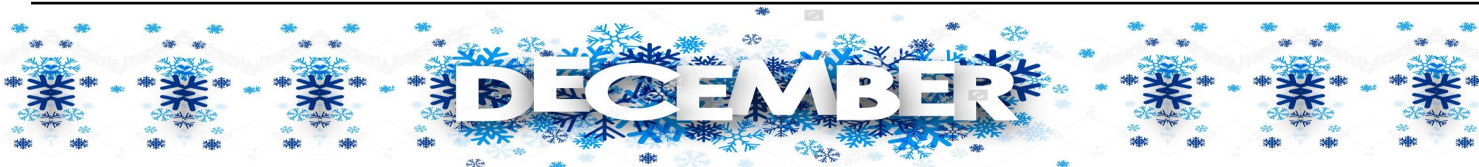
Answer in next week bulletin, along with another question!

ANSWER: D. Good



DID YOU KNOW?

The specific origin of Advent is not certain, though it was certainly in existence from about 480. In today's Christian church calendar, Advent (from Latin *adventus*, "coming"), is the period of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas and also of preparation for the Second Coming of Christ.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 First Sunday of Advent 9:30AM after Mass RE Confirmation 12:30PM RE 1st Reconciliation Food Drive	4 St. John Damascene 8:00AM Perpetual Novena	5	6 St. Nicholas, Bishop 8:30AM Prayers for healing following Mass	7 St. Ambrose 8:00PM Knights of Columbus Meeting	8 The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary 7:00AM & 7:00PM Masses	9 St. Juan Diego
10 Second Sunday of Advent 9:30AM & 11:00AM RE ED after Mass	11 St. Damascus I, Pope 8:00AM Perpetual Novena 7:00PM Rosary Meeting	12 Our Lady of Guadalupe	13 St. Lucy 8:30AM Prayers for healing following Mass 6:00PM Advent Reconciliation	14 St. John of The Cross 7:00PM Evening Prayer	15	16
17 Third Sunday of Advent	18 8:00AM Perpetual Novena	19	20 8:30AM Prayers for healing following Mass	21 St. Peter Canisius	22	23 St. John of Kanty

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Readings for the week of December 3, 2023

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Monday, December 4, 2023 Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 5, 2023 Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 6, 2023 Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 7, 2023 Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 8, 2023 Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38

Saturday, December 9, 2023 Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday, December 10, 2023 Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8

Lecturas De La Semana

Domingo: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Sal 80 (79):2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mc 13:33-37

Lunes: Is 2, 1-5; Salmo 121, 1-2. 3-4a (4b-5. 6-7) 8-9; Mt 8, 5-11

Martes: Is 11, 1-10; Sal 71, 2. 7-8. 12-13. 17; Lc 10, 21-24

Miércoles: Is 25, 6-10; Sal 22, 1-3a. 3b. 4.5.6.; Mt 15, 29-37

Jueves: Is 26, 1-6; Sal 117, 1. 8-9. 19-21. 25-27a.; Mt 7, 21. 24-27

Viernes: Gn 3, 9-15. 20; Sal 97, 1. 2-3ab. 3bc-4; Ef 1, 3-6. 11-12; Lc 1, 26-38

Sábado: Is 30, 19-21. 23-26; Sal 146, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6; Mt 9, 35-10, 1. 6-8

Domingo: Is 40, 1-5. 9-11; Sal 84, 9ab-10. 11-12. 13-14; 2 Pd 3, 8-14; Mc 1, 1-8

CONFESSIONS

St. John's ~ Saturday: 3:30- 4:30 P.M. or call the Parish Office for an appointment.

BAPTISMS

Celebrated the first Sunday of the month beginning with the 11:00 Mass, please call the Parish Office for additional information: 609-397-3350, ext 2

All paperwork must be completed prior to scheduling a baptism.

MARRIAGES

The bride or groom must be an **active-registered member** of St. John the Evangelist Parish with weekly Mass attendance and involvement in the life of the Parish for one year before the marriage preparation process. Please call the Parish Office for more information. According to the Common Policy of the five Latin-rite (Roman Catholic) dioceses of New Jersey, there must be twelve months of marriage preparation for each couple who desires to be married in the Church. **Please do not make any wedding arrangements** (including reception hall) **until** you have met with the pastor and he has approved the wedding date with you.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

When necessary, contact the Parish Office 609-397-3350, ext. 2.

HOSPITALIZED FAMILY

If you have a hospitalized family member, let the parish know so that we can visit and take the Eucharist. Please call the parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & BECOMING CATHOLIC:

For information on Parish Religious Education and questions about the process of becoming catholic, please call Veronica McCabe at 609-397-3350 ext. 3

INFORMACION EN ESPAÑOL

OFICINA PARROQUIAL

609-397-3350 ext. 2

EN CASO DE EMERGENCIA

609-460-4762

HORAS DE OFICINA

Lunes a Juaves ~ 9:30 AM – 3:00 P.M.

HORARIO DE MISA—St. Agnes en Stockton

Misa en Inglés ~ Domingos—9:30 A.M.

Misa en Español ~ Domingos—11:00 A.M.

EDUCACION

Educación Religiosa para Niños: Por favor llamar a la oficina de Estudios Religiosos (en Inglés). Se requiere que los niños asistan regularmente a estas clases para poder recibir sus sacramentos. Se requiere también que todas las familias participen regularmente en la Misa. Por favor llamar a la directora de Estudios Religiosos para más información, al 609-397-3350 ext.3

Educación Religiosa para Adultos: Por favor comuníquese con el Padre si le faltan algunos de los sacramentos.

CONFESIONES

St John's ~ Sábados: 3:30 – 4:30 P.M. (English)

BAUTISMOS

Español: Durante la Misa en español o cuando sea necesario. (Los padres deben estar registrados en la Parroquia y se requiere que asistan a una clase de preparación antes del bautismo. Por favor llame a la oficina parroquial para hacer los arreglos necesarios.)

MATRIMONIOS

Contactar la oficina parroquial 1 año antes de la boda. El novio o la novia debe estar registrado (a) como miembro de la Parroquia por lo menos por 1 año antes que el día de la boda sea confirmado. Se requiere que los novios participen en Pre-Cana o Encuentro de Comprometidos. Para más información, por favor llamar la oficina parroquial.

SACRAMENTO DE UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS

Cuando sea necesario, contacte la oficina parroquial.

FAMILIARES HOSPITALIZADOS

Si tiene algún familiar hospitalizado, hágalo saber a la parroquia para que lo podamos visitar y llevarle la Eucaristía. Pueden llamar al Padre al 609-397-3350, ext. 2 o 609-460-4762.