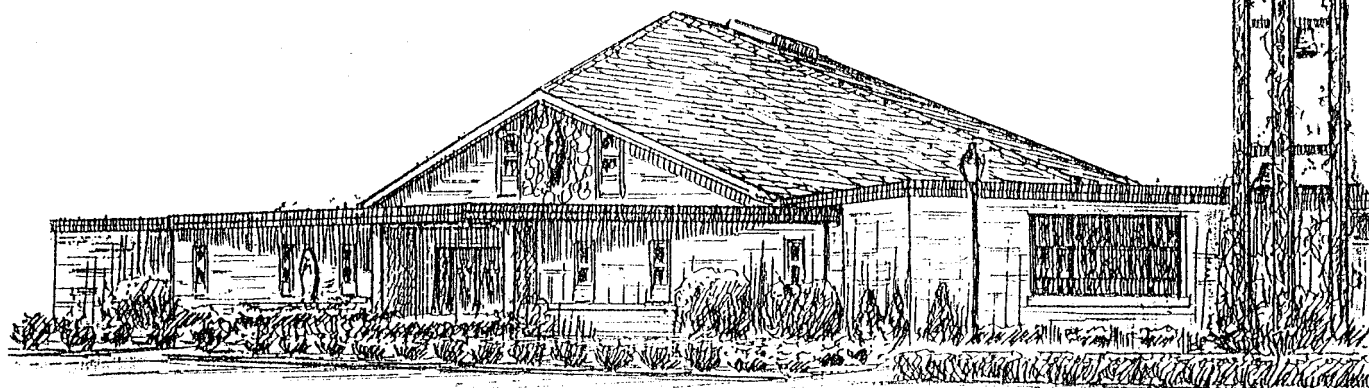


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Charlie Jannetti, Business Manager
Holly Hartline, Music Director
Gina Innarella, Parish Secretary

GRADUAL REOPENING

Liturgies are livestreamed on our YouTube channel.
Masks and social distancing are required.

Daily Mass

8 AM with Rosary at 7:40 AM

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday after Mass at about 8:30 AM

Holy Hour with Exposition and Benediction

Friday at 3 PM

Sunday Mass

Saturday at 4 PM & 6 PM

Sunday at 8 AM, 10 AM, 12 Noon, and 2 PM.

The church is open for private prayer from
Monday through Friday, 2 PM to 4 PM.

CONFESSIONS

Fr. Jim is hearing confessions in the parish hall:
Mondays: 2-4 PM and 6:00-7:00 PM
Fridays: 3:15 PM to 3:45 PM

MARRIAGES

The Sacrament of Matrimony requires a time of spiritual preparation. The couple should contact the Parish Office one year before the date of marriage. Currently, weddings with up to 100 people are possible.

PARISH OFFICE—CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

The parish office is closed to the public. Please send e-mail or call. If we schedule a meeting, we will meet you out in the parking lot.

Monday to Friday: 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

primary phone: 732-657-6347

parish website: stjohnlakehurst.com

e-mail: office@stjohnlakehurst.com

fax: 732-657-8690

GRADE SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Ms. MaryAnn Dempkowski,
Director of Religious Education
Religious Ed Office: 732-657-2348

COMMUNION CALLS

We're not yet ready to bring Holy Communion to the homebound.

SICK CALLS—ANOINTING OF THE SICK

In case of serious illness or accident, please call the Parish Office to request the Anointing of the Sick.

EMERGENCIES

For emergencies outside of office hours (such as when someone is dying or has died), please call and leave a message at 732-930-1690.

BAPTISMS

Preparation for first-time parents is required and will be done on-line and over the phone. Please contact the Parish Office for arrangements. We can do a baptism with up to 100 people present.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Families moving into or out of the parish are asked to call the Parish Office as soon as possible.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 31, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**Saturday, January 30th**

4:00 PM Joseph F. Affatato (9yr anniv. rem.)
John Wisniewski, Sr. (anniv. rem.)
6:00 PM Evelyn Mongiove

Sunday, January 31st, 4th Sunday in OT

8:00 AM Nancy Gallo (birthday rem.)
Michael Nealon
10:00 AM Margaret McGovern (anniv. rem.)
Maureen Trampler
12:00 PM Deacon Jack Vassallo, Jr.
2:00 PM People of our Parish

Monday, February 1st

8:00 AM Wayne T. Wright (6th anniv. rem.)

Tuesday, February 2nd, The Presentation of Lord

8:00 AM Vincent Venditto

Wednesday, February 3rd, Sts. Blaise & Ansgar

8:00 AM Fr. William Schneider

Thursday, February 4th

8:00 AM Helen Farrell
Joan Kelton

Friday, February 5th, St. Agatha

8:00 AM Frank Muniz (7yr. anniv. rem.)

Saturday, February 6th, St. Paul Miki

8:00 AM Fr. William Schneider
4:00 PM Ann Lockwood (birthday rem.)
Sal Lotartaro (birthday rem.)
6:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, February 7th, 5th Sunday in OT

8:00 AM Lucy Valentino
10:00 AM Kenneth Buys (birthday rem.)
Vincent Siano
12:00 PM Lucy Valentino
2:00 PM Geraldine Besignano

ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers may be purchased for any occasion. If you are placing an order, please do so 2 weeks in advance, by calling Joan Toth of the Rosary Altar Society at 732-657-4938. Thank you for your participation.

CANDLES for Jan. 31st—Feb. 6th, 2021**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

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of
Joseph F. Affatato

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of
Wayne T. Wright

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of
People of our Parish

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Week 1: Jonas Walworth

Week 2: Ted Betz, Maddie Kaplow, Victoria Ninivaggi

Week 3: Michele Gall, Laura Shamburger, Elaine Fischer

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE DECEASED:

Edna Seltsam, Rose Spina

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SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Week of January 26, 2020: \$11,743

Week of January 24, 2021: \$ 7,670

Cash: \$ 1,513

Checks: \$ 5,330

Electronic Giving: \$ 827

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

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of the Parish Center. Thank you for your willingness
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ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Call 732-657-6359 for assistance
or to volunteer. Food can now be
donated before Mass (see
schedule) and when the church is
open: Monday through Friday, 2PM to 4PM and
Monday, 6 PM to 7 PM. Place donations in the blue
bin in the parish hall.



PLEASE PRAY for all our parishioners and
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well as our police, firefighters, first
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harm's way for our protection:

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Capt. Meghan Oroho

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or email us at info@caregivervolunteers.org

BACK BY POPLUAR DEMAND: 2020 -2021 50/50**SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE!**

Saint John's longest standing fund raiser is back. This is the enhanced program started last year. The Raffle supports our education bound youths - 18 students last year.

Four (4) prizes are paid quarterly. The last **16 winners** received prizes averaging **\$340!!**

The drawing months remain December, March, June, and September; prize percentages are:
1st Prize - 20%; 2nd Prize - 15%; 3rd Prize - 10%;
4th Prize - 5%. (all cash prize money is based on the number of participants)

Please complete and return the Form below with your contribution to the Parish Center or drop it into the collection basket. Quarterly / monthly participants must submit a new form for each drawing. No coupons necessary, we retain and process Forms. Use Form here as you choose.

ST. JOHN'S PARISH 50/50 SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE

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☐ Monthly @ \$ 15

On behalf of our Students we are pleased to say "Thank You" to everyone that makes this program possible. Please feel welcome to share it with your neighbors, friends, and associates – the more that play the more that is paid!! NEXT DRAWING, March 2021.

CHURCH CONTRIBUTION RECORD

We have closed our **2020 ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION RECORDS**. Any donations now given will be credited to your 2021 records.

If you would like a copy of the amount of your **ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTIONS for 2020** (**Please Note: this is your weekly envelope donation amount **ONLY...** **NO Masses, candles, special memorials or Annual Catholic Diocesan Appeal Contributions are included****), please complete the form below and return it to the Parish Office with a **self-addressed, stamped envelope** and we will be glad to fill in the amount that we have recorded from your envelopes and return it to you.

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JANUARY 1, 2020 to DECEMBER 31, 2020

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**Dear Parishioners,
Pandemic Liturgical Directives**

We have a few upcoming liturgies that you might want to know about.

Presentation of the Lord, February 2nd

We cannot have a procession with lighted candles or distribute blessed candles. I could bless candles that you bring to Mass. (I'm not sure how much of this we've done in past years.)

St. Blaise, February 3rd

We cannot have the individual blessing of throats. The priest will give a general blessing for everyone at the end of Mass on February 3rd and the following weekend.

Ash Wednesday, February 17th

We can distribute ashes at the conclusion of Masses on Ash Wednesday. Q-tips will be used to impose ashes. A new Q-tip will be used for each person.

Mass Intentions

Because of the pandemic we have six Sunday Masses instead of four. And the office is not yet open to the general public. So, we have plenty of openings for Mass intentions.

Normally, we would open the 2022 Mass book in February. However, let's wait until July when we have a better idea of how many Sunday Masses we'll have. Also, we have plenty of openings in the 2021 Mass book.

To have a Mass celebrated for a particular intention, please call the office. Either Gina or Joe can help you.

Room Movement & Upgrades

As I write this on Monday, 1/25, Tom and Matt have already emptied the former priest sacristy in the Parish Center. The Knights of Columbus can now move their materials into it.

Tomorrow, 1/26, Victor Bala will begin packing up the store so that we can move it over to the Parish Center.

Tom will contact our locksmith to rekey some

locks to reflect the new arrangement.

Even though we've just begun the movement, renovations, and upgrades, I'm looking forward to our parish growing again.

Respect Life

We had a larger gathering than usual for our holy hour on Friday, January 22nd. Many parishioners are praying for a greater respect for human life including life in the womb. I was impressed by how much everyone was enraptured by Jesus Christ right there in the monstrance on the altar. For us to truly love all human persons from conception until natural death, we first need to be loved by Jesus and to love Him in return. He'll then give us to the grace to love our neighbor.

Aging

It's been my impression that increased isolation due to the pandemic has caused some of our parishioners to seem much older. They seem lost or overwhelmed. Many of us have "senior moments". I'm referring more to dementia or serious mental decline. Many of our pandemic adaptations have this reality in mind. I know that many of you have your wits about you. I ask for your patience and understanding as we try to keep our church safe for everyone including those with diminished ability. Whether very able or barely able, we can all be loved by Jesus and enter into the sacred mysteries. If you are able, please help our less able parishioners and neighbors.

God love you,

Fr. Jim

frjim@stjohnlakehurst.com

Respect Life Quote

"Walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God's gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us. 'Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age' (Matthew 28:20)."

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Respect Life Reflection: Be Not Afraid
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PICK OF THE WEEK

January 31, 2021

WATCH

AN ORDINARY MARTYR: THE LIFE & DEATH OF BLESSED STANLEY ROTHER

As we celebrate the martyrdom of Paul Miki and his companions this week, we invite you to learn more about a modern martyr from the United States: Blessed Stanley Rother. Join us as we consider this ordinary man who loved extraordinarily.

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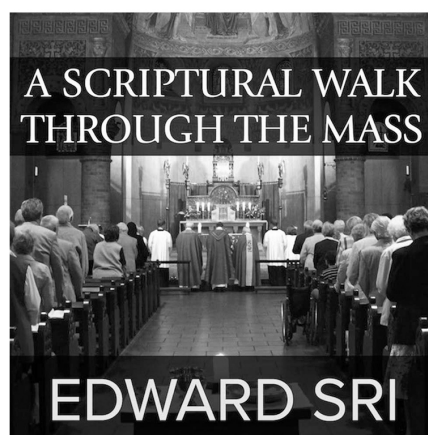
This week as we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord and Mary's role in it, join Dr. Brant Pitre, Professor of Sacred Scripture at the Augustine Institute Graduate School, as he examines what the Old Testament reveals about the life and identity of Mary, the Mother of God.

LEARN

LISTEN

A SCRIPTURAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS BY EDWARD SRI

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