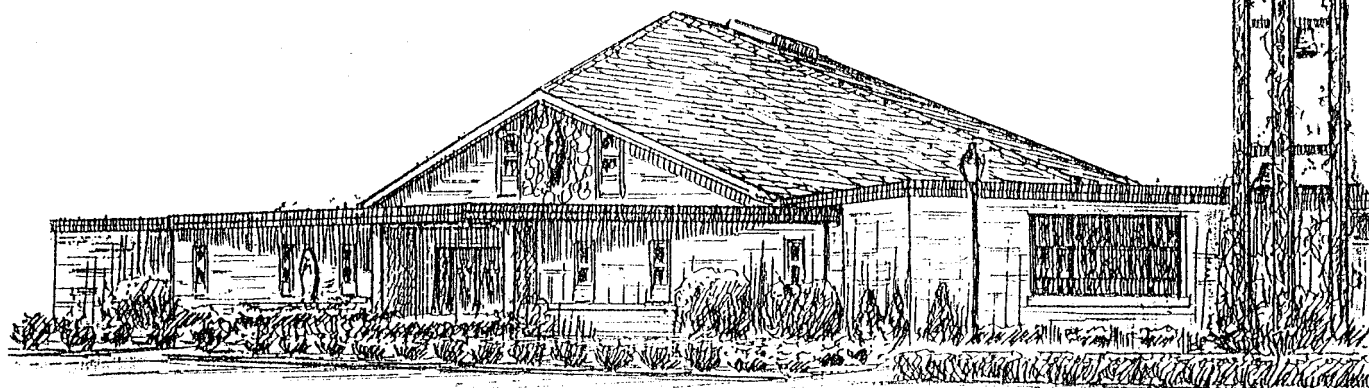


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Gina Innarella, Parish Secretary

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,
and Monday, 6 PM to 7 PM

CONFESSIONS

Fr. Jim is hearing confessions in the parish hall:
Mondays: 2-4 PM and 6:00-7:00 PM
Fridays: 3:10 PM to 3:50 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.

PARISH OFFICE

The parish office is now open to the public. We can meet you in the Parish Center foyer or new conference room (old chapel). E-mail and telephone are great ways to contact us.

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 waiting for our extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to be fully vaccinated..

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.

PARISH REGISTRATION

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

Divine Mercy Sunday
April 11, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**Saturday, April 10th**

4:00 PM Scott James Smigielski
Nicholas Sgammato (Easter rem.)
6:00 PM Healing of Jonas Walworth
Thomas Young

Sunday, April 11th, *Divine Mercy Sunday*

8:00 AM Joseph Sansone
Helen Selzler
10:00 AM Leontyna & Tadeusz Plodowsky
Anthony & Mary Mucci
12:00 PM Casimiro Millevoi
Julian Harhigh
2:00 PM People of Parish

Monday, April 12th

8:00 AM Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Fatima
Martin Kelly (1yr. anniv. rem.)

Tuesday, April 13th, *St. Martin I*

8:00 AM Marilyn Tonry
Robin Carlisle (8th anniv. rem.)

Wednesday, April 14th

8:00 AM Audrey Panko
Domenico Tarabocchia

Thursday, April 15th

8:00 AM Healing of Bruce Tipling
Timothy Brennan

Friday, April 16th

8:00 AM Antonio Ferraro
Dave Duffy

Saturday, April 17th

8:00 AM Walter Forsyth
Angel Coriano
4:00 PM Pat Hopper
6:00 PM Rose Spina (birthday rem.)
Healing of Jonas Walworth

Sunday, April 18th, *3rd Sunday of Easter*

8:00 AM Jean Buerkle (1st. anniv. rem.)
10:00 AM Anna Profaca
Rose Spina
12:00 PM People of the Parish
2:00 PM Fr. Frederick Jackiewicz

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 Apr. 11th—Apr. 17th 2021**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

In loving memory
of
Robin Carlisle (8th anniv. Remembrance)

SACRED HEART

In loving memory
of
People of our Parish

SHRINE CANDLE

In loving memory
of
John Lamberti, Jr.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially:**

Week 1: Jonas Walworth, Robert Weck

Week 2: People of our Parish

Week 3: James

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE DECEASED:

Albert Berdel, Jr., Mary Mastandrea, Jason Perlman,
Gregory LaManna

PARISH MINISTRIES*Rosary Altar Society*

Angela McNeill, 732-657-1728

Religious Article Store

Victor Bala, 732-691-2291

Youth Group

Lori Downing, ldowning@easeton.org

Sign Language

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Joe Pittarelli, 732-323-8469

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Palm Sunday 2020: \$ 10,636 COVID

Palm Sunday 2021: \$ 14,047

Cash:	\$ 2,889
Checks:	\$ 10,091
Electronic Giving:	\$ 1,067



Easter Sunday 2020: \$ 7,355 COVID

Easter Sunday 2021: \$ 28,372

Cash:	\$ 2,774
Checks:	\$ 22,427
Electronic Giving:	\$ 3,171

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Visit our website, stjohnlakehurst.com, to donate on-line. Or you can mail in your contributions to:

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We also have a new drop box at the main entrance of the Parish Center. Thank you for your willingness to donate!

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Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection for helping Jesus in disguise. Your contributions make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information on how to give.

ROSARY ALTRR SOCIETY

The Rosary Alter Society will meet at the 8AM Mass, on Wednesday, April 14th and will say the Rosary and Novena after Mass. We will then gather after for a short social meeting. Thank you.

SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE UPDATE

Winners announced. Prizes delivered. Planning for a new raffle underway. WATCH for "roll-out" July, '21!

Covid-19 claimed another change as the revenue being generated was way behind past years. After identifying workable options parishioners were polled. Their inputs led to identifying 6 winners. Each received the same prize - 1/6th of the total. Since income was lower than past years this award provided the winners with a more meaningful sum. As we move past Covid-19's impact, look for the announcement of a recast Scholarship Raffle July, 2021.

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.



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St. John's ACA Donations

As of March 29th, 279 families pledged \$37,483 toward our goal of \$66,000. We fell just a little behind of last year at the same time: 280 families at \$38,599. Thanks for your generosity.

You can learn more, watch the video, and donate to the Annual Catholic Appeal at <https://dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal>

PLEASE PRAY for all our parishioners and friends who are serving in the military, as well as our police, firefighters, first responders, and all who are put in harm's way for our protection:

CPL George Daly IV	W5 Darren S. Kesty
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Spec. Corinne McGrath	CW5 Thomas Oroho
SPC Brian McNichol	Capt. Meghan Oroho

Dear Parishioners,

Thank You

Thank you to our staff and volunteers for all your help during Holy Week and Easter Week. Thanks to our ushers, lectors, extra ordinary ministers of Holy Communion, musicians, and digital ushers.

I'm grateful to all our parishioners and visitors for your patience, understanding, and cooperation. We were able to fit everyone inside our church who wanted to come. Those with contraptions were able to sit fairly close to the canopy entrance.

Mini-Resurrection

With Divine Mercy Sunday, we conclude the Easter Octave but we continue to celebrate the Easter Season through Pentecost. I'm pleased to see more and more people return to Mass.

It's as if our parish is experiencing a mini-resurrection. We still need to be careful, but let's make some more changes not just to get us back to normal but to reach a place better than before the pandemic.

More Exits and Holy Communion in the Parking Lot

With more people attending Mass, we need to find a better way for exiting after Mass. We need to continue to have just one entrance, the canopy entrance. But we can exit from all the exits.

To make the exit by the rectory available, we are going to bring Holy Communion to those in the parking lot at the same time we distribute Holy Communion in the church.

Coming to the Parish Office

We will continue to be available by telephone and e-mail, but I think we can begin to help parishioners in the Parish Center.

Our office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 3 PM. We're going to try to take a lunch break at about 12 Noon.

The Parish Center foyer and new conference room (old chapel) are big open spaces. We'll meet with you there for Mass cards and other inquiries. Wear a mask and stay six feet apart.

Mass Intentions

Many people have asked when we will open the 2022 Mass book. Our goal is around July 1st. Here's the reasoning:

- 1) We have plenty of room left in the 2021 Mass book.
- 2) We are just opening the parish office now. We want several weeks of figuring out how best to meet with parishioners.
- 3) We want to determine the Mass schedule for 2022. Currently, we have six Sunday Masses. We will likely go down to five. We'll have a better idea in June when anyone who wants to get the vaccine will be fully vaccinated.

Church Seating

For Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, we maximized seating. We were ready for 900+ people. We had a record 748 people for the five Easter Sunday Masses. Our new record for a single Mass is 190 at the 10 AM Easter Sunday Mass.

We are changing our strategy. Instead of maximizing seating, we are now going for simplicity and flexibility. You'll notice that the chairs in the parish hall are in neat columns. Couples are by the window. Triples are by the bathrooms. Two columns of singles are in the middle. It also has a more "churchy" feel. If a Mass has few triples but plenty of singles, we can easily split the triples in the parish hall into singles and doubles by moving one chair toward the wall.

Religious Article Store

Victor continues to work on moving the Religious Article Store to the Parish Center. The old conference room is becoming the new store. He needs some time to get everything out of the boxes, but we've had a couple people make specific requests that we've been able to fill.

New Confessional & Livestreaming Control Room

The old store is the new confessional room and livestreaming control room. We're not yet ready to use it as a confessional. When we do use it, it will be great to have penitents in the back of the church rather than the front.

Temporary Confessional

While we still need big open spaces, we'll continue to use the parish hall as our temporary confessional. Just walk up to the screen in the back, stand, and let the priest know you're there. Try not to touch anything.

Spring Confession Schedule

Mondays, 2-4 PM and 6-7 PM

Fridays, during the 3 PM Holy Hour

COVID-19 Vaccinations

I obtained my first Moderna shot at Toms River North on April 6th. I was very impressed with how well organized and big the operation is. It seems that it might be getting easier to schedule an appointment at OCHD.org.

Based on my sister's experience, I don't expect to have any big problems after I get my second shot on May 6th. She was able to work a regular day the day after her second shot. Even so, I scheduled my second shot for a Thursday, my day off. And Fridays tend to be slower than other days of the week.

When it comes to the morality of the vaccines, there are several things to consider. I recommend the National Catholic Bioethics Center for more information: www.ncbcenter.org.

When it comes to the scientific evidence regarding the safety and efficacy of the vaccines, consult your doctor and other trusted sources. Again, I look to the National Catholic Bioethics Center, EWTN, The Catholic Thing, and *Crisis Magazine*. While I've read some of the reporting on scientific matters, I am relying on experts that I trust.

God love you,
Fr. Jim O'Neill

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PICK OF THE WEEK

April 11, 2021

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DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL

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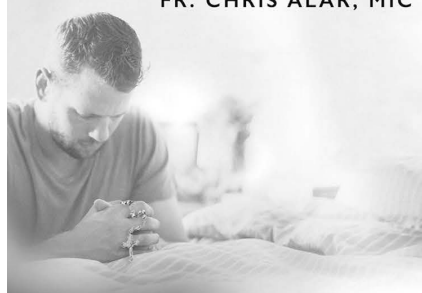
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