ST. JOHN'S R.C. CHURCH

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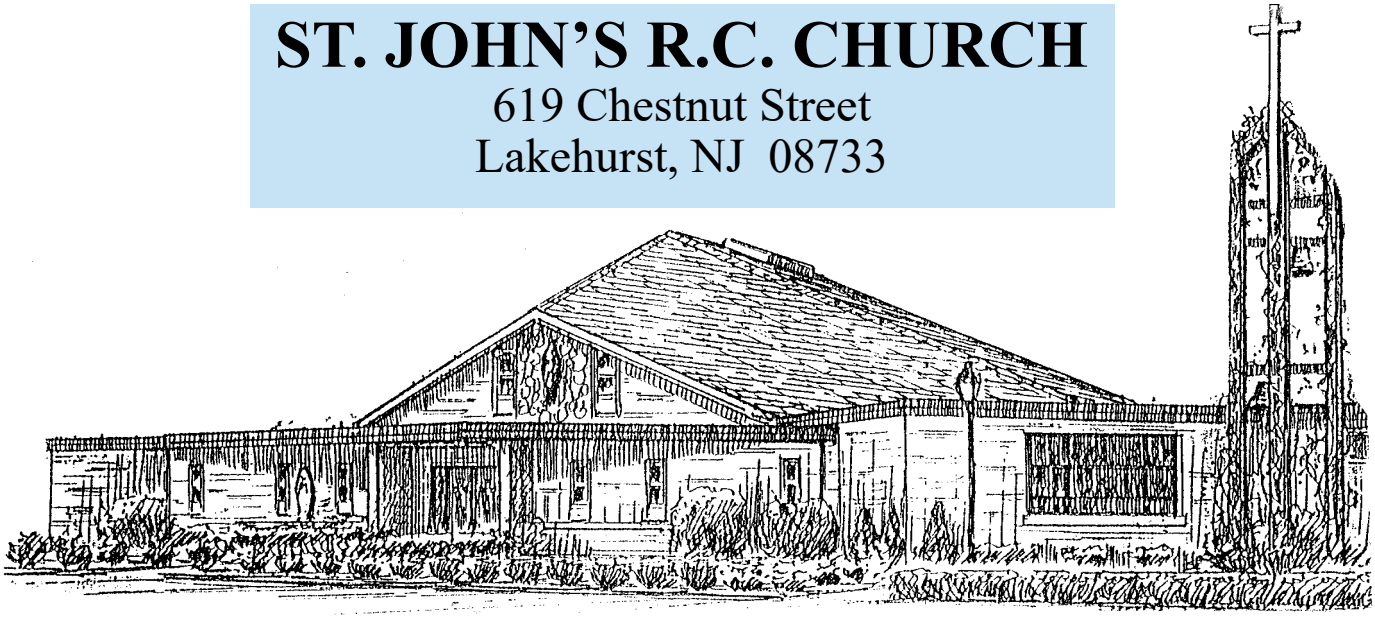

SERVED BY

Rev. James F. O'Neill, Pastor

Msgr. Elso Introini, retired priest
Msgr. Richard A. Rusconi, retired priest
Rev. George Deutsch, retired priest
Rev. Richard Carrington, retired priest

Charlie Jannetti, Business Manager
Holly Hartline, Music Director

Linda Olsen, Parish Secretary

MASSES, HOLY HOUR, ROSARY, & NOVENA

Those fully vaccinated do not need to wear a mask.

Daily Mass
8 AM with Rosary at 7:38 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

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Monday & Saturday: 7:30 AM to 7 PM
Tuesday through Friday: 7:30 AM to 4 PM
Sunday: 7:30 AM to 1 PM

CONFESSIONS

Location: Back of the parish hall in the church.
Mondays: 2-4 PM and 6-7 PM (except holidays)
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. Telephone and e-mail are also 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. Mary Ann Dempkowski,
Director of Religious Education

Religious Education Office: 732-657-2348

COMMUNION CALLS

Call the office for requests for Holy Communion for 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.

PARISH REGISTRATION

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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 5, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 4th
4:00 PM Michael Yawlek (100 year birthday cele.)
Don Chandler
6:00 PM Gregory LaManna
Leonard Ferrara

Sunday, September 5th, 23nd Sunday in OT
8:00 AM Mary and Santo Marino
Daniel Serino (birthday rem.)
10:00 AM Claire Tomasiello and Pamela Sigisimonbi
Joseph DeBella (birthday rem.)
12:00 PM Leontyna Plodowska

Monday, September 6th
8:00 AM Gertrude Fox
Carol Wall (1 year anniv. rem.)

Tuesday, September 7th
8:00 AM Mary Massa (birthday rem.)
Edward Milwicz (birthday rem.)

Wednesday, September 8th, Nativity of Mary
8:00 AM Marie Woods (wedding anniv. rem.)
Marie Garzone

Thursday, September 9th, St. Peter Claver
8:00 AM Taylor Olsen & Keith Martin

Friday, September 10th
8:00 AM Teressa Olsen

Saturday, September 11th
8:00 AM Multiple Intention Mass
Jon Jon Nuesa
Joseph Ribaudo
4:00 PM Steve Zelinsky
Alba Perrotta
6:00 PM Dec. mem. of Milwicz & Turkoc fam. & Cathy Wasilko
Anne Pezzella

Sunday, September 12rd, 24nd Sunday in OT
8:00 AM Timothy Niece
Gail Hosie
10:00 AM William Barrett
12:00 PM Simme Pepe

CANDLES for September 5th-September 11th

SANCTUARY CANDLE
In loving memory
13th Anniversary
Michael John Fuccile

SACRED HEART
In loving memory of
People of our parish

SHRINE CANDLE
In loving memory of
People of our parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially:
Week 1: Loraine Rhine

Week 2: John Gerdes

Week 3: Irene Maury, Sr. Marian Boudreau

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE DECEASED:
Clara Tibaldo, Elaine Fischer, Kevin Oliver, Marino Bob Jimenez, Julia Vagovic

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
Major Kenneth R. Dougher II
AC1 Megan Downes USN
Spec. Corinne McGrath
SPC Brian McNichol
CPO Michael M. Miehle
Tech. Sgt. Megan Hall
W5 Darren S. Kesty
LCPL Jacob C. Kesty
Major Corey J. Smith
CW5 Thomas Oroho
Capt. Meghan Oroho
Tech. Sgt. Corey Hall

LABOR DAY SCHEDULE

Our Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 6th, in observance of Labor Day. We will have daily Mass at 8 AM in the church. Confessions in the afternoon and evening are cancelled. The church will be locked much earlier than usual. Enjoy the holiday.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Rosary Altar Society
Anna Reuther, 732-657-6613
Barbara Williams, 732-581-8817

Religious Article Store
Victor Bala, 732-691-2291

Bereavement Support Group
Anna Reuther, 732-657-6613
Barbara Williams, 732-581-8817

Youth Group
Lori Downing, ldowning@easeton.org

Sign Language
Saturday, 6 PM Mass. Tuesday, 10:30 AM class.
Jim Galvin, 732-323-8584

Nursing Home Ministry, Ushers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
Joe Pittarelli, 732-323-8469

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Cash	$2,507
Checks	$7,718
Electronic Giving	$1,062
August 29, 2021 total	$11,287

Saint John's is forwarding $3,000.00 to Catholic Relief Services this week. Our collection totaled $2,931, and we added the balance to make it $3K. Thank you to everyone who made this aid available. Let's pray that God protects the victims.
May God bless us all,
Charlie Jannetti

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Instead of passing the basket at Sunday Mass, we have baskets at the three entrances to the church. You can also donate on-line at our website, stjohnlakehurst.com. Or you can mail in your contributions to:

St. John's Church
619 Chestnut St.
Lakehurst, NJ 08733

We also have a drop box at the main entrance of the Parish Center. Thank you for your donations!

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Call 732-657-6359 for assistance or to volunteer. Food can now be donated when the church is open. Place donations in the blue bin in the parish hall.

CURSILLO ULTREYA

Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 16th at 1 PM in the Parish Center. Any questions, call David Riggio at 732-323-0216 or Barbara Cipriano at 732-323-8878.

SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS

All new members are welcome! We meet on Tuesdays 10:30 AM -12:00 Noon, in the Parish Center. If you have any questions please call Jim Galvin @ 732-323-8469.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

RCIA will resume sessions Sunday September 12, 2021 during the 10 AM Mass. If you or anyone you may know is in need of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist) please contact Joe Pittarelli 732-323-8469.

BEREAVEMENT/SUPPORT GROUP

St. John's Church is happy to offer a Bereavement Support Group for those who are grieving a recent loss. This is a Christ-centered Support Group offering a caring, compassionate, and confidential environment in which to verbalize your feelings. There will be 6 weekly sessions, on **Wednesdays.** For registration and details, contact Anna Reuther @ 732-657-6613 / Barbara Williams @ 732-581-8817.

FLOCKNOTE & WEBSITE

For the latest news, sign-up for e-mails at stjohnlakehurst.flocknote.com or see the latest Flocknote headlines on our website: stjohnlakehurst.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12940

The Knights of Columbus is the nation's most popular Catholic men's organization. Monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month in the church hall. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, September 7th, at 7:00 PM. All active members are invited to attend. If you want to find out more about the Knights, you can visit www.kofc.org/joinus. By scanning this QR code, you can find out more information about the Knights, and you can become a member of our council, #12940. Initiation fees are waived for the remainder of this year, so you can join for free online until December. As an alternative, you could call either the Grand Knight, Frank Gulinello, at (917) 887-7403, or the Membership Director, Mike Varone, at (646) 996-6253.

We are planning activities to assist our parish. For example, we are having a collection for Alzheimer's Association, and we will be coming together to assist Seminarians. The Knights also have a program to send members of the armed forces home for the Holidays. We will have more information about the "Send A Hero Home" project in future issues.

SECULAR FRANCISCANS

The Order of Franciscan Secular Order "OFS" follows the charism of Saint Francis. We are a Lay Religious Order established by Saint Francis for Married or Single, Men and Women, who are fully initiated in the Catholic Church. We meet the second Sunday of every month at the Parish of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton in Whiting.

"Come and See" visit the Secular Franciscans and get to know us. Ask yourself "Is God Calling Me"? Our Minister is Rose Viragh, OFS, 732-408-6653.

Stephanie Pandolfo, OFS, Smpandolfo@comcast.net

Annual 2021 CATHOLIC Appeal

St. John's ACA Donations

As of August 30th, 366 donors have pledged $53,581 which is 81% toward our $66,000 goal. We remain ahead of the pace for 2018, 2019, and 2020. Our parish is enlivening again. Thank you for your generous support. To learn more, visit https://dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

The Rosarians will be holding an Organizational Meeting on Monday, September 13th at 11:30 AM in the Parish Hall. Any questions, please call Anna Reuther @ 732-657-6613 or Barbara Williams @ 732 -581-8817.

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

This weekend, the arch/diocese will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Catholic University is a national research university with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs in the heart of Washington, D.C. By giving to the collection, you are supporting both future Catholic leaders, religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, Faith-rooted education and the University's various research and training initiatives that support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful. The Catholic Project—an initiative that brings together clergy and laity to address the challenges that the Catholic Church faces in the U.S. contributing education, formation, research, events, and media, a Master's program in Ecclesial Administration and Management, and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers are a few examples how the University is serving the Church and nation. Please give generously. Learn more at: collection.catholic.edu.

WORD OF LIFE

"The Church has consistently taught that every human life is precious and worthy of protection."
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"Another Look at Abortion"
respectlife.org/another-look-at-abortion

***** TICKETS NOW ON SALE*****

SAINT JOHN'S SCHOLARSHIP
50 / 50 RAFFLE

Raffle tickets are available: after Mass (See Usher), or Monday—Friday in Parish Center (9AM—3PM) until December 20th!

PRIZE DRAWINGS: JUNE & DECEMBER

BISHOP'S ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS 2021

October 3, Burlington/Mercer
October 10, Ocean/Monmouth

All couples celebrating their 1st, 25th or 50+ wedding anniversary during the 2020 or 2021 calendar year are invited to share the Eucharist, reaffirm your sacred wedding vows, and receive Bishop O'Connell's Episcopal Blessing. Anniversary Couples from Burlington and Mercer Counties may attend the Sunday, October 3, 2021 Mass and Blessing at 3:00 pm at St. Mary Cathedral in Trenton. **Couples from Ocean and Monmouth Counties may attend the Mass and Blessing at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold on Sunday, October 10, 2021 at 3 pm.** Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, attendance at Mass is limited but both events will be livestreamed. Couples may register through their parish or online pending approval of their parish. For more information or to register online go to www.dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-blessing. The registration deadline for all anniversary couples is **September 15, 2020**.

Dear Parishioners,

Be strong, fear not!

With so many tragedies around the world, neighbors' heavy crosses, political strife, and the pandemic, it is easy to be frightened. God encourages us through the prophet Isaiah in the first reading, "Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication, with divine recompense he comes to save you."

We can carry our crosses because we have a God who loves us to death and is eager to raise us up. He may remove and lighten our crosses. He may give us greater strength to carry them. He may send people to help us. Whatever He does, He does it for our good. Whatever He allows, He allows it with a plan for our good. We can trust Him.

In the gospel, we hear the people say about Jesus, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." How is God helping you? How does He want to help your neighbor through you?

God love you,
Fr. Jim

Another Look at Abortion

Read the full version at usccb.org/abortion.

If someone takes an innocent person's life after he or she is born, it's against the law; before birth (even minutes before, in most states), it's legal because of the U.S. Supreme Court *Roe v. Wade* decision in 1973.

Abortion results in the death of a child. For many, abortion causes severe and long-lasting emotional, psychological, and spiritual trauma, and other detrimental effects have also been documented. (For help, visit www.HopeAfterAbortion.org.)

Support mothers and their children during and after difficult pregnancies.

So, what are we to do? The Church does not approach difficult pregnancy decisions with a false "either/or" mentality, pitting mother against child. We love them both! Learn more at www.usccb.org/abortion.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

Sept 5, 2021

WATCH

NETWORK OF FREEDOM

Set in France at the beginning of World War II, this inspiring film narrates the heroic work of Sister Helene Studler, the Daughter of Charity who saved the lives of thousands of French refugees by preventing them from becoming prisoners of the Nazi forces, or freeing those who were captured. Among those she saved were many illustrious characters including the future Prime Minister of France, François de Mitterrand.

LEARN

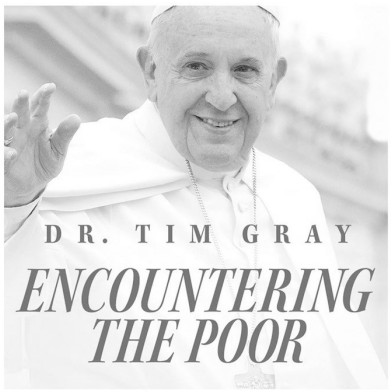
FORMED NOW: THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

As we celebrate the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary this week, listen as Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn discuss the traditions surrounding Mary's life and how her life is a model of humility for Christians.

LISTEN

ENCOUNTERING THE POOR: BIBLICAL ROOTS FOR CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING BY TIM GRAY

Dr. Gray expounds upon the teachings of the Catholic Church surrounding social justice in light of Sacred Scripture. Discover how social justice in regards to the poor is not one small piece in the puzzle, but instead frames the entire mosaic of Scripture.



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