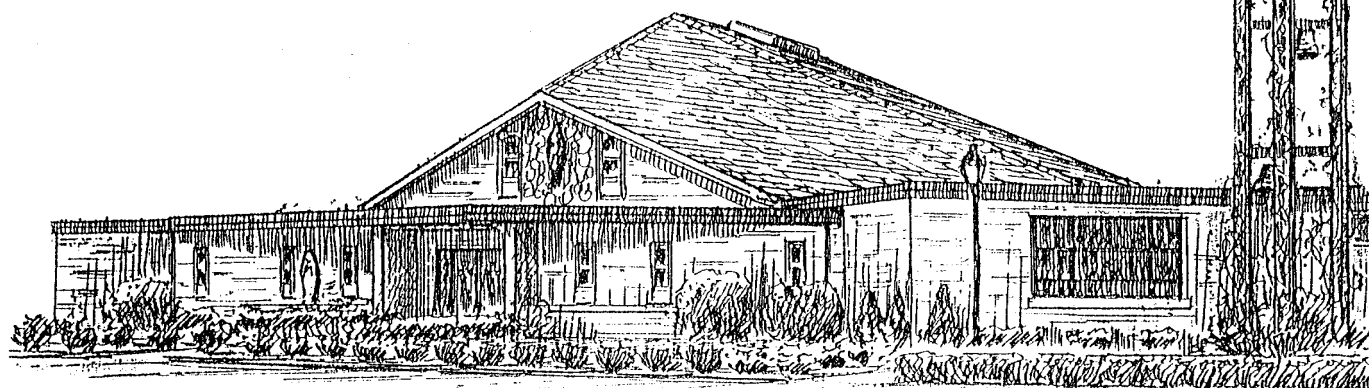


# ST. JOHN'S R.C. CHURCH

619 Chestnut Street  
Lakehurst, NJ 08733



## 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. Andrew Zmarlicki, retired priest  
Charlie Jannetti, Business Manager  
Holly Hartline, Music Director  
Linda Olsen, Parish Secretary

## DAILY MASS

8 AM with Rosary at 7:37 AM

## MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Monday after Mass at about 8:30 AM

## HOLY HOUR

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

Mondays: 2-4 PM and 6-7 PM (except holidays)  
Fridays: During the 3 PM Holy Hour  
During Lent: Before weekend Masses.

## 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.

## BAPTISMS

Please contact the Parish Office for arrangements.

## PARISH OFFICE

The parish office is 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  
e-mail: [office@stjohnlakehurst.com](mailto: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 to request Holy Communion for the homebound.

## EMERGENCIES

- 1) For shelter, food, clothing, and financial assistance, call and leave a message with our St. Vincent de Paul conference at 732-657-6359.
- 2) For other emergencies during office hours, call the parish office at 732-657-6347.
- 3) Outside of office hours for the Anointing of the Sick or to schedule a funeral, call 732-930-1690.

## PARISH REGISTRATION

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

## FLOCKNOTE

For the latest e-mail updates, sign-up at [stjohnlakehurst.flocknote.com](http://stjohnlakehurst.flocknote.com)

## WEBSITE & LIVESTREAMING

[stjohnlakehurst.com](http://stjohnlakehurst.com)

**First Sunday of Lent**  
**March 6, 2022**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK****Saturday, March 5th**

4:00 PM Mary Dunn  
Timothy Tierney, Sr.  
6:00 PM Mary C. Rizzo (anniv. rem.)  
Mary Duinan

**Sunday, March 6th**

8:00 AM Christopher Olsen (special intention)  
10:00 AM Frankie Dombrowski Jr. (birthday anniv.)  
Carmela Morin (birthday rem.)  
12:00 PM Frank Ratajczik (9th anniv. rem.)  
John & Peggy McGovern

**Monday, March 7th, Ss. Perpetua & Felicity**

8:00 AM Travis & Lauren Mikol (3rd wed. anniv.)

**Tuesday, March 8th, St. John of God**

8:00 AM Kathleen Kleinbard  
Donald Sulewski (3rd anniv. rem.)

**Wednesday, March 9th, St. Frances of Rome**

8:00 AM Michele Hess (spec. birthday inten.)

**Thursday, March 10th**

8:00 AM Joseph Powers (birthday rem.)  
Deceased member of the Longo &  
Bonavita families

**Friday, March 11th**

8:00 AM Thomas Simons

**Saturday, March 12th**

8:00 AM Joseph Ribaudo  
Michael Straeter (32nd anniv. rem.)  
4:00 PM Louis Ogno  
Eunice Rothmaler & Vivian Marnell  
6:00 PM Mark Raspa (anniv. rem.)  
Vivian Marnell

**Sunday, March 13th**

8:00 AM Alfred B. Vuocolo Sr. (anniv. rem.)  
Carroll & Jacobsen Families  
10:00 AM Michael Fortino (birthday rem.)  
Steve Travers  
12:00 PM Michael A. Surck  
Paul Mazza

**CANDLES for March 6th– March 12th****SANCTUARY CANDLE**

Special birthday intention  
Michele Hess

**SACRED HEART**

In loving memory  
Joseph, III & Kevin Snack

**SHRINE CANDLE**

In loving memory  
Patricia Straeter

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

Flowers may be purchased for any occasion. If you are placing an order, please do so 2 weeks in advance by calling Loretta Schuck of the Rosary Altar Society at 848-333-0436. Thank you for your participation.

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

**Week 1:** Camille Licandro, Nicole Speth

**Week 2:** Scott Rauseo

**Week 3:** Frederick S. Barnaby, David Whitesell,  
Katie Walker

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE DECEASED:**

Joan Polletti, Caroline T. Cagnini,

**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
Major Kenneth R. Dougher II	LCPL Jacob C. Kesty
AC1 Megan Downes USN	Major Corey J. Smith
Spec. Corinne McGrath	CW5 Thomas Oroho
SPC Brian McNichol	Capt. Meghan Oroho
CPO Michael M. Miehle	Tech. Sgt. Corey Hall
Tech. Sgt. Megan Hall	AMN Joshua Cipriano
LTJG Gregory Gaskel	
A1C Cheyenne Thomas	

**PARISH MINISTRIES**

Contact Joe Pittarelli when you see him, or in the office, or at 732-323-8469 for information about distributing Holy Communion at Mass, in a nursing home, or to a loved one at home. He's also in charge of ushers and lectors and runs the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

Here's a list of other groups at St. John's:

**AL-ANON**

Are you troubled by someone else's drinking? Al-Anon meets every Friday at 1 PM in the Parish Center. All are welcome. For more information call 888-944-5678.

**BEREAVEMENT/SUPPORT GROUP**

St. John's Church is happy to offer a Bereavement Support Group for those who are grieving a recent loss. The next session begins on May 11th at Noon and will run for 6 weeks. This is a Christ-centered support group offering a caring, compassionate, and confidential environment in which to verbalize your feelings. For registration and details, contact Anna Reuther at 732-657-6613 or Barbara Williams at 732-581-8817.

**CHOIRS**

Do you love to sing? We have a Youth Choir and an Adult Choir in need of your voices. The Youth Choir rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 6:45-7:15 PM and they sing at the Children's 6:00 PM Mass on the third Saturday of the month. The Adult Choir rehearsals are 3:30 PM in the church on Thursdays. They sing every Sunday at the 10:00 AM Mass. Contact Holly at holly@stjohnlakehurst.com if you would like to join either choir.

**COLUMBIETTE NEWS**

We have started a Columbiette Auxiliary at St. John the Apostle. We are a group of Catholic women, who support and work with the Knights of Columbus. We are ordinary ladies who are proud of reaching out and helping those less fortunate, by meeting the needs of people in their communities and around the world. You need not be married,

nor related to a Knight to be eligible to join. Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 1 PM, in the church hall. The next meeting is scheduled for March 9th at 1:00 PM for members. For more information, contact Barbara Liona at 732-657-1872.

**CURSILLO ULTREYA**

Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 17th at 1:00 PM. If you have any questions please contact David & Alice Riggio at 732-323-0216 or Barbara Cipriano at 732-323-8878.

**DIVORCED/SEPARATED GROUP**

Pat Kologe, 732-408-1050

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12940**

Monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month in the church hall at 7 PM. We invite all men who are Knights to attend and join with us in solidarity as we support our priests, family and the right to life. To learn more about the Knights, you can visit [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus). In addition, you may call our Grand Knight, Frank Gulinello at 917-887-7403 or our Membership Director, Mike Varone at 609-996-6253. The Knights and the Columbiettes are aiding Seminarians in the Trenton Diocese as they study to become priests.

**ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY**

The Rosary Altar Society will meet on Monday, March 14th at 11:30 AM (note new time) in church to recite the Rosary & Novena. Mass will follow at noon with Msgr. Rusconi presiding. In celebration of St. Patrick's Day, we will be entertained at our meeting in the parish hall by the Irish Dancers from Greenbriar Woodlands & enjoy corned beef sandwiches & Irish soda bread. Any members wishing to attend may place their order for a sandwich (cost \$15) by contacting Anna Reuther at 732-657-6613 by March 7th. New members are always welcome. For more information, contact Barbara Williams at 732-581-8817 or Gerry Boggar at 908-963-3343.

**SAINT 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.



Education Program. The final raffle drawing will be in June 2022. Stop by the Parish Center or see an usher to purchase your tickets.

**SECULAR FRANCISCANS**

The Order of Franciscan Secular Order "OFS" follows the charism of Saint Francis. We are a lay religious order established by St. 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 SEAS in Whiting. For more information, contact Rose Viragh at 732-408-6653 or Stephanie Pandolfo at [smpandolfo@comcast.net](mailto:smpandolfo@comcast.net)

**SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS**

All new members are welcome! We meet on Tuesdays 10:30 AM—12:00 Noon, in the Parish Center and attend the 4 PM Mass on Saturdays. If you have any questions please call Jim Galvin at 732-323-8584.

**WINGS AND A PRAYER**

The religious articles store is located in the Parish Center. The hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Come and see the beautiful items for sale. Contact Victor Bala at 732-691-2291 for more information.

**PARISH FINANCES****COLLECTION-AID THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE**

Thank you for your generous contributions last week to the Collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe! The funds raised help to restore the Church & build the future in more than 25 countries. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Visit [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee).

**SAINT JOHN'S SCHOLARSHIP 50/50 RAFFLE**

St. John's 50/50 Raffle tickets help support the college scholarship fund for our youth who volunteer their time and talents in the Religious

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

Thank you for financially supporting our parish! We have several ways for you to donate. For Sunday Masses, baskets are at the three entrances inside the church. We also have a drop box at the main entrance of the Parish Center. You can donate on-line at our website, [stjohnlakehurst.com](http://stjohnlakehurst.com) or mail your contributions to:

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

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

Envelope Offering	\$9274
Loose Cash Offering	\$745
Electronic Giving	\$1,249
February 27, 2022 Total	\$11,268



# ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2022

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The 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal is well underway. We have \$16,271 already pledged. This is 25% of our \$66,000 goal. The outpouring of support from many parishioners like you helps sustain the important ministries across the Diocese of Trenton. If you have yet to give, please pick up a pledge form at the back of the church or visit [www.dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal](http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal). Thank you for your prayers and support.

**PASTOR'S LETTER****Dear Parishioners,  
Ukraine**

I've already preached and written Flocknote messages about the Russian invasion of Ukraine. I have not been keeping up with all the news. However, I do watch EWTN News and read commentary at the *National Catholic Register*, *The Catholic Thing*, and *Crisis Magazine*. I also have had many interesting conversations with parishioners.

My role as pastor is to make connections between faith and morals and current events.

In terms of faith and most importantly, let's continue to pray for peace in Ukraine including the variety of aspects of what that means.

Regarding morals, it seems to me that Russia has unjustly invaded Ukraine. The leading Catholic Bishop in Ukraine has essentially stated that it is just for Ukrainians to defend themselves.

When we pray and apply Catholic faith and morals to our own lives, what is that going to look like? I've seen many people boycotting Russian companies and countries cutting off financial ties with Russia with the hope that the Russian people will prompt Vladimir Putin to stop this war.

We are likely to see even more inflation. That prompts us to reevaluate our own income and expenses. We might even choose to make financial sacrifices in order to support charities assisting Ukrainians. I know that Caritas and the Knights of Columbus are seeking donations for Ukraine.

The war hopefully will prompt us all to take stock of our own lives and consider our relationship with God. And if the Ukraine situation doesn't do that, how about Lent?

**Lent**

We have the opportunities during Lent to

- 1) repent and believe in the Gospel
- 2) pray
- 3) fast
- 4) give alms

Repenting means turning away from sin and turning toward the Lord. The sacrament of reconciliation is the ordinary way to have our sins forgiven by Jesus Christ through the ministry of the priest.

We should pray every day, but many of us take a step back and look at our prayer life during Lent. What is working? What is not? How is the Holy Spirit prompting us to pray now? Many parishioners have told me that they're doing the Bible in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz. Their eyes are opening to realities they never even knew before. This Lent can be a time when you attend daily Mass one or more times a week. I've recently been astounded by the readings at daily Mass. They seem so applicable to our daily lives and revelatory of God's wonderful plan for us.

Fasting from food or giving something up for Lent is a wonderful practice. We become more disciplined. We become more available to God.

Giving alms is always possible. With Ukraine and the winding down of the pandemic, the needs are becoming even more apparent. This giving of alms is meant to prompt us to make a gift of ourselves to God and neighbor in addition to any financial donations.

**Confession Schedule**

We currently have confessions on Mondays from 2-4 PM and 6-7 PM and during the 3 PM holy hour on Fridays.

During Lent, I will be in the confessional before Sunday Masses on Saturday at 4 PM & 6 PM and Sunday at 8 AM, 10 AM, and 12 Noon. I'll try to get there as early as 3 PM on Saturdays and 25 to 30 minutes before the other Masses.

On March 25th, parishes around the world will be offering confessions for an extended period of time, even 24 hours for the Lord. At St. John's, we plan to have two priests available in the church from 9 AM through 4 PM. I'll be in the confessional. One of our retired priests will be in the sacristy.

**Turning Point**

We are at a turning point because of the pandemic winding down, the war in Ukraine, and Lent. Take this opportunity to respond more affirmatively to the grace God offers us. He already loves us and is eager for us to love Him more fully.

God love you,  
Fr. Jim

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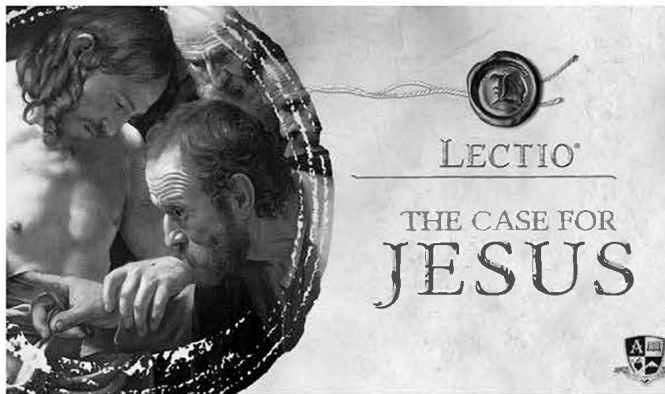
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Heroism isn't restricted to decorated soldiers or persecuted saints. It's something achievable for all of us even in our ordinary lives. In this documentary, see how the Knights of Columbus have embodied this everyday heroism!



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In nine sessions, Dr. Brant Pitre answers the key question of faith: Who is Jesus? Dr. Pitre presents evidence from early Christian and non-Christian writings that attest to the authenticity of the Gospels. Timed to lead up to the Triduum, Dr. Pitre looks in-depth at the accounts of Jesus's Crucifixion and Resurrection and his proclamation of divinity.

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St. Thomas Aquinas wrote the equivalent of 500 books, all with a quill pen! Join Dr. Peter Kreeft, an influential teacher of Catholic thought, as he shares some entertaining anecdotes from the life of this genius saint!

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