

St. John Catholic Church

619 Chestnut Street, Lakehurst, New Jersey

The righteous
will shine like
the sun in
the kingdom
of their Father.

MATTHEW 13:43



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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 23, 2023

St. John's Catholic 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
Steve Aiello, Business Manager
David Shirley, Music Director
Mary Ann Dempkowski, Dir. of Religious Education
Linda Olsen, Parish Secretary

PARISH OFFICE

Monday to Friday: 8:30 AM to 3 PM

Main Office: 732-657-6347

e-mail: office@stjohnlakehurst.com

Religious Education Office: 732-657-2348

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

Our parish covers Lakehurst, a small part of Jackson, and the eastern half of Manchester. We are a community of Catholics in this world helping each other on the way to Heaven. Families moving into or out of our parish are asked to call the Main Office to update your registration.

WEBSITE & LIVESTREAMING

stjohnlakehurst.com

Our website contains more information about our parish, old bulletins, the eight most recent Flocknote messages, and a link to our livestreaming YouTube channel. We livestream most liturgies.

FLOCKNOTE

Fr. Jim writes Flocknote e-mails to the parish usually on Mondays and Fridays. RE parents receive updates via Flocknote. Sign-up at stjohnlakehurst.flocknote.com

CHURCH SCHEDULE

Confessions

Saturday: 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM

Sunday Mass

Saturday at 4 PM & 6 PM

Sunday at 8 AM, 10 AM, & 12 Noon

Church Open for Private Prayer

Monday through Friday: 7:30 AM to 4 PM

Saturday: 7:30 AM to 7 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM to 1 PM

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

Daily Mass, Monday through Saturday

8 AM with Rosary at 7:35 AM

Miraculous Medal Novena after Monday Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday: 2-7 PM (except holidays)

Confessions

Monday: 2-4 PM and 6-7 PM (except holidays)

Holy Hour and Confessions

Friday: 3-4 PM

Chapel Open for Private Prayer

Monday through Friday: 7:30 AM to 3 PM

Saturday: 7:30 AM to 8:45 AM

BAPTISMS

Please contact the Parish Office for arrangements. Baptisms are usually celebrated on the 2nd & 4th Sundays at 1 PM.

WEDDINGS

The Sacrament of Matrimony requires a time of spiritual preparation. The couple should contact the Main Office one year before the date of marriage.

FUNERALS

Families usually work with funeral homes who then contact the office to schedule funerals. Our Resurrection Team will contact the next-of-kin to plan the funeral including the readings and hymns.

COMMUNION CALLS

Call the Main Office to request Holy Communion for the homebound.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Parents are the first and foremost educators of their children. Our RE program assists you. We have classes for K through 8 that meet on Wednesday afternoon & evening and Saturday morning. Call the RE office or visit our website to learn more.



12:00 PM John Ruether (wedding anniv. rem.)
Fred Bull

Saturday, July 22nd

4:00 PM Deacon Ed Holowienka (3rd anniv. rem.)
John Cipriano
6:00 PM Jennifer Gagliardi
Sean O'Brien

Sunday, July 23rd, Sixteenth Sunday in OT

8:00 AM Christopher Olsen (alive-birthday int.)
Patricia Paquette
10:00 AM Albert D'Amato & George Kavazanjian
Patricia Noonan
12:00 PM Jennifer Bryceland
James Mushalla, Sr.

Monday, July 24th, St. Sharbel Makhluf

8:00 AM Thomas Hutton (birthday rem.)
Thomas V. Malik, Sr. (anniv. rem.)

Tuesday, July 25th, St. James

8:00 AM Michael LaManna (alive-birthday int.)
Thomas P. Catanzaro (birthday rem.)

Wednesday, July 26th, Ss. Joachim & Anne

8:00 AM Anna D'Ambrosio
William Spranz

Thursday, July 27th

8:00 AM James Emmينو (birthday rem.)
Raymond S. Nazzaro, Sr.

Friday, July 28th

8:00 AM Marty Mazzuco

Saturday, July 29th, Ss. Martha, Mary, & Lazarus

8:00 AM Don Shulman (anniv. rem.)
Victor Rizzuto (birthday rem.)
4:00 PM Irene Cash (birthday rem.)
Anthony Zavattieri (1st anniv. rem.)
6:00 PM James A. Macartney (birthday rem.)
James Healey (anniv. rem.)

Sunday, July 30th, Seventeenth Sunday in OT

8:00 AM Mary Kretkowski (birthday rem.)
Robert DeFranco
10:00 AM Father Robert McBride
Doug Watson

CANDLES for July 23rd-July 29th

SANCTUARY CANDLE

Birthday Intention
Christopher Olsen

SACRED HEART

Birthday Intension
Michael LaManna

SHRINE CANDLE

In loving memory
Leo Donahue

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:

Week 2: Patricia Ferraro, Anthony Valentino

Week 3:

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE DECEASED:

Raymond Nazzaro, Phillip H. Pender, Ewelina M. Inghilleri

PLEASE PRAY for all our parishioners and friends who are serving in the military, as well as our police, firefighters, first responders:

CPL George Daly IV	W5 Darren S. Kesty
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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
A1C Cheyenne Thomas	LTJG Gregory Gaskel

Financial News

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Envelope giving	\$9,521
Online giving	\$1,365
Loose Cash	\$875
Total July 16, 2023	\$11,751

July 17, 2022 \$10,944

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 online at our website, [stjohnlakehurst.com](https://www.stjohnlakehurst.com) or mail your contributions to:

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

DONATIONS FOR PARISH PROJECTS

Project	Cost	Pledged	Donations
Pantry	\$150,000		\$13,225
Generators	\$150,000		\$800
Church Hall	\$400,000		\$1,800
Any project			\$970
Total	\$700,000		\$16,795

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Three more families made pledges bringing us to 316 families. They have pledged \$51,870 and donated \$47,414. We have reached 79% in pledges toward our goal of \$66,000. We're at 72% in donations. For more information, see <https://dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal>

Parish News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

TIME TO REGISTER

Registration is now open for Religious Education classes for the 2023-2024 school year. To register, visit <https://www.stjohnlakehurst.com/re>

Click on "Re-registration" if your child/children attended classes last year. If your child/children has not yet attended class at St. John's, please click on "New registration."

Please register ASAP. There is a reduced rate for a family of 3 or more children, but this expires on August 15th. Also after August 15th, there is a late fee added to the cost of registration. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ann Dempkowski at 732-657-2348.

YOUTH ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

If you are going into the third grade or above in September 2023 and would like to be an altar server, please pick up a form at the doors of the church or call the Religious Education Office. Place the completed forms in the offertory baskets and Clarence Causing will contact you. Thank you!

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 the person to contact for ushers, lectors, and the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

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

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. For registration and details, contact Anna Reuther at 732-657-6613 or Barbara Williams at 732-581-8817.

CURSILLO ULTREYA

"Cursillo Ulteya" is part of the Trenton Cursillo Movement, a movement within the Catholic Church. It proposes no new type of spirituality, but simply a method through which one's spirituality may be developed, lived & shared, encouraging a close relationship with Christ.

We will meet on August 17th at 1 PM. If you have any question please contact David & Alice Riggio @ 732-323-0216 or Barbara Cipriano @ 732-323-8878.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS OPEN MEETING

Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting every Monday night from 8:00 to 9:00 pm all are welcome. If you, or someone you know has a problem with alcohol, or needs to learn more about AA, you are welcome to come and hear our experience, strength, and hope.

WINGS AND A PRAYER

Our store is located in the Parish Center and is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Come in and shop for yourself or for a gift.

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.

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 SEAS in Whiting. For more information, contact Rose Viragh at 732-408-6653 or perfectjoy112@gmail.com.

SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS

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.

**ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY****Our new List—SVdP Food Pantry**

Thanks to everyone at St. John's for your continued generosity. This helps us to help our neighbors! Please read our **NEW** Needs list below for donating. We purchase these if they aren't donated so it would be a great help!

We prefer that you give these items ONLY, please:

Sugar free items: jams, jellies, pancake syrup, etc.
Cereal for kids-sugary. We now get non-sugar cereals from Fulfill.
Coffee-canned and tea bags
Pasta sauce: Francesco Rinaldi, Ragu, etc.
Pasta: Canned i.e., Ravioli, Beefaroni, etc.
Pasta: boxed except spaghetti & elbow macaroni. We get these from Fulfill
Hearty soups: Progresso, Campbells Chunky, etc.
Toilet paper

NOTE: we no longer need laundry detergent. We have found a charity that supplies this to us!



NOTE: Food can be dropped in the Blue Bin in the Parish Hall any time the Church is open.

IMPORTANT: DO NOT place frozen or refrigerated food in the Blue Bin. Please bring to the pantry Monday mornings from 9 to 11 AM when we are open.

We thank you as always for your generosity and God Bless You.

St. John's Food Pantry, Volunteer Staff

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12940

Grand Knight, Mike Varone invites you to call him at 646-996-6253 to learn more about being a member. You may also call Deputy Grand Knight, Chris Olsen, at 848-223-2606. Founded by Blessed Michael McGivney, of St. Mary's Church New Haven, CT., there are now 1.9M+ members worldwide. Over 130 years, membership has offered: financial security to families, support to seminarians, disaster aid, councils praying the rosary monthly, pastoral

support, and some fun as well (trips, dinners, dances). We look forward to hearing from you.

God's Special Children—Raised \$1,667

Our generous members gave from their substance to help this charity. Blessings and thanks to everyone who gave.

Upcoming AC Trip

Resorts Casino, AC: An Afternoon-Evening Soiree

When: September 20th (open trip-membership not required)

Travel: Luxury bus leaves from Church lot 1 PM/ returns 9PM)

Net Fee: Bus \$35-Resorts \$15 cash back card pp; travel cost \$20 pp.

For Tickets: Call Al Ruth at 732-657-3333 or John Corona at 732-657-1620

Adoration & Mass

The Lord's House

Saint John's Church and Chapel are two places where Jesus lives in the Blessed Sacrament. Thus, it is a place for prayer. As much as we are able, a reverent and respectful silence is essential. Before, during, and after Mass, Jesus is present to listen and respond to your prayers. In turn, please respect your fellow parishioners prayerfully speaking with Him. Arriving on time and staying until Mass ends with the final blessing assures us of receiving every grace the service offers.

Adoration

Adoration is a daily option at St. John's. This means Jesus is available outside of Mass so we can experience His thirst as St. Teresa of Calcutta alerted us, "On the cross Jesus said 'I thirst'". From the Blessed Sacrament Jesus continues to say to each of us "I thirst". He thirsts for our personal love, our intimacy, our union with Him in the Blessed Sacrament. Could you not watch one hour with Me? Jesus desires to connect His Real Presence to your presence. You are invited to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Father Jim posts Parish Center and church times.



COLUMBIETTES

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. There will be no meetings for July and August. Enjoy your summer. The next meeting is September 13th. See you then.

HOSPITALITY

Due to the construction in the church hall, hospitality will be cancelled for the month of July.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

Dinner Cruise Fundraiser

The event will be held on Thursday, August 17th. The cost is \$65 per person. Come join us on the River Lady for a relaxing two and half hour sunset cruise which will offer you not only beautiful skies and wonderful sites to see in Toms River and Barnegat Bay, but you will also be enjoying your choice of delicious meal consisting of chicken, fish or pasta followed by dessert.

If you will be joining us please arrive at the pier located at 1 Robbins Way, Toms River, by 5:30 PM. The boat will depart at 6 PM and we will arrive back at the pier at 8:30 PM. Please, call Carla at 917-922-2565 on or before July 14th if you would like to purchase tickets and obtain further information. All are welcome to join us and have a wonderful time!

First General Meeting

On Monday, September 11, 2023 the Rosary Altar Society will be meeting in Church at 11:30AM for recitation of the rosary followed by Mass at noon, celebrated by Msgr. Rusconi.

Immediately following we will be holding our first general meeting for the 2023/2024 season which will include a Welcome Tea. As always, we welcome back our older members but we would love for anyone who would be interested in becoming a new member to attend (men and women alike) so that we can give you information on what our ministry entails. Hope to see you then!!!

Respect Life News

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

Our next meeting is August 4th at 3 PM as we pray for greater respect for all human life during our parish holy hour. Afterward at 4 PM, we will meet in the church hall. We will hear reports from members about other parish groups' respect life activities.

See Our Carriage to Hold Needs for "Moms & Babies in Need"

The Respect Life Committee is collecting toiletries for Birthright and Open Door located in Toms River. Please place your donations in the "Carriage Container" in the church hall. In need of:

- ♦ Powder
- ♦ Lotion
- ♦ Shampoo
- ♦ Baby soap
- ♦ Diaper rash cream
- ♦ Vaseline
- ♦ Wipes
- ♦ Baby towels
- ♦ Wash clothes
- ♦ ONLY large size diapers



Thank you for all your prayers and support for "Moms in Need."

Other News

BABY JESUS BIBLE SCHOOL

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Whiting
Tuesdays at 10:15 AM

A mommy and me style class that offers imaginative play taking care of our animals in our St. Francis Vet Clinic and Grooming Center. You can also shop for flowers and make bouquets at the St. Therese Little Flower Shop and Market. Story time, prayers, snack and craft. RSVP at 732-350-5001.

COLLECTION SCHEDULED FOR RETIRED, ELDERLY AND INFIRM PRIESTS FUND

Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., is again inviting parishioners in the Diocese of Trenton to support the second annual collection for the Retired, Elderly and Infirm Priests Fund scheduled for Masses July 22 and 23. The collection is part of the diocesan observance of World Day for Grandparents

and the Elderly – established in 2021 by Pope Francis to be held on or near the Feast of Jesus' own grandparents, Saints Joachim and Anne. The collection, which will be taken up in all Catholic churches across Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean Counties, will be used to help fund the needs of the retired and elderly priests of the Diocese whose numbers have now reached 85.

In announcing this year's collection, Bishop O'Connell stated, "As we celebrate the feast of the grandparents of Jesus, I am also mindful of the priests of the Diocese who have 'borne the heat of the day' in our parishes and institutions, serving and ministering to us and who are now retired. They are truly our 'spiritual grandparents'. Many continue to offer Masses and share the Sacraments in our parishes.

"As Bishop, I invite all the clergy and faithful of the Diocese, once again, to show the generosity for which I have come to know you so well by contributing to the annual collection for the retired, elderly and infirm priests of the Diocese. They, too, deserve our love and gratitude in their twilight years!"

Last year, the newly established collection was held in all but three parishes of the Diocese, raising nearly \$235K. Calling the support "extraordinary for a first time collection," the Diocese's Chief Financial Officer Kevin Cimei explained that the funds were directed toward providing living space for the growing number of retired priests. He noted that the collection's proceeds were directed to the development of the new Villa St. Denis retirement residence in Manasquan as well as operations costs at Villa Vianney, the Diocese's retirement facility in Lawrenceville.

HEART OF TRUTH

HOMESCHOOL ACADEMIC SERVICE

Heart of Truth had a successful first year thanks to the kindness of the pastor and staff of St John's. We look forward to helping more homeschool families teach their children by planning both an elementary day full of fun, as well as needed high school courses. Please help us share information about the courses we are offering for the next school year.

2023-2024 Courses being offered

Wednesday Elementary Enrichment

Latin, Art, Music, Science Lab, Geography, Public Speaking. Full or half-day. 3rd to 6th grade.

Tues/Thurs Jr High/High School courses

Biology w Lab, Physical Science, Latin, Spanish, Ancient History & Literature, General Art, Graphic Design, Music Theory, Public Speaking

Choose the courses needed and let us help you teach your children. Visit the Heart of Truth website for more information and to register.

<https://www.homeschool-life.com/NJ/heartoftruth/>

Thank you,

Monica Cincotta

Director

Heart of Truth Homeschool Academic Service

heartoftruthhss@gmail.com

Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us

**OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT**

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors.

If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who has, you can report that abuse through the diocesan Abuse Hotline: 1-888-296-2965 or via e-mail at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org.

The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.

Pastor's Corner

**Dear Parishioners,
Grandparents' Day**

Last Sunday, my brother, sister, and I visited our Uncle Tom and Aunt Barbara. They are grandparents and now great-grandparents. I wish them and all grandparents a most blessed Grandparents' Day. Today is also a day for the elderly who are not grandparents. And that includes our retired priests.

Chapel Update

The new sound system brings sound to the chapel and foyer as well as the live streaming feed. We have a smaller paschal candle just for the chapel. Tom is back to working on the chapel walls. Once they are cleaned, primed, and painted, we'll add artwork. A resurrection statue like the one in the back of the church is being donated for the chapel. We hope to place it on the white wall up high in the foyer.

Funerals have been working out very well in the chapel. Even after the church hall construction is complete, I imagine that three-quarters of funerals would be better celebrated in the chapel. We can seat up to 100 people between the chapel and foyer.

Monday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel is working out very well. We now have coverage from 2 PM through 7 PM on Mondays. People sit quietly in the chapel, look at Jesus, and enjoy His Real Presence.

Church Hall Update

By the time you read this, the mason will hopefully be mostly done. That means the plumber, electrician, and construction workers will be able to go full speed in building our new bathrooms, kitchen, and religious articles store. We're hoping that most construction will be complete by the end of August.

God love you,
Fr. Jim

Church of St. Monica

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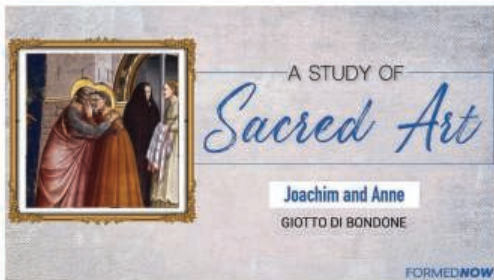


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THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of July 23, 2023



Sts. Joachim and Anne | Sacred Art

In this episode on FORMED Now, Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp discuss the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary in this famous painting "Joachim and Anne Meeting at the Golden Gate."



The Way of Saint James

This documentary follows the journey of several pilgrims who differ in culture and religious faith but are united in their journey across the Camino de Santiago. Each of them is traveling toward the shrine of St. James the Apostle, whose feast day we celebrate this week.



Catholic Parenting Tips w/ Catholic Sprouts | FORMED Now

Join Taylor Kemp and Nancy Bandzuch, who founded Catholic Sprouts alongside her husband Bill, for tips for raising Catholic children!

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