

St. John's Catholic Church

619 Chestnut Street, Lakehurst, New Jersey



Lord, if it is you,
command me to come
to you on the water.

MATTHEW 14:28

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 13, 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.

**Saturday, August 12th**

4:00 PM Jill Ricca (birthday rem.)
Concetta & Vincent Vicario (bday rem)
6:00 PM Noonan Family
Sharon Lee Rizzo

Sunday, August 13th, Nineteenth Sunday in OT

8:00 AM Carol & Joseph Neubauer (wed ann rem)
Sean O'Brien
10:00 AM Thomas Hutton
Carol & Joseph Neubauer (wed ann rem)
12:00 PM Marilyn Hutchinson (birthday rem.)
Vicente Villa & Precy Roman

Monday, August 14th, St. Maximilian Kolbe

8:00 AM Sue Maday
Joan Petersen

**ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

Monday, August 14th, Vigil of the Assumption

7:00 PM People of the Parish

Tuesday, August 15th, Assumption of Mary

8:00 AM Carol Curry (alive birthday int.)
12:00 PM James D. Morin
4:00 PM John Doherty (anniv. rem.)

Wednesday, August 16th, St. Stephen of Hungary

8:00 AM Jeanne Maier
Deceased members of the Terrill family

Thursday, August 17th

8:00 AM Sierra Fisher (birthday rem.)
Robert Bogo

Friday, August 18th

8:00 AM Deacon Rich Glogoza (4th anniv. rem.)
Deceased members of the Modica family

Saturday, August 19th St. John Eudes

8:00 AM Frederick C. Woods (1st anniv. rem.)
Joseph Ribaudo
4:00 PM Johanna Schnackenberg
August Hutmaker (birthday rem.)
6:00 PM Thomas F. Catanzaro (birthday rem.)
William Haynes, Sr. (birthday rem.)

Sunday, August 20th, Twentieth Sunday in OT

8:00 AM Thomas McCallum (birthday rem.)
George DeVito, Jr.
10:00 AM Stella Jable
Ken Jacobsen
12:00 PM Joseph Franco
Marylou Guglielmo

CANDLES for August 13th-August 19th**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

Birthday remembrance
Paul Lamberti

SACRED HEART

63rd wedding anniversary remembrance
Carol & Joseph Neubauer

SHRINE CANDLE

In loving memory
Poor souls in Purgatory

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: Elena Matino, Michael Fauci

Week 2:

Week 3: Emmy Mae Terzek, Capt. Vincent Manco, Dominic Merola

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE DECEASED:

Joan Ventura, Barbara Ryan

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
LTC Kenneth R. Dougher II	LCPL Jacob C. Kesty
AC1 Megan Downes USN	Major Corey J. Smith
Spec. Corinne McGrath	CW5 Thomas Oroho
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Tech. Sgt. Megan Hall	AMN Joshua Cipriano
A1C Cheyenne Thomas	LTJG Gregory Gaskel

Financial News

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Envelope giving	\$10,946
Online giving	\$1,330
Loose Cash	\$1,013
Total August 6, 2023	\$13,289

August 7, 2022 \$12,001

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 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		\$1,600
Church Hall	\$400,000		\$1,800
Any project			\$2,070
Total	\$700,000		\$18,695

Parish News

ASSUMPTION—HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a holy day of obligation (except on Mondays and Saturdays). We will have Masses in the church on Monday, August 14th, at 7 PM and Tuesday, August 15th, at 8 AM, 12 Noon, and 4 PM.

We will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions in the chapel as usual on Monday, but we'll end a few minutes early so that Mass in the church can start on time.

The office will be closed for the Assumption.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

TIME TO REGISTER

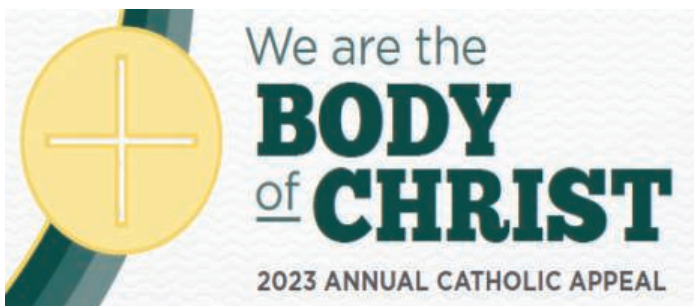
Registration is now open for Religious Education classes for the 2023-2024 school year. To register, visit <https://www.stjohnlakehurst.com/re>

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.



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We have 319 families (two more than last week) who have made pledges to our diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal. They have pledged \$52,315 and donated \$48,237. We have reached 79% in pledges toward our goal of \$66,000. We're at 73% in donations. For more information, see <https://dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal>

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:

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

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 Ultreya" 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.



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

Catholic Beliefs Captured in the "Apostles Creed":

The Apostles' teachings, recorded in the 4th Century, the key beliefs are the following:

- the oneness of God and the Trinity
- the incarnation of Jesus Christ as the Son of God
- the meaning of the crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus
- the person and work of the Holy Spirit
- the Church as the Body of Christ
- the Communion of Saints
- sin and the means of salvation
- judgement and the world to come

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. The next meeting is September 13th. If you or someone you know, would like more information or are interested in joining the Columbiettes, please call our new President, Linda Olsen at 848-223-2605.

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 September 1st 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.

HEART OF TRUTH

HOMESCHOOL ACADEMIC SERVICE

Dear Friends of Heart of Truth,

The fall schedule is posted on the website. Does your child need high school credit for **Biology** or **Physical Science**? We are offering these

courses with labs. Do you want your child to learn Latin? We are offering the *Henle 1* high school course, as well as Memoria Press *First Form Latin* for 6th-8th graders. Is **World History** needed for credit? We are offering that too: Ancient History and Literature.

The following electives are being offered too:

General Art or **Graphic Design** will count as elective credits for high schoolers. Junior high students would benefit from General Art too. **Music Theory** is being offered for those who want to learn more about the nuts and bolts of composing music. Some transcript providers will count this as an academic credit. **Public Speaking** is a necessary skill for most. This course will help all students develop how to present oneself and one's ideas in a logical and understandable way.

The **Elementary Program** is planned too. This is a once a week full-day program which includes science, art, music, geography, Latin, and public speaking.

Register your child(ren) today! Please, share the schedule with your friends and family.

May God Bless all homeschooling efforts!

Monica Cincotta, BS Ed

Director

Heart of Truth Homeschool Academic Service

Lakehurst, NJ

heartoftruthhss@gmail.com

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

Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us

Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

Blessed Michael J. McGivney

The feast of the Knights of Columbus founder, Blessed Michael J. McGivney, occurs on August 13th. This year, however, August 13th is on a Sunday. We are celebrating the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time. We can still ask for the intercession of Blessed McGivney. Next year, August 13, 2024, is on a Tuesday. Hopefully, we'll be able to celebrate his feast day then.

Retirement

Our maintenance manager, Tom, will be retiring at the end of August. Lately, we have been doing more projects than usual to benefit from his expertise and experience. We'll slow down the projects after he retires.

The biggest expenses in our budget are salaries and benefits for our staff. In order to cut expenses, we're going to experiment with not replacing Tom. Instead, I plan to promote Matt, our custodian, and hire someone or a company to clean the church on Monday mornings and the rectory every other week. I haven't figured out what more we need to do. I'm leaning toward using our current vendors more and possibly finding a company that can do some maintenance.

Facilities Committee

Because we won't have Tom on campus, I'd like to form a facilities committee. Other parishes have replaced their maintenance manager and custodian with a company. The facilities committee tours the campus quarterly to identify what maintenance projects need to be done. While we will have Matt doing this daily, I think we'll still benefit from having a group of people who know about the buildings and can make recommendations about what we need to do to maintain them. I'm looking for people with expertise in engineering, architecture, HVAC, plumbing, construction, and related fields. We'll walk through the campus with Tom at the end of August. There will be life after Tom's retirement. Please let me know if you're willing and capable to help set priorities for the maintenance of our facilities.

Church Hall Construction Update

As of August 8th, we've finally gotten past the masonry work that was slowing us down. The plumber will finish the new pipes soon, and the inspection will be done on August 11th. This coming week, we'll fill in holes with cement. After it dries and hardens, we'll move forward with construction.

Chapel Construction Update

When Tom isn't super busy, he's been working on the walls in the chapel. Once they're painted,

we'll put up artwork. After the church hall construction is complete, we'll replace the rug in the chapel and the tile in the foyer.

Meeting Rooms

The church hall serves as a large meeting room when needed.

We're improving the double classrooms in the parish center so that they can be better used as a medium sized meeting room.

The rectory dining room has been used as a small meeting room for RCIA. It has couches. We're going to turn it back into a dining room. But it will also continue to be used as a small meeting room. Instead of couches, people will sit around one or two dining room tables.

The current store in the parish center will become a small meeting room. We'll move the couches there.

God love you,
Fr. Jim

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.

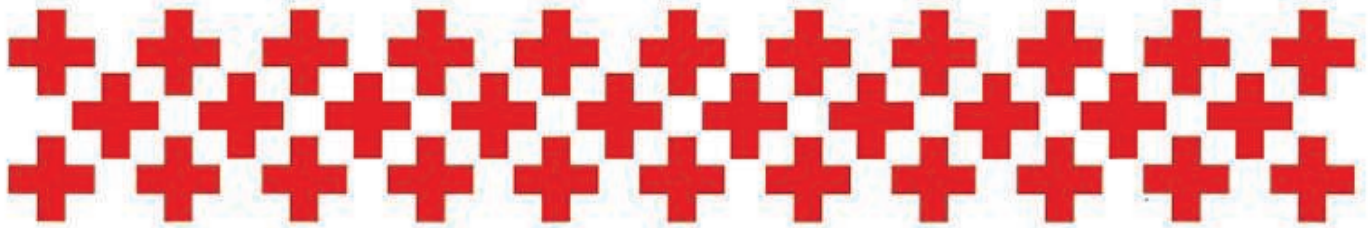
If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who has, you can report that abuse through the diocesan Abuse Hotline: 1-888-296-2965 or via e-mail at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org.

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.



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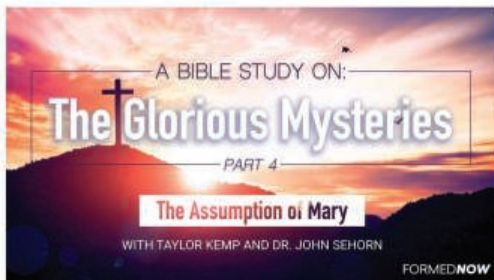
THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of August 13, 2023



Life for Life: Maximilian Kolbe

After escaping from Auschwitz, a man hears the tragic news about ten random inmates sentenced by the Nazis to death as a punishment for his escape—one of whom is Fr. Maximilian Kolbe.



A Bible Study on the Glorious Mysteries: Assumption (Part 4 of 5)

What do you know about the Assumption? Join Dr. John Sehorn and Taylor Kemp as they discuss the theology behind this dogma of the faith.



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