

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The St. John the Apostle parish community, inspired by the Holy Spirit, strives to witness to the presence of Christ
(Parish established October 8, 1966)

Pastor: Rev. Emeka Onyeogubalu
Deacon: Deacon Victor Mesta
Office Administrator: Veronika Jakelic
Bookkeeping: Joanne Bazdell
Maintenance: Steve Short

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday -Thursday, 9:00 - 12:00; 1:00 - 3:30

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Baptismal preparation is required. Please call the Parish Office 613-829-1760.

SACRAMENTS OF FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION:

Please call the Parish Office 613-829-1760.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Preparation is required.
Please call the Parish Office 613-829-1760 at least nine months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: Please call the Parish Office 613-829-1760 to make arrangements.

FUNERAL ENQUIRIES: Please contact the Parish Office 613-829-1760.

FINANCE COUNCIL: Ray Kostuch (Chair) John Schembri
Chris Pereira Marie Weerasooriya-Epps

BUILDING COMMITTEE: Gino Brancatelli (Chair) Paul Gillis
Bob Williamson John Schembri
Don Percy Adel Iskandar

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Mary Jean Thompson (Chair)
Rosemary Fikis Heather Petti Nancy Simon
Fred Adibe Deacon Victor Mesta Jeff Alguire
Christine Buccione Richard Abakah-Akumah

Sunday Eucharist

Saturday: 5:00 pm Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am,
Children's Liturgy generally at 10:30am Mass (Sept. to June)

Weekday Liturgy

Eucharist: Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri at 9:00 am
and 1st Saturday of month: 9:00 am

Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet: prayed before weekday Mass 8:30am

Eucharistic Adoration: First Friday of the Month, following 9am Mass
until 10:30am

CONFESSIONS: 8:30 am Tuesday - Friday
Saturdays 4:00 - 4:30 pm; and on request

PARISH MINISTRIES AND GROUPS

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE	Rosemary Fikis	fikism@proton.me	
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8am	Jamie Burnett	jamesmichaelburnett@gmail.com	613-224-8081
10:30am	Lisa-Marie Flynn	lisamarielynn13@gmail.com	613-614-5566
PRO-LIFE MINISTRY	James Lariviere	jmlariviere@gmail.com	613-883-8670
	Family Support Center		1-800-665-0570
READERS/COMMENTATORS	Laura Recoskie	lrecoskie@gmail.com	613 596-0905
RESPONSIBLE MINISTRY	Parish Office		613-829-1760
SACRISTANS/ENVIRONMENT	Angela Beimers		613-829-0320
SENIORS MINISTRY	Claudette Joseph	claudette43@rogers.com	613-829-6013
USHERS	Gerry Fikis	fikisgw@pm.me	613-723-0728

FOOD BANKS	Morrison Gardens Food Bank		613-596-6229
	Pinecrest Food Cupboard		613-596-6703

AREA SCHOOLS			
Our Lady of Victory	613-828-5594	St. John XXIII	613-226-6223
St. John the Apostle	613-828-0644	St. Paul High School	613-820-9705

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

The people of St. John the Apostle Parish Community extend a warm welcome to our parish family! Kindly introduce yourself to the priest and register your family with our community. Please call the parish office if you have any questions. (Please complete the information below and place in the collection basket)

NAME: _____ TEL: _____ ADDRESS: _____ Postal Code: _____

PARISH INTEREST: _____ WOULD YOU LIKE TO USE SUNDAY COLLECTION ENVELOPES? Yes ___ No ___

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
December 20th/21st – Fourth Sunday of Advent		
	Presider: Fr. Emeka Onyeogubalu	
5:00 pm	#1 Ian Moffat #2 Dee Simons	Deacon Victor Cynthia White Thornley Mary Jean Thompson
	Presider: Fr. Emeka Onyeogubalu	
8:00am	#1 Monica Mullane #2 Francine Conlin	Angela Beimers Mary Ellen Agnel Jeff Ladouceur
	Presider: Fr. Emeka Onyeogubalu	
10:30am	#1 Myles Bunbury #2 Harrison Peiris	Karen Leeder Ray Kostuch John Schembri

*If you are unable to serve as scheduled
Please ensure that you have found a replacement.*



Today is the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday, a day of rejoicing. The readings encourage us to find joy and hope in the coming of the Lord. The readings focus on the joy of waiting for Jesus. Isaiah says: "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God." St. James reminds us of the importance of patience and not to grumble against one another. He is not only coming, the Lord is near!

We are more than halfway through Advent. We mark this day by lighting the third candle on our Advent wreath, which is traditionally colored pink. At Mass, we will see the priest wearing pink or rose-colored vestments. The color signifies that we look forward to the arrival of Christ.

(Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11)

Dates to Remember

Dec. 16th – Purdys Chocolate pick up



**WISHING YOU A
WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS
FROM THE
CHILDREN'S LITURGY
LEADERS!!!**

There will be no Children's Liturgy on December 28th or January 4th. We can't wait to see your smiling and smart faces in the new year!

MONTHLY SENIORS MASS



PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE **NO SENIORS MASS IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY**

Our next gathering will be on January 7, 2026.
We will start at 1pm. Please bring a friend, bring a mug, bring goodies and bring games. Do not forget to bring your smiling faces and enthusiasm.
The senior committee wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

PICK UP YOUR CWL PURDY'S CHOCOLATE ORDERS

When: Tuesday, December 16th

**Time: 10am to 12:00 noon or
4:00pm to 6:00pm**

**Where: Small Assembly Room
Please use entrance from
back parking lot.**

Mass times for Christmas and New Year's



Christmas Eve Masses

**Wed. Dec. 24th - 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:00pm
(no 9:00am Mass)**

Christmas Day

Thursday, Dec. 25th - 10:00am

Feast of the Holy Family

**Saturday, Dec. 27th - 5:00pm
Sunday, Dec. 28th - 8:00am, 10:30am**

Solemnity of Mary

**Wed. Dec. 31st - 5:00pm (no 9am Mass)
Thursday, Jan. 1st - 10:00am**



SUNDAY SMILE

One dark night my four-year-old brother, Darren, watched a plane moving across a clear sky. As it disappeared, he heaved a relieved sigh and said: "Whew! I'm sure never gonna be a pilot!" Surprised, Mom asked, "Why not?" "Do you realize," Darren replied wisely, "how hard it would be to steer around all those stars?"

First Communion and Confirmation Registration:

For those that were unable to attend the registration for First Communion or Confirmation, please contact the parish office at 613-829-1760.



Bulletin deadlines for December

January 4th/11th bulletin:

Deadline: Friday, Dec. 19th by noon

Please remember to book your Announced Mass intentions early if you wish them to be printed in the bulletin.

New envelope boxes for 2026 are ready for pick up in the Glass house. Every year, we have to reallocate numbers to take into account people who have left the parish or switched to PAD. These numbers get reassigned to new parishioners. **Please do not assume that last year's number is still assigned to you and do not use envelopes issued to you in previous years.** This could mean someone else will be getting credit for your donation. Please help us by filling in your name and address on your envelopes for the first few weeks of 2026. *Thank you.*

THE 5PM CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!!

YOUTH, KIDS, and YOUNG ADULTS are
INVITED to:
SERVE, SING,
USHER, READ, and GREET!
ALL FAMILIES ARE WELCOME!

Contact Lisa-Marie Flynn right away at
lismarieflynn13@gmail.com to sign up and
get info!

Mass Intentions

Sat. Dec. 13th - 5:00pm

✠Adele White by Peter White

✠Pearl Beausoleil by Marie and Jodi Epps

Sun. Dec. 14th - 8:00am

✠Marguerite Hill by her sons

✠Gregory Kiez by the family

Intentions of Maureen Conlin by Francine Conlin

Sun. Dec. 14th - 10:30am

For the intentions of all our parishioners.

Tues. Dec. 16th - 9:00am

Wed. Dec. 17th - 9:00am

Thurs. Dec. 18th - 9:00am

Fri. Dec. 19th - 9:00am

✠Andrzej Bielanski by the family

Sat. Dec. 20th - 5:00pm

✠Carl Dervin by Lynn Harriet-Dervin

Intentions of Terry and George Daniel by Marie and Jodi Epps

Sun. Dec. 21st - 8:00am

For the intentions of all our parishioners.

Sun. Dec. 21st - 10:30am

✠Sheila Berrea by the family

✠Pearl Beausoleil by St. John the Apostle Parish

✠Ellis McVeigh by Elaine McVeigh

✠ indicates deceased



Please remember the sick and their families who journey with them, especially Bill Roblin, Lenora Arns, Jim Murawsky and Victor D'Amico. Prayers and sympathy for those who have passed away.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention: December

For Christians in areas of conflict – Let us pray that Christians in areas of war and conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.



We welcome donations to offset the cost of flowers to decorate the church at Christmas. Envelopes are available on the back tables and side entrance



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