

# 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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Council 10470	Frederick Adibe	fredadibe7@gmail.com	613-410-8017
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Mary Jean Thompson	r.thompson1@rogers.com	613-226-7219
MUSIC MINISTRY	5pm Joanne Parenteau	joanneparenteau@gmail.com	
	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
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	Pinecrest Food Cupboard		613-596-6703
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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 \_\_\_

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

	Lectors
<b>December 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> – Third Sunday of Advent</b>	
	President: Fr. Emeka Onyeogubalu
5:00 pm	#1 Ian Moffat #2 Peter Stoop
	President: Fr. Emeka Onyeogubalu
8:00am	#1 Rexita Xavier #2 Sabrina Pedulla
	President: Fr. Emeka Onyeogubalu
10:30am	#1 Xavier Recoskie #2 Mih Bibiana

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

### **Sorry to see you go Franca!**

Our parish office administrator, Franca Morrison, is now retiring after 8 years of dedicated service to our parish. Anyone who has had the pleasure of dealing with Franca will know that she is a very efficient and effective person, who always did her work with a friendly smile! For Franca, the position was more of a mission than a job, and she always put in extra work when needed. After the 10:30 Mass on **December 7<sup>th</sup>** we will be making a small presentation to thank Franca and then enjoy a Coffee Sunday with her.

### **Welcome to Veronika**

A warm welcome to Veronika Jakelic, who is taking over the office administrator position from Franca. Veronika has a wealth of administrative experience, including years of work in another parish. Welcome Veronika, to our parish family of St. John the Apostle. We are looking forward to working with you!

Father Emeka

### **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  
[lisamarieflynn13@gmail.com](mailto:lisamarieflynn13@gmail.com) to sign up and  
get info!**

### **Dates to Remember**

**Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> – Family Christmas Party**  
**Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Carol Sing-Along**  
**Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> – Purdys Chocolate pick up**



### **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY!!**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**11:30AM (after 10:30am Mass)**

**Crafts, music, pizza and more!**

**All children and young families  
welcome!**

**A special guest may join us!**

### **Christmas Sing-Along**



### **CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-ALONG**

You are all invited to join us to sing-along with Christmas carols, on **Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>** from 3:00pm-4:00pm. Light refreshments will follow in the hall. **Bring you family and friends and let's all get into the Christmas spirit together!**

### **Mass times for Christmas and New Year's**



#### **Christmas Eve Masses**

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

#### **Christmas Day**

**Thursday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> - 10:00am**

#### **Feast of the Holy Family**

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

#### **Solemnity of Mary**

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



## SUNDAY SMILE

A kindergarten teacher was walking around observing her classroom of children while they were drawing pictures. As she got to one girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

### 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

December 21st bulletin:

Deadline: Wednesday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> by noon

December 28th bulletin:

Deadline: Friday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> by noon

January 4th/1<sup>st</sup> bulletin:

Deadline: Friday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> by noon

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



### **PICK UP YOUR CWL PURDY'S CHOCOLATE ORDERS**

**When:** Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

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

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

Thank you all for your support.

*Merry Christmas!*

### **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.

## Mass Intentions

Sat. Dec. 6th - 9:00am

For the protection of all human life.

Sat. Dec. 6th – 5:00pm

✠ Anna Moon by Marie and Jodi Epps

Sun. Dec. 7th - 8:00am

For the intentions of all our parishioners.

Sun. Dec. 7th – 10:30am

✠ Pearl Beausoleil by the Knights of Columbus  
Deceased member of the Dervin and McVeigh  
families by Elaine McVeigh

Tues. Dec. 9th – 9:00am

Wed. Dec. 10th - 9:00am

Thurs. Dec. 11th - 9:00am

✠ Marguerite Hill by her sons

Fri. Dec. 12th - 9:00am

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

Sun. Dec. 14th - 10:30am

For the intentions of all our parishioners.

✠ indicates deceased



Please remember the sick and their families who journey with them, especially Bill Roblin, Lenora Arns and Jim Murawsky. Prayers and sympathy for those who have passed away, remembering Marcelle Coulas.

**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.*



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