

# 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	
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Lynn Dal Farra		613-721-8111
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 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
SENIORS MINISTRY	Claudette Joseph	claudette43@rogers.com	613-829-6013
USHERS	Gerry Fikis	fikisgw@pm.me	613-723-0728
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FOOD BANKS	Morrison Gardens Food Bank		613-596-6229
	Pinecrest Food Cupboard		613-596-6703
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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 \_\_\_

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
<b>Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		
5:00 pm	Presider: Fr. Patrick Chongo	
	#1 John Dunphy #2 Peter Stoop	Deacon Victor Yoli Mesta Gina Madrigano
8:00am	Presider: Fr. Patrick Chongo	
	#1 Monica Mullane #2 Rexita Xavier	Deacon Victor Angela Beimers Mary Jean Thompson
10:30am	Presider: Fr. Patrick Chongo	
	#1 Amy Recoskie #2 Xavier Recoskie	Deacon Victor Janet Snider-Belot Dan Murawsky

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



## LASAGNA DINNER SATURDAY JANUARY 24TH

The Knights of Columbus are holding their annual Lasagna Dinner on **Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**.

Cocktails at 6:00 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are limited to 90 dine-in guests but no limit to take-out (if purchased in advance) and will be available after all masses this weekend. Tickets will also be made available from the Parish office the week of January 7<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children 5-12 years of age.

For parishioners preferring to dine at home, we are offering a take-out option as well!

### Blue Envelopes – Parish Social Mission

This weekend **Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>** we have our “Blue Envelope” collection. Our **Social Outreach** (local food banks) and **Pro-Life Ministry** rely on this income to carry out their ministries. Blue envelopes are always available at the doors. Thank you

## Dates to Remember

**January 24<sup>th</sup> – KofC Lasagna Dinner**  
**February 19<sup>th</sup> – Parish Memorial Mass**

*Thank You!*

Thank you to all who shared their time, talents and gifts and helped with our Christmas celebrations; our sacristan, deacon, the choir, musicians, lectors, ministers of communion, altar servers, projectionists, live stream cameraman, ushers and greeters, collection counters, staff, etc. Without all your help we could not have done it. May God bless each and every one of you.

*Fr. Emeka*

### Parish Memorial Mass

**The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women’s League** are organizing the annual Parish Memorial Mass for **Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:00 pm. This Mass is dedicated to all the deceased members from our parish who passed away in **2025**, as well as parishioner family members who died during this past year. If you lost a family member in 2025 and would like them remembered at this special Mass, please contact the office, 613-829-1760, with the name of the deceased and the representative who will attend the Memorial Mass in their honour.



### MONTHLY SENIORS MASS

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

Our next gathering will be on **Wednesday, February 4, 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.



## SUNDAY SMILE

I'm not sure exactly what calories are but clearly, they taste delicious.

I was interested in doing some DIY, so I went to the library and asked if they had any books on shelves.

### Suggested guidelines from our Archdiocese

As we are in flu season, we want to ensure that our parishes remain safe and welcoming places for worship.

1. Stay Home if sick: Encourage anyone feeling unwell, especially with flu-like symptoms, to refrain from attending Mass or parish events until they are fully recovered. Being sick is a valid reason for missing Mass.
2. Pastoral Care: If someone cannot attend Mass due to illness, encourage them to participate via livestream if available and arrange for Communion to be brought to them if appropriate.
3. Hand Hygiene: Provide hand sanitizer at church entrances and encourage frequent handwashing.
4. Sign of Peace: Remind parishioners that a simple bow or verbal greeting is an acceptable alternative to a handshake during the Sign of Peace.

Reception of Holy Communion: Parishioners who are concerned about illness may receive Communion in the hand rather than on the tongue. Ministers are sanitizing their hands before and after distributing Communion.

### Going away for the Winter?

You can continue your monthly donations while you are away by registering for PAD (Pre-Authorized Debit). The parish is pleased to offer this opportunity for making your contributions on a regular basis. Forms are available at both entrances, from the Parish Office, or on our website.

## Mass Intentions

**Sat. Jan. 17th – 5:00pm**

†Thomas White by the family

**Sun. Jan. 18th – 8:00am**

†Louise Colomovic by John and Angela Beimers

**Sun. Jan. 18th – 10:30am**

For the intentions of all our parishioners.

**Sat. Jan. 24th – 5:00pm**

†Adele White by Peter White

†Henry Kaeslin by John and Patricia Dunphy

**Sun. Jan. 25th – 8:00am**

For the intentions of all our parishioners.

**Sun. Jan. 25th – 10:30am**

†Charles and Jeanette Boyle by Mona Boyle

† indicates deceased



Please remember the sick and their families who journey with them, especially Lenora Arns. Prayers and sympathy for those who have passed away.

### Father Emeka Away

Fr. Emeka will be on vacation from **January 7<sup>th</sup> to February 13<sup>th</sup>**. During this time there will be NO weekday or First Saturday 9:00am masses. Weekday masses will resume on Tuesday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. **Weekend masses will proceed as regularly scheduled**, with Saturday confessions at 4:00pm. Fr. Patrick Chongo will be presiding at all weekend masses.

### Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father – January

*For prayer with the Word of God; Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.*

In order to keep our records up to date, please notify the Parish Office of any address or phone number changes.



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