

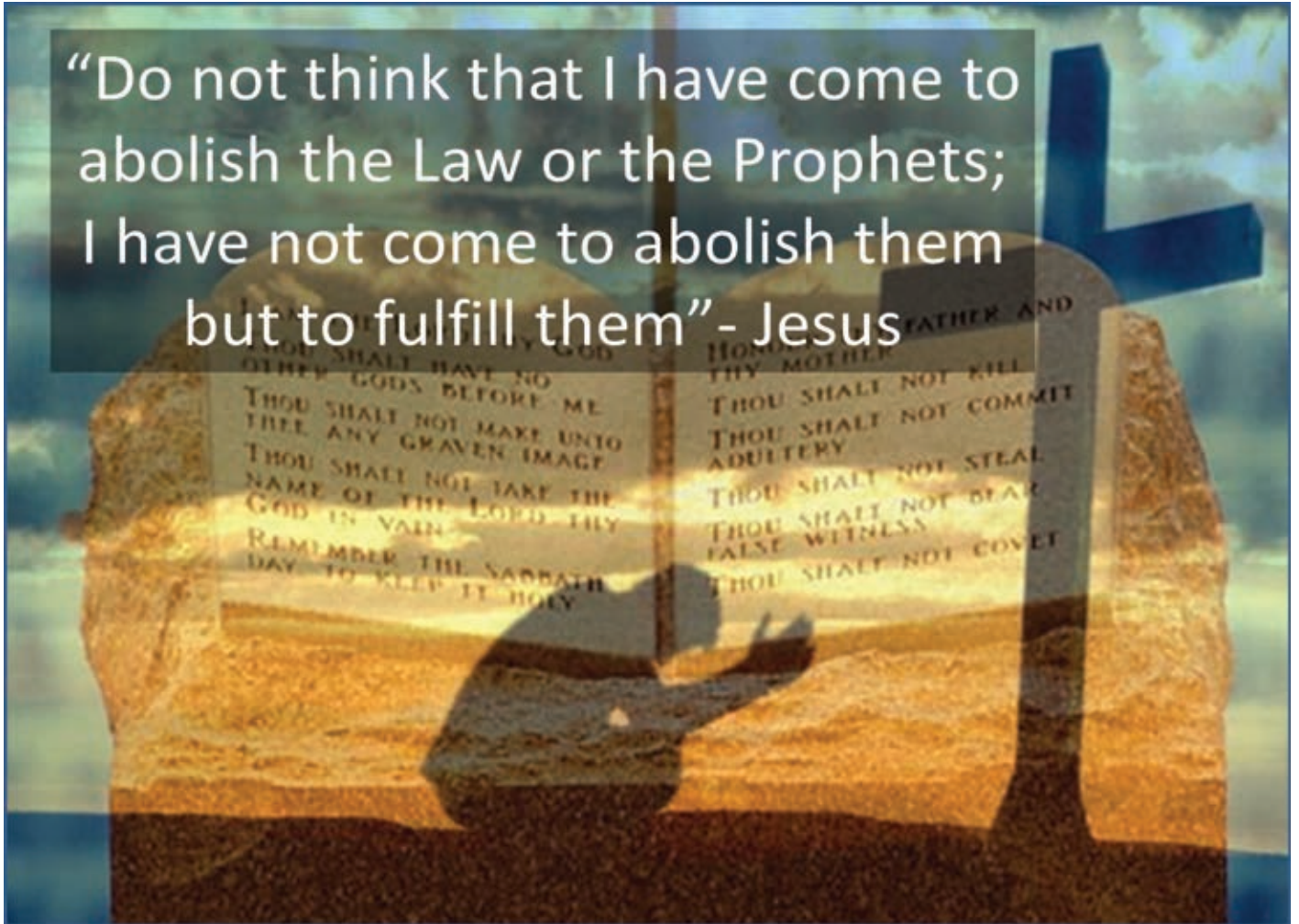


# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH

February 16, 2020

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them” - Jesus



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**MASS SCHEDULE/HORARIO DE MISA**

**ST JOHN**

**WEEKDAYS**

MONDAY through FRIDAY 8:30 a.m.

**WEEKENDS**

SATURDAY EVENING 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

**ST AGNES**

SUNDAY 9:30 a.m.

MISA EN ESPANOL 11:00 a.m.

**HOLY DAYS**

HOLY DAYS 7:00am & 7:00pm.

**CONFESSIONS**

SATURDAY 3:30-4:30 p.m.



February 16, 2020  
Altar Flowers  
In Memory of  
Glenn Wright  
Req. by Carol Bishop



February 16, 2020  
Sanctuary Light  
In Memory of  
Glenn Wright  
Req. by Carol Bishop

**February 8th & 9th Offertory:**

Collection: \$ 9,290  
Online Giving: \$ 3,443  
Less Average Expenses: (\$12,500)  
Balance: \$ 233

**Thank you for your generosity!**



Commemorative Candle for  
St. John Paul II  
In Memory of  
Glenn Wright  
Req. by  
Carol Bishop

Let us remember all those who have asked for our prayers especially the sick and suffering of our parish.

Juan P. Lopez, Nancy Guitierrez, Edwina Gill, Rose Korney, Grace Emma, Michael Hughes, Beverly Fresco, Peggy Bishop, Gregory Maloney, Diane Worthington, Alfonso Smullen, Mary Holcombe, Elaine Joiner, Efigenia Avalos, Gary Davila, Walter Rzeszutek, Kerry Bush, Ruth Yolanda, Nelly Lozano, Yuri Gil, James Malagrino, Chihon Jayolola, Janice Carty, Michele Studley, Joseph M. Waters, Lawrence Miele, Jim Oehlers, Clayton Wells, Maria, Jonathan Perez, Peggy Hart, Richard Molnar, Harry, Carol Furlow

*“Jesus, look upon me with eyes of mercy, may your healing hand rest upon me.”*



**Knights of Columbus**  
**Louis Failla: Grand Knight**  
**609-397-4550**

Next Meeting will be held on:  
**March 5th at 8:00PM**

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: March 6—14, 2020  
Fliers can be found in the back of Church  
and on our Website.

**The Rosary Altar Society**  
**Upcoming Events:**

- ◆ Praying the Rosary: March 7, 2020 @ 4:30PM
- ◆ Altar Rosary Society Meeting: Monday, March 9, 2020, 7:00PM

If you are interested in joining, please contact  
Vicki Casey—President 609-397-9265



This Ministry is designed to help all those who are grieving with a supportive environment to express their emotions, learn ways of coping with grief, and moving through the journey towards peace and acceptance. The next session will be begin on Monday, March 2nd. Please contact the Parish Office to register.



Please join us at St. John's every Monday morning at 8:00am for the Perpetual Novena in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.

**FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION PRAYERS**

Please join us every First Friday following the 8:30AM Mass for meditation prayers in devotion to our Blessed Mother and the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

## February 16, 2020 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### CONFESSIONS

St. John's ~ Saturday: 3:30- 4:30 P.M. or call the Parish Office for an appointment.

### BAPTISMS

Celebrated the first Sunday of the month beginning with the 11:00 Mass, please call the Parish Office for additional information: 609-397-3350.

**All paperwork must be completed prior to scheduling a baptism.**

### MARRIAGES

The bride or groom must be an **active-registered member** of St. John the Evangelist Parish with weekly Mass attendance and involvement in the life of the Parish for one year before the marriage preparation process. Please call the Parish Office for more information. According to the Common Policy of the five Latin-rite (Roman Catholic) dioceses of New Jersey, there must be twelve months of marriage preparation for each couple who desires to be married in the Church. **Please do not make any wedding arrangements** (including reception hall) **until** you have met with the pastor and he has approved the wedding date with you.

### SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

When necessary, contact the Parish Office 609-397-3350 ext. 2.

### HOSPITALIZED FAMILY

If you have a hospitalized family member, let the parish know so that we can visit and take the Eucharist. Please call the parish office.

### Readings for the week of February 16, 2020

**Sunday:** Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

**Monday:** Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76; Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday:** Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday:** Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26

**Thursday:** Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 8:27-33

**Friday:** Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 8:34 — 9:1

**Saturday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt 16:13-19

**Sunday:** Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

### MERCY CORNER

What is the antidote to anger and rage? Mercy, kindness, and forbearance spring from a heart full of love and forgiveness. God has forgiven us and he calls us to extend mercy and forgiveness towards those who cause us harm and grief.



### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Theme:** God's Commandments are a way of life.

#### Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel Reading

#### Step One: Listen to the Word

When you hear the word commandment, what do you feel? What did Jesus mean when he said he did not come to *abolish* but to *fulfill* the law of the prophets?

#### Step Two: Look into your Life

**Question for Children:** Which rules cause you the most difficulty? Why?

**Question for Youth:** In your own words, describe what the spirit of God's law is.

**Question for Adults:** Have you considered that laws are made with love? Do you accept God's love through his laws?



# February 16, 2020 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Next Family Religious Education Class The week of March 1, 2020

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#### Sacrament Sunday:

February 23, 2020 1:00PM

#### First Reconciliation Service:

February 29th, 10:00AM

Other inquires, please see website

### February 16, 2020—6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” MATTHEW 5:20*

The scribes and Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it’s the love that you have in your heart that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules out of obligation, not love, does not put you on the path to heaven. Attending Mass on Sunday and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of a modern day Pharisee.

**“Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother”** began on January 22nd and will be held on Wednesdays listed below at 7:00pm in the Jesus School. This will be an eight week program.

NOTE: There will be THREE (3) Wednesdays that we will NOT MEET - two due to Religious Education Sessions meeting and one for Ash Wednesday.

#### **Meetings at 7:00PM on the following Wednesdays:**

February 19th

March 11th, 18th and 25th

April 1st

### **2019 TAX STATEMENTS**

If you would like a contribution statement for 2019, please fill out the form below (Please PRINT) and return it to St. John’s Parish Office or place it in the offering basket.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Envelope Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### **St. John’s Ministry Group News**

#### **Book Club:**

Book to Discuss: To Dance With the White Dog by Terry Kay. We will be meeting on **Wednesday, March 4th**, at 2:00pm in The Jesus School, Second Floor. All are welcome! Any questions, please call: Beth Lange 908-672-1731

#### **Clothing Ministry:**

Please join us at the next clothing ministry meeting to be held on **Thursday, February 20th, 7pm** in the Jesus School. We will talk about the recent coat drive and looking forward to next year. We will also look at ongoing ways the ministry can help families throughout the year, including helping families with children who will be receiving sacraments.

Any questions, please contact Barbara Durning-McHenry: [barbara\\_durning@yahoo.com](mailto:barbara_durning@yahoo.com)

#### **Evening Prayer:**

On **March 12th**, and repeating every **second** Thursday of the month, we will have an Evening Prayer Service at St. John’s.

#### **Funeral Mass Assistance Ministry:**

St. John’s has established a new ministry called Funeral Mass Assistance. Our objective is to help you through your time of loss to design an appropriate and meaningful remembrance of the deceased’s life on earth. The ministry is also available to make Funeral Mass arrangements in advance so the loved one’s wishes for their Funeral Mass are honored. Members of the ministry will help in selecting scripture readings and music. To make advance arrangements or in your time of need, the ministry can be contacted through the church office at: 609-397-3350, ext. 3.

#### **Senior Social Ministry:**

If you have an interest in helping the senior citizens in our area, please bring your ideas and join us in the Jesus School building. We will meet in a second floor classroom on the first Wednesday of each month. Next meeting is **March 11th at 7:00pm**.

#### **Tutoring Ministry:**

We are beginning to form a tutoring ministry at St. John’s. Many parishioners have expressed an interest in helping both adults and children in languages, including ESL, general schoolwork, and financial counseling. If you or someone you know needs assistance, or would like to join this effort as a volunteer, please contact us. Judy Rudderow email: [jmr23@comcast.net](mailto:jmr23@comcast.net) Or call: 215-499-3725

#### **Welcome Committee:**

Welcome Sunday will be held for all new parishioners on March 22nd following the 11:00AM Mass. We will be having a history tour of the church for anyone interested. **All are invited!**

#### **Women’s Retreat Group:**

The next retreat will be held at San Alfonso Retreat House, a Redemptorist Community, in Long Branch, NJ on March 6-8, 2020. The retreat house sits on 8 acres overlooking the Atlantic Ocean with outdoor shrines, gardens and prayer chapels. The theme is “Choosing to Live in Peace”. The cost is \$240/person. Please call 732-222-2731 to register. This retreat will reach capacity quickly so don’t delay if you plan on attending. Any questions, please contact Kathy Ronning at 215-776-0544 or [kathleenronning4@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenronning4@gmail.com)

# FEBRUARY/MARCH, 2020

| Sun                                                                                    | Mon                                                                                                   | Tue                           | Wed                                                                                                                                     | Thu                                     | Fri                                                                                                                                                          | Sat                                                 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 16<br><i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i><br>1:00PM Forever Young Senior Tea          | 17<br>8:00AM Perpetual Novena<br><b>President's Day (Office Closed)</b>                               | 18                            | 19<br>9:15-11:15AM Adult Faith Formation<br>7:00-8:30PM Adult Faith Formation<br>7:00PM "Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother" | 20<br>7:00 PM Clothing Ministry Meeting | 21                                                                                                                                                           | 22<br>6:00-9:00PM SJE "Carnevale"                   |
| 23<br><i>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i><br>1:00—3:00PM Sacrament Sunday           | 24<br>8:00AM Perpetual Novena                                                                         | 25                            | 26<br><b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b><br><b>MASSES: 7AM, 4PM, 7PM</b><br>9:15-11:15AM Adult Faith Formation                                        | 27                                      | 28<br><b>7:00PM Stations of the Cross</b>                                                                                                                    | 29<br>10:00AM First Reconciliation Service          |
| 1<br><b>First Sunday of Lent</b><br>1:00 & 4:00PM RE Family Session                    | 2<br>8:00AM Perpetual Novena<br>7:00PM Bereavement Ministry                                           | 3<br>4:15PM RE Family Session | 4<br>9:15-11:15AM Adult Faith Formation<br>2:00PM Book Club<br>6:00PM RE Family Session                                                 | 5<br>8:00PM Knights of Columbus Meeting | 6<br>9:00AM First Friday Devotion Prayers<br><b>7:00PM Stations of the Cross</b><br>Knights of Columbus Pilgrimage<br><b>Women's Retreat Long Branch, NJ</b> | 7<br><b>FOOD DRIVE</b><br>4:30PM Praying the Rosary |
| 8<br><b>Second Sunday of Lent</b><br><b>FOOD DRIVE</b><br>1:00—3:00PM Sacrament Sunday | 9<br>8:00AM Perpetual Novena<br><b>7:00PM Rosary Altar Society Mtg</b><br>7:00PM Bereavement Ministry | 10                            | 11<br>9:15-11:15AM Adult Faith Formation<br>7:00-8:30PM Adult Faith Formation<br>7:00PM "Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother" | 12<br><b>7:00PM Evening Prayer</b>      | 13<br><b>7:00PM Stations of the Cross</b>                                                                                                                    | 14                                                  |

## Weekly Reflection

February 16, 2020

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Perhaps, like me, you are already weary of our overly long presidential campaign season. Here we are, a full nine months before the election of 2020, and already we have been dunned with polling results, discussion, debates, and debacles. Our democratic freedoms seem to come these days with a high price of patience. In an analogous way, we could say that Our Lord Jesus Christ was a campaigner during His time on earth. Not for any earthly high office, for sure, but for the hearts and minds of all the people He would reach among His contemporaries and all who would learn of Him in the future. That includes our hearts and minds.

However, there is much that distinguishes Him from any earth-bound seekers of political office. For one thing, Our Lord was totally transparent (to use a present day description of honesty); He made no promises He would not keep; and He assured His early followers of His upcoming victory over the competing evil forces against Him. Even more marvelous to ponder, He held out the promise to all mankind of a shared victory over all the obstacles that would lead to a future so beautifully described by St. Paul in First Corinthians.

Of course, we know Jesus had to pay a high price for all His declarations. It was cross-shaped. It was also apt for all those among the Jewish elite and their Roman overlords who found Him at (dare I say it?) cross-purposes with all that they held dear. To them, freedom was thought a restricted right in a world so replete with slavery. For the Jews, their ancient Law was held to be the Word of God, inviolable and sacrosanct. For the Romans, riches and power were everything. Politics was the tool most likely to help one get them both. If there was any truth to the myths surrounding their gods, they could be placated with hollow prayers and weird ceremony.

So they wondered about Jesus. "Just who was this upstart from Nazareth? And why give Him any credence? Yet how explain the mysterious magnetism He projected and the crowds He drew? Somehow or other He must be stopped, or eliminated from the scene." We know that's just what they did. After that, they wrongly thought they could relax until the news came on the Third Day. What they had thought was the end was just the beginning. Of course, that's not our outlook thanks to our gift of faith. Yet, we all have to be careful that while we honor Him at Mass we often forget Him by the time we get to the parking lot. From time to time we devise clever but fast fading slogans like "WWJD?" We even call Him "Superstar." But if we're going to be honest, we must acknowledge that believing in Him is far easier than obeying His teaching.

You see, doctrine and doing are like the two chemical ingredients of salt, which is composed of two poisons: sodium and chlorine. If we ingested either of the two poisons, we would die. But if we combine them properly, we have sodium chloride, which is common table salt that gives flavor to our food and indeed life and health to our bodies. So, too, are faith and good works inseparable. Knowing that, may I ask, Does "Candidate Jesus" have your vote to be "King of Hearts?" More importantly, does he have *your* heart?

## Saint of the Week

Cyril, Monk, 825-869 & Methodius, Bishop, 826-884

Cyril and Methodius were brothers who were born in Greece. They wanted to live quiet lives in a monastery, but were sent as missionaries instead, to parts of Europe not yet converted to Christ. They were very clever in their work and are considered the fathers of Slavic literature. They translated spiritual works into the Slavonic language, and allowed the local people to pray and celebrate liturgy in their own languages. This made some church leaders angry and the brothers spent their lives defending themselves and their work.

These brothers recognized the needs of the people among whom they were working. Over a thousand years ago, Cyril and Methodius translated Scripture into their language and used the vernacular in their worship. Ministering to their people in this manner brought condemnation from others, but Cyril and Methodius persevered despite obstacles.

Saints Cyril and Methodius are the patrons of Moravia and are specially venerated by Catholic Czechs, Slovaks, Croatians, Orthodox Serbians, and Bulgarians. Their memorial, celebrated on February 14, was extended to the universal Church by Pope Leo XIII.

**Cyril and Methodius' message today:** These brothers recognized the needs of the people among whom they were working. Over a thousand years ago, Cyril and Methodius translated Scripture into their language and used the vernacular in their worship. Ministering to their people in this manner brought condemnation from others, but Cyril and Methodius persevered despite obstacles.

*Do you defend those principles that you know are right when others condemn them? Do you spend time studying the background so that you can apply persuasive arguments to your defense or do you just base your stand on a "feeling?"*



**Mass Schedule  
Week of February 16, 2020**

**Saturday, February 15, 2020**  
 5:00pm Adele DiCrescenzo  
 Req. by Jan & Bob Seminack

**Sunday, February 16, 2020**  
 8:00am Annabelle Lanza  
 Req. by Karl & Laura Darby  
 9:30am Barry Catanzareti  
 Req. by Marjorie, Tracy & Lisa  
 Gazzillo  
 11:00am Donald Sooknanan  
 Req. by Verga Family

**St. Agnes**  
 9:30am For the People  
 11:00am Jose Quiroz  
 Req. by Abbi Perez & Friends

**Monday, February 17, 2020**  
 8:30am Glenn Wright  
 Req. by Carol Bishop

**Tuesday, February 18, 2020**  
 8:30am Joan Gaunt Horvath  
 Req. by Sr. Marie Conaughton

**Wednesday, February 19, 2020**  
 8:30am Sean Lorenzen  
 Req. by Susan & Hans

**Thursday, February 20, 2020**  
 8:30am Irene Pollazzi  
 Req. by Arlene & Phil Peters

**Friday, February 21, 2020**  
 8:30am John Stark  
 Req. by Pete & Gail, Jes and  
 Meghan McGuire

**Saturday, February 22, 2020**  
 5:00pm Marian DeHaven  
 Req. by Liz & Christian Barba

**Sunday, February 23, 2020**  
 8:00am Margaret Reynolds  
 Req. by Tim & Judy Rudderow  
 9:30am Bruce E. Ledger  
 Req. by Mora Young  
 11:00am Barbara Keller McGlynn  
 Req. by Kim & Pat McLaughlin and  
 Frank Byrne

**St. Agnes**  
 9:30am Gloria Colombo  
 Req. by Nicklen Family  
 11:00am For the People

**Ministry Schedule  
February 22nd & 23rd, 2020**

Extraordinary Ministers:

**February 22nd**  
**5:00pm** \* Bailey & Patty Hendricks,  
 Jake Phillips, Chuck Slack

**February 23rd**  
**8:00am** \* Cory Dale, Laura Darby, Linda  
 Lanza, David Sanzalone, Mary  
 Zetterstrom  
**9:30am** \* Barbara Cecchini, Sharon  
 Ippolito, Lorraine Moore  
**11:00am** \* Michael Biase, Amy Danese,  
 Peggy Dondero, Judy  
 Gundersheim, Sharon Neylon

**St. Agnes**  
**9:30am** Regina Mushrock  
**11:00am** Angelina Castro, Teli Reyes

Lectors:

**February 22nd & 23rd**  
**5:00pm** Kathy Ferry, Adam Verga  
**8:00am** John Lanza, Bob Zetterstrom  
**9:30am** Mike Sinz, Christine Smith  
**11:00am** Elise Rehn, Dominik Zawadski

**St. Agnes**  
**9:30am** Cindy Cozart  
**11:00am** Amelie Ruiz, Maribel Castro

Altar Servers:

**February 22nd & 23rd**  
**5:00pm** Cole Hendricks, Luis Lopez, John  
 & Anthony Whelan  
**8:00am** Larry, Matthew & Lucy Thiel  
**9:30am** Sarah & Carla Ippolito  
**11:00am** Carolan Falk, Kendal Plumstead,  
 Dorian Zawadski

**St. Agnes**  
**9:30am** Audrey & Lydia Hammill  
**11:00am** Marielena & Erica Alvarez



February 16, 2020 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## PARISH INFORMATION

### *St. John the Evangelist*

***Carnevale!***  
*(Italy's version of Mardi Gras,  
with better wine!)*



“Carnevale” comes from Latin, *carne levare*, “to remove meat,” as in preparation for Lent.

Our celebration will include:  
Delectable food and drinks from local vendors,  
festive live music, and dancing!



**Saturday, February 22, 2020  
6:00-9:00 pm in the Parish Hall  
Tickets \$50 per person  
Online at [www.parishofstjohn.org](http://www.parishofstjohn.org)  
or after weekend masses**

**This is the last weekend to buy tickets!**

***Una festa bellissima!***

**Saint John the Evangelist Parish  
Adult Faith Formation  
Winter/Spring 2020 Series**

#### **“Universal Christ” Group Formation**

Based on the current best selling book *The Universal Christ - How a Forgotten Reality can Change Everything We See, Hope for, and Believe* by Franciscan Fr. Richard Rohr O.F.M. **Held on Wednesday mornings, at 9:15 to 11:30 AM - Room 102 at the SJE Jesus School.** Books and Fr. Rohr's "Companion Guide for Groups" will be provided.

#### **“Spirituality For the Rest of Us” Group Formation**

Based on a new book by Franciscan Fr. Albert Haase, a preacher, teacher, and spiritual director, and award winning author of 10 books on spirituality, and 5 best selling DVDs. His PhD in historic theology is from Fordham and his MDiv is from Catholic Theological Union. **The Group meets Wednesday Evenings, at 7:00 to 8:30 PM - Room 102 at the SJE Jesus School.** Books provided free of charge. Join us whenever you can. Enjoy spending time exploring spirituality through open discussion with others on their spiritual journeys.

### ***Save the Date***

**Saturday May 16, 2020**

**Saint John Paul II National Shrine  
Washington D.C.**

**Bus Trip Sponsored by St. John's  
With a Visit to the WWII Memorial  
Weather Permitting**

***Watch the Bulletin for further details***





## **INFORMACION EN ESPAÑOL**

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609-397-8713

### **EN CASO DE EMERGENCIA**

609-460-4762

### **HORAS DE OFICINA**

Lunes a Juaves ~ 9:30 AM – 3:00 P.M.

### **HORARIO DE MISA**

Misa en Español ~ Domingos, 11:00 A.M.

St. Agnes en Stockton

### **EDUCACION**

Educación Religiosa para Niños: Por favor llamar a la oficina de Estudios Religiosos (en Inglés). Se requiere que los niños asistan regularmente a estas clases para poder recibir sus sacramentos. Se requiere también que todas las familias participen regularmente en la Misa. Por favor llamar a la directora de Estudios Religiosos para más información, al 609-397-3350 ext. 3.

Educación Religiosa para Adultos: Por favor comuníquese con el Padre si le faltan algunos de los sacramentos.

### **CONFESIONES**

St John's ~ Sábados: 3:30 – 4:30 P.M.

### **BAUTISMOS**

Español: Durante la Misa en español o cuando sea necesario. (Los padres deben estar registrados en la Parroquia y se requiere que asistan a una clase de preparación antes del bautismo. Por favor llame a la oficina parroquial para hacer los arreglos necesarios.)

### **MATRIMONIOS**

Contactar la oficina parroquial 1 año antes de la boda. El novio o la novia debe estar registrado (a) como miembro de la Parroquia por lo menos por 1 año antes que el día de la boda sea confirmado. Se requiere que los novios participen en Pre-Cana o Encuentro de Comprometidos. Para más información, por favor llamar la oficina parroquial.

### **SACRAMENTO DE UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS**

Cuando sea necesario, contacte la oficina parroquial.

### **FAMILIARES HOSPITALIZADOS**

Si tiene algún familiar hospitalizado, hágalo saber a la parroquia para que lo podamos visitar y llevarle la Eucaristía. Pueden llamar al Padre al 609-397-3350, ext. 2 o 609-460-4762.

### **PARTICIPE EN EL CORO**

El coro está buscando más voces e instrumentos musicales. Toda persona a quien le guste cantar o sepa tocar instrumentos musicales, pueden participar en el coro. Ofrezca su talento.

## **6° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

### **Primera Lectura : Sirácides 15:15-20**

Los seres humanos tienen voluntad propia. La Ley es un don de Dios.

- Sirácides se escribió muy tarde en los tiempos del Antiguo Testamento.
- El autor de Sirácides vivía en una comunidad cosmopolita y pagana que no apoyaba sus valores religiosos.
- Él tiene razón de que somos responsables de mantener las reglas de Dios a pesar de la cultura que prevalece.

### **Segunda Lectura : 1 Corintios 2:6-10**

Felices son aquellos que siguen la Ley del Señor.

- Se hace contraste entre la ley de Dios y la cultura que prevalece.
- La verdadera sabiduría del cristiano era la obediencia radical.
- La recompensa de la obediencia radical iba más allá de la imaginación humana.

### **Evangelio : Mateo 5:17-37 o Mateo 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37**

La Ley es el don de vida de Dios. La santidad de los seguidores de Jesús es un estilo de vida que elegimos.

- Jesús dio seis ejemplos de cómo seguir la Ley. Se lee sobre cuatro de los mandamientos en el Evangelio de este domingo.
- Declaró que el pecado realmente comienza con la decisión, antes de tomar la acción.
- La Ley es el don de vida de Dios. La integridad de los seguidores de Jesús es una opción de vida.

### **LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

**Domingo:** Sir 15:16-21; Sal 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 o 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

**Lunes:** Sant 1:1-11; Sal 118:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76; Mc 8:11-13

**Martes:** Sant 1:12-18; Sal 93:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mc 8:14-21

**Miércoles:** Sant 1:19-27; Sal 14:2-3ab, 3cd-4ab, 5; Mc 8:22-26

**Jueves:** Sant 2:1-9; Sal 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mc 8:27-33  
**Viernes:** Sant 2:14-24, 26; Sal 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mc 8:34 — 9:1

**Sábado:** 1 Ped 5:1-4; Sal 22:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 16:13-19

**Domingo:** Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Sal 102:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

## DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

### 2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal Stepping Forward in Faith: Grace in Action

Please watch your mailbox for a letter from Bishop Checchio coming to you this week announcing the 2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The campaign will again be conducted during Lent and our parish will receive a rebate of 50% of the amount collected over goal.

Through your support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal you help those in our diocese whose needs are the greatest — the poor, the homeless, and those struggling with illness or grief. Among other needed pastoral ministries, your gift also supports the formation of seminarians and enhances the work of campus ministry through the Catholic Center at Rutgers University. The many pastoral, educational and charitable ministries of the Diocese of Metuchen would not be possible without a generous contribution from every household. Please be as generous as your means allow.

En Español:

Apelación Annual del Obispo 2020  
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Esta semana recibirá una carta del Obispo Checchio anunciando La Apelación Anual de Obispo 2020, por favor esté atento a su correspondencia. La campaña se llevará acabo nuevamente durante el tiempo de Cuaresma y nuestra parroquia podrá obtener un reembolso del 50% del monto que recuade por encima de la meta que le fue establecida.

Con su aporte a La Apelación Anual del Obispo, usted ayuda a los más necesitados en nuestra diócesis – los pobres, las personas sin hogar y aquellos que luchan con enfermedades o penas. Entre otras cosas, con su donación ayuda a los misterios pastorales con sus necesidades, apoya la formación de seminaristas y colabora con el mejoramiento del ministerio univesitario en el Centro Católico en la Universidad de Rutgers. Muchos de los ministerios pastorales, educativos y de caridad de la Diócesis no serían posibles sin la generosa contribución de las familias. Por favor, sea generoso tanto como le sea posible.

### Stress in Your Marriage!

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse?

...Retrouvaille is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages. The program consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions.

UPCOMING WEEKEND: February 21-23, 2020  
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### Camp Veritas 2020

Camp Veritas is a one-week play-and-pray sleep away summer camp for teens going into 7th to 12th grades.

It will be held at five locations in 2020:

- ◇ June 29—July 4 at Clongowes Wood College in Ireland
- ◇ July 29—25 at Mt. Saint Mary College, Newburgh, NY
- ◇ July 26-Aug 1 in Emmitsburg, MD
- ◇ Aug 2—7 in Lake Placid Florida
- ◇ August 16—22 at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, NY

Enrollment is open and the Early Bird price for each week is \$400 per camper before April 1st. After April 1st, the cost is \$450. More details can be found at [www.campveritas.com](http://www.campveritas.com)

### Catholic Press Month

The annual drive to support our diocesan newspaper, The Catholic Spirit, is taking place during the month of February, National Catholic Press Month. Please support their good work by using the envelope in your packet. Any amount you contribute will show your support for the ministry of The Catholic Spirit and will be greatly appreciated. And please remember to take home a copy of the paper – it has a special role to play in your life as a practicing Catholic.

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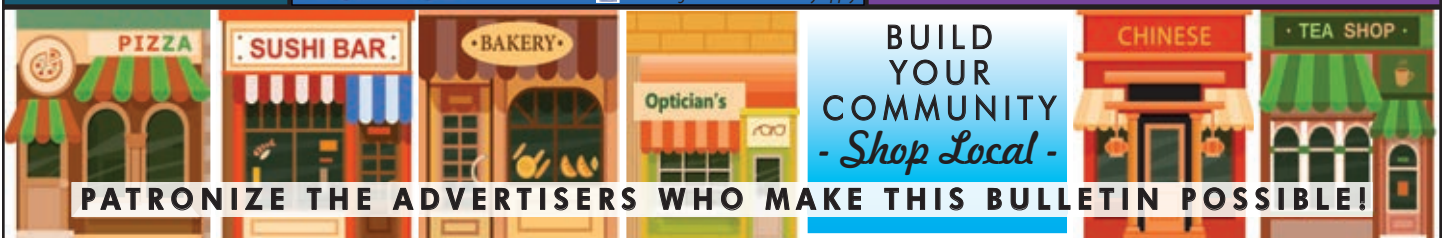
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## What's My Name?

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