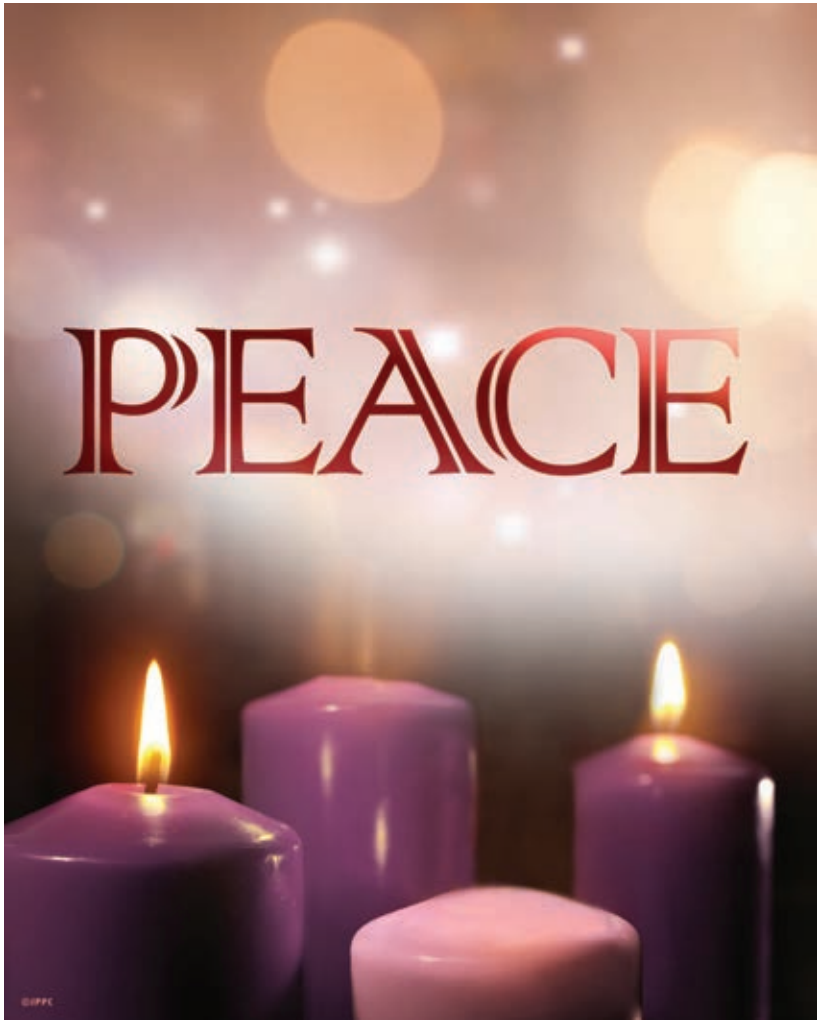




ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH

December 6, 2020
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



We light this second candle to remind us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace. His light helps us find ways to share God's peace with others.

Jesus, we pray, guide our feet into the path of peace. (Luke 1:79)

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WEEKDAYS

MONDAY through FRIDAY 8:30 a.m.

WEEKENDS

SATURDAY EVENING 5:00 p.m.

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

ST AGNES

SUNDAY

MISA EN ESPANOL 11:00 a.m.

HOLY DAYS

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

CONFESSIONS

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

December 6, 2020 Second Sunday of Advent



December 6, 2020
Altar Flowers
In Memory of
Dorothy Tardiff
Req. by Anna & Steve Tardiff & Family



December 6, 2020
Sanctuary Light
Blessings for
The Toscano Family
Req. by Joanne Toscano

November 21st & 22nd Offertory:

Collection: \$ 6,753
Online Giving: \$ 5,072
Less Average Expenses: **(\$12,500)**
Balance: **(\$ 675)**

November 28th & 29th Offertory:

Collection: \$ 5,541
Online Giving: \$ 4,516
Less Average Expenses: **(\$12,500)**
Balance: **(\$ 2,443)**

Thank you for your generosity!



Commemorative Candle for St. John Paul II

This is a beautiful way to honor your loved one. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office.

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

Juan P. Lopez, Nancy Guttierrez, Edwina Gill, Rose Korney, Grace Emma, Michael Hughes, Beverly Fresco, Gregory Maloney, Diane Worthington, Alfonso Smullen, Mary Holcombe, Elaine Joiner, Efigenia Avalos, Gary Davila, Walter Rzeszutek, Ruth Yolanda, Nelly Lozano, Yuri Gil, James Malagrino, Tom Carty, Michele Studley, Joseph M. Waters, Lawrence Miele, Jim Oehlers, Jonathan Perez, Richard Molnar, Bob Furlow, Blaine Fresco, Luke Touhill, Simon Santiago, Gary Becker, Kay Cuccinotta, Chris Taylor, Pamela Bhagroo, Jim Machinga, Derek Bruehl, Marianne Cooper, William Taulane, Vincent McGinnis, Marta Pena

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

The Rosary Altar Society Upcoming Events:

- ◆ Praying the Rosary: December 5th at 4:30PM

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



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.



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

Zoom Meeting:
January 7th at 8:00PM



The Next St. John's Food Drive for the Delaware Valley Food Pantry is on December 5th & 6th after all Masses

All monetary donations will be given to the St. John's Outreach Ministry of our Parish. Please be generous in your giving

“None of us can think we are exempt from concerns for the poor and for social justice.”
Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel*, 2013, Ch.4, #201

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We are running a home school program this year and will be happy to help as needed. Registration Forms for 2020-2021 can be found on our website or picked up at the Parish Office.

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.

December 6, 2020 Second Sunday of Advent

Mass Schedule Week of December 6, 2020

Saturday, December 5, 2020

5:00PM Harry & Sadie Naylor
Req. by Barbara & Family

Sunday, December 6, 2020

8:00AM Bruce Sierotko
Req. by Tim & Judy Rudderow

9:30AM Margaret Gribbon
Req. by Patricia Gribbon

11:00AM Loved Ones Remembered in
The Memorial Stars

St. Agnes

9:30AM Dorothy Tardiff
Req. by Anna & Steve Tardiff

11:00AM For the People

Monday, December 7, 2020

8:30AM Antonio Buontempo
Req. by John & Clelia Esposito

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

7:00AM Donna Marie Giannelli
Req. by Andrew & Lisa Giannelli

7:00PM For the People

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

8:30AM Marie Salvucci-Smith
Req. by Lorraine & Steve Moore

Thursday, December 10, 2020

8:30AM Michael Maffei
Req. by Lisa Clayton

Friday, December 11, 2020

8:30AM Laura Waldron
Req. by Darby Family

Saturday, December 12, 2020

5:00PM Otto Pabers
Req. by Flodmand Family

Sunday, December 13, 2020

8:00AM Jack Kelly
Req. by Megan & Nicholas

9:30AM Apolona & Andrzej Toporkiewicz
Req. by Alicja Zajac

11:00AM Amy Cifelli & Family
Req. by Her Grandchildren

St. Agnes

9:30AM Michael Mushrock
Req. by Regina & Gina Mushrock

11:00AM For the People

St. John the Evangelist Parish CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2020

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – HOLY DAY

Tuesday, December 8th 7:00 AM & 7:00 PM

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Thursday, December 10th 6:00 PM
Followed by Evening Prayer 7:00 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Mass	4:00 PM
Mass	7:00 PM
Christmas Music and Carols	11:40 PM
Midnight Mass	12:00 AM

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Mass	8:00 AM
Mass	10:00 AM
Spanish Mass at St. Agnes	11:00 AM

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Masses 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM

*All Masses will be celebrated at St. John the Evangelist Church
PLEASE NOTE ADJUSTED MASS TIMES.*

*Your Christmas and year-end contributions to St. John the
Evangelist Parish are absolutely vital for the financial well-
being of our Parish in any given fiscal year. Thank you in ad-
vance for your generosity to your fellow Parishioners during*

St. John's Outreach Ministry Giving Tree—2020



A Christmas Tree will be in the Narthex of the Church decorated with contribution envelopes. Please take one envelope and follow the instructions inside.

Return the envelope to one of the following:

- ◆ Collection Basket at Mass
- ◆ Designated box at the back of church
- ◆ Parish Office (Monday – Thursday)

If you prefer to give a check to the **Outreach Ministry**, make your check out to "**St. John's Outreach Ministry**". For the **Benjamin House**, make checks out to "**St. John's Parish**" and put a note on the check's memo line. Personal checks can not be sent to Benjamin House at this time so St. John's will wire all donations to Poland.

Your generosity is appreciated!



**Clothing Ministry
Announcing St. Anthony's Closet**

In response to the pandemic, the coat drive will be handled differently this year. As a way to safely supply coats to those in need, please follow the instructions below.

THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED:

If you are aware of someone in our Parish or local community who does not have a winter coat or a child that outgrew their winter coat, please email the following details to: Barbara_durning@yahoo.com:

- ◇ Gender, adult or age of child, and size
- ◇ Contact information: name and phone number or email of the person picking up the coat.

THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE COATS:

Anyone willing to purchase a new coat for those in need, please email your contact information to: Barbara_durning@yahoo.com. You will receive an email with the details of the coat that is needed to be purchased after we have obtained the requests.

A Clothing Ministry volunteer will be outside of Church after weekend Masses to collect the purchased coats. If you are interested in helping with the exchange of coats, please email Barbara.

God bless you all for your generosity!

December 6th—2nd Sunday of Advent

“Prepare the way of the Lord...” - Mark 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well.



**Immaculate
Conception**
of the
*Blessed
Virgin Mary*
December 8

Saint of the Week

Nicholas, Bishop

Nicholas was born of wealthy parents and grew up to become a priest, and later a bishop. He is known as a generous man and has a reputation as a giver of anonymous gifts. His popularity spread throughout Europe after his death. The custom of giving gifts to children in St. Nicholas' name originated in Germany, Switzerland, and the Netherlands. Dutch Protestants who settled in New Amsterdam brought the tradition of St. Nicholas to America, though by this time he had been converted from a popular saint into a Nordic magician (Saint Nicholas became Sint Klaes, then Santa Claus).

Nicholas' message today: This saint was known for his charity, which is the key characteristic in the many legends which exist about him. These stories tell us not only to be charitable, but to seek justice for those who would otherwise become victims.

What can you do to help someone who is a victim of injustice?

Second Sunday of Advent

Theme: Preparing a pathway in our lives

Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's first reading, from Isaiah

Step One: Listen to the Word

As you hear this reading, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart? What image from Isaiah lingers in your memory?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children: How do you experience God taking care of you, even in times of trouble?

Question for Youth: John went out to announce the good news of the Messiah's coming. How can you be good news to your friends and family this week?

Question for Adults: When you hear Isaiah comfort the people by promising that God is like a shepherd who gathers the lambs into his arms, what is your response?



Brittany Plummer & David Vassallo

December 6, 2020 Second Sunday of Advent

ADVENT 2020:

The gift of your Guardian Angel

Angels can be seen everywhere during Advent: - on Christmas cards, gift paper, decorations, but most importantly, in scripture and prayer, such as The Angelus:

“The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,
And she conceived of the Holy Spirit”

While we cannot actually see our Guardian Angel, we certainly can feel their presence and experience the gift of their gentle guidance. If you would like to develop a closer relationship with your Guardian Angel, please join our self-study Consecration to Our Guardian Angels Program. Application forms are available at the back of the church, at the parish office, and on our parish website. Please return them to the parish office or in the collection basket to receive your study materials. If you have questions, contact Tana Dimino at:

StJohnLamb.GuardianAngels@gmail.com

For additional information about our study program, visit opusangelorum.org, click on membership, consecrations.

MERCY CORNER

ADVENT RECONCILIATION THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10TH, 6:00PM

Advent is a wonderful time to celebrate the reconciling love and the healing graces our Lord offers us. Like all religious experience, it takes preparation.

It is God who forgives sins. And God forgives us the very moment that we come to the experience that we need forgiveness (which itself comes through God's grace). At that moment, I feel sorrow and a desire for forgiveness and healing. In that moment, I am reconciled with God. The reunion, the bond, the connection, the joy are all there. Three more things remain: to receive it deep within my heart, to celebrate it, and to participate in the healing process.

When I experience God's forgiveness and love, I am invited to savor it and let it touch me deeply. Experiencing compassion, patience, understanding, and forgiveness is itself transforming. If I fail to appreciate what I have just received - freely and undeserved - then I will take it for granted and risk moving on without a real healing happening.

May our Lord grant us all the gift of reconciliation, and may we all receive it and celebrate it well in the holy days ahead.



DECEMBER, 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> FOOD DRIVE	7 8:00AM Perpetual Novena	8 Immaculate Conception Mass: 7:00AM & 7:00PM	9	10 6:00PM Advent Reconciliation 7:00PM Evening Prayer	11	12 Our Lady of Guadalupe 5:00AM Spanish Morning Prayers at St. John's
13 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	14 8:00AM Perpetual Novena	15	16	17	18	19
20 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	21 8:00AM Perpetual Novena  <i>First Day of Winter</i>	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Masses: 4:00PM, 7:00PM & Midnight	25 Christmas Day Masses SJE: 8:00AM, 10:00AM And 11:00AM Spanish at SA	26 <i>Feast of St. Stephen</i>
27 <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph</i>	28 8:00AM Perpetual Novena	29	30	31	1 Solemnity of Mary Masses: 9:30AM 11:00AM New Year's Day	2

December 6, 2020 Second Sunday of Advent

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.

DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

*Please see website for more information:
Diometuchen.org*

Readings for the week of December 6, 2020

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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NUMERO DE FAX DE OFICINA

609-397-8713

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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.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Sal 84:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Pd 3:8-14; Mc 1:1-8

Lunes: Is 35:1-10; Sal 84:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14; Lc 5:17-26

Martes: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Sal 97:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Ef 1:3-6, 11-12; Lc 1:26-38

Miércoles: Is 40:25-31; Sal 102:1-2, 3-4, 8 y 10; Mt 11:28-30

Jueves: Is 41:13-20; Sal 144:1 y 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Viernes: Is 48:17-19; Sal 1:1-2, 3, 4 y 6; Mt 11:16-19

Sábado: Za 2:14-17 o Ap 11:19; 12:1-6, 10; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lc 1:26-38 o Lc 1:39-48

Domingo: Is 61:1-2, 10-11; Lc 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1 Ts 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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