



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH

January 24, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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., 11:00 a.m.

ST AGNES

SUNDAY 11:00 a.m.
MISA EN ESPANOL

HOLY DAYS

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

CONFESSIONS

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

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*January 24, 2021
Altar Flowers
In Memory of
Albert Trautz
Req. by His Family*



*January 24, 2021
Sanctuary Light
93rd Birthday Wishes for
Robert Aneskewich
Req. by
Wife & Children*

January 16th & 17th Offertory:

Collection:	\$ 7,444
Online Giving:	\$ 5,252
Less Average Expenses:	<u>(\$12,500)</u>
Balance:	\$ 196

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.*

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Our wonderful community at St. John's came through as a bright star in a rather bleak year. Our Giving Tree has given many community members a merrier Christmas. A small sampling of those who were assisted:

- ~ A single mother was given grocery cards and local business cards to make a better season for her new twins.
- ~ Many Seniors on fixed incomes were given a boost with gift cards to help them through this unusual Christmas season
- ~ Grandparents who are helping raise their grandchildren were given cards for gas and gifts.
- ~ A recent widow and her children were assisted with basic living expenses.

Many more people were so appreciative of receiving a little more light in their lives.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!
St. John's Outreach Ministry

*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, Derek Bruehl, Marianne Cooper, William Taulane, Vincent McGinnis, Marta Pena, Robert Abitz, Daniel LaBella, Lilli LaBella, Mark LaBella, Dana Bozzi, Nolan Curran

“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**

**Zoom Meeting:
February 4th at 8:00PM**

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.



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.

The Rosary Altar Society Upcoming Events:

- ◆ Praying the Rosary: February 6th at 4:30PM

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Mass Schedule Week of January 24, 2021

Saturday, January 23, 2021

5:00PM Jack Kelly
Req. by Barbara Errico

Sunday, January 24, 2021

8:00AM Paul J. Baldassarre
Req. by Stan & Susan Polomski

9:30AM Jeff & Kate Bowe
Req. by Bob & MaryAnn Ent

11:00AM Ann Ledva
Req. by Francesca & Rick Beye

St. Agnes

9:30AM - No Intention -

11:00AM For the People

Monday, January 25, 2021

8:30AM Mary & Michael Santillo
Req. by Joan & John Hurley

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

8:30AM Dan DiSalvi
Req. by Bob & Mary Zetterstrom

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

8:30AM David McCloughan
Req. by Wife & Children

Thursday, January 28, 2021

8:30AM Sunny Kharag
Req. by Bhagroo & Verga Family

Friday, January 29, 2021

8:30AM Albert Trautz
Req. by Family

Saturday, January 30, 2021

5:00PM Jack Kelly
Req. by Sharon DiSalvi

Sunday, January 31, 2021

8:00AM Dolores Carli
Req. by Stan & Susan Polomski

9:30AM Dan DiSalvi
Req. by Joanne Santini Daniels

11:00AM Ceil Riofski
Req. by Vince & Dolores Piacente

St. Agnes

9:30AM - No Intention -

11:00AM For the People

Valentine's Day is Every Day

No reason why Valentine's Day should be just one day each year. Why not give your spouse a gift that lasts every day? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

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Prayer to St. Joseph During Pandemic

Protect, O Holy Guardian, this our nation. Enlighten those responsible for the common good, so that they might know—like you do—how to care for those entrusted to their responsibility. Grant intelligence of knowledge to those seeking adequate means for the health and physical well-being of their brothers and sisters.

Sustain those who are spending themselves for those in need, even at the cost of their own safety: volunteers, nurses, doctors who are on the front lines in curing the sick.

Bless, O St. Joseph, the Church: beginning with her ministers, make her the sign and instrument of your light and your goodness.

Accompany, O St. Joseph, our families: with your prayerful silence, create harmony between parents and their children, in a special way with the youngest.

Preserve the elderly from loneliness: grant that no one might be left in desperation from abandonment and discouragement. Comfort those who are the most frail, encourage those who falter, intercede for the poor. With the Virgin Mother, beg the Lord to liberate the world from every form of pandemic. Amen

2020 TAX STATEMENTS

If you would like a contribution statement for 2020, 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: _____

Weekly Reflection

January 24, 2021

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

St. Mark, in giving us this scene for meditation as the Holy Spirit's spokesman, hits upon the secret of every good salesperson as well. For it seems to me that such people are actually selling a dream. One they passionately believe in.

My own dear Dad spent the bulk of his working years selling life insurance. In this case, the "dream" is guaranteed security and strong protection against the twin nightmares of uncertainty and fear. But all salespeople offer a product that will not only preclude disaster but also bring a strong dose of hope and optimism. Our Lord Jesus could also be called "the World's Greatest Salesman." He has all the good qualities of a person who believes in what they're selling, so to speak, and none of the dark characteristics often attributed to salespeople. His "product" of course is "the Kingdom of God." He tells us it is nearer than we think.

In the process He was actually selling Himself as the perfect actualization of that kingdom. He made His hearers understand that this kingdom is such that positivity is the law of the land and undying love is its hallmark. In other words, He was "selling" God back to those who had abandoned Him. How good He was at His work shows in the way even His first listeners were so quickly able to leave behind much of their old life and walk with Him. Some of the actors who have played Jesus in Hollywood films have managed for me to capture His charm to a satisfying degree. It may be that as a confirmed romantic I fell for their portrayals too easily. But I watched through the lens of a committed believer in Jesus, and one who has his own ideas of how to play Jesus. However, the Bible tells me not just to play the role but live it.

But no matter our nature or temperament, we are all "hard wired" to be attracted by truth and the obvious conviction of an authentic truth teller. We "buy into" their wares with ease. Is it any wonder that Simon and Andrew, James and John dropped their fishing nets to follow the Divine Troubadour? And aren't you glad that you did too? What we have gained from this magnetism of the Master is the joy of having Someone to believe in. That cannot be taken away from us by anyone, especially the one "evil salesman" who was formerly an archangel. That's why it's best for us to remember:

*"You are writing a Gospel, a chapter each day,
By deeds that you do, by words that you say.
People read what you write, whether faithless or true.
Say! What is that gospel, according to YOU?"*

Saint of the Week

Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor

Thomas was the son of a count and a relative of both the Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire and the King of France. He joined the Dominicans and was ordained a priest about 1250. Thomas became a master of theology. He then moved on to teaching and writing, first in Paris and then in other schools. His greatest opus, the *Summa Theologica*, a work that deals with Catholic theology in its entirety, remains a staple for all theological studies.

Thomas Aquinas is considered the preeminent spokesman for the Catholic tradition of reason and of divine revelation. His writings are required study for all theological students even to this day. He was canonized a saint in 1323 and declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius V in 1567.

St. Thomas Aquinas is the patron of students, schools, colleges, and universities. His memorial is celebrated on January 28.

Thomas' message today: Thomas Aquinas was a theologian of unparalleled insight. For hundreds of years, his writings have been the basis for almost all theological study. While not everyone would want to delve into the writings of Aquinas, all Catholics should strive to learn more about the teachings and traditions of the Church.

Spend some time learning about the Catholic faith. Check the U.S. Catechism of the Catholic Church, your parish library, or a religious book store to see what is available there.

January 24, 2021— 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." -
Mark 1:17*

Jesus' call to "*Follow me*" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

January 24, 2021 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme: We are called.

Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

Step One: Listen to the Word

As you hear Jesus calling others to be fishers of people, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

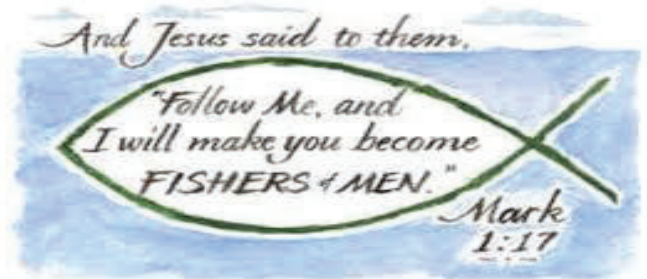
Question for Children: What do you think it was like for the people in today's Gospel to be called by Jesus? What did they have to give up in order to follow him?

Question for Youth: At the start of Jesus' ministry, Jesus invites people to "believe in the Good News." What are some ways that you could be more open to the truth and challenge contained within the Gospels?

Question for Adults: If someone asked you, "To what work has Jesus called you?" how would you answer?

MERCY CORNER

O God, our Creator, all life is in your hands from conception until death. Help us to cherish our children and to reverence the awesome privilege of our share in creation. May all people live and die in dignity and love. Bless all those who defend the rights of the unborn, the handicapped and the aged. Enlighten and be merciful toward those who fail to love, and give them peace. Let freedom be tempered by responsibility, integrity and morality.



JANUARY / FEBRUARY, 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00AM Perpetual Novena <i>Conversion of St. Paul</i>					
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
<i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 1:00PM 1st Communion Church Tour	8:00AM Perpetual Novena	<i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	2:00PM Book Club—Zoom	8:00PM Knights of Columbus Zoom Mtg	9:00AM First Friday Devotion Prayers	4:30PM Praying the Rosary FOOD DRIVE
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> FOOD DRIVE	8:00AM Perpetual Novena			NOTE: Evening Prayer is re- scheduled to February 18th		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00AM Perpetual Novena		Ash Wednesday Masses: 7:00AM & 7:00PM	7:00PM Evening Prayer	7:00PM Stations of the Cross	10:00AM First Reconcili- ation

January 24, 2021 Third 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.

DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

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

Readings for the week of January 24, 2021

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

INFORMACION EN ESPAÑOL

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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: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Sal 24:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mc 1:14-20

Lunes: Hch 22:3-16 o 9:1-22; Sal 116:1bc, 2; Mc 16:15-18

Martes: 2 Tm 1:1-8 o Ti 1:1-5; Sal 95:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10; Mc 3:31-35

Miércoles: Heb 10:11-18; Sal 109:1, 2, 3, 4; Mc 4:1-20

Jueves: Heb 10:19-25; Sal 23:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Mc 4:21-25

Viernes: Heb 10:32-39; Sal 36:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mc 4:26-34

Sábado: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lc 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Mc 4:35-41

Domingo: Dt 18:15-20; Sal 94:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mc 1:21-28

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