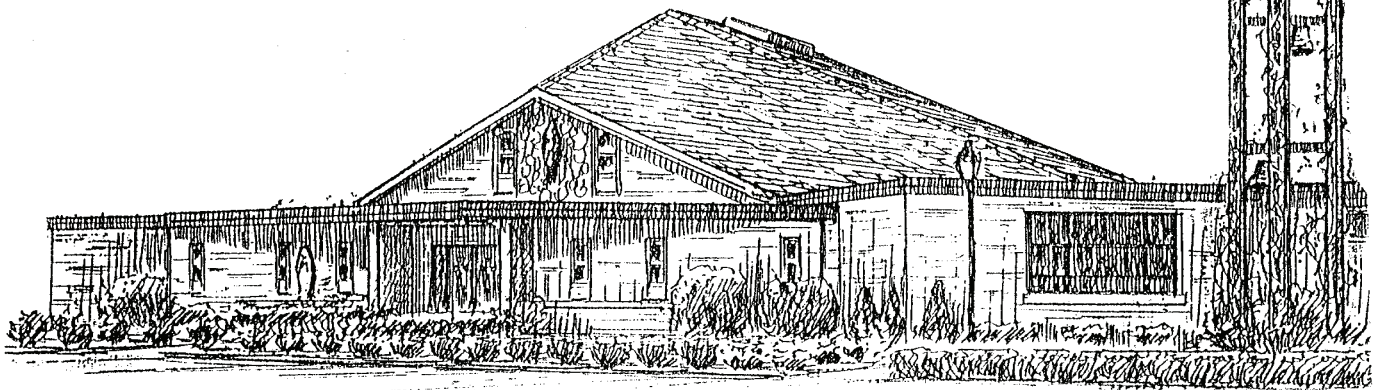


# ST. JOHN'S R.C. CHURCH

619 Chestnut Street  
Lakehurst, NJ 08733



## SERVED BY

Rev. James F. O'Neill, Pastor  
Msgr. Elso Introini, retired priest  
Msgr. Richard A. Rusconi, retired priest  
Rev. George Deutsch, retired priest  
Deacon Edward Holowienka  
Deacon Anthony Laterza  
Charlie Jannetti, Business Manager  
Holly Hartline, Music Director  
Gina Innarella, Parish Secretary

## MASSES

Saturday, church 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM  
Sunday, church 9:15 AM & 11:00 AM

Please consult the bulletin for Holy Day Masses.

Monday—Friday, chapel 8:00 AM  
Saturday & 1st Friday, church 8:00 AM

## DEVOTIONS

Following Daily Mass:  
Monday—Miraculous Medal  
1st Friday—Adoration with confessions  
1st Saturday—Devotional prayers, confessions

## ADORATION

Tuesdays in the chapel: 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM  
First Friday in the church: 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM

## ROSARY

Rosary recited Monday to Saturday at 7:20 AM &  
Sunday, before the 9:15 AM & 11 AM Masses

## CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: 11 AM to 12 PM and 3 PM to 3:45 PM

## MARRIAGES

The Sacrament of Matrimony requires a time of spiritual preparation. The couple should contact the Parish Office one year before the date of marriage.

## PARISH OFFICE

Monday to Friday, 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM  
Parish Office: 732-657-6347  
Fax: 732-657-8690  
Parish Website: [stjohnlakehurst.com](http://stjohnlakehurst.com)  
E-mail: [churchofstjohn@comcast.net](mailto:churchofstjohn@comcast.net)

## GRADE SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Ms. MaryAnn Dempkowski,  
Director of Religious Education  
Religious Ed Office: 732-657-2348

## COMMUNION CALLS

For those who are unable to attend Mass, we will be happy to bring Holy Communion to you periodically in your home or at the local nursing homes. Please call the Parish Office to notify us.

## SICK CALLS—ANOINTING OF THE SICK

In case of serious illness or accident, please call the Parish Office to request the Anointing of the Sick.

## EMERGENCIES

For emergencies outside of office hours (such as when someone is dying or has died), please call and leave a message at 732-930-1690.

## PARISH REGISTRATION

Families moving into or out of the parish are asked to call the Parish Office as soon as possible.

## BAPTISMS

Preparation for first-time parents is required. Baptisms take place on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 12:15 PM. Please contact the Parish Office for arrangements.

**First Sunday of Advent  
December 1, 2019**

**MASSES & SERVICES FOR THE WEEK****Saturday, November 30th**

- 4:00 PM Deceased members of the  
Backus, Dillon & Schwarz families  
Michael Ferrara
- 7:00 PM George Odell (wedd. anniv. rem.)  
Carol Kerr (birthday rem.)

**Sunday, December 1st, 1st Sunday of Advent**

- 9:15 AM Dec. mem. of Vagovic & Benyo Families  
Anthony Ciccone (anniv. rem.)
- 11:00 AM Donna Whitehart (birthday rem.)  
Dominick Tancredi

**Monday, December 2nd**

- 8:00 AM Russell Dawson  
Mary Ann Sparano (1st anniv. rem.)
- 11:00 AM Rosary Altar Society

**Tuesday, December 3rd, St. Francis Xavier**

- 8:00 AM Vincent Intintola (birthday rem.)  
Leonard Parszik

**Wednesday, December 4th, St. John Damascene**

- 8:00 AM Christopher Palella (birthday rem.)  
Joseph Rutan

**Thursday, December 5th**

- 8:00 AM Elena Cadar  
Leo Szymanski (1st anniv. rem.)

**Friday, December 6th, St. Nicholas**

- 8:00 AM Russell Dawson  
Jessica Bongiovanni

**Saturday, December 7th, St. Ambrose**

- 8:00 AM Mary Lou Pedo  
Marie Di Pierro
- 4:00 PM John & Mary Broking  
Ceil & Victor Drobinski
- 7:00 PM Nicholas Perrone (1st anniv. rem.)  
Carol Kerr (birthday rem.)

**Sunday, December 8th, 2nd Sunday of Advent**

- 9:15 AM Mike & Margaret Coppola  
James Morin
- 11:00 AM Gina DeBiase (birthday rem.)  
Amelia DeGeiso

**ALTAR FLOWERS FOR THE WEEK**

In loving memory of  
Living & deceased members  
of  
Rosary Altar Society

**Please note: There will be no flower orders during the Advent and Christmas season.** Please call Joan Toth of the Rosary Altar Society at 732-657-4938, for any information.

**CANDLES for Dec. 1st—Dec. 7th, 2019****SANCTUARY CANDLE**

In loving memory  
of  
JoAnn Alach

**SACRED HEART**

In loving memory  
of  
Carol Kerr

**SHRINE CANDLE**

In loving memory  
of  
Frank Wisniewski (birthday rem.)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially:**

**Week 1:** Obeida Perez, Nora Edwards,  
Angelo Manoccio

**Week 2:** Jonas Walworth

**Week 3:** Christine DeMauro, Gary Lowe, Sr.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE DECEASED:**

Anthony DiCaro

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

Due to Early Bulletin Transmission deadlines we will report numbers next week!

Thank you for your financial support!



**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION**

Give in Thanksgiving. "The nuns left lasting impressions on me," writes a donor. "I shall always be grateful for my Catholic Education." Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. Next week's second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. Please give generously.

**LIGHTING ADVENT CANDLES**

If you, your family, friends, prayer group, etc., would like to light our Advent Wreath during one of our weekend liturgies, please call Gina, 732-657-6347, at the parish office to schedule the Mass you want.

**GIFT-GIVING TREE**

Gift tags will be on our annual Gift Giving Tree by Thanksgiving. Please take a tag and help a needy family from our parish and Arbors Care Center. All gifts **MUST BE** wrapped, tags securely taped to the **OUTSIDE** of the package, and **RETURNED to church no later than Dec. 14th/15th, as gifts will be distributed to our families by Dec. 18th. Thank you for your generosity!!**

**ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY**

Rosarians will gather at 8:45AM on **Sunday, December 1st** to recite the Rosary prior to the 9:15 AM Mass. Please sit in assigned pews. **Monday, December 2nd** will meet in church at 10:30 AM to recite the Rosary and Novena prior to the 11 AM Mass. The Luncheon at the Clarion will follow. Our entertainer is Ron Owens.

**"Qualified Charitable Distribution" questions...**

Thank you to all who asked me about this IRS allowance; your questions will help others.

Normal distributions from traditional IRAs incur taxes as the source uses pretax cash. Account holders 70½ or older can donate to a qualified charity directly from a traditional IRA effectively lowering their adjusted gross income. 70½ or older

persons may contribute directly from traditional IRAs to qualified charities untaxed up to \$100,000 while lowering the adjusted gross income (AGI). Knowing the above let me share the following clarifications in no particular order:

To avoid taxes follow IRS **qualified charitable distribution/charitable IRA rollover** rules. Most qualified 501(c)3 nonprofit charities, churches, educational organizations, nonprofit hospitals, and medical research operations do not pay taxes on donations either.

The break means donors cannot claim the donation on Schedule-A tax return deductions. Non-IRA charitable donation funds can be itemized for deduction.

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act increased standard 2019 individual deductions to \$12,200, \$18,350 heads of household, and \$24,400 for jointly filing married couples. Since fewer taxpayers now itemize on Schedule-A upfront deductions are more valuable.

Payers whose income affects Medicare costs may find the provision helpful as well. QCD and RMD donations can meet all or part of annually required minimum distributions. Traditional IRA owners must start to withdraw 70½ or pay penalties.

Roth IRAs do not require distributions while the account holder is alive.

A charity must have the donation by Dec. 31 for it to benefit that year's return.

QCDs are a good choice for individuals who otherwise could not deduct all or part of their charitable donations due to IRS rules stopping deducting donations over 60% of their AGI. This rule may seem to affect only wealthy taxpayers giving generously, but it affects retirees with low/no income but wanting to make deductible donations. Another way to donate IRA assets is through an estate. Designate a charity as an IRA's beneficiary to receive any percentage of assets the owner wants, using a beneficiary form.

Sorry, but distributions from SIMPLE IRAs are ineligible to be given as QCDs.

For less complex questions, please stop by Parish Center and see Charlie Jannetti.

\*-seek professional advice for more complex / involved questions

**50/50 SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE –BIGGER & BETTER!!**

As proposed this long standing fund raiser has been enhanced. New Jersey’s Gaming Commission and Lakehurst City assess fees on raffles of nearly \$1000 for 12 drawings. Fewer fees add more scholarship and prize money. Drawings will be at the end of December, March, June, and September - with 4 prizes per draw. The 4 quarterly winners may receive up to 3 times the prior raffle’s prize based on total sales. In the end, there will be 16 prize winners with a richer payout using the same %’s.

Monthly vs quarterly prizes, for example, could be:

		<u>Prior</u>	<u>New</u>
<b>1st Prize</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$340.00</b>
<b>2nd Prize</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>	<b>\$255.00</b>
<b>3rd Prize</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>\$170.00</b>
<b>4th Prize</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>	<b>\$ 85.00</b>

**(amounts are examples, actual prize based on total sales)**

Please fill in the form below and return it with your check in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish Center. For Quarterly use, please submit a new form each quarter (4). Please note you will no longer be receiving coupon booklets. This form below is your only required entry.

**ST. JOHN’S PARISH 50/50 SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE**

I am pleased to support the 2019-2020 Raffle. I’ve enclosed \$110.00 for the year along with this coupon. or \$10 per month.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

- Annual @ \$110
- Quarterly @ \$ 30

**\*Please make your check payable to St. John’s Church. In memo section please note : 2019-2020 50/50 Raffle. Good Luck!!**



**PLEASE PRAY** for all our parishioners and friends who are serving in the military, as well as our police, firefighters, first responders, and all who are put in harm’s way for our protection:

AC1 Megan Downes USN

- CW5 Thomas Oroho
- CPL George Daly IV
- Major Corey J. Smith
- Major Kenneth R. Dougher II
- SPC Robert Ayala
- Capt. Meghan Oroho
- SPC Brian Mc Nichol
- Spec. Corinne McGrath
- Major Brian Kossler
- CPO Michael M. Miehle

**Dear Parishioners,  
Deacon Anthony Laterza**

Several months ago, Deacon Anthony Laterza expressed interest in transferring to St. John’s. He had retired down here from the Archdiocese of Newark. We just finished all the red tape and received word that Deacon Anthony has been assigned to St. John’s as of November 25th.

Deacon Anthony will assist at Mass, visit the sick at home and in nursing homes, baptize little ones, and lead prayers at vigil services in funeral homes. Please pray for Deacon Anthony as he begins helping us at St. John’s.

**Advent Resources**

Please feel free to take a copy of the Advent meditation booklet from *The Word Among Us*. It has daily Mass readings and meditations.

Dynamic Catholic has a daily video meditation. Visit <https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever>.

See the next page for the daily reflections from Formed.

**Daily Mass during Advent**

The best prayer is Mass which we celebrate every day of the year. I invite you to join us for daily Mass during Advent.

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**

Normally, we celebrate the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary as a Holy Day of Obligation on December 8th. Notice that next Sunday is December 8th, the Second Sunday of Advent. Since the Immaculate Conception of Mary is so important,

# ADVENT REFLECTIONS

Looking for ways your family can enter into the Advent season together?  
Grow closer to Christ this season with reflections sent to you daily.

Sign up at [formed.org/advent](http://formed.org/advent) or para español [formed.org/adviento](http://formed.org/adviento)

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we have to celebrate it. So, this year, it is moved to Monday, December 9th. Because of this move, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Even so, join us for Mass at 8 AM in the church on Monday, December 9th.

## Confessions During Advent

During the four Sundays of Advent, I'll be in the confessional before Mass. All are invited to celebrate this wonderful sacrament of healing, the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I'll play music in the church while hearing confessions in the confessional room to the left of the sanctuary.

CCD children will have the opportunity for confession during class time on Wednesday, December 11th.

We'll offer confessions on Wednesday, December 18th for any remaining students. And we'll open it to everyone else—especially parents. I'll be in the chapel from 5:30 PM to 6:45 PM and 7:15 PM to 8:30 PM on Wednesday, December 18th.

We'll probably offer a mid-day session for confessions the week of December 16th. See the bulletin next week for the day and time.

We'll also have our normal times for confessions: Saturdays from 11 AM to 12 Noon and 3 PM to 3:45 PM.

God love you,

Fr. Jim

[frjim@stjohnlakehurst.com](mailto:frjim@stjohnlakehurst.com)

## Formed Recommendation

Today marks the first day of the holy Advent season. We invite you to join us on a journey through Advent with Mary. Each week, we will be diving into an episode of *Lectio: Mary with Dr. Brant Pitre*. This week's episode is about the new fulfilling the old. As Jesus is the New Adam, Mary is the New Eve. Visit [formed.org](http://formed.org) to watch this video and so much more.

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PICK OF THE WEEK



### Lectio: Mary

Episode 1 - The New Eve

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## *The New Fulfills the Old*

The Book of Genesis begins with the story of Adam and Eve, whose sin of disobedience breaks their relationship with God.

God does not abandon his people, but gradually prepares them for the coming of his Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus, the promised "seed" of Genesis 3:15 is the "New Adam," and his mother, the promised "woman," is the "New Eve."

**PARISH MINISTRIES**

*St. Vincent de Paul Society*, 732-657-6359

*Rosary Altar Society*

Angela McNeill, 732-657-1728

*Religious Article Store*

Victor Bala, 732-657-8899

*Youth Group*

Lori Downing, ldowning@easeton.org

*Bereavement Support Group*

Shelley Laterza, 848-224-4828

*Sign Language*

The 4 PM Mass has an interpreter for the hearing impaired. Those learning sign language meet on Tuesdays at 10:30 AM in the Parish Center. Newcomers wanting to learn to sign are welcome.

Nursing Home Ministry, Ushers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Joe Pittarelli, 732-323-8469

*Hospitality Ministry*, Josephine O'Connell organizes the coffee and refreshments after the 9:15 AM Mass in the back of the parish hall. If interested in helping Josephine, call her @ 609-668-2159.

**WINGS and a PRAYER**

Our Religious Article Store will be open next weekend December 7th & 8th, after all Masses.

We have several different Advent wreaths.

We have Christmas wafer "Oplatek" available in our religious store & Parish Center.

Thank you for your continued support!



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**CURSILLO ULTREYA**

Our next meeting will be, Thursday, January 16th @ 1PM in the Parish Center. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year! Any questions, call Barbara Cipriano @ 732-323-8878.

**ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY MEETING**

The next SVDP meeting will be Monday, Dec. 2nd @ 6PM in the Church Hall.

**ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY**

Always at the beginning of Advent the church invites us to think ahead. The gospel contains a clear warning and a judgment, admonishing us to "stay awake." Instead of leading us to hopelessness and paralyzing fear, the gospel surprises us with an opportunity to be prepared. Instead of floundering, we have our whole lifetime and the guidance of the priceless gift of the Good News of Jesus Christ to accompany us on our journey into the future.

There is an Advent spirit in the heart of every human person. It is one of longing, of yearning for a fulfillment that somehow lies beyond ourselves. It flows from our deeply rooted human incompleteness. All of us long for something more, as we make our pilgrim way. Even when human sinfulness pulls people to focus on power, pleasure, fame, or financial prosperity, they often find themselves moving aimlessly, without fulfillment. St Augustine described the spirit as our hearts being restless until they rest in the Lord. Advent celebrates human yearning. We long for the coming of the Lord.

As you give to SVDP-St John's Conference, your heart will discover the true meaning of Christmas helping those who are suffering and poor to long for the coming of the Lord.

**Give Thanks**

The SVDP-St John's Conference would like to thank all of our faithful parishioners who give to SVDP. Your food and monetary donations are what makes it possible for us to serve the poor. May you be blessed for your acts of charity. In addition, we would like to thank **the Organ/Music Club of LK** for their wonderful food donation and the **Columbiettes of LK** for their generous gift of \$500. Your generosity is overwhelming and truly appreciated. God Bless You



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