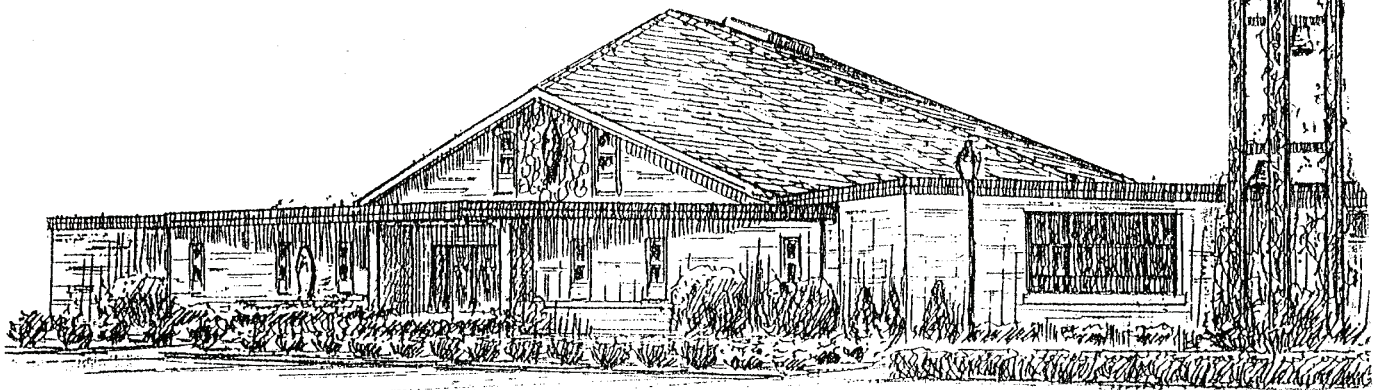


ST. JOHN'S R.C. CHURCH

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
E-mail: 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.

**Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2019**

MASSES & SERVICES FOR THE WEEK**Saturday, December 7th**

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

Monday, December 9th, Immaculate Conception

8:00 AM Jeffrey Jable (anniv. rem.)
George Spohrer

Tuesday, December 10th

8:00 AM Salvatore LaCorte
Sheridan Family (anniv. rem.)

Wednesday, December 11th, St. Damasus I

8:00 AM Ralph Solomone, Sr. (1st. anniv. rem.)
Thomas Gordon

Thursday, December 12th, Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 AM Edward Pietrowski
Dec. members of Rumi & Verga Families

Friday, December 13th, St. Lucy

8:00 AM Jeffrey Jable (anniv. rem.)
Kathleen Ward

Saturday, December 14th, St. John of the Cross

8:00 AM Multiple Intention Mass

4:00 PM Angela Wade (21st anniv. rem.)
Kathleen Genovese (birthday rem.)

7:00 PM Janice Piller
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Sunday, December 15th, 3rd Sunday of Advent

9:15 AM Gus & Angelina Caracappa
Sophie Walczak (birthday rem.)

11:00 AM Gloria Brown
Frank Ratajczik

Multiple Intention Mass**Saturday, December 14th, 8AM**

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| Joseph Ribaudo | Mary & Fred O'Hara |
| Donald Burns | People of our Parish |
| Lida Fanara | Louis John Vasta |
| Alyce Fensterder | Terence Norton |
| Barbara Terzulli | John Stensler |
| John Pedersen | Barbara O'Keefe |
| Speedy Rec. to Brian McKenna | Joseph Hollo |
| For well being of Albert Ruth | |

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR THE WEEK

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. 8th—Dec. 14th, 2019**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

In loving memory
of
James Morin

SACRED HEART

In loving memory
of
Ida Bussanich

SHRINE CANDLE

In loving memory
of
Michael Ferrara (64th wed. anniv.)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially:

Week 1: People of our Parish

Week 2: Obeida Perez, Nora Edwards,
Angelo Manoccio

Week 3: Jonas Walworth

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE DECEASED:

Patrick McLaughlin, Melissa Row, Carmella Pittarelli

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.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Week of Nov. 24th, 2019: \$12,157
Week of Nov. 25th, 2018: \$13,285
Human Development 2019: \$1,617
Human Development 2018: \$1,521
Week of Dec. 1st, 2019: \$ 12,955
Week of Dec. 2nd, 2018: \$14,924



Thank you for your financial support!

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION

Support aging religious. Our second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.

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

Thank you for taking all the tags. 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!!**



BEREAVEMENT/SUPPORT GROUP

St. John's Church is happy to offer a Bereavement Support Group for those who are grieving a recent loss. This is a Christ-centered Support Group offering a caring, compassionate, and confidential environment in which to verbalize your feelings.

There will be 7 weekly sessions, on Tuesdays, @1pm, Jan. 7th thru Feb. 18th. For reg. and details, please contact Shelley Laterza @ 848-224-4828.

WINGS and a PRAYER

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



We have Christmas wafer "Oplatek" available in our religious store & Parish Center. Thank you for your continued support!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL # 12940

Thank you for all who participated in our Christmas Poinsettia Fundraiser!



Keep Christ in Christmas Magnets—sponsored by K of C Council # 12940 will be available for sale this weekend after all Masses, and in Religious store when open. Donation: \$5.00.

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

ANDERSON & CAMPBELL FUNERAL HOME

First Annual Holiday Gift Wrapping!!! Bring your gifts to Anderson & Campbell Funeral Home, 3010 Ridgeway Rd., Manchester, NJ 08759 and let us do your wrapping!! Wrapping paper, bows, and bags will be provided. Wrapping dates are as follow: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM starting December 1st through December 15th.



ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY— SAVE THE DATE

Save the Date, March 31st, 2020—Rosary Altar Society Day Retreat at St. Alphonso Retreat House. More information to follow!

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:

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

(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.

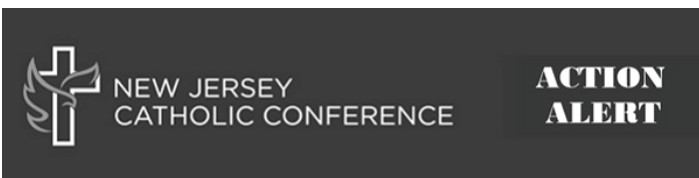
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ADDRESS _____

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!!**



In May, the New Jersey Legislature introduced a package of bills that would create a New Jersey version of the federal Affordable Care and Patient Protection Act of 2010.

Included in those bills is S3804/A5508, legislation that would eliminate the long-standing exemption in the current state law (P.L. 2005 c.251) that protects religious employers from having to provide health insurance coverage for family planning medications, devices, and procedures, including abortion inducing drugs and sterilizations.

If signed into law, S3804/A5508 would impact the ability of Catholic Dioceses, Catholic schools, and Catholic Charities Agencies to offer employees comprehensive health benefits without violating fundamental Catholic principles.

The New Jersey Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee will consider S3804/A5508 for a vote on Thursday, December 5, 2019. If S3804/A5508 passes the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee, we anticipate the full Senate to vote on these bills on Monday December 16.

Please contact your State Senator asking that they protect religious freedom.

Follow the link below to log in and send your message: <https://njcatholic.org/faith-in-action>

OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop’s Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors.

If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who has, you can report that abuse through the diocesan Abuse Hotline: 1-888-296-2965 or via e-mail at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org.

The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encour-

aged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.

Dear Parishioners, Paper Towels

We had to call the plumber who snaked out some paper towels a couple hundred feet away underneath the parking lot. This has been happening about once a year. It's costs \$1000 each time. Please don't flush strange things or paper towels. Eventually, the pipe may break. It'll cost \$30,000+ to replace.

Parking Lot

Please pray and fast for our fellow parishioners who have difficulties in the parking lot. While we've made progress, we have more work to do. I've been talking with the staff and Finance Council about some new ideas to make the parking lot safer for everyone.

Immaculate Conception

Normally, we would celebrate the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary today. However, it's the 2nd Sunday of Advent. So, we'll celebrate the Immaculate Conception tomorrow, 12/9, at 8 AM. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

Two Year Window for NJ Claims

If you need a quick little statement to help convince someone to stay in the Catholic Church, try this: "Don't leave because of Judas. Stay because of Jesus Christ." Pray for everyone involved.

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

Advent is a great time to receive God's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Here are some times for confession:

- 1) Before Sunday Masses during Advent.
- 2) Saturdays at 11 AM and 3 PM.
- 3) Tue, 12/10 from 3 to 4:30 PM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 30 Schoolhouse Rd, Whiting.
- 4) Wed, 12/11 for Religious Education students.
- 5) Wed, 12/18, in our chapel from 5:30 to 8:30 PM.
- 6) Fri, 12/20, in our church from 2 to 3 PM.

Advent Hope

John the Baptist's command to repent is meant to help us prepare for the "advent" or "coming" of Christ. John preaches that we might have hope in Jesus whom our heart longs for.

Wherever we are in our relationship with Jesus and whatever is happening around us or to us, this Advent is a great time to prepare, to get ready for Him to do something wonderful in our lives.

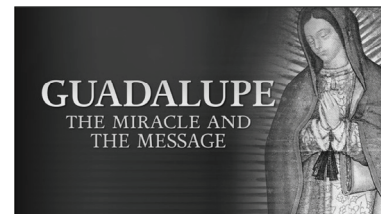
God love you,
Fr. Jim
frjim@stjohnlakehurst.com

Formed

This Thursday, December 12, we celebrate the miraculous apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe to San Juan Diego. Join us in watching Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message on formed.org. This riveting film, narrated by Jim Caviezel, explores both the inexplicable mysteries behind the image, and the continued relevance of the Guadalupe apparition to the modern world.

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PICK OF THE WEEK



Guadalupe

The Miracle and the Message

WATCH ON
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The Heart of the Evangelization of the Americas

The most important event in the evangelization of the New World occurred in December of 1531. Over the course of four days, the Virgin Mary, as Our Lady of Guadalupe, appeared to an indigenous convert named Juan Diego. As a result of this encounter, the image miraculously imprinted on Juan Diego's tilma (cloak). This gripping film explores both the inexplicable mysteries behind the image and the continued relevance of this Marian apparition to the modern world.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

John the Baptist is prophet, judge, precursor. With these three roles we note a parallel with the prophetic, kingly, and priestly roles in Israel that come to fulfillment in Jesus Christ. John is the bridge between Israel of old and Jesus the Messiah. John forcefully reminds us that vindication or punishment is our choice, according to the life we lead. Who is this strange man John? He is the voice that cries out to us an Advent message: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" For those of us who are totally taken up with the present moment—simply getting up, getting to work, keeping the house and preparing meals, etc.—it may seem strange to live in light of a future event. The beginning of Advent is a time when the Church reminds us that how we do these everyday things is how we bear fruit and receive everlasting life.

John knew the Advent secret: He focused his whole life on the coming of Jesus. "I am not the Christ. Another comes after me. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." He realized that his all-consuming vocation was to prepare the way of the Lord. Our vocation is very similar. St. Vincent tells us that the person of Jesus must be absolutely central in our lives, as it was for John the Baptist. As Christians we dedicate our whole lives to following Christ. We seek to share in his love and reverence for the Father and his compassionate and effective love for the poor. With him we trust in God's Providence, which rules over all. For Christians, as for John the Baptist, there is nothing else but Jesus.

Food Bank Needs Christmas Food

The Food Bank has been blessed with an overwhelming number of large food donations from the local Boy Scouts, Manchester Dept. of Senior Services, New Road School and several local organizations.

We still need your help but instead of all the items on our basic list we'd like some basic and other items we generally don't have enough of. Please donate laundry detergent, peanut butter, jelly, desserts, cookies, coffee and tea plus condiments



(Mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard etc.). Any Christmas treats are also welcome.

We know that this time of year there are many extra requests for donations, so we Thank You in advance for your extra generosity and God Bless You.

St John's Church Conference
St Vincent de Paul Society
Lakehurst, NJ

FOOD COLLECTION

3rd Sunday, Dec. 14th/15th, 2019

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Boxes will be at the doors of our Church to accept your non-perishable donations. All food will be distributed on Monday, Dec. 16th, 2019.

Thank you in advance for all you do to help those in our parish who are less fortunate.

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. New-comers 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.



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