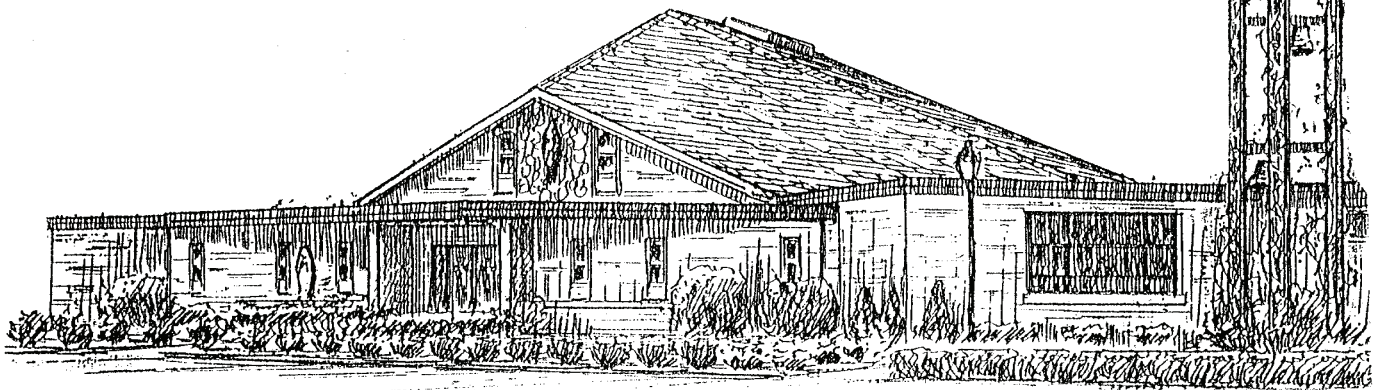


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**The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
December 29, 2019**

MASSES & SERVICES FOR THE WEEK**Saturday, December 28th**

- 4:00 PM deceased members of the
Backus, Dillon & Schwarz families
Edward Ball
- 7:00 PM George Odell (anniv. rem.)
Cathy Wasilko and deceased members
of the Milwicz & Turkoc families

Sunday, December 29th, *Holy Family*

- 9:15 AM Ray Stoffers (11th anniv. rem.)
Joseph Pellegrino
- 11:00 AM George Odell (anniv. rem.)
Lester Olcsvary

Monday, December 30th

- 8:00 AM Daniel McClean
Thomas Niesz

Tuesday, December 31st, *St. Sylvester I*

- 8:00 AM Florence Postorino
Carl Picillo

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday, December 31st

- 4:00 PM Terri Emanuel
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Wednesday, January 1st

- 9:15 AM People of our Parish
James Morin
- 11:00 AM Wesley Post (anniv. rem.)
Emanuel Vito

Thursday, January 2nd, *Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen*

- 8:00 AM Lillian Gearon
Anthony Truisi

Friday, January 3rd, *Holy Name of Jesus*

- 8:00 AM Jean Genco (birthday rem.)
Michelle Vuocolo (1st anniv. rem.)

Saturday, January 4th, *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*

- 8:00 AM Mary Helen Zegarkski (3rd anniv. rem.)
Frances Comforte (2yr anniv. rem.)
- 4:00 PM Anthony Truisi (1st anniv. rem.)
Harry James
- 7:00 PM Michael Farrell
Domenico Tarabocchia

Sunday, January 5th, *Epiphany of the Lord*

- 9:15 AM Thomas McCallum (anniv. rem.)
James F. O'Neill, Sr.
- 11:00 AM Robert John Hoban
Robert Theobald

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. 29th—Jan. 4th, 2020**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

In loving memory
of
Sophie Walczak

SACRED HEART

In loving memory
of
Brian Boldizar

SHRINE CANDLE

In loving memory
of
Victoria E. Rivera (anniv. rem.)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially:****Week 1:** Gary Fish**Week 2:** Brian Boldizar**Week 3:** Jonas Walworth, John Doonan, Deacon Ed Holowienka, Johanna Gonzalez**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE DECEASED:**

Robert C. Borthwick

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.

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.

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

Week of Dec. 15, 2019: \$14,681

Week of Dec. 16, 2018: \$ 13,002

Thank you for your financial support!

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

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**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

In celebration of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, the parish office will be closed on 12/31 and 1/1.

K OF C COUNCIL # 12940—HOLY FAMILY PRAYER CARDS

Next weekend, the K of C council 12940, will hand out prayer cards of The Holy Family, which will be said before all Masses consecrating ourselves and family to Jesus, Mary and St. Joseph.

THANK YOU FROM K OF C # 12940

K of C Council #12940 thanks you for supporting our Keep Christ in Christmas Magnets Fundraisers

**ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY— SAVE THE DATE**

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

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.

ST. JOSEPH BY THE SEA UPCOMING RETREAT

January 31-February 2, 2020 - COME TO THE QUIET

— A SILENT RETREAT - Come and experience the shore in all its winter beauty! This weekend has been set aside for those desiring time alone with God. This retreat offers time for reflection; Eucharistic Liturgy and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be included. Arrival: 6:00-7:00 p.m. / Departure: 1:00 p.m. (Presenters: Staff and Visiting

Directors) Cost: \$225. Please call St. Joseph By the Sea at 732-892-8494 to register or for additional information.

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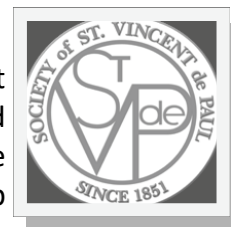
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ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

St Vincent de Paul's council at St Johns is looking for a few good men and women to see what we are about. We are a small group that are helping people in need in our own community. We try to see things through Jesus eyes. Are you curious about us? Please come to our next meeting on Monday, November 4th at 6 PM.

You can be part of the general membership and



simply get to know us. If you would like to help, there are a few ways:

- Help take incoming phone messages, checking the line 2 or 3 times a day for one day. (from home)
- Do home visits to access each situation along with 2 or 3 other "Vincentians"
- Become involved with some ongoing project or special event

We will give you complete training for the phone or doing home visits (ALWAYS with another Vincentian).

If you have any questions, please call 732-657-6359.

THANK YOU—GIVING TREE:

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations of gifts for the needy of our Parish.

God bless you,

Mary Ann Dempkowski



CHRISTMAS - ONE LOOK BEHIND THE SCENES

On Sunday December 15, I stopped by Saint John's to carry out a few Church duties. The Church Hall was a beehive of activity! Every present parishioner was working to provide the true spirit of Christmas to a less fortunate family.

These volunteers' collective, focused task orientation spoke miles about each one's loving and caring effort to send the Christ Child into the homes of others. The smiles and courteousness was prevalent and inviting. Helping to send Jesus to needy Lakehurst (and surrounding areas) united the efforts of that Hall full of joyous workers.

Perhaps next year you may be able to join with our Saint Vincent de Paul Society. You can then share your talents and time to assure a blessed Christmas for your own family and a family you may never see face to face. This is the work that lets you feel the reward of giving to others without recognition. Your own family may also benefit by witnessing your good will and loving contributions to the true soul and spirit of Christ's humble birth in anticipation of His most loving sacrifice to save the world at Easter.

On a separate note, the Parish Center was also buzzing last Sunday. Occupied by a smaller but

equally dedicated work force that group was sorting, labeling, wrapping, and packaging hundreds of gifts from all of you that returned Giving Tree tags.

Distributing clothes and toys aplenty comprised this team's target. They were hard at work assuring that every youngster would receive the one special gift they listed on their tag.

God has blessed our Parish with many, many selfless people. Thank Him for each and every one of these laborers and all of our parishioners.

Joy to Saint John's!

Charlie Jannetti, Business Manager

Dear Parishioners,

Daily Mass

During the Christmas Season, join us for Daily Mass at 8 AM in the church. We'll return to the chapel after the January 12th Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Considering the New Year's celebrations, our Mass times of 4 PM on 12/31 and 9:15 AM and 11 AM on 1/1 make it easier for us to fulfill our Mass obligation. I plan to visit with friends including a goddaughter from about 8 PM to midnight.

Holy Family

On the Sunday between Christmas and the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The readings give us practical advice on how to model our families after the Holy Family.

The line in Sirach, "My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives," means more to me this year considering how my siblings and I cared for our father for nearly 11 years. And it reminds me of how we cared for his father for nearly 13 years. I always thought that "kindness to a father will not be forgotten" meant God would reward us for honoring our fathers. In addition, I think it also means my siblings and I will not forget. We stuck together as we helped my father carry his cross. The love that bonded us together as family endures to this day. Yet, we also know that it wouldn't be possible without God's grace.

If you told us what we were going to do back in the 1970s, I would have called you crazy. Even in hindsight, it's hard to fathom how much God loves us through the difficult times.

Joseph received several angelic messages in his dreams about how to protect Mary and Jesus. In heaven, he continues to intercede for the protection of the Church. He can intercede for our own families. In particular, I encourage all men to ask for St. Joseph's intercession.

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

SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE APPROACHING \$7,000

On behalf of all scholarship beneficiaries, it is a pleasure to be able to express their collective and heartfelt appreciation for this raffle. Reducing fees and increasing participation this year's raffle offers both winners and students more benefit.

The first quarterly drawing is coming up on JANUARY 2, 2020. This draw will cover the last quarter of 2019. If your entry is in, you are good to go.

To take advantage of the annual option, you must act by year's end. For preferring the \$30 per quarter option, please feel welcome to use the form below and check the quarterly box. Remember, quarterly entries are submitted each quarter you choose.

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 _____

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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!!**

CHURCH CONTRIBUTION RECORD

We have closed our **2019 ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTION RECORDS.** Any donations now given will be credited to your 2020 records.

If you would like a copy of the amount of your **ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTIONS for 2019** (**Please Note: this is your weekly envelope donation amount **ONLY... NO Masses, candles, special memorials or Annual Catholic Diocesan Appeal Contributions are included****), please complete the form below and return it to the Parish Office with a **self-addressed, stamped envelope** and we will be glad to fill in the amount that we have recorded from your envelopes and return it to you.

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