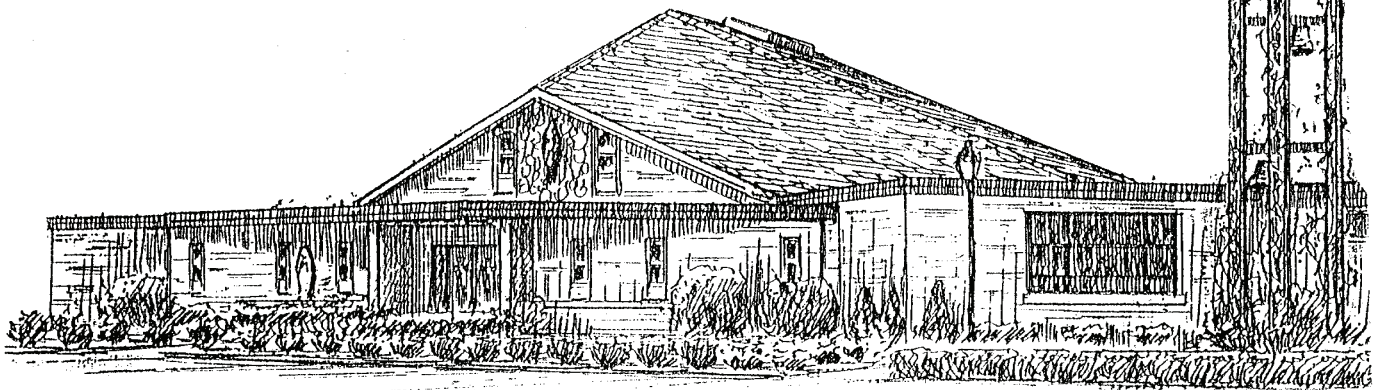


ST. JOHN'S R.C. CHURCH

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
Rev. Joseph Murphy, 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: office@stjohnlakehurst.com

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

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 26, 2020**

MASSES & SERVICES FOR THE WEEK**Saturday, January 25th**

4:00 PM Charles Lynch
Kerry Clark-Goceliak

7:00 PM Thomas Hutton
Adele Reo

Sunday, January 26th, 3rd Sunday in OT

9:15 AM Joseph Cosenza (birthday rem.)
Maureen Eldridge

11:00 AM Anthony Sorbera & Jack Bishop
Special intentions of Shane Williams

Monday, January 27th, St. Angela Merici

8:00 AM Anthony Bertone
For health of Grace McDonald

Tuesday, January 28th, St. Thomas Aquinas

8:00 AM Paul Mosca
Emilia Longo

Wednesday, January 29th

8:00 AM Carmela Pittarelli
Thomas Kelly

Thursday, January 30th

8:00 AM People of Parish
Detra Nunez

Friday, January 31st, St. John Bosco

8:00 AM Nancy Gallo (birthday rem.)
Maria Ramos

Saturday, February 1st

8:00AM Brian Cleary
People of our Parish

4:00PM Tillie Hubiak
Wayne T. Wright (5th anniv. rem.)

7:00PM Thomas Battinelli
Rev. Monsignor William Koplik

Sunday, February 2nd, Presentation of the Lord

9:15 AM Gerald Lubrano (1st anniv. rem.)
Marie DeBiase (birthday rem.)

11:00 AM James F. O'Neill, Sr.
Amparo Galan

ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers may be purchased for any occasion. If you are placing an order, please do so 2 weeks in advance, by calling Joan Toth of the Rosary Altar Society at 732-657-4938. Thank you for your participation.

CANDLES for Jan. 26th-Feb. 1st, 2020**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

Special Intentions
of
Kenny Hess

SACRED HEART

In loving memory
of
People of our Parish

SHRINE CANDLE

In loving memory
of
People of our Parish

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

Week 1: Jonas Walworth

Week 2: Johanna Gonzalez

Week 3: Deacon Ed Holowienka

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE DECEASED:

Norma Franks, Kevin Seitz, Michael DeFeo, Rose Spadafora, Thaddeus Rebain, George Chenoweth

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

CPO Michael M. Miehle

PARISH MINISTRIES

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

Rosary Altar Society

Angela McNeill, 732-657-1728

Religious Article Store

Victor Bala, 732-691-2291

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.

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

Week of Jan. 19th, 2020: \$ 10,606

Week of Jan. 20th, 2019: \$ 11,323

Thank you for your financial support!

LADIES OF THE PARISH – SAN ALFONSO RETREAT

Rosary Altar Society is sponsoring a day Retreat at San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch, NJ, Tuesday, March 31st. Bus will be leaving Church Parking Lot at 8:30AM—Arriving back between 4:00-4:30PM. Cost is \$60.

All reservations must be made and paid for by March 1st, 2020. For more information and reservations call Barbara Seele @ 732-657-5512 or 848-224-9586.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

Rosarians will assemble on **Sunday, February 2nd** at 8:45 AM to recite the Rosary prior to the 9:15 am Mass. Please sit in assigned pews. Our meeting will take place on **Monday, February 3rd**. We will then meet in church at 10:30 AM to recite the Rosary and Novena prior to the 11 AM Mass. We ask that you sit in the same pews as on Sunday. Please bring your lunch. Coffee, tea and desserts will be served.

SEEKING USHER MINISTRY MEMBERS

Ladies and gentlemen of Saint John's, now is a good time to consider joining this welcoming and critical church ministry. As an usher you have first contact with visitors and parishioners. Ushers extend warm greetings, organize mass activities and embrace God's people as they come to His House. The ministry can cement church memberships with its positive, personal impact.....week after week. Please consider this. You are welcome to learn more by attending the next training/discussion session, Tuesday, **February 11, 2020, 1-3 PM**, in the Parish Center.

“SOUPER” BOWL SUNDAY

Next weekend, Feb. 1st & 2nd, the 8th grade students will be at the doors at each Mass to collect Dollar donations for the Soup Kitchens of Trenton. Please help us feed the hungry. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

CURSILLO ULTREYA

Our next meeting will be, Thursday, February 20th @ 1PM in the Parish Center. Any questions, call Barbara Cipriano @ 732-323-8878.

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. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Every encounter with Jesus provokes a response; this gospel shows a response of discipleship that is quick and decisive. Our own call to discipleship comes at our baptism, but unlike the disciples in the gospel our response isn't usually so quick and decisive. We spend our whole life trying to see the great Light that is the Savior of the world. But we practice the following of Jesus in the simple, everyday things that come our way: the friend who needs a listening ear, the elderly parent who needs a comforting phone call, the sick child who interrupts our sleep. In all of these instances do we hear Jesus' refrain: repent? Turn from ourselves toward those in need. Turn from darkness to light.

"Lord Jesus, teach me by your example. Make me, through the vigor of my efforts, set the world on fire. I want to give myself to you, body and soul, heart and mind and spirit so that I may always do what gladdens you. In your mercy, grant me the grace to have you continue in me and through me Your saving work." -St. Vincent de Paul-

In what simple, every day things have you heard Jesus' refrain: repent- turn from yourself and toward those in need?

For the grace to "repent," turning from ourselves toward those in need,

-Merciful God, hear us!

For the grace to respond to the call of discipleship, quickly and decisively,

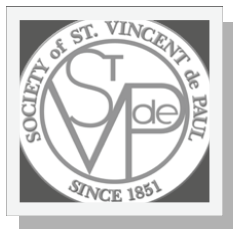
-Merciful God, hear us!

For the grace of healing to all who are ill and alone,

-Merciful God, hear us! Amen

ST. JOSEPH GRADE SCHOOL—TOMS RIVER

St. Joseph's Grade School presents: "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang", Friday, Feb. 14th @ 7:00PM, Sat. Feb. 15th @ 7:00PM, & Sun. Feb. 16th @ 2:00PM. For tickets contact Mrs. Roche @ 732-349-2355 x2027 or email droche@stjoeschooltr.org.

**MESSAGE FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR****Calling all Singers!**

All 3 choirs at St. John's Church are happy to welcome anyone interested in singing. The **Student Choir** sings at the 7 PM Mass on the 3rd Saturday of the month while Religious Education is in session, and currently rehearses on Wednesdays 4:50PM—5:20PM before the 1st session of Religious Education. There are 2 Adult Choirs for Sunday Masses.

The call time is 8:30AM for the **9:15AM choir on Sundays. They rehearse currently on Thursdays at 4PM—5:30PM. ** The call time is 10:20AM for the **11AM choir** on Sundays. They currently rehearse on Fridays at 3PM—4:30PM.

If you feel called to Glorify God through music, and don't usually attend Sunday Mass, please take a time for discernment. All interested are welcome to visit the Adult choir at our rehearsal times. Remember, when you sing, you are praying twice. Feel free to contact me at holly@stjohnlakehurst.com or feel free to talk with me after Mass.

Thank you

Holly Hartline, Music Director

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

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Dear Parishioners, Blessing of Throats

In memory of St. Blaise, whose feast day is February 3rd, we will offer the blessing of throats next weekend. While blessed candles are held to each person's throat, the follow prayer is said:

Through the intercession of Saint Blaise,
bishop and martyr,
May God deliver you from every disease
of the throat and from every other illness.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Scammer

On January 11th, at least two different people received fraudulent text messages from someone claiming to be me. The phone number used was probably spoofed since it belonged to a guy in his 80s down in Florida. I suspect that the scammer found the two cell phone numbers from bulletins in the area.

If someone claiming to be me requests that you send him money or gift cards, it's probably a scam. If I really needed money for myself, I'd contact my siblings first. If we need money for the parish, you'd see it in the bulletin or hear about it in the announcements.

Other parishes in the diocese have had similar scamming problems over the last six months. This is the first I've heard of it here. Both of these individuals contacted me to alert me to the problem.

Word of God Sunday

Back on September 30th, the 1600th anniversary of St. Jerome's death and his feast day, Pope Francis instituted the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time to be the "Sunday of the Word of God." St. Jerome famously said, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." It is good for us to read, study, and meditate upon the Bible so that we might come to know Christ more intimately.

We hear the Scriptures at Mass and their explanation in the homily. Please pray for lectors, deacons, and priests that we may proclaim the Word of God well. Pray for homilists that we may explain the Scriptures as God would have us do.

We can read the Bible ourselves. Study bibles have footnotes that give little tidbits as well as sections with longer explanations.

EWTN has several shows that help viewers understand the Bible. Formed.org has a number of sources too. A couple of groups of parishioners get together on their own to read and study the Bible.

When I was a seminarian, I went on Thursdays one year to St. Athanasius in North Philadelphia. The pastor, Fr. Herbert Bevard, held a weekly Bible study that was very popular. And that impressed me. A few parishioners have requested a Bible study here at St. John's. Please pray for this and other activities that will draw us closer to Christ.

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

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PICK OF THE WEEK

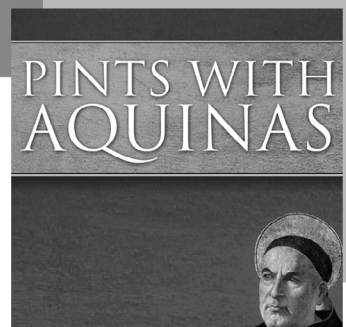
January 28 is the feast day of Saint Thomas Aquinas. In celebration, Matt Fradd sits down with Peter Kreeft as he shares 12 quick stories about Saint Thomas Aquinas.

Pints With Aquinas

12 Stories about Aquinas

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