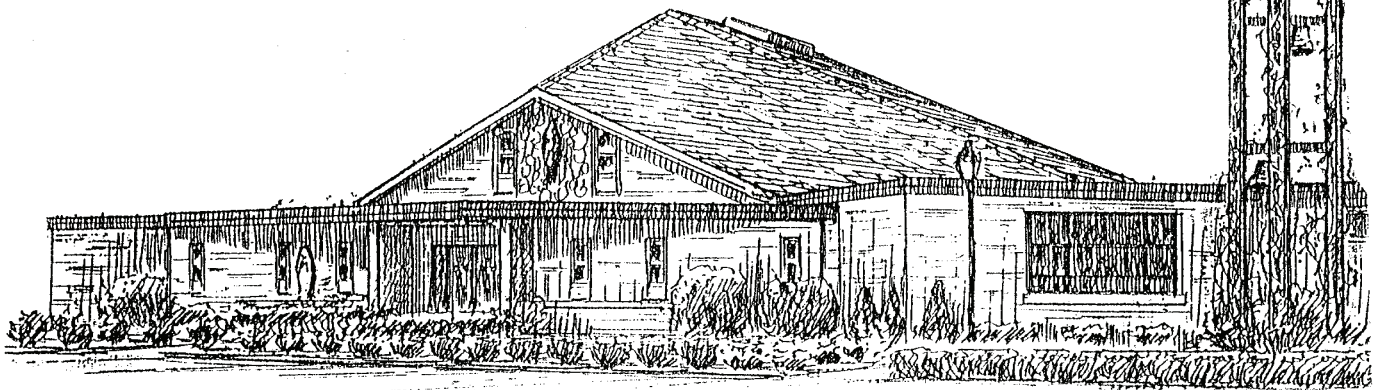


ST. JOHN'S R.C. CHURCH

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 for arrangements.

The Presentation of The Lord
February 2, 2020

MASSES & SERVICES FOR THE WEEK**Saturday, February 1st**

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

7:00 PM 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

Monday, February 3rd, *Sts. Blaise & Ansgar*

8:00 AM Marc Esposito
Jack Maher

11:00 AM Rosarian Mass

Tuesday, February 4th

8:00 AM Emilia Longo
Marc Esposito

Wednesday, February 5th, *St. Agatha*

8:00 AM Frank Muniz (6th anniv. rem.)
Mary McDonald

Thursday, February 6th, *St. Paul Miki*

8:00 AM Ann Lockwood (birthday rem.)
Emilia Longo

Friday, February 7th

8:00 AM The Repici Family
Eleanor Jakubowski

Saturday, February 8th, *Sts. Jerome Emiliani & Josephine Bakhita*

8:00AM Multiple Intention Mass

4:00PM Dorothea DiGiovanni (anniv. rem.)
Rose Edmonds (71st anniv. rem.)

7:00PM Marie Fereno
Adele Reo

Sunday, February 9th, *5th Sunday in OT*

9:15 AM Robert, Wayne, & Craig Bonstein
Thomas Battinelli

11:00 AM John & Carmela Russo & Family
James F. O'Neill, Sr.

MULTIPLE INTENTION MASS**Saturday, January 11th, 2020, 8 AM**

Carol A. Neubauer Joseph Ribaudo
Louis John Vasta Raven J. Kunze

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 Feb. 2nd- Feb. 8th, 2020**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

Healing
of
Doni Jackman

SACRED HEART

In loving memory
of
People of our Parish

SHRINE CANDLE

In loving memory
of
Wayne T. Wright



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

Week 1: Brian Boldizar, Michael Caracappa,
Deacon Ed Holowienka, Jenna & Baby,
Doni Jackman

Week 2: Jonas Walworth

Week 3: Johanna Gonzalez

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE DECEASED:

Frances Macaluso, Carolyn J. Abatemarco

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. 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 Jan. 26th, 2020: \$11,743

Week of Jan. 27th, 2019: \$13,383

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.

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

CPO Michael M. Miehle

Capt. Meghan Oroho

SPC Brian Mc Nichol

Spec. Corinne McGrath

Major Brian Kossler

CURSILLO ULTREYA

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

WINGS and a PRAYER

Our Religious Article Store will re-open next weekend, Feb. 8th & 9th, after all Masses.

Thank you for your continued support!



ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

It's the start of a new year. Perhaps you are looking for a new volunteer opportunity. St Vincent de Paul's conference 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, Feb. 3rd at 6 PM, in Church hall.

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:

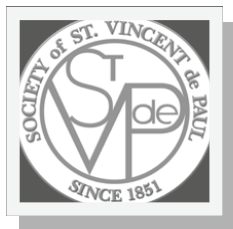
- Help take incoming phone messages, checking the line 2 or 3 times a day for one day. (from home)
- Do home visits to access each situation along with 2 or 3 other "Vincentians"
- Become involved with some ongoing project or special event

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.

The Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple is a sort of christening celebration. It was primarily a joyful occasion and then the old man Simeon comes along and spoils everything. He foretells the suffering of Our Lord, and turning to his Mother he says: "And your own soul a sword shall pierce." There is an Irish poet who wrote: "Lord, Thou art hard on mothers; they suffer in our coming and our going." The Lord was certainly hard on his own Mother. She suffered in His coming. To listen to that sad forecast about her Son forty days after His birth was hard. She suffered in His going: "There stood by the cross of Jesus, Mary His Mother."

Simeon spoke of a sword that would pierce Mary's heart.. In reality we can count at least seven occasions when sorrow entered Our Lady's soul. But there was a possible eighth sorrow, and that was living with the fear of what was to come. That can be a heavy cross. Our Lady eighth sorrow was living with Simeon's sword hanging over her. She



lived with fear, but was able with the strength of God to prevent it from immobilizing her. May Mary obtain for each of us the grace of surmounting those fears which occupy a place in the hearts of every one of us and sometimes paralyze us in showing love to God and to our neighbor.

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

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Dear Parishioners, March for Life

Twenty buses from the Diocese of Trenton joined about half a million people at the National Mall for the March for Life. Because of the large gathering and President Trump's very encouraging pro-life speech, I didn't see many people from our Diocese. But I did see a classmate from college and Fr. Nolan from the Diocese of Tyler. I also talked with a young couple about marriage. The young man was a boy from Our Lady of Good Counsel in Moorestown, my first parish as a priest.

I spent most of my time with people from the Point Pleasant bus. We discussed a great many topics, many regarding our faith and philosophy that supports it. As far as I could tell, they were all regular people standing up for life.

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The respect for human life has dominated the Catholic news lately. I stumbled upon an idea that isn't new but is new to me. I've always thought of the gestation of a baby as being nine months. However, you hear medical people say it's 40 weeks. With advances in technology, we can now save a baby born at 21 weeks.

It's the 40 weeks that now catches my attention. Forty is a biblical number. The Israelites wandered in the desert for 40 years. Jesus spent 40 days in the desert before his public ministry. The number 40 symbolizes completeness. How fitting that a baby needs 40 weeks in his or her mother's womb.

You may have also heard of 40 Days for Life. Fr.

Mitch Pacwa just interviewed the co-founder, Shawn Carney, on EWTN Live. 40 Days for Life is a very successful prayer campaign. People take turns for 40 days praying outside abortion centers. Many babies have been saved. Many minds and hearts have been changed. God can do wonderful things through us.

Other Numbers

I also read an article that estimated numbers of death around the world. The author estimates that 56 million babies are aborted each year. He also estimates that 55 million other people die due to every other cause. I'm astounded by the idea that the leading cause of death, abortion, accounts for just over half of all deaths around the world. With such a terrible holocaust occurring right now, we need God. We also need to ask Him to help us get our priorities straight. Abortion is seriously evil in many ways. Fortunately for us, God is merciful. He can forgive our sins, including the worst ones. He can bring about healing in our culture. The Father sent the Son so that we might have eternal life.

Baptisms

At a recent baptism, I marveled at how much the very young baby trusted and enjoyed his mother's presence. I was also amazed by the mother's calmness and peacefulness.

God love you,

Fr. Jim

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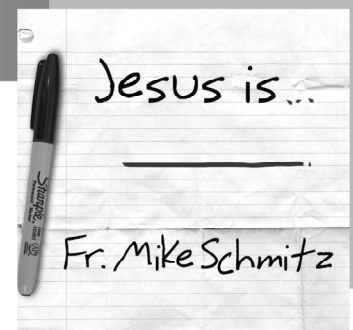
PICK OF THE WEEK

In this talk by Fr. Mike Schmitz, he reveals the incredible implications of the question that Christ asks all of us: "Who do YOU say that I Am?"

Jesus is...
By Father Mike Schmitz

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