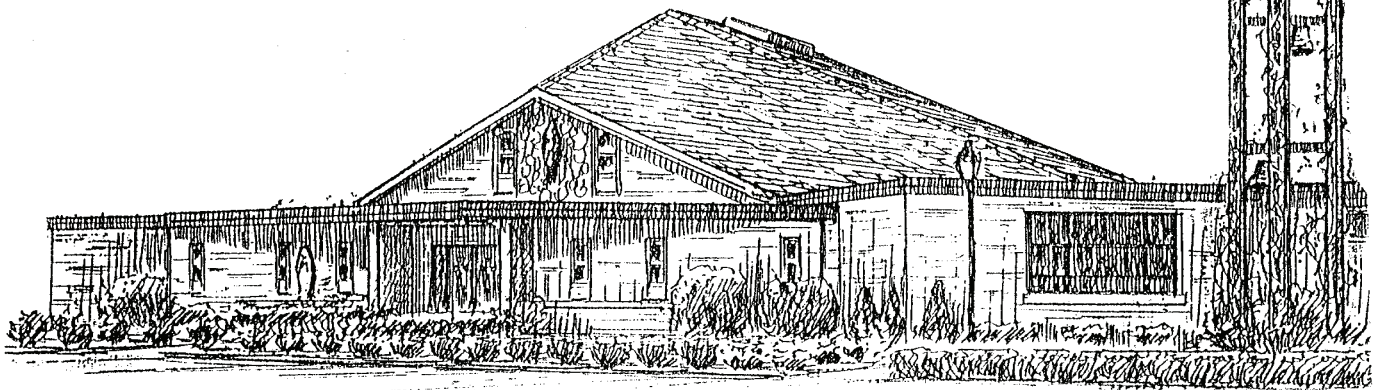


# ST. JOHN'S R.C. CHURCH

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, church in Lent 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  
primary phone: 732-657-6347  
parish website: [stjohnlakehurst.com](http://stjohnlakehurst.com)  
e-mail: [office@stjohnlakehurst.com](mailto:office@stjohnlakehurst.com)  
fax: 732-657-8690  
alternate phone # s: 732-657-2752, 732-657-0480

## 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 Lent  
March 1, 2020**

**MASSES & SERVICES FOR THE WEEK****Saturday, February 29th**

- 4:00 PM Timothy Tierney (birthday rem.)  
Eric Comer
- 7:00 PM Ann Scott  
Deacon Richard Hauenstein

**Sunday, March 1st, 1st Sunday of Lent**

- 9:15 AM Dean DeGennaro  
Nancy Garhart
- 11:00 AM Anthony Ciccone (birthday rem.)  
Michael Ferrara (2nd anniv. rem.)

**Monday, March 2nd**

- 8:00 AM Harry Marrazzo
- 11:00AM Rosary Altar Society

**Tuesday, March 3rd, St. Katharine Drexel**

- 8:00 AM Joseph Rutan (anniv. rem.)  
Mary McDonald

**Wednesday, March 4th, St. Casimir**

- 8:00 AM Carmela Pittarelli  
Michael DeFeo

**Thursday, March 5th**

- 8:00 AM Louise Duscio (1st anniv. rem.)  
Christopher Whalen

**Friday, March 6th**

- 8:00 AM Carmela Morin (birthday rem.)  
Carolyn Abatemarco

**Saturday, March 7th, Sts. Perpetua & Felicity**

- 8:00AM People of Our Parish  
Mary Helen Zegarski (birthday rem.)
- 4:00PM Frank Ratajczik (7th anniv. rem.)  
Dec. mem. of Smaller Family
- 7:00PM Iris Devrous  
Janine Donato

**Sunday, March 8th, 2nd Sunday of Lent**

- 9:15 AM Donald Sulewski (1st anniv. rem.)  
Brian Cleary
- 11:00 AM Timothy McKeon & Michael Ganzfuss  
( 7th anniv. rem.)  
George Weber

**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. **Please note: There will be no orders taken during the season of Lent and Easter season. For questions call Joan Toth, 732-657-4938. Thank you for participating during the year.**

**CANDLES for Mar. 1st - Mar. 7th, 2020****SANCTUARY CANDLE**

In loving memory  
of  
George Hahne

**SACRED HEART**

In loving memory  
of  
Arthur Schultz

**SHRINE CANDLE**

In loving memory  
of  
Bernie & Millie Sypniewski

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

**Week 1:** Jonas Walworth, Joe McNeill, Vincent Lieto, Julia Szabo, Albert Berdel

**Week 2:** Patricia Cox

**Week 3:** Deacon Ed Holowienka

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE DECEASED:**

Terrence McGovern, Joseph Loiacano, John Shamka

**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 February 23rd, 2020: \$13,211

Week of February 24th, 2019: \$11,466

Thank you for your financial support!

**COLLECTION FOR CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE**

Thank you for your generous contributions last week to the Collection for the Church for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe! As a parish, we collected \$52, to help restore the Church and build the future in more than 20 countries. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections).

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2021**

Our 2021 MASS BOOK will open **Wednesday, March 25th, 9:30 AM—12:30 PM** in the Parish Center. Keep in mind there will be a 6 Mass limit per reservation.

Please adhere to the times given as we will not be taking any reservations earlier. Thank you for your cooperation.

**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, March 1st** at 8:45AM to recite the Rosary prior to the 9:15 AM Mass. Please sit in assigned pews. Our meeting will take place on Monday, **March 2nd** at which time we will meet in church at 10:30 AM to recite the Rosary and Novena prior to the 11 AM Mass. Please sit in the same pews as on Sunday.

The Dandy Irish Dancers from Greenbriar Woodlands will perform at the St. Patrick's Day Luncheon on Monday. Corned beef sandwiches will be served along with Irish Soda Bread and desserts, coffee and tea for all those who have signed up.

**CURSILLO ULTREYA**

Our next meeting will be, Thursday, March 19th @ 1PM in the Parish Center. Any questions, call Barbara Cipriano @ 732-323-8878.

**WINGS and a PRAYER**

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

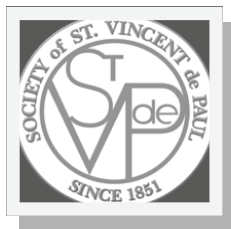
Thank you for your continued support!



**ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY****SAVE THE DATE!**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11th.

Enjoy lunch/ dinner with family and friends at Applebee's in Manchester, Rte. 70 and at the same time help St. Vincent de Paul raise funds to provide assistance to our Lakehurst and Manchester neighbors.



"Dining to Donate" flyers will be available after all masses this weekend as well as March 7th & 8th. Flyers presented to Applebee's, on March 11th, will result in 10% of your dining bill being donated to St. John's St. Vincent de Paul. Your participation in the fundraiser is a win/win! You'll have an enjoyable dining experience and help our community at the same time. Thank you in advance for your help in making this fund raiser successful.

We also invite you to attend our next general meeting on March 2nd at 6:00 PM if you are interested in volunteering with St. Vincent de Paul. Many hands make light work! The needs of our community are increasing and there are many ways to help.

If you are interested, come to a meeting or call the St. Vincent number provided in the bulletin.

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

I am pleased to support the 2019-2020 Raffle. I've enclosed with this coupon **\$30 for the 2nd Quarter.**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Quarterly @ \$ 30

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

# ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2020

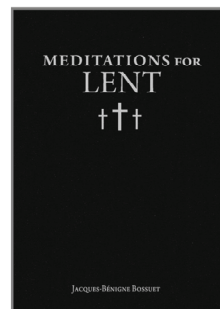
**THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL – IN ACTION!****Catholic Education Administration**

Catholic schools in Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean counties welcome over 16,000 Catholic and non-Catholic students from many different cultural backgrounds. Parents, as the primary educators of their children, work in partnership with teachers to develop their children's potential in becoming life-long learners. Donations to the ACA help to ensure that curriculum and performance standards and development of educators continue at high levels within our 29 Catholic elementary schools and 6 high schools Last year your gift helped with reaching out to more than 78,000 alumni who have been given the opportunity to give back so that other students can succeed in our schools.

FORMED

**PICK OF THE WEEK****Meditations for Lent**

by Jacques-Bénigne Bossuet



Dr. Christopher Blum has selected fifty remarkably powerful meditations from Bishop Bossuet's works that complement the daily readings at Mass during the Lenten season, thus offering to us the perfect companion for a thoughtful and fruitful Lent.

**READ ON FORMED.ORG**

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## Dear Parishioners, Annual Catholic Appeal

I received some feedback from parishioners. One donated on-line but didn't select "St. John's". When you donate on-line, make sure you pick our parish. If you already donated on-line but didn't pick our parish, you could call the diocesan Department of Development at 609-403-7197. If you prefer, you could donate by phone at this number or at the website:

<https://dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal>

Another parishioner wanted to make sure her donation would be used for a particular category. You can choose one of four different categories:

### 1) The Ministry where it is needed most

- Donations allocated to ministries most in need

### 2) Priests, Deacons & Religious

- Finding & Forming Priests (*Vocations recruitment & Seminary Preparation*)
- Retired Priests Care
- Preparation of Deacons
- Support of Religious Women & Men

### 3) Community Outreach

- Families, Youth & Young Adult Ministries
- Catholic Social Services (*The Guild*)
- Pastoral Care (*Prison, Respect Life, Grief*)
- Special Events and Programs
- Outreach to the Poor and Vulnerable

### 4) Teaching the Faith

- Evangelization and Communications Outreach
- Religious Education, Rite of Election of Adults and Children
- Catholic School Programs (*ie: Catholic Athletes for Christ*)
- Tuition Assistance
- Professional Development for Educators

## Ocean County Respect Life Mass

Our Ocean County Respect Life Mass will be this Sunday, March 1st, at 11:30 AM at Sacred Heart in Bayhead. Prizes will be presented to winners in the 2020 Respect Life Poster, Essay and Photo-Meme Contest. As pro-life chaplain for Ocean County, I will be the main celebrant.

## 40 Days of Lent

We hear about the creation of man and his fall as well as the Father sending the Son to save us. Jesus spent 40 days in the desert before beginning his public ministry. What you do plan to do during these 40 days so that God can recreate you?

## Lenten Resources

Here are a few resources to help us during Lent.

- 1) Free copies of *The Word Among Us* are at the doors.
- 2) Join Formed.org and sign-up for their daily e-mail at [formed.org/lent](http://formed.org/lent)
- 3) Sign-up for Dynamic Catholic's daily e-mail at [dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever](http://dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever)

## Stations of the Cross & Confessions

Daily Mass is in the church during Lent to make it easier for more people to attend.

On Fridays during Lent, we'll have Stations of the Cross following the 8 AM Mass.

In addition to Saturdays at 11 AM and 3 PM, I'll be available for confessions before Masses Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

## Thank You and Parish Registration

Recently, I've been working on thank you notes for the various cards I've received for the last couple years. I fell way behind when caring for my father.

First, I want to thank everyone for all your prayers, support, generosity, and kind notes and cards.

Second, I noticed that some kind people live within our parish boundaries but haven't registered. If you aren't registered, I invite you to do so at the office in the Parish Center across the parking lot from the church. Knowing your names and addresses helps with baptisms, weddings, funerals, anointing of the sick, and financial support of our parish.

We've been cleaning up our parish database so that we can better serve our parishioners. Besides updating those who have gone home to the Lord, we'd also like to welcome new parishioners.

God love you,

Fr. Jim

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

**SURVIVING DIVORCE MINISTRY**

St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church is pleased to announce a new ministry entitled, "Surviving Divorce: Hope and Healing for the Catholic Family", a healing program being offered for divorced or separated Catholics that will begin on March 24th, 2020. The location for the meetings is in the Parish Ministry Center, 509 Hooper Ave., Toms River. This program will be held on consecutive Tuesdays, for 12 weeks and will be held from 7:00 PM—8:30 PM. For more information about the program, visit the website [www.catholicdivorce.com](http://www.catholicdivorce.com). Anyone that needs help in finding peace, power, and healing from divorce whether you are separated, considering divorce, or are already divorced, you will discover how to work through emotions and pain, and experience personal healing and hope.

If interested please email [DSOCNJ@gmail.com](mailto:DSOCNJ@gmail.com) with your name and contact information and one of the facilitators, Dave Scherr, Lori Daly, or Pat Kologe, will get back in touch with you regarding all the details and will answer any questions you may have. Thank you for taking the first step toward your healing!

**NORTHERN OCEAN HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

Northern Ocean Habitat for Humanity Presents a Day of BINGO FELLOWSHIP FOOD & FUN!

Bingo | 50/50 | Snacks | Gift Auction | Prizes | BYOB

Date: Sunday, March 22

Time: 2pm – 5pm (1pm check-in)

Location: Brick Pal, 60 Drum Point Rd., Brick NJ 08723

Cost: \$30 includes 6 rounds of bingo, dessert and coffee and raffle tickets

Tickets available: [nohfh.com/annual-bingo-night](http://nohfh.com/annual-bingo-night) or send check payable to:

"Northern Ocean Habitat for Humanity" attn: Cristina Keresztes Mailing address: 1214 Route 37 East, Toms River NJ 08753. Proudly sponsored by: Brick PAL, Donovan Catholic HS, Toms River HS South, Manchester HS and Georgian Court University.

The Diocese of Trenton invites you to...

A Young Adult Retreat

# BLUEPRINT FOR JOY

**03.07.2020**

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
45 Crosswicks St,  
Bordentown, NJ 08505

Starting at 10 AM  
All young adults 18-39 welcomed!

Register at [www.doyouth.org/youngadultretreat](http://www.doyouth.org/youngadultretreat)

**CALLED BY CHRIST****A Pilgrimage to Mary's House**

Bishop David M. O'Connell, CM, invites you and your families to journey with him to this holy site, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington DC.

*Save the Date*

*Saturday, November 7, 2020*

The day will include special activities for children. More information will follow. For updates, visit <https://dioceseoftrenton.org/pilgrimage>

Like our last pilgrimage three years ago, we will likely have a bus for our cohort: St. Monica's & St. Al's in Jackson, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Whiting, and St. John's.

## INFORMATION SHEET

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