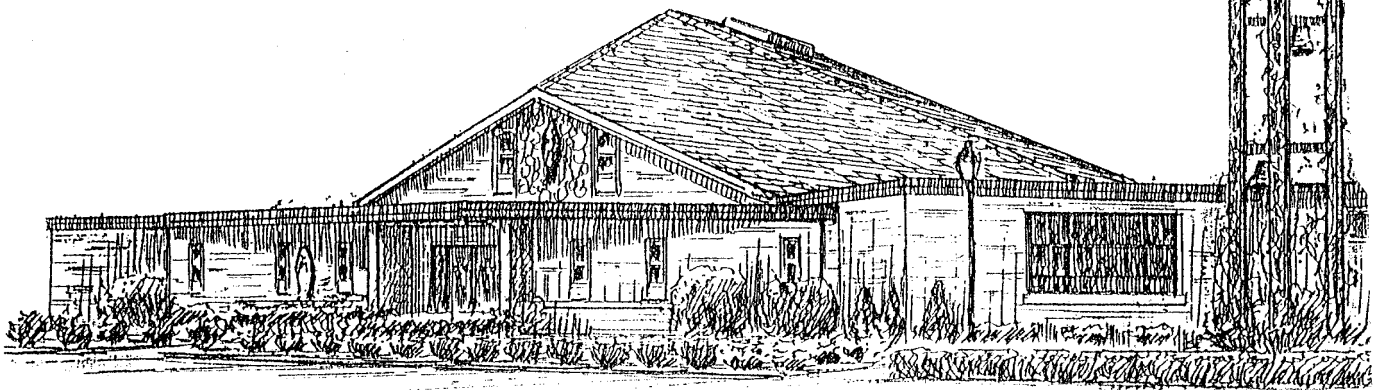


ST. JOHN'S R.C. CHURCH

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

Charlie Jannetti, Business Manager
Holly Hartline, Music Director
Gina Innarella, Parish Secretary

GRADUAL REOPENING

Mass is celebrated inside our church at 8 AM daily and livestreamed on our YouTube channel.

Sunday Mass is on Saturday at 4 PM & 6 PM and Sunday at 8 AM, 10 AM, 12 Noon, and 2PM.

We can accommodate about 100 people at each Mass.

The church is open for private prayer from Monday through Friday, 2 PM to 4 PM.

Most parish activities are canceled.

CONFESSIONS—NEW SCHEDULE

Fr. Jim is hearing confessions from a rectory window by the tree in the back of the rectory:
Mondays: 2-4 PM and 5:30-7:30PM

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. Currently, weddings with up to 100 people are possible.

PARISH OFFICE—CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

The parish office is closed to the public. Please send e-mail or call. If we schedule a meeting, we will meet you out in the parking lot.

Monday to Friday: 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM
primary phone: 732-657-6347
parish website: stjohnlakehurst.com
e-mail: office@stjohnlakehurst.com
fax: 732-657-8690

GRADE SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Ms. MaryAnn Dempkowski,
Director of Religious Education
Religious Ed Office: 732-657-2348

COMMUNION CALLS

We're not yet ready to bring Holy Communion to the homebound.

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.

BAPTISMS

Preparation for first-time parents is required and will be done on-line and over the phone. Please contact the Parish Office for arrangements. We can do a baptism with up to 100 people present.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Families moving into or out of the parish are asked to call the Parish Office as soon as possible.

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 6, 2020**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**Saturday, September 5th**

4:00 PM Claire Tomasiello & Pamela Sigisimondi
Jim DeCasperis (birthday rem.)

6:00 PM Helyn Dorney
Thomas Ward (1st. anniv. rem.)

Sunday, September 6th, 23rd Sunday in OT

8:00 AM Gertrude Fox (birthday rem.)
Marie DeBiase (1st. anniv. rem.)

10:00 AM Joseph DeBella (birthday rem.)
Marie DiPierro

12:00 PM People of our Parish

2:00 PM People of our Parish

Monday, September 7th

8:00 AM Mary Massa (birthday rem.)
Helen Ganzfuss

**Tuesday, September 8th, Nativity of Blessed Virgin
Mary**

8:00 AM Helen Farrell
Jamie Kearney

Wednesday, September 9th, St. Peter Claver

8:00 AM Sharon Smith
Dennis Buckley

Thursday, September 10th

8:00 AM James T. Bonsper (1st anniv. rem.)
Winifred McBrearty

Friday, September 11th

8:00 AM Anna Tarabocchia
Al Kwiatkowski

**Saturday, September 12th, The Most Holy Name
of Mary**

8:00 AM Joseph Ribaud

4:00 PM Dec. mem. of Kurak Family
John & Genevieve

6:00 PM Joseph Parascondola
Helen Furlong

Sunday, September 13th, 24th Sunday in OT

8:00 AM Roland Locsin
Carol McKennawall (1st anniv. rem.)

10:00 AM Mary Macartney (7th anniv. rem.)
Martin Kelly

12:00 PM People of our Parish

2:00 PM People of our Parish

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 Sept. 6th—Sept. 12th, 2020**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

In loving memory
of
Jamie Kearney

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, Bernard Bialecki

Week 2: People of our Parish

Week 3: People of our Parish

PARISH MINISTRIES

Rosary Altar Society

Angela McNeill, 732-657-1728

Religious Article Store

Victor Bala, 732-691-2291

Youth Group

Lori Downing, ldowning@easeton.org

Sign Language

Not yet available because of COVID-19.

Nursing Home Ministry, Ushers, Lectors,
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion,
and Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Joe Pittarelli, 732-323-8469

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Week of August 30, 2020: \$ 8,588

Week of September 1, 2019: \$ 13,764

Electronic Giving

8/26– 09/1/2020: \$ 1,956

Thank you!



WEEKLY DONATIONS

Visit our website, stjohlakehurst.com, to donate on-line. Or you can mail in your contributions to:

St. John’s Church

619 Chestnut St.

Lakehurst, NJ 08733

We also have a new drop box at the main entrance of the Parish Center. Thank you for your willingness to donate!!

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Call 732-657-6359 for assistance or to volunteer. Food can now be donated before Mass (see schedule) and when the church is open: Monday through Friday, 2PM to 4PM. Place donations in the blue bin in the parish hall.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

If you still need to register for Religious Education Classes, please use the links below. **Please note the first link is for New Registration, the 2nd link is for Re-Registration.** If you have any questions, please call MaryAnn Dempkowski @ 732-657-2348. Thank you!

For NEW Registration:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/64e22ab2-7887-499e-905c-0d9f38ef612a>

For RE- Registration:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/90c8917b-2c93-43a3-918a-10dc1a9101c3>

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 LCPL Jacob C. Kes
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
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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 4th Quarter.** Drawing will be September 30th.

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!!**

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEWS

Your invited to the Catholic Charities inaugural Guardian Angel Benefit of Hope virtual event on Wednesday September 30, 2020 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. This fun and entertaining virtual fund raiser, hosted by comedian Joe Piscopo, will feature entertainment, a silent auction, basket raffles, giveaways and a Super 50/50 raffle. Catholic Charities Diocese of Trenton, inspired by our Catholic faith, provides trauma – focused specialized counseling, addiction treatment, domestic violence services and help meeting basic needs for over 100,000 people each year, regardless of their religion. The celebration is an opportunity to hear stories of the transforming impact Catholic Charities makes on our community. There is no charge to attend the event but, we ask register at www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org/GABOH2020. Hope you can tune in.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for your support and please contact us, if you have a parishioner in need. 877-871-7551 or 609-871-7551. Peace

John Toman

CAREGIVER VOLUNTEERS OF CENTRAL JERSEY

We have missed each of you and look forward to being with you again soon. While face to face services are temporarily suspended, our staff continues to work remotely to contact all our senior clients and families to ensure their safety, reduce social isolation and food insecurity, and to provide them with resources through our community partners. We continue to respond to support requests on a daily basis.

Over the next few weeks we will be rolling out our “contactless grocery shopping services,” roundtrip medical transportation and an increased level of friendly and reassuring phone calls. We have initiated “on-line training” for all volunteers who can help us achieve our mission in this new environment to keep our volunteers, our clients, and those we come into contact with safe. Our schedule of on-line training is on our website:

<https://caregivervolunteers.org/volunteer/>

To register, please send a message to info@caregivervolunteers.org, and we will send you the meeting ID number and password. You can also call us at 732-505-2273. Please stay safe!

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**

As of August 31st, 384 families have pledged \$52,411.10 and already donated \$50,056.90 We've reached 79% of our \$66,000 goal. Thank you for your generosity and for all the new donors. To learn more, visit

<https://dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal>

**Dear Parishioners,
September is Here**

This September brings us new challenges and new life. It's great to see our society opening up more businesses. Let's pray for everyone's safety.

Mass and the Sacraments are essential for our spiritual life and reaching our eternal destiny with God in Heaven. In light of the coronavirus and social unrest, we will continue to take precautions even as we choose to take reasonable risks.

I ask for your patience since we are not back to normal. In one sense I hope we never go back to the way things were. I pray and hope that we are all getting closer to Christ. Let's cooperate with God's grace and make our parish a beacon in our community. May we draw people closer to Christ as we worship Him

Schedule Changes

Since we are entering a new season, we're making a few changes to our schedule. I will only be available for confessions at my rectory window on Mondays from 2-4 and 5:30-7:30. On Tuesdays, we'll be having some meetings. Wednesdays are dedicated to Religious Education. Thursday is my day off. On Friday, I plan to prepare for the busy weekend. This routine can help us stay sane as we enter more deeply into the mystery of Christ's love for us.

God love you,

Fr. Jim

frjim@stjohnlakehurst.com

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020 | XXIII SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



FAITH AT HOME

Making Faith Come Alive for Your Family



Make the faith come alive for your family on Sundays by preparing all week.

- [Bishop O'Connell asks the faithful to pray the Rosary each day. Learn how here.](#)
- [The Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is 9/8.](#)
- [Livestream Sunday Mass. Make a spiritual communion.](#)
- [Watch this video](#) about the return to Mass in our Diocese.
- [Read the USCCB's Statement on the Dignity of Work for Labor Day on 9/7. Pray for all workers:](#)

Creator Lord, the source of all wisdom and purpose, and the blessing of those who labor; be with us in our work to guide and govern our world. Give to all people work that enhances human dignity and bonds us to one another. Give us pride in our work, a fair return for our labor, and a joy in knowing our work finds its worth in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.



23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sept. 6, 2020

Mass Readings

- Ezekiel 33: 7-9
- Psalm 95
- Romans 13: 8-10
- Matthew 18:15-20

Discuss: In Matthew's gospel, Jesus give us the model of how to solve conflicts. **Describe a time in your life when you helped someone resolve a conflict in their life. How do you resolve conflict?**

The readings of the day can be found on the [United States Catholic Conference of Bishops Website](#)



Tip of the Week

"Where two or more agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it will be granted to them by my heavenly Father." Mt. 18:19

In every relationship, conflict is not only inevitable, it is perfectly normal. We will all face conflict at some point in our lives. Jesus offers us a model to use when conflict arises:

- ✓ go directly to the individual (rather than social media),
- ✓ listen attentively,
- ✓ accept responsibility,
- ✓ speak respectfully,
- ✓ and the ones Jesus emphasizes, "prayer and love."

Do we turn to prayer when we get into a conflict? Why not build prayer into our lives before we get into a conflict.

Check out these resources on conflict resolution:

- ✓ [Gospel Readings for kids video](#)
- ✓ [Resolving Differences in Marriage -foryourmarriage.org](#)
- ✓ [Fr. Mike Schmidt & Fr. Josh Johnson on Reconciling the Body of Christ - Ascension Press](#)

Activities for Families

[Prayer for the start of a new school year](#)

[Encouraging parents to be leaders of family prayer](#)

[Dear Freshman - Life Teen Blog](#)

[Global Life Night – Life Teen gathering](#)

[Project YM Live Sundays @ 8 PM](#)

The Diocese of Trenton is here to support you and your family.

Links provided are from trusted Catholic sites. Additional information can be found on our webpage: dioceseoftrenton.org/faith-at-home.

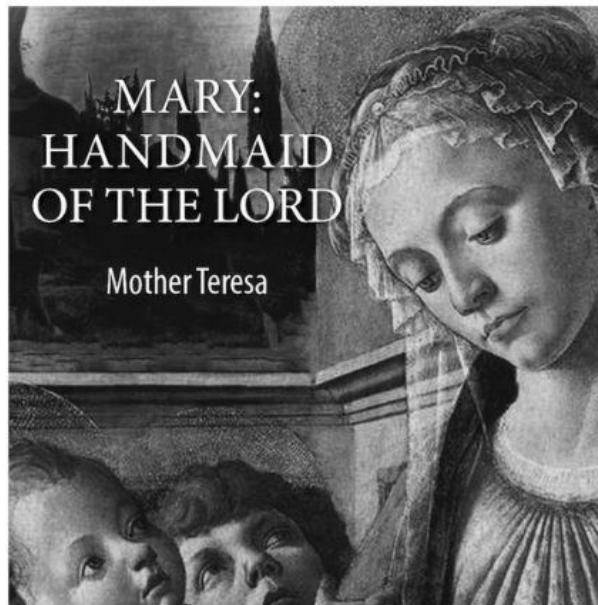


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Mary: Handmaid of the Lord by St. Teresa of Kolkata

St. Teresa of Kolkata is known throughout the world as a woman who was totally committed to the Gospel. In this inspiring talk, she shares her insights on the Blessed Virgin Mary as a model of womanhood and perfect discipleship. She shows us that we, too, can do the will of God by saying "yes" to the Lord in the big and little things in our lives; nothing is too insignificant.

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