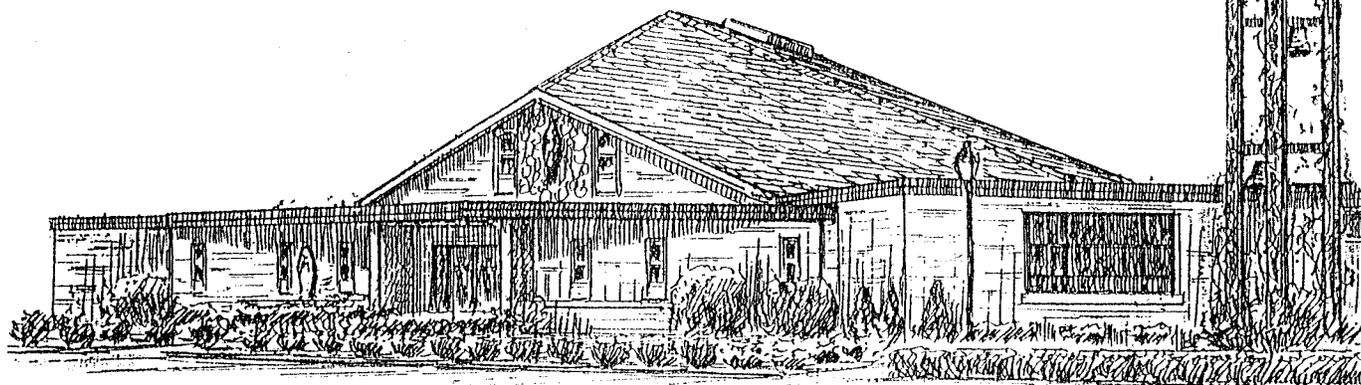


ST. JOHN'S R.C. CHURCH

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

Liturgies are livestreamed on our YouTube channel.
Masks and social distancing are required.

Daily Mass

8 AM with Rosary at 7:35 AM

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday after Mass at about 8:30 AM

Holy Hour with Exposition and Benediction

Friday at 3 PM

Sunday Mass

Saturday at 4 PM & 6 PM

Sunday at 8 AM, 10 AM, 12 Noon, and 2PM.

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

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 5:30-7:30 PM
Fridays: 3:15 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. 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: stjohlakehurst.com
e-mail: office@stjohlakehurst.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.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 27, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**Saturday, September 26th**

- 4:00 PM Deacon Ed Holowienka
Dorothy Linkowski
- 6:00 PM Augie Gambale (8th anniv. rem.)
Lillian DeFalcon

Sunday, September 27th, 26th Sunday in OT

- 8:00 AM Joseph Vagovic (20th anniv. rem.)
Eileen Donahue (2nd anniv. rem.)
- 10:00 AM Louis & Mary Massa
Louis & Mary Massa
- 12:00 PM Donato Fiorentino
Edward Cooper
- 2:00 PM People of our Parish

**Monday, September 28th, Sts. Wenceslaus &
Lawrence Ruiz**

- 8:00 AM Terri Emanuel (1st. anniv. rem.)
Lenora Damiano

**Tuesday, September 29th, Sts. Michael, Gabriel, &
Raphael**

- 8:00 AM Robert Milesi
Anna Tarabocchia

Wednesday, September 30th, St. Jerome

- 8:00 AM Alfred B. Vuocolo, Sr.,
(70th wedd. anniv. rem.)

**Thursday, October 1st, St. Therese of the Child
Jesus**

- 8:00 AM Helen Reilly (birthday rem.)
John Reuther (wedd. anniv. rem.)

Friday, October 2nd, The Holy Guardian Angels

- 8:00 AM Domenico Tarabocchia

Saturday, October 3rd

- 8:00 AM People of our Parish
- 4:00 PM Bruno Maiolo
Robert Keneipp
- 6:00 PM Harold Steinel & Lance Leedy
Salvatore Mannino

Sunday, October 4th, 27th Sunday in OT

- 8:00 AM Norman Pianko (birthday rem.)
Martino Bussanich (anniv. rem.)
- 10:00 AM Raymond Valente (birthday rem.)
Martino Bussanich (anniv. rem.)
- 12:00 PM Gloria Calarco
William Jannone
- 2:00 PM People of our Parish

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR THE WEEK

In loving memory
of
Alfred B. Vuocolo, Sr.
(70th wedd. anniv. rem)
Req. by wife Marie Vuocolo

In loving memory
of
Christopher Whalen
(birthday rem.)
Req. by Joan Toth

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. 27th—Oct. 3rd, 2020**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

In loving memory
of
People of our Parish

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: People of our Parish

Week 2: Barbara Mulligan

Week 3: Jonas Walworth, Bernard Bialecki

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE DECEASED:

William Broderick

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 September 22, 2019: \$12,066

Week of September 20, 2020: \$8,433

Cash: \$1,383

Checks: \$6,203

Electronic Giving: \$847



WEEKLY DONATIONS

Visit our website, stjohnlakehurst.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!!

JOY IN GENEROSITY

Christmas is 14 weeks away. It is the joyous celebration of Jesus' Birth, recalling our elation for every new child. It is also a time that sparks our generosity.

As you read on, you will see Church contributions can reward us emotionally and spiritually. As mentioned last past spring, you may recall a song "Walking on Sunshine" / Katrina and the Waves. It is a song you may want to hear online. Be prepared, it may haunt you the rest of the day. This is a good old feel-good song about feeling good. I bring it up again because we all want and need more feel-goods to balance the COVID issue still knocking at our doors. This is a great time to introduce such a resource!

A song may represent how you felt the first time you shared your "wealth" to help another. Perhaps your wealth was modest, but you had a dollar [or five] you choose to share. On that day you may not have understood why handing over hard-earned cash was uplifting. Like me you now understand it is the way God "wired" us.

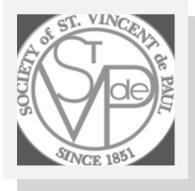
Saint Luke reported Jesus saying, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). In this instance "more blessed" means "better" - not morally superior or holier than others. God cannot possibly love us more... but He may love us better!

On life's balance sheet, with its scales of gain and loss, we gain on balance as we give. Something inside comes to life when we are generous. Remember, we do not (cannot) earn heaven by our actions, Jesus already did that.

Ask yourself "**Have I ever met an unhappy... generous person?**" I bet not! PARISH SOFT offers a simple and easy to follow giving option. The Parish Office can guide your set up if you choose. Be assured that the results of giving are way better than any song! To use the site, enter **www.stjohnlakehurst.com/donations** and click the **donations tab** to follow the onsite steps.

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
CPO Michael M. Miehle	W5 Darren S. Kesty

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**

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**

As of September 21st, 384 families have pledged \$52,426.10 and already donated \$50,493.10 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>

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!

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

FAITH AT HOME

Making Faith Come Alive for Your Family

<https://dioceseoftrenton.org/faith-at-home>

RESPECT LIFE QUOTE

“Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die... The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, ‘Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?’”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“Every Suicide is Tragic”

Dear Parishioners, Faithful Citizenship

Bishop O’Connell has just written a great article on voting. It and other resources can be found at

<https://dioceseoftrenton.org/faithful-citizenship>

Bishops and priests do not endorse or oppose candidates. But we have a responsibility to teach. The laity, forming their consciences, are to vote and participate in the public square so as to promote the common good. Some issues are more important than others. Currently in our country, abortion remains our preeminent priority. If you die in the womb, you won’t enjoy any other rights or privileges. Other important topics include religious liberty and marriage between one man and one woman. For a longer list and more commentary, please read the bishop’s article.

Religious Education

Please pray for our Religious Education children and families. Our first two days are 9/23 and 9/26. It’ll be great to have the children back in our classrooms. We’re also going to use the parish hall for 8th graders in order to spread them out more.

Parish Meetings

We can have parish meetings in the parish hall (up to 28 people) or the chapel (up to 20 people). Call Gina to schedule a meeting.

Our Rosarians will have a prayer meeting in the church on October 7th at 2 PM. It’s the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. They’ll be praying the rosary. All women of the parish are invited to join inside (about 70 ladies) or by GoToMeeting or YouTube. I’m thrilled that it has worked out this way because our bishop has been asking us to pray the rosary every day for our nation until October 7th. It’ll be good to continue praying a daily rosary afterward as we approach the November 3rd elections.

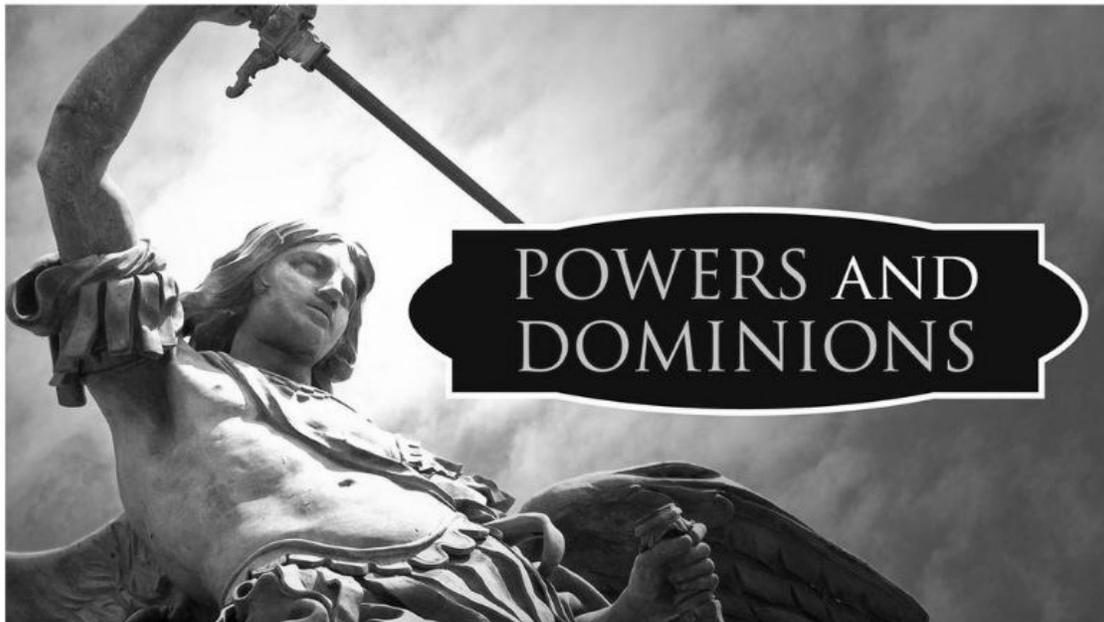
God love you,

Fr. Jim

frjim@stjohnlakehurst.com

FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK



Powers and Dominions

In all of God's creation we see such splendor, beauty, mystery, and wonder. Within this creation there are beings with intellect and free will: humans and angels. This film explores the spiritual world, that very real but unseen realm: God, the human soul, angels, demons (fallen angels), spiritual warfare, the reality of demonic possession and exorcism, the dangers of the new age movement and the occult, and much more.

SIGN UP FREE AT [FORMED.ORG/SIGNUP](https://formed.org/signup)

POWERED BY AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

INFORMATION SHEET

*****PLEASE PROVIDE ONLY 30 COPIES
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!! THANK YOU.*****

CHURCH NAME AND ADDRESS:

911138 Saint John's Church #911138
619 Chestnut Street, Lakehurst, NJ 08733

PHONE:

732-657-6347

CONTACT PERSON:

Gina Innarella

SOFTWARE:

Microsoft Publisher 2010
Adobe Acrobat
Windows 10

PRINTER:

HP Photosmart C309a

NUMBER OF PAGES SENT:

Cover + 5 text pages + this page = 7 (8-S-JL; 2 advt)

SUNDAY DATE OF PUBLICATION:

September 27th, 2020

TRANSMISSION TIME:

Tuesday, September 22th, 2020

ATTENTION URSULA:

CONTACT INFORMATION

FOR ST. JOHN'S:

gina@stjohnlakehurst.com

732-657-6347