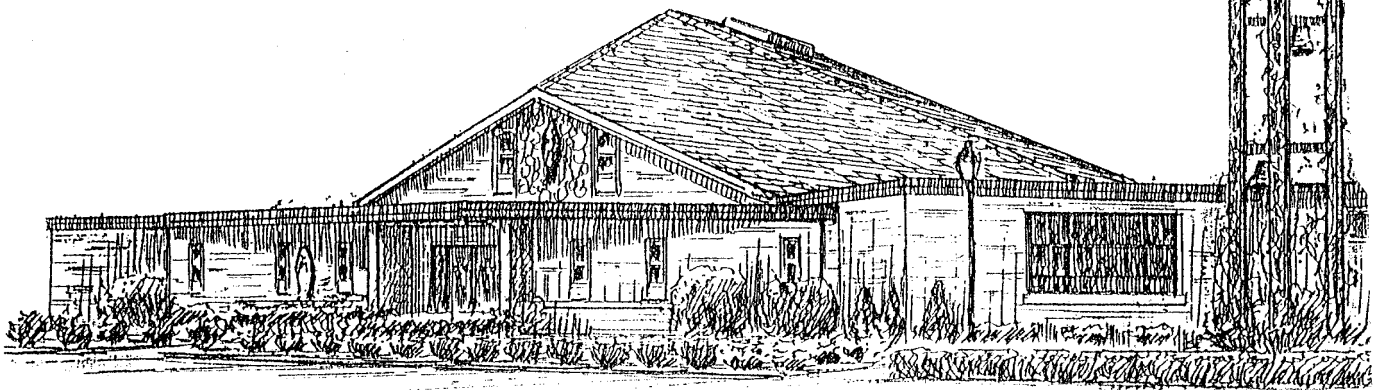


ST. JOHN'S R.C. CHURCH

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 7:40 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 2 PM.

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

CONFESSIONS

Fr. Jim is hearing confessions in the parish hall:
Mondays: 2-4 PM and 6:00-7:00 PM
Fridays: 3:15 PM to 3:45 PM
Saturdays during Lent: 1:30 PM to 2:30 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: 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.

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 14, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**Saturday, February 13th**

4:00 PM Rose Edmonds (72nd anniv.)
Rudy Niccoli
6:00 PM Rocco Pezzella

Sunday, February 14th, 6th Sunday in OT

8:00 AM Jack Siracusa (62 yr. wedd. anniv.)
10:00 AM John J. Rizzo (anniv. rem.)
Vincent Siano
12:00 PM William Barrett
Lucy Valentino
2:00 PM Geraldine Besignano
Joseph Donahue

Monday, February 15th, President's Day

8:00 AM Scott & Jaimee Fredricks (birthday rem.)

Tuesday, February 16th

8:00 AM Eleanor Kavanaugh (10yr. anniv. rem.)

Wednesday, February 17th, Ash Wednesday

8:00 AM People of our Parish
10:00 AM Fr. William Schneider
12:00 AM Marie Garrett (healing)
2:00 PM Colleen Wilson (healing)

Thursday, February 18th

8:00 AM William Joseph Conaty

Friday, February 19th

8:00 AM Timothy Brennan

Saturday, February 20th

8:00 AM John Reuther (birthday rem.)
4:00 PM Jill Ricca (54th wedd. anniv. rem.)
6:00 PM Rose Spina
Lino DiLeo

Sunday, February 21st, 7th Sunday in OT

8:00 AM George Sheridan
Vincent P. Tavormina
10:00 AM James Labita (birthday rem.)
Lucy Valentino
12:00 PM Emil Hensler
2:00 PM Joseph Cyril Koob

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. 14th—Feb. 20th, 2021**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

Special birthday intentions
of
Elena Matino

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: John Cataldo, Barbara Cataldo, Doreen Cataldo

Week 2: Bernie Bialecki

Week 3: Jonas Walworth

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE DECEASED:

Joseph Donahue, Henry Jorin, Dominick Peluso, Emil Hensler, Antonio Ferraro, Victoria Ninivaggi

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 February 2, 2020: \$13,617
Week of January 31, 2021: \$8,654

Cash: \$1,258
Checks: \$6,316
Electronic Giving: \$1,080

Week of February 9, 2020: \$12,866
Week of February 7, 2021: \$ 6,379

Cash: \$ 958
Checks: \$ 4,463
Electronic Giving: \$ 958



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!!



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Our Parish Office will be closed, Monday, February 15th, in observance of President's Day. We will re-open, Tuesday, February 16th @ 8:30AM, via phone and/or email. Thank you!



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Tuesday February 16th is our Conferences Food Pantry Packing Day for our Family Pantry Recipients, we are still in need of the following items below.

We ask that you limit food donations to the list below. We are blessed to have the pantry however; shelf space is limited. We cannot accept pantry items other than those listed below, household goods or soft goods during the pandemic as we have no way to distribute it to our neighbors AND no space to store it.

Basic list - we ask that you give these items ONLY, Please:

- Jelly, plastic jars
- Peanut Butter, Plastic jars
- Fruit, canned lite, all varieties
- Canned tuna and chicken
- Pasta Sauce Plastic jars for example Ragu, Classico etc.: **No tomatoes, tomato sauce or paste**
- Pasta, boxed (easier to store on shelves)
- Cereal
- Hearty Soup such as Progresso and Campbell's Chunky; **No broth please**
- Canned Vegetables
- Coffee and/or Tea bags, **No K-cups please**
- Laundry Detergent
- Prepared foods for example, Spaghettios, Mac & Cheese, Rice-A-Roni etc.

Please do not donate the following:

Dried or canned beans, Ramen noodles, Baby food or formula

Food can be dropped off before or after any Mass and 2 to 4 PM Monday-Friday, when church is open for prayer.

We Thank You as always for your generosity and God Bless You.

St John’s Church Conference
St Vincent dePaul Society
Lakehurst, NJ

SVDP FOOD PANTRY AMAZON SMILE FUND RAISER



St. John SVDP food pantry has an Amazon Smile Link. Haven’t heard of Amazon Smile? If you shop on Amazon, just shop on Amazon Smile. Go to Amazon Smile by clicking our unique link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/82-4930283>

Shop the same as you always do! Prices and items offered are exactly the same. Amazon has created this identical website to help charities like ours raise donations. When you buy through our link we get a small percentage of what you spend. It costs you nothing but helps us to continue the work we do for our neighbors. Bookmark it and you can help us every time you do your normal shopping. It’s that easy and helps us tremendously!

Thank you for your continued support and **Keep Smiling.**



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:

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|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| CPL George Daly IV | W5 Darren S. Kesty |
| Major Kenneth R. Dougher II | LCPL Jacob C. Kesty |
| AC1 Megan Downes USN | Major Brian Kossler |
| Spec. Corinne McGrath | CW5 Thomas Oroho |
| SPC Brian McNichol | Capt. Meghan Oroho |
| CPO Michael M. Miehle | Major Corey J. Smith |

SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE - UPDATE

Saint John’s needs to revamp the 2020 - 2021 Raffle.

Here is the low down:

- ◇ COVID-19 has greatly reduced participation
- ◇ Prizes are several \$100’s less than prior awards
- ◇ Current raffle will be paid out and closed 03/01/2021
- ◇ We will draw five (5) \$\$ winners 03/01/21
- ◇ This one drawing will pay out: \$140 - \$1,000
- ◇ Prize range will be: \$140, \$250, \$500, \$750 & \$1,000
- ◇ In years past prizes were richer
- ◇ We plan to offer a richer raffle when possible
- ◇ Watch this space for details
- ◇

FORM BELOW VALID ONLY THROUGH FEB. 28TH 2021

ST. JOHN’S PARISH 50/50 SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE

I am pleased to support our **2020-2021 Raffle**. I have enclosed \$140.00 for the year. Alternately, I will send \$15 /month or \$40 /quarter at my option going forward.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

- Annual @ \$140 Quarterly @ \$ 40
- Monthly @ \$ 15

On behalf of our Students we are pleased to say “Thank You” to everyone that makes this program possible. Please feel welcome to share it with your neighbors, friends, and associates – the more that play the more that is paid!! NEXT DRAWING, March 2021.



Surviving Divorce

St. John's in Lakehurst is pleased to announce that a new ministry is coming to the parish for Divorced and/or Separated Catholics. It is called "Surviving Divorce: Hope and Healing for the Catholic Family" (www.catholicsdivorce.com). It is a continuing ministry that has been available in other parishes and now Father Jim O'Neill has joined in this effort by allowing us to host this much needed program at St. John's, with the help of a fellow parishioner, Pat Kologe. Pat has been trained as a Certified Facilitator for this ministry. The Director of Divorce Ministries, Michele Coppola Wilson, has received a Letter of Suitability from Bishop O'Connell to run this program at parishes throughout the Diocese of Trenton.

St. John's will be hosting an Information Night on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the Parish Hall of St. John's which can be found by entering the canopy entrance at the back of the church located at 619 Chestnut Street in Lakehurst.

This Information Night will help you decide if you would like to attend our upcoming 12-week program starting in March of 2021 on Tuesday nights. All the details will be provided to you at the Information Night. We hope you can make it!

Anyone that needs help in finding peace and healing from divorce, whether you are separated, considering divorce, or are already divorced, will discover how to work through emotions and pain, and experience personal healing and hope. Gain wisdom and comfort from others who share your experiences. Address questions of forgiveness and new family dynamics. Obtain an understanding of the annulment process. Join us on this powerful journey to hope and healing!

All are welcome!

If interested, please email Michele Coppola Wilson, Director of Divorce Ministries, at healyourheartfromdivorce@gmail.com. Thank you for taking the first step towards healing!

Dear Parishioners

Married Love

Our culture celebrates a scaled down version of Saint Valentine's Day. They leave out "Saint" and forget that St. Valentine was a Catholic priest. He was martyred for inviting people to become Christian. In particular, he was imprisoned for marrying Christian couples. St. Valentine is a patron saint for love, young people, and happy marriages. Our culture needs the truth about God's divine plan for married love.

Ash Wednesday, February 17th

Because of the pandemic, we need to adjust slightly how we celebrate Ash Wednesday. Instead of distributing ashes at the normal time, we will do so at the end of Mass using Q-tips. For our Religious Education children the teachers will lead prayer services in the classrooms. We'll distribute ashes before class concludes.

Based on a Flocknote survey, we will have four Masses on Ash Wednesday: 8 AM, 10 AM, 12 PM, and 2 PM.

Fast & Abstinence

During Lent, we are to fast (only one full meal) on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. We are to abstain from meat on these days and the Fridays of Lent. Those 18 to 59 are obligated to fast. Those 14 and above are to abstain from meat. See the bishop's letter on the next page for details.

Stations of the Cross

We will have Stations of the Cross after the 8 AM Mass on Fridays during Lent. The livestreaming will be continuous: Rosary, Mass, and Stations of the Cross.

Extra Confessions

Besides our regular Mondays from 2-4 PM and 6-7 PM and Fridays from 3-4 PM, I will also be available for confession on Saturdays from 1:30 to 2:30 PM during Lent.

God love you,

Fr. Jim

frjim@stjohnlakehurst.com

February 6-7, 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

During the days and weeks of penance that lie ahead --- from **Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021 until Holy Thursday, April 1, 2021** --- the Catholic Church throughout the world commemorates the penitential season of Lent ending with the Sacred Triduum of Holy Week. The model Jesus gave us for “these forty days” was his own experience in the desert and the temptations that followed him there where he encountered Satan face to face. And yet, Jesus, there in the desert --- alone, fasting and in intense prayer --- beat back the devil and triumphed over temptation, as strong and as unrelenting as it was throughout those forty days.

We enter the desert of Lent like Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit, to face our devils, our temptations head on. But we are not alone. The Lord Jesus Christ is with us. And so, too, is the Church, the entire community of faith observing Lent. Here is what the Catholic Church in the United States requires of us as baptized Catholics:

1. The days of FAST (only one full meal) and ABSTINENCE (no meat) are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No dispensations are granted on these solemn days except for reason of sickness or those provided in canon law below. The pastor of a parish has the authority to give a dispensation to individual parishioners in his parish. The Bishop alone has the authority to dispense groups of Catholics but only for a serious reason.

2. Those who are automatically dispensed from fast and abstinence regulations outside the age limits noted below include: the physically or mentally ill, especially individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also included in the dispensation are women who are pregnant or nursing. In all cases, common sense should prevail and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops).

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to FAST (only one full meal) as above. From

the age of 14, people are also obliged to ABSTAIN (no meat: this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat).

The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious one for Catholics. Failure to observe one penitential day in itself is not considered a serious sin. It is the intentional failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of penitential days, that must be considered a serious matter.

The obligation, the privilege really, of receiving the Eucharist at least once a year --- often called “Easter duty” --- for those in the state of grace should still be fulfilled during the period from the **First Sunday of Lent, April 20-21, 2021 to Trinity Sunday, May 30, 2021**. However, the Church’s law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.

I want to encourage all Catholics, especially those conscious of serious sin, to go to confession and to make use of the sacrifices and traditions that have always been part of our Lenten practices in the Church.

We do, indeed, fast and pray with the Lord Jesus and with our fellow Catholics. May this Lent be a time of penance leading to grace and joy for us all at Easter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend David M. O’Connell, C.M.
Bishop of Trenton

INFORMATION SHEET

*****PLEASE PROVIDE 400 COPIES
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!! THANK
YOU.*****

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