

ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE CHURCH

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

OVERJOYED AT SEEING THE STAR

— MATTHEW 2:10 —

The Epiphany Of The Lord-January 7th

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OFFICE HOURS / HORARIO DE OFICINA

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Friday: 6:00 – 8:00 PM, Saturday 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

MASS SCHEDULE / HORARIO DE MISAS

Saturday: 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM en Español

Weekdays: 7:45 AM except Thursday at 7:00 PM

Baptisms / Bautizos

Baptism Preparation / Preparación para el bautismo

Contact the parish office to register.

Contacte la oficina parroquial para registrarse.

Confessions / Confesiones

Mondays 5 - 6:00 PM—or by appointment / o con cita.

Weddings / Bodas / Quinceañeras

Contact the parish office to schedule.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Catholic Community of St. John the Apostle Parish commits to live out the teachings of Jesus Christ, nourished by the Eucharist, guided by the Holy Spirit and rooted in prayer. Together we continue the mission of Christ through Evangelization, Discipleship and Charity.

La Comunidad Católica de la Parroquia San Juan Apóstol se compromete a vivir las enseñanzas de Jesucristo, alimentada por la Eucaristía, guiados por el Espíritu Santo y con raíces en la oración. Juntos continuamos la misión de Cristo a través de la evangelización, discipulado y Caridad.

MILITARY PRAYER LIST. As a parish family, we at St. John the Apostle pray for all the members of our parish. We especially pray for our parishioners and their relatives who are currently on active duty in the military:

- Staff Sgt, DeWitt
- Staff Sgt. Adam Griswold
- Pvt. Aren Menor
- Pvt. Joseph Aguayo-Ludvik
- USMC Joseph Ciesla
- Spc. Thomas
- AIC Darren Menor
- A1C Ryan Pemberton
- Sgt. Andrew J. Peterson
- Sgt. Donald J. Peterson
- A1C Anthony Pieroni—USAF
- Pvt. Jeremy Schumacher
- Spc. MP Catherin R. Stover/Peterson
- Corp. Robert Stover
- Pfc. Stephen Winter.
- E3-Yesenia Vivero

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK:

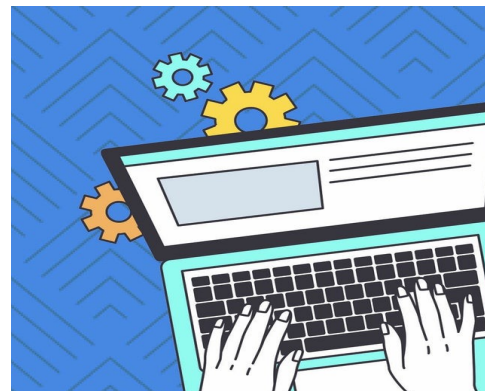
If you would like your name added to or removed from this list for prayers, please call the parish office.

Pete Connelly
Frank Fragias
George Fragias
Anneliese Mollsen



I am always thankful to be serving the generous hearts of St. John the Apostle and St. Alexander. I would like to thank those who sent me cards or gifts, I can never return the abundant generosity of both parishes. Especially to those who helped out after the fire in the St. John the Apostle rectory/office. I want to take the time to thank all of those who decorated the church, inside and out, we had many hands assisting. If you would ever be interested in helping, please let me know. Thank you for the wonderful music during the Christmas season. Thank you to all who took on ministries of service throughout the Christmas season, letting others know that God still reaches out them. Finally, a special thank-you to those who made offerings for the flowers, donated many of the flowers in the church. And thank-you especially to all who made themselves present for the liturgies and offered the prayers of the Church. The presence of Christ and our presence is always the greatest “decoration” and “present” of the Christmas season. Thank you also to all of those who have participated from home. I pray that you and your families will have a new calendar year filled with God’s blessings, especially the blessing of the Mass. Just remember that as the world begins its’ new calendar year of 2024, that we as Catholics already began our new liturgical year more than a month ago. We as Catholics are always ahead of the rest of the world and the rest of the world is always trying to catch up to us. Let us be faithful leaders in the world. Because Jesus Christ and His Church always keeps us ahead of the pace of the rest of the world. The Lord inspires us in our faith to face all the challenges of this life with His heart, towards the Eternal life for which we are all created.

With prayers and Blessings,
Fr. Rosenbaum.



YORKTOWNSHIP ELECTRONICS DROP-OFF

Electronic waste is now the fastest growing segment of our nation’s garbage production according to The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. State law bans electronic waste in our landfills and garbage companies no longer accept electronic waste as part of your weekly pickup. York Township Highway Department offers residents a drop off location to help dispose of electronic waste. The location is behind the Goodwill store on Rosevelt road in Lombard. Use the shared west entrance of the Goodwill and follow the road to the Highway Department entrance. The Electronic Recycle Shed is located on your right side upon entering the gate.

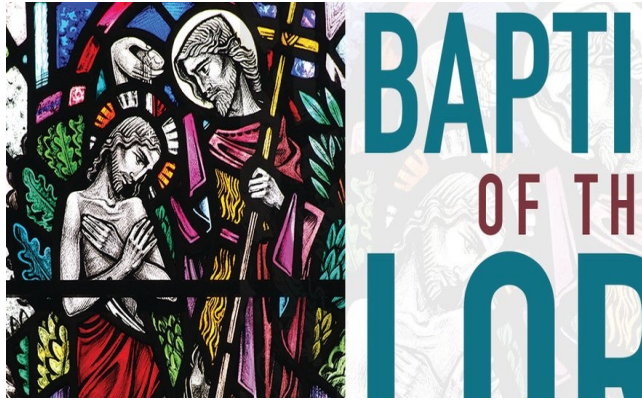
Electronics Drop Off hours are 7:00 AM-3:30 PM Monday-Friday (except Holidays).

The following are **accepted**: Computers, Laptops, Servers, Computer Monitors, TV’s, Printers, Fax & Copy Machines, Scanners, VCR & DVD Players, Video Game Consoles, Cable Boxes, Satellite Receivers, Electronic Keyboards, Mice, Portable Music Players, Holiday String Lights, Wire, Cables, Adapters, Power Supplies, Cell Phones, Modems, Tablets, Phones and Docking Stations,

Items Not Accepted: Light Bulbs, Batteries, Paint, CD’s & VHS Tapes,

If you have questions, please contact the York Township Highway Department at:

630-627-2200 or
yorkhwy@comcast.net



Prayer for the New Year

Dear Lord,
With thanksgiving we entrust our year to You:
whatever it holds, whoever we encounter,
wherever we traverse. What You supply is gift.
May our comings and goings be aligned with Your will.
Amen.



Oración para el Año Nuevo

Querido Señor,
Con acción de gracias te encomendamos nuestro año: lo
que sea que depare, con quien nos encontremos, por don-
dequiera que atravesemos. Lo que Tú proporcionas es un
regalo. Que nuestras idas y venidas estén alineadas con Tu
voluntad. Amén.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1
Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7,
8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and
5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24
-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3,
4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-
8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/
Jn 1:35-42

Events For The Week

Monday, January 8th

RE/G6/FF/C2-6:45-8:15 PM/RE Classrooms
Finance Meeting 7:00 PM-Usher's Room

Tuesday, January 9th

CCW Game Night-7:00-9:00 PM/Library

Wednesday, January 10th

Legion of Mary Span-6:00-8:00 PM-Library

Thursday, January 11th

Spanish Bible Study-5:00-7:00 PM/Library

Friday, January 12th

Family Rosary-6:00-7:00 PM/Church

Saturday, January 13th

RE k-5-9:00-11:00 AM/RE Classrooms

Sunday, January 14th

RCIA-9:00-11:00 AM/Library



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to write a will at no personal cost, and include the necessary language to support St. John the Apostle Parish with a gift in your plans.

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2023 Catholic Ministries Annual

Thank you to those who have already responded with a gift or pledge to the 2023 CMAA. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, there is still time to respond. Gift envelopes are in the church and may be placed in the weekend collection basket. Gifts may be made by credit card directly at www.jolietdioceseappeal.org or use the link at the bottom of the homepage of our website.

Our Parish Goal: **\$22,300**
Amount Pledged: **\$33,295**
Amount Paid: **\$32,780**
Balance Due: **\$515**
Donor Count: **145**

2023 Parish Rebate: \$7,336

MARIAN REFLECTION



And entering the house they [Magi] found the child with Mary his mother. They bowed down and worshiped him.

-Mt 2:11

At the moment when Mary presents her son to the Magi, she not only performs a personal action as Mother, but acts as the figure of the Church.

As the mother of all peoples, the Church in the person of Mary initiates her work of evangelization.

-Pope St. John Paul II

Collections

NOT AVAILABLE

Thank you for supporting the good work of St. John the Apostle Parish!



3 EASY STEPS TO KEEPING YOURSELF & OTHERS HEALTHY!



**WASH YOUR
HANDS**



**DON'T TOUCH
YOUR FACE**



**KEEP YOUR
DISTANCE**

Stay Connected While You're Away.



Go to www.parishesonline.com to view your church bulletin and stay up to date.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK – January 7th-January 14th

Date	Intention	Requested by
Sunday, January 7th 9:00 AM	1. Stefani Halinski –Health & Grace	The Family
11:00 AM	1. Dave Meyer (+)	Jeanne Young
12:30 PM	1. Parishioners of St. John the Apostle	
Monday, January 8th 7:45 AM	1. Parishioners of St. John the Apostle	
Tuesday, January 9th 7:45 AM	1. Ray Butler (+)	Peggy Butler
Wednesday, Jan. 10th 7:45 AM	1. Parishioners of St. John the Apostle	
Thursday, Jan. 11th 7:00 PM	1. Parishioners of St. John the Apostle	
Friday, Jan. 12th 7:45 AM	1. Parishioners of St. John the Apostle	
Saturday, Jan. 13th 8:00 AM	1. Parishioners of St. John the Apostle	Tom & Pat Janata
5:00 PM	1. Jackeline Janata (+)	
Sunday, Jan. 14th 9:00 AM	1. Parishioners of St. John the Apostle	
11:00 AM	1. Kznir & Francis Hojnacki (+)	Dorothy Konopacz
12:30 PM	1. Parishioners of St. John the Apostle	

7 de enero de 2024

Día de la Epifanía del Señor

El deber nuestro es anunciar o manifestar la misericordia de Dios en nuestra vida. Dios no quiere nuestras cosas, quiere nuestra persona comprometida con su Hijo Jesús. La Epifanía nos recuerda que Dios es para llegar a todos sin distinción. Anunciar la alegría del Evangelio a otros es una clara manifestación de que Cristo camina a nuestro lado. El Profeta Isaías anima a sus oyentes de la siguiente manera: *“Tú entonces, te pondrás radiante, palpitará tu corazón muy emocionado: traerán a ti tesoros del otro lado del mar y llegarán a ti riquezas de las naciones” (Isaías 60,5)*. San Pablo, también, lo manifiesta como una gracia: *“Anunciar a los pueblos paganos la incalculable riqueza de Cristo” (Efesios 8)*. El reto actual es ver la manera de que cada cristiano manifieste los bienes recibidos por Dios. Somos de muchas culturas diferentes, con un fin único, caminar hacia Dios con Cristo como centro.

El Papa Francisco nos anima a demostrar como el Evangelio de hoy nos hace ser los magos que buscan a Jesús para adorarlo:

“La adoración es un gesto de amor que cambia la vida. Es actuar como los Magos: es traer oro al Señor, para decirle que nada es más precioso que Él; es ofrecerle incienso, para decirle que sólo con Él puede elevarse nuestra vida; es presentarle mirra, con la que se ungían los cuerpos heridos destrozados, para pedirle a Jesús que socorra a nuestro prójimo que está marginado y sufriendo, porque allí está Él (01-06-2020). ¡Feliz Año, seamos estrella que guía, seamos Evangelio vivo!

PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

WISE MEN
STAR
HEROD

MESSIAH
WORSHIP
EXCITED

GIFTS
WARNED
DREAM

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J	I	N	E	G	A	J	W	I	N	G
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N	E	X	C	I	T	E	D	U	D	F
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MISSION

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Read the Gospel of the week at



Everyday Stewardship

There are times in our lives that we get the chance to see a glimpse of heaven. It may be through the love of another, loved one or stranger. Sometimes it may even be an event that seems unexplainable, perhaps even supernatural. These occurrences may be the answer to prayer or they may surprise us by coming out of nowhere. But no matter their nature or origin, they give us hope and strength to carry on through life.

When we journey on a pathway of stewardship, we are bound to experience moments of grace where we see even the smallest seeds we planted grow into something amazing. At these moments, we are reminded that God is real and that our stewardship is not in vain. The giving of our gifts and talents is not just a response to God's calling. The giving is one way that God breaks through into the lives of others. As we use what God has given us for his glory, he uses us as instruments of grace to be truly present to others.

The greatest example of this occurs at the Mass. Through the hands of an ordained priest taking the gifts of bread and wine, God is really present with us. When we then take Christ into our bodies, we accept the offer to take him into the world to others. The world cannot see Jesus in us with human eyes, but through our works of stewardship, they can see Jesus in us. One could say they even have a chance to see a glimpse of heaven.

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