

PERPETUAL ADORATION NEWSLETTER



Congratulations to St. John the Apostle Church for maintaining a Parish Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel which on the 8th of December will have celebrated 23 years of continuous 24 hours a day, 7 days a week adoration of our Lord in the Eucharist!

What is Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration?

Adoring and honoring before the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament with continuous prayer, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It is simply our response to love Jesus. Anyone can be called to adore 1 hour a week.

Tribute:

Special thanks to Rosa Barbas and to Deacon Ed and Mary Ann Campanella for dedicating many years as hourly coordinators and adorers for the chapel.

PEA Online:

St. John the Apostle website:

<http://www.sjanj.net/perpetual-adoration>

Other resources:

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/eucharistic-devotion/index.cfm>

<http://www.therealpresence.org/eucharst/pea/handbook.html>

Every Pope Agrees - Eucharistic Adoration: A Unique and Indispensable Gift

Taking a look at the consistency of thought and reflection by recent Popes and Popes of happy memory, one thing becomes very clear. Eucharistic Adoration is a unique gift to the Church as well as to each one of us.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI "In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the host." ... "Be assiduous in the prayer of adoration and teach it to the faithful. It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering."

And to the Young: "Dear young people, the happiness you are seeking, the happiness you have a right to enjoy has a name and a face: it is Jesus of Nazareth hidden in the Eucharist."

St. John Paul the Great "Let Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament speak to our hearts. It is He who is the true answer of life that you seek".

"In that little Host is the solution to all the problems of the world".

John Paul I, in his General Audience of September 27th, 1978

"God is too great, He deserves too much from us to throw to Him as a poor Lazarus, a few crumbs of our time and our heart. He is infinite good and will be our eternal happiness; ... It would not be wise to give so much of ourselves to these things ("fortunes of the world") and little of ourselves to Jesus."

Pope Paul VI (CCC) "Because Christ Himself is present in the Sacrament of the altar, He is to be honored with the worship of adoration. To visit the Blessed Sacrament is... a proof of gratitude, an expression of love and a duty of adoration toward Christ our Lord." (Paul VI, MF 66)

May God bless our parish, all who continue to visit Our Lord, and those who commit to a holy hour each week, here at St. John's Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel!



Quotes on Eucharistic Adoration from the Saints

- ◆ *“Good friends find pleasure in one another’s company. Let us know pleasure in the company of our best Friend, a Friend who can do everything for us, a friend who loves us beyond measure. Here in the Blessed Sacrament we can talk to him straight from the heart.”*
- St. Alphonsus de Liguori
- ◆ *“We must visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament a hundred thousand times a day.”*
- St. Francis de Sales
- ◆ *“Gaze upon him, consider him, contemplate him, as you desire to imitate him.”*
- St. Clare of Assisi
- ◆ *“When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now.”*
- St. Teresa of Calcutta
- ◆ *“This is the wonderful truth, my dear friends: the Word, which became flesh two thousand years ago is present today in the Eucharist”*
- St. John Paul II
- ◆ *“Many people nowadays say, ‘I wish I could see his shape, his appearance, his clothes, his sandals.’ Only look! You see him! You touch him! You eat him!”*
- St. John Chrysostom



VATICAN INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION:

The Eucharistic Miracles of the World

The Real Presence Eucharistic Education and Adoration founded by the late Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J. has worked with the Pontifical Academy Colturum Martyrum to present miracles associated with faith in and the worship of the Most Blessed Sacrament through the Vatican International Exhibit: Eucharistic Miracles of the World. On June 9th of this year, St. John the Apostle Perpetual Adoration Chapel sponsored the exhibit displayed in the Auditorium. Over 300 people were in attendance. Any parish is welcome to borrow the exhibit, please contact Anne (908)247-6998.

Advent Candle Fundraising Results



THANK YOU to all who participated in the sale and purchase of Advent Candles, sponsored by the members of the Perpetual Adoration Chapel. We raised almost \$2,400! Following Fr. Bob’s suggestion, all monies collected will go into a restricted fund toward a new roof over the Chapel. For those who do not know, the (smaller) roofs over the Chapel and over the Sacristy both leak and must be replaced.

HELP ALWAYS WANTED!

Did you know... Jesus present in the Monstrance on the Altar can never be left alone! Without hourly adorers, the chapel cannot stay open. There are currently 307 committed hourly Adorers also known as Guardians of the Blessed Sacrament. While 307 might sound like a lot, we should have at least 2 hourly adorers for every hour and there are 40 hours with only one committed adorer! When the hourly adorer who does not have a partner, cannot make their hour, a substitute adorer is contacted. For safety reasons – there really should always be two adorers!



COME AND VISIT SJA'S ADORATION CHAPEL

“Could you not keep watch for one hour?” - Mark 14:37

The entrance to the Chapel is located on the Ridgeview Terrace side of the church, and is marked by a gold & blue sign.

Want to give Jesus a really great Birthday gift? Why not consider signing up for one hour a week as an hourly adorer! For more information contact Anne 908-247-6998 adoration@sjanj.net