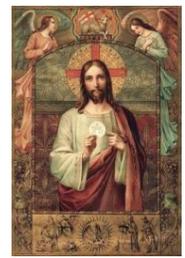


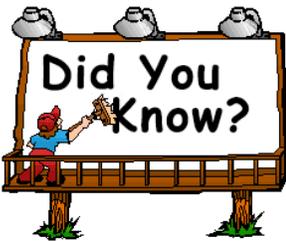


PERPETUAL ADORATION ANNIVERSARY NEWSLETTER

St. John the Apostle Church, Clark, New Jersey
December 8th 2020 – Celebrating our 24th Year!



While the Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is located at St. John the Apostle, the Chapel, in truth, belongs to our Deanery – which is composed of six parishes: St. Agnes, Divine Mercy, St. Elizabeth, St. Theresa, Holy Family and St. John's. Each Deanery is permitted *only one* Perpetual Adoration Chapel - so we thank *all* hourly adorers from these parishes!



HOW THE PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL GOT STARTED? When Msgr. Richard McGuiness was the Rector at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary in Maryland, Saint

Mother Teresa of Calcutta came for a visit. She told Msgr. that when he should become Pastor of a Parish Church he should start a Perpetual Adoration Chapel. And so he did! On December 8th, 1996, our Chapel was opened.

Catechism of the Catholic Church: paragraph 1374. In Other words.....By His Real Presence in the Eucharist, Christ fulfils His promise to be with us "always, until the end of the age" (Mt 28:20). As St. Thomas Aquinas wrote, "...Christ has not left us without his bodily presence in this our pilgrimage, but he joins us to Himself in this sacrament in the reality of His body and blood". (St. Thomas, Summa Theologiae) In the Eucharist the Church both receives the gift of Jesus Christ and gives grateful thanks to God for such a blessing.

TRANSUBSTANTIATION

The reality of His Love for us.

We believe, as the Church teaches, Christ's presence in the Eucharistic is unique. It raises the Eucharist above all the sacraments as "the perfection of the spiritual life and the end to which all sacraments tend." In the most Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist "the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained." - *The*



O most Sacred,
most loving Heart of Jesus,
You are concealed
in the Holy Eucharist
and You beat for us still.

Blessed John Henry Newman (1801-1890)

We believe that at every Mass, bread and wine become Jesus — His body, blood, soul and divinity — even though we can't fully understand how it happens. The miracle of the Eucharist is a mystery, something that human reason and intelligence can never fully grasp. Transubstantiation is a Scholastic term that attempts to explain how bread and wine can become the body and blood of the Lord without losing their exterior appearance.

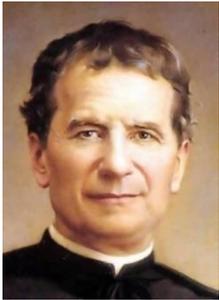
While the word was first used in the 11th century by Hildebert of Lavardin, the archbishop of Tours, it was at the Council of Trent (1545–1563) that it became authoritative church teaching." (CCC 1376) Like the apostles, we have faith in the Lord's words, that he meant what he said; but, also like the apostles, we will never fully understand those words in this life, but we most certainly will in the next. www.nwatholic.org/spirituality/ask-father



"Be still and know that I AM God" Ps 46



ST. JOHN BOSCO – THE DREAM OF TWO COLUMNS



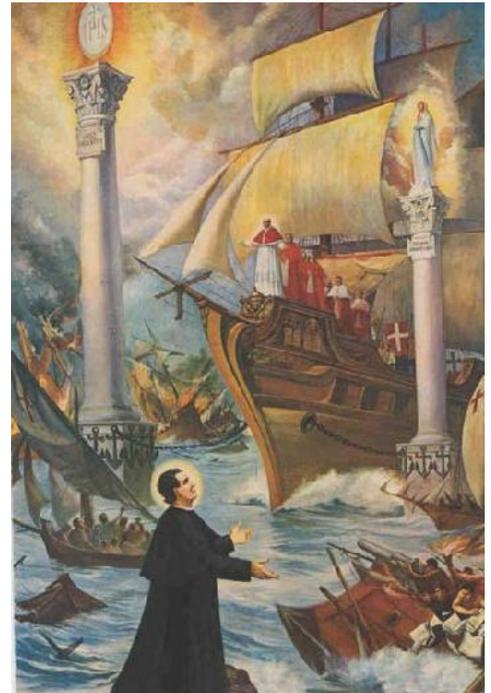
St. John Bosco, was an Italian Roman Catholic Priest, educator and writer born in 1815 in Castelnuovo, Italy. He dedicated his life to the betterment and education of street children. He founded the Salesians of Don Bosco, the Salesian and Sisters of Don Bosco. From the age of 9, he had a series of prophetic dreams, that would shape his life and spirituality. One of his most famous dreams spoke of future troubles the Church would endure. It is often referred to as the prophecy of the Two Columns. These are his own words, shortened here due to space:

"Try to picture yourselves with me on the seashore, or, better still, on an outlying cliff with no other land in sight. The vast expanse of water is covered with a formidable array of ships in battle formation, prows fitted with sharp spear-like beaks capable of breaking through any defense. All are heavily armed with cannons, incendiary bombs, and firearms of all sorts - even books - and are heading toward one stately ship, mightier than them all. As they try to close in, they try to ram it, set it afire, and cripple it as much as possible.

"This stately vessel is shielded by a flotilla escort. Winds and waves are with the enemy. *In this midst of this endless sea, two solid columns, a short distance apart, soar high into the sky: one is surmounted by a statue of the Immaculate Virgin at whose feet a large inscription reads: Help of Christians; the other, far loftier and sturdier, supports a [Communion] Host of proportionate size and bears beneath it the inscription Salvation of believers.*

"The flagship commander - the Roman Pontiff- seeing the enemy's fury and his auxiliary ships very grave predicament, summons his captains to a conference. However, as they discuss their strategy, a furious storm breaks out...Standing at the helm, the Pope strains every muscle to steer his ship *between the two columns...*

"The entire enemy fleet closes in to intercept and sink the flagship at all costs. They bombard it with everything they have:... firearms, cannons. The battle rages... At times a formidable ram splinters a gaping hole into its hull, but, immediately, a breeze *from the two columns* instantly seals the gash..."Breaking through all resistance, the new Pope steers his ship safely between the two columns and *moors it to the two columns*; first to the one surmounted by the Host, and then to the other, topped by the statue of the Virgin. At this point something unexpected happens. The enemy ships panic and disperse, colliding with and scuttling each other. Some auxiliary ships which had gallantly fought alongside their flagship are the first to tie up at the two columns..."Many others, which had fearfully kept far away... *head for the two columns...* safe and tranquil beside their flagship. A great calm now covers the sea."



St. John Bosco reflects the following: "Very grave trials await the Church. What we have suffered so far is almost nothing compared to what is going to happen. The enemies of the Church are symbolized by the ships which strive their utmost to sink the flagship. Only two things can save us in such a grave hour: devotion to Mary and frequent Communion. Let us do our very best to use these two means and have others use them everywhere."



WHY ADORATION?

The Eucharist,” the Catechism says, “*is the source and summit of Christian life.*” And rightfully so! For in the Blessed Sacrament, we encounter Christ Himself.

‘Through transubstantiation, the risen Jesus becomes truly present in the Eucharist. The substance of the bread and wine changes into the body and blood of Jesus Christ. The appearance of bread and wine, their taste, smell, and appearance, remain the same, but deep down the bread and wine no longer exist. They are completely Jesus Christ! This is what Catholics have always believed and always will. This is a core belief, called a Dogma of the faith that must be accepted to be truly Catholic’.

Mark Bumley, President of Ignatius press, Apologist



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*

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*

LOVE IS STRONGER THAN DEATH

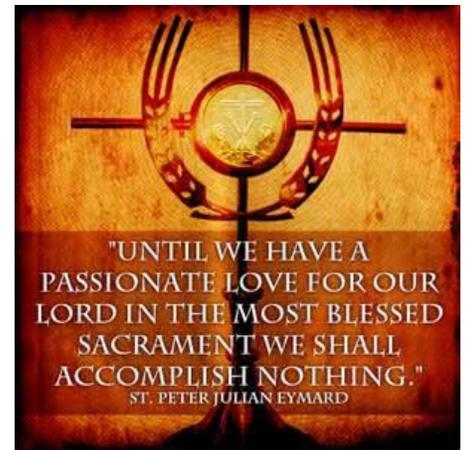
(Song of Songs 8:6)

Love is also Stronger than Covid!

The Adoration Chapel was closed in March and reopened on August 22nd, the Feast of the Queenship of Mary! (Our Lady is an advocate of Eucharistic Adoration!)

Masks are worn and anti-bacterial wipes are provided for every adorer and visitor to wipe down their seat when leaving. To satisfy 6 foot spacing, there is a temporary 6 person limit and we ask visitors to defer a seat to hourly adorers should we go over 6 people.

The Perpetual Adoration Chapel is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Jesus is there for us, *any time we need Him*, such as a time of crisis or if we just want to stop in to say, “Hello”.



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE AN “HOURLY ADORER”?



An hourly adorer is someone who comes for one hour at the same time every week.

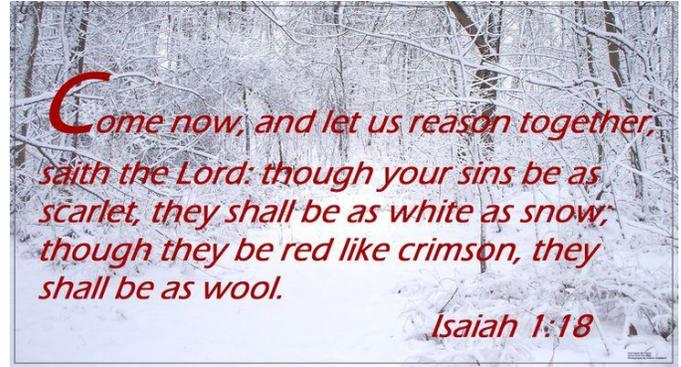
We have 1-3 adorers currently assigned for every hour. The hourly adorers are Guardians of the most Blessed Sacrament **without whom we could not keep the chapel open.**

Signing up for an hour, also makes a prayer time a consistent part of a person’s life. It becomes a strong support to a person’s prayer life, as well as their family life and our entire community.



The Sacrament of Confession: A wonderful gift you can give to Jesus for His birthday!

If you haven't been to Confession in a while, the Catholic Church wants to welcome you back, and invites you to participate in this beautiful sacrament of healing. Take a step in faith. You'll be surprised about how free you feel after taking part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. So many Catholics describe incredible feelings of peace, joy, relief, and love that they never expected. Jesus is calling you to experience His mercy in this way too.



St. John Paul II on Mary:



It is the Virgin Mary who invites us to consider history as an adventure of love in which God keeps his promises and triumphs with his fidelity.

<u>Local Confession Schedules:</u>	
St. John the Apostle, Linden/Clark	Saturdays 1-2 pm After all 7:00 pm Masses
Divine Mercy, Rahway	Weekdays 12:30 Saturdays 3:00 pm
St. Agnes, Clark	Saturdays 4:30 or call for Appt.
St. Elizabeth, Linden	Mon-Sat. 12:30-1:00 pm
St. Theresa, Linden	Mon-Sat 7:25 am (Chapel) Saturdays 4:00 – 4:45 (Church)
Holy Family, 210 Monroe St., Linden	Call: 908-862-1060



For More Information on the Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel located at St. John the Apostle or to sign up as an hourly adorer:

**Please contact Anne at 908-247-6998
Espanol: Carolyn 908-347-1009**

Visit:

<http://www.sjanj.net/ministries/perpetual-adoration> to sign up on line.

Rejoice O hearts that seek the Lord!