



Saint John The Apostle
Roman Catholic Church

***FOR GOD SO
LOVED THE
WORLD THAT HE
SENT HIS ONLY
BEGOTTEN SON***

John 3: 16

Fourth Sunday of Lent • March 10, 2024

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Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday — 5:30pm

Sunday — 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm

Daily Mass Schedule

Mon.— Friday — 7:00am & 8:30am

Saturday — 8:30am

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Spotlight on the Gospel

Jn 3: 14-21

Perhaps you have heard it said that the Old Testament points to the New Testament. Pope Benedict XVI said that the life of Jesus Christ is a recapitulation of the Old Testament. Listen to the words of Jesus in today's gospel: Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. Jesus is referring to the Book of Numbers. The Israelites were complaining to God and Moses about all their problems in the desert. Snakes attacked the people. The people recognizing their sin, ask Moses to intervene with God, so the snakes would be removed. Moses, under direction from God, makes a pole with a metal snake on it. When the people looked at it, they would be healed.

Jesus Christ was also lifted up, on a cross. Jesus explains that he died on the cross, so we may have eternal life. Jesus suffered and died on the cross to heal us of our sins. But, we must believe – just as the Israelites had to believe what Moses told them in order to be healed.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is a gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. Our salvation is a free gift from God. We do not earn it from our works. God does not force his grace upon us. Neither does God, force conversion from our sins upon us. We respond freely – saying “yes” to God's gift of eternal life for us.

Our vocation to eternal life is supernatural. On our own, we do not have the ability to attain union with God. It is only with God's grace – God's help that we can attain happiness with God through all eternity!



SPIRITUAL WARFARE



*For we are not fighting against flesh and blood,
but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness,
against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Eph 6:12*



JESUS BATTLES SATAN IN THE DESERT

JOIN US FOR A THREE NIGHTS WITH FR. MAURO
THURSDAYS @7PM MARCH 7TH, 14TH, 21ST

Mil Ave Maria Devotion



McGuinness Center

11:00 a.m.

Saturday 3/16/24

Social Concerns
Sandwich drive

Please have sandwiches
by the garage doors
by

9:00 a.m. on 3/22/24

Thank you for your
kindness



Fr. Mauro is very grateful for all your generous donations

Please be assured that all the money is deposited in the bank for church expenses every Monday. The empty envelopes were never posted by Remey & Co./ Church Budget

We have now switched to Cathedral Company and look forward to a smooth transition

Thank you for your patience in this matter and God bless you all.

THANK YOU



Supporting Our Parish

Stewardship of Treasure MARCH 3, 2024

Tithing	\$ 13,033.00
Weekly Online Giving	\$ 1,558.00
Total	\$ 14,591.00

Thank you for your constant generosity

Online Giving

Your generosity helps us to continue the mission here at St. John's and to provide opportunities to pray, learn, serve and grow as a community of faith. Our online platform allows you to give online with just the touch of a button on your smartphone or on your computer.



LENTEN MORNING PRAYER

**JOIN US FOR
MORNING
PRAYER**

6AM MON-FRI
THURS. FEB. 15
THRU
WED. MAR. 27

**STATIONS OF THE
CROSS
AND CONFESSIONS**
FRIDAYS AT

7PM

Join us as we reflect together on the journey of the Cross that Jesus walked for us.

ANNUAL ²⁰²⁴ APPEAL



The 2024 Annual Appeal has begun! Each year we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, which is an opportunity to support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese. Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus.

Please consider participating in this year's Appeal to help make a significant difference in many lives within our Archdiocese.

Please make a gift online today by visiting rcan.org/sharing, scanning the QR code.

PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL



"In the Mass and in Eucharistic Adoration we meet the merciful love of God that passes through the Heart of Jesus Christ." — Pope John Paul II

Sign up to be an Adorer today
Email: Adoration@sjanj.net
<http://www.sjanj.net/pea/>
Call the Rectory (908) 486-6363

PRAYER INTENTIONS AND SACRAMENTS

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024

5:30 pm Mary & Joseph Yacabonis

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024

8:00 am People of the Parish

10:00 am Smyth/Murphy Families

12:00 pm Stella Kurdyla

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024

7:00 am Julie Poggioni

8:30 am Intentions of Notarangelo Fam.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024

7:00 am Michael Matas

8:30 am Joseph & Mary Malandro

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024

7:00 am Victoria Michalcewicz

8:30 am Anne Fortuna

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024

7:00 am Emmanuel & Lucienne Charlot

8:30 am Emma & Vincent Mullin

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024

7:00 am Rosalie Dela Merced

8:30 am Theresa Archer

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024

8:30 am Ivy Tupso

Stella Kurdyla

Sylvia Shive

Justin Juzefyk

John Langan

5:30 pm Ed Shields

SUNDAY MARCH 17, 2024

8:00 am Whalen & McGovern Families

10:00 am People of the Parish

12:00 pm Francis P & Grace Murphy

WEEKLY MEMORIALS

ALTAR CANDLES

Joseph Fresnics

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Rosa Torretta

TABERNACLE CANDLES

Norman Rost

BREAD & WINE

Rosa Torretta

ADORATION CANDLES

John Paffrath (both sets)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Helen Angelo, Willys J. Arbelo, Ricardo Bravo, Timothy Carroll, James Desiderio, Josephine DiMaria, June Fellmann, Hailey Galvez, Louise Helder, William Heyder, Laura Hudak, Cynthia Ingman, Karen Kaspern, Francis Kuczynski, Charles Le Poidevin, Emma Makowski, John McGuire, Karen Miller, Helen Mullady, Joe Patton, Judith Pond, Joyce Rawlinson, Rudy Rohlik, Anne Svonavic, Daniele Wludyka

Please Note:

For privacy reasons and HIPAA regulations, names may only be added by **members of the immediate family** after they have received permission of the one who is sick.

In the event of serious illness or hospitalization, the rectory should be notified. Visits to the sick and shut-ins are made by the priests, deacons and ministers of the Eucharist. It is not necessary for someone to be "gravely ill" to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on the last Sunday of every month, to register please call the rectory go to our website, or scan the QR code.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Saturday, 1:00-2:00pm

Feel free to approach a priest after any mass or make an appointment by calling the rectory (908) 486-6363

MARRIAGE

Please reach out to the rectory as soon as the engagement is announced and we will help to begin the preparation. We look forward to accompanying you in this exciting time.

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION CALLS

If you or someone you know is homebound or unable to attend Mass in person and would like to have a Eucharistic minister bring Communion at home, please reach out to Deacon Michael York at myork@sjanj.net. We will make arrangements for Communion visits.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

There will be a support group for those grieving the death of a loved one to be held at St. John the Apostle. The group will provide a Christ-centered experience to those grieving the loss of a loved one. The group will offer a caring, compassionate, confidential atmosphere for the sharing of experiences. If you are interested in joining us, or if you would like more information about the group contact: Deacon Mike at (732) 388-1253 or myork@sjanj.net. All calls are confidential. Pre-registration is required.

BECOMING A FULLY INITIATED CATHOLIC

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) introduces adults to the Catholic faith and tradition, as well as prepares adults for receiving the Sacraments. The RCIA process is one of study, exploration, faith sharing and faith formation. The RCIA Process is for adults who seek full initiation in the Catholic Church, including those who have never been baptized, and those who have not yet received all the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). Learn more on our website:

www.sjanj.net/religious-education/