



Saint John The Apostle

Roman Catholic Church

I am the good shepherd.

A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep

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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

Contact Us

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Monday–Thursday: 9:00am–3:00pm

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Dr. Deborah Egan



Spotlight on the Gospel

Lk 24: 35-48

I am the vine, you are the branches. I am the way, the truth and the life. I am the bread of life. I am the light of the world. I am the resurrection and the life. I am the good shepherd. Each time in the gospel of St. John that Jesus begins with “I am”, a deeper insight about Jesus is revealed to us. Today we focus on Jesus, the good shepherd.

I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. Jesus is telling us first that his relationship with each one of us is as intimate as his relationship with the Father. Here, Jesus reveals to us the incredible depth of his love for us. Out of that depth of love for us, Jesus goes on to tell us that he will die for us.

That is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. Here, Jesus goes on to tell us about his resurrection. Jesus is in total accord with his Father’s will and their plan of salvation for humanity. Just as Jesus rose from the dead, he will lead the flock he shepherds to eternal life and resurrection.

As much as Jesus wants us to follow him to eternal life, we have free will and can choose paths that put ourselves in danger. Jesus promises to never abandon us. He will pursue the “lost sheep” until he can safely carry the sheep back home. Each time we receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we can say that we are like the “lost sheep” returning home through the mercy and love of Jesus Christ.



ST JOHN THE APOSTLE

INVITES ALL

TALKS FOR FAMILIES, ADULTS AND YOUTH.
LET CHRIST RISEN FIND OUR HEARTS
WAITING FOR HIM.

AT **8PM**

EVERY **MONDAY** AND **THURSDAY** STARTING **APRIL 8, 2024**
IN THE **GYM**

FREE BABYSITTING AVAILABLE



ST JOHN THE APOSTLE

**MOTHER'S DAY
50/50 RAFFLE**

TICKET PRICE \$100

**ONE GRAND
PRIZE WINNER
50% OF GROSS PROCEEDS**

DRAWING TO BE HELD AT 1 P.M.
SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024
IN THE SISTER DONNA MARIE O'BRIEN
AUDITORIUM
WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE
BACK OF THE CHURCH
AND AT THE RECTORY.**

PLEASE RETURN TICKET STUBS, MONEY, AND
ANY UNUSED TICKETS BY MAY 6, 2024.

NET PROCEEDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF ST. JOHN
THE APOSTLE PARISH COMMUNITY.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

I.D. 255-01-00062

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Supporting Our Parish

Stewardship of Treasure
April 14, 2024

Tithing	\$ 8,448
Weekly Online Giving	\$ 2,429
Total	\$ 10,877

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.



Social Concerns Sandwich drive

Please have sandwiches
by the garage doors
by

9:00 a.m. on 4/26/24

Thank you for your kindness



Give Online

ANNUAL²⁰²⁴ APPEAL



68%

So far we have collected,
\$45,730 or 66%
of our \$66,472 goal.

Thank you for your continued generosity



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, APRIL 20, 2024

5:30 pm Alberta Spotti

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

8:00 am John Nolan

10:00 am Rita Sauer

12:00 pm People of the Parish

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024

7:00 am Guiseppe Staltari

8:30 am Boleslaw Mikuszewski

TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024

7:00 am Maureen Burke

8:30 am Vincent Dell'Aquila

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024

7:00 am Theodore Minarchenko

8:30 am Lena Salsa

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024

7:00 am Patrick Arlet

8:30 am Dr. Thomas Bejgrowicz

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024

7:00 am Deacon Ed Campanella

8:30 am Teresa Matos

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024

8:30 am Joseph & Mary Malandro

Deacon George Ross

Intentions of Sandra Torres

John Langan

Intentions of Art Skalsky & family

5:30 pm People of the Parish

SUNDAY APRIL 28, 2024

8:00 am Thomas & Dorothy Kovatch

10:00 am Richard Nelson 1st Anniversary

12:00 pm Jerry & Hattie Derillo

ALTAR CANDLES

Maryann Campanella

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Maryann Campanella

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, Thomas Moore, 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/