



SAINT JOHN THE APOSTLE

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you,
tax collectors and prostitutes
are entering the kingdom of God before you.
When John came to you in the way of righteousness,
you did not believe him;
but tax collectors and prostitutes did.
Yet even when you saw that,
you did not later change your minds and believe him."

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

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Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am,
12:00pm

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday 7:00am & 8:30am

Contact Us

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 9:00am-
3:00pm

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(732) 388-1253

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Sign up for Parish news and
updates:

Text STJOHNSCHURCH to 84576

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Spotlight on the Gospel

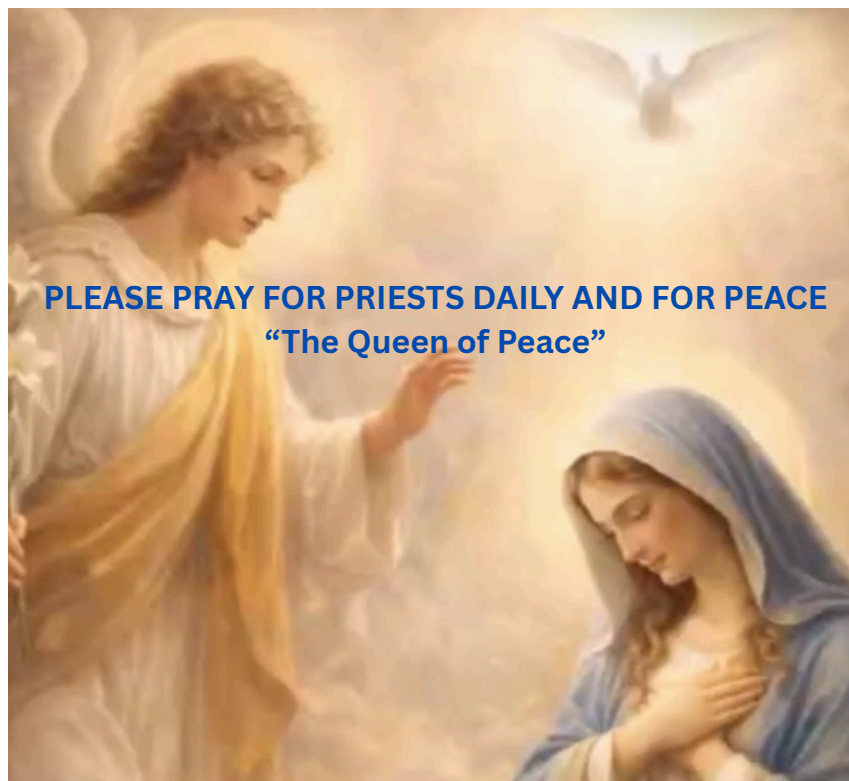
Mt. 21: 28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion?" A man had two sons... Which of the two did his father's will?

In today's gospel, Jesus presents a parable to the chief priests and elders of the Jewish people. The tension between Jesus and these leaders was escalating. Which of the two did his father's will? They answered, "The first." In so answering, the chief priests and elders convict themselves of their failure to repent – change their ways. Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. Sinners who believed in Jesus and repented were entering the kingdom of God before the so-called righteous leaders of the Jewish people.

But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, and does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life... Ezekiel echoes the message of Jesus in today's gospel. He tells the Israelites that they are responsible to turn away from any "wickedness". Repentance and transformation of heart, opens the way for restoring their relationship with God in this life and for eternal life.

Today's Scriptures speak to us about conversion and prompt us to make a spiritual assessment, repent, and through the grace received in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, to avoid the occasion of sin and change our ways. We echo the Psalm: Remember your mercies, O Lord.



PLEASE PRAY FOR PRIESTS DAILY AND FOR PEACE
"The Queen of Peace"

THE FEAST DAY OF THE HOLY ARCHANGELS, MICHAEL,
GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL IS SEPTEMBER 29TH



**THE RICHES OF MARRIAGE
JOURNEYING TOGETHER IN THE SACRAMENT
OF MARRIAGE**

**Given by Fr. Mauro Primavera
and married couples**

**FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO GET MARRIED, THOSE WHO ARE ALREADY MARRIED AND THOSE
WHO ARE IN NEED OF HEALING IN THEIR MARRIAGE**

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND
(Babysitting available)**

**DATES: 10/01, 10/8, AND 10/15 2026
ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE CHURCH AT 7:30 P.M.**

ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE CHURCH

**POCKETBOOK
Bingo
& TRICKY TRAY**

♥ SUPPORT OUR CHURCH ♥

Designer Handbags • Great Prizes • A Fun Night Out!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2026

SISTER DONNA MARIE AUDITORIUM
571 VALLEY ROAD, CLARK, NJ 07066

DOORS OPEN 5:30 PM

BINGO GAMES START 7:00 PM

TICKETS \$35.00 PER PERSON

TRICKY TRAY BASKETS

CALENDAR RAFFLE

50/50 DRAWING

PREPACKAGED BUNDLES AVAILABLE FOR \$50.00

SCAN HERE
FOR ONLINE TICKETS AND PAYMENTS OR VISIT:
<https://forms.gle/yJHwxikBDQZyPicS9>

Gather Your Friends and Join Us for a Great Night to Support Our Church!

QUESTIONS?
Email: fundraising@sjanj.net
We can't wait to see you there!

*Bags
Bingo
Blessings*

Stewardship of Treasure September 06, 2026

Weekly Budget F/Y 26/27	\$11,673.00
Tithing	\$ 8,190.00
Weekly Online Giving	\$ 3,821.00
Total	\$ 12,011.10
Surplus (deficit)	\$ 338.10

Online Giving



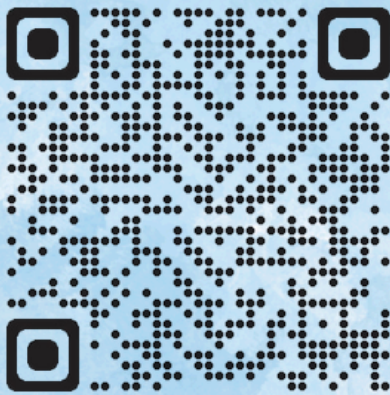
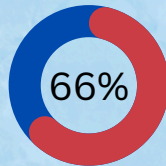
2026

ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal is \$67,221.76
\$44,632.72 received so far



ARCHDIOCESE
of NEWARK



Register Now for CCD!

In person classes begin on September 17, 2026

The Family Program begins on October 1, 2026

Contact Deacon Mike for further information or questions

myork@sjanj.net

732-388-1253

St. John the Apostle Religious
Education Registration 2026 - 2027



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

SIGN UP FOR
A WEEKLY
HOLY HOUR

Email: Adoration@sjanj.net

Visit: sjanj.net/pea

Call the rectory: (908) 486-6363



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

PRAYER INTENTIONS AND SACRAMENTS

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

5:30 pm People of the Parish

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

8:00 am Adamczyk Family Living and Deceased

10:00am The Cahill Family

12:00pm Nicholas Manna

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2026

7:00 am Roseann Church

8:30 am Joyce Waters

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 29, 2026

7:00 am Intentions of the Malandro family

8:30 am Leo & Helen Peer

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

7:00 am Intentions of the Virgin Mary

8:30 am Florence Hight

THURSDAY OCTOBER 01, 2026

7:00 am Intentions of our parish priests

8:30 am Elizabeth Brek

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 02, 2026

7:00 am Josephine & Dominic Caggiano

8:30 am Thomas Mitchell

SATURDAY OCTOBER 03, 2026

8:30 am Intentions of Karin Searson
Henryka Supel

5:30 pm Frank Buklarewicz & Henry
Buczynski

SUNDAY OCTOBER 04, 2026

8:00 am People of the Parish

10:00am Maria Rosa DiMarco

12:00pm Bibiana & Alfredo, Jr. Martinez

MEMORIALS:

ALTAR CANDLES: Judith Rhodes

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Helen Angelo, Penny Abruzzese, Rosanna Bianco, Ricardo Bravo, David Brazinski, Timothy Carroll, Josephine DiMaria, June Fellmann, Miriam Maria and Jose Alfonso Garcia, Louise Helder, Phyllis Hanna, William Heyder, Cynthia Ingman, Karen Kaspern, Fernando Lazaro, Jorge J. Lindo, John McGuire, Maya Culjak, Lorraine Malandro, Fran Mekula, Thomas Moore, Marie O'Brien Robert O'Brien, Judith Pond, Joyce Rawlinson, Rudy Rohlik, Anne Svonavic, and all those suffering from physical and mental illness.

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

The support group for those grieving the death of a loved one at St. John the Apostle, provides a Christ-centered experience, offering a caring, compassionate, confidential atmosphere for sharing. If you would like more information about the group contact:

Deacon Mike at (732) 388-1253 or myork@sjanj.net.

BECOMING A FULLY INITIATED CATHOLIC

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) introduces adults to the Catholic faith and tradition, as well as prepares adults for receiving the Sacraments. The OCIA 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/

REPORT FINANCIAL MISCONDUCT CONFIDENTIALLY

If you suspect financial misconduct, use Ethics Point, an independent and confidential reporting tool that helps the Archdiocesan community address issues while promoting positive parish, school and workplace environments. Visit www.rcan.org for the hotline and reporting link.