# Saint John the Apostle
## Roman Catholic Church




St. Luke the Evangelist

**TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 18, 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**
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**Office Hours:**
**Monday-Thursday 9:00am–3:00pm**

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**Sign up for Parish news & updates:**

**Text STJOHNSCHURCH to 84576**

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## Spotlight on the Gospel

Mt. 22: 15-21

Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.

Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not? The question proposed to Jesus was designed to get Him into deep trouble, no matter how He answered. If Jesus said that it was lawful to pay taxes, He would get the people angry as they detested paying taxes to the Roman emperor. If Jesus said that it was unlawful to pay taxes, He risked being arrested by the Romans for being a revolutionary. The Herodians were members of Herod's party. They were strong supporters of Rome's taxing the Jewish people. On the other hand, the Pharisees opposed the tax, but paid it anyway to avoid a conflict with the Romans.

Jesus does not answer the question about what belongs to Caesar and what belongs to God. He left this as a personal decision to each man or woman. St. Augustine wrote about this gospel passage: "And now pay attention; there's man, set down firmly in his punishment – and the vestiges of the image of God which have remained in him, how much are they worth now? He has worn down that image by sin, and it is refashioned by grace, after being ruined by lust. Just as a coin, you see, if it's rubbed with earth, loses the emperor's image, so the human mind, if it's rubbed with earthly lusts, loses God's image. However, along comes Christ the master of the mint, to strike the coins afresh? By pardoning sins with grace; and he will show you that God is looking for his image." Our sins are pardoned in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Grace is the cleaner for our soul and restores the image of God. Thus, Jesus could be looking at us and asking: Whose image is this and whose inscription? Let us remember that we have the image of God engraved on our soul!



# Are You Suffering?
# Are You Unhappy?
# Do You Struggle To Forgive?



"I AM THE WAY, I AM TRUTH AND LIFE."

# Spiritual Warfare

## *Christ Is Inviting You.*

Adults & Youth 12 & Over.
Starting Monday October 19, 2026

Mondays & Thursdays
8 PM In The CHURCH

1805 Penbrook Terrace Linden, N.J. 07036
Come & Bring A Friend.
Free Babysitting Provided.

# ALL SOULS DAY

## MEMORIAL CANDLES

A beautiful way to remember.
A sacred way to pray.



Throughout the month of November, memorial candles will be displayed in the Sanctuary and near the Tabernacle. Your loved one's name will be inscribed on a candle, so our parish can pray together in their memory.

### HONOR A LOVED ONE

Memorialize your loved one with a real candle.

### JOIN IN PRAYER

Names will be inscribed on the candles for all to see and pray for.

### BEAUTIFUL TRADITION

A meaningful way to remember and give thanks for their lives.

### DONATION: $50 PER CANDLE

(approximately $1.67/day)

### HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- Pick up an order form in the Back of the Church, Parish Office, or on our website.
- Provide: your name, phone number and/or email, and the name of the deceased to be memorialized.
- Return the completed form with your donation of $50 per candle (one intention per candle).

### DEADLINE

To ensure the candles are labeled in time, please submit your forms by

**THURS, OCT. 29.**

## Stewardship of Treasure
## October 11, 2026

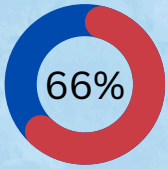
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| Weekly Budget F/Y 26/27 | $11,673.00 |
| Tithing | $ 7,158.00 |
| Weekly Online Giving | $ 3,482.10 |
| Total | $10,640.10 |
| Surplus (deficit) | $ (1,032.90) |

## Online Giving

2026

# ANNUAL APPEAL

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




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# 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 OCTOBER 17,2026**
5:30 pm Robert Mifsud
**SUNDAY OCTOBER 18, 2026**
8:00 am John Cahill
10:00am Burke Family
12:00pm People of the Parish
**MONDAY OCTOBER 19, 2026**
7:00 am Intentions of the Virgin Mary
8:30 am Judith Hund
**TUESDAY OCTOBER 20, 2026**
7:00 am Intentions of all priests
8:30 am Lena Salsa
**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 21, 2026**
7:00 am Kenneth Merena
8:30 am Lisa Sabarese 2nd Anniversary
**THURSDAY OCTOBER 22, 2026**
7:00 am Dorothy O'Connor
8:30 am Manuela Domingo
**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2026**
7:00 am Ruby Alexander
8:30 am Catherine Keenan
**SATURDAY OCTOBER 24, 2026**
8:30 am Linda Meigs
Fred & Marion Cassel

5:30 pm People of the Parish

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 25, 2026**
8:00 am Joseph Stulpin Sr. 22nd Anniv.
10:00am Elizabeth Brek
12:00pm The Dowling Family

**TABERNACLE:** Kathleen Conway
**ADORATION:** Intentions of Fran Mekula
**FLOWERS:** Vincent Desiderio

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Helen Angelo, Penny Abruzzese, ,Rosanna Bianco, Ricardo Bravo, Timothy Carroll,Josephine DiMaria, June Fellmann, Miriam Maria and Jose Alfonso Garcia, Louise Helder, Phyllis Hanna ,Audrey 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.