

# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE

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## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*The St. John the Apostle parish community, inspired by the Holy Spirit, strives to witness to the presence of Christ*  
 (Parish established October 8, 1966)

Pastor: Rev. Emeka Onyeogubalu  
 Deacon: Deacon Victor Mesta  
 Office Administrator: Franca Morrison  
 Bookkeeping: Joanne Bazdell  
 Maintenance: Steve Short

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday -Thursday, 9:00 - 12:00; 1:00 - 3:30

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Baptismal preparation is required. Please call the Parish Office 613-829-1760.

## SACRAMENTS OF FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION:

Please call the Parish Office 613-829-1760.

## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Preparation is required.  
 Please call the Parish Office 613-829-1760 at least nine months in advance.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:** Please call the Parish Office 613-829-1760 to make arrangements.

**FUNERAL ENQUIRIES:** Please contact the Parish Office 613-829-1760.

**FINANCE COUNCIL:** Ray Kostuch (Chair) John Schembri  
 Chris Pereira Marie Weerasooriya-Epps

**BUILDING COMMITTEE:** Gino Brancatelli (Chair) Paul Gillis  
 Bob Williamson John Schembri  
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**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Ian Moffat (Chair)  
 Rosemary Fikis Heather Petti Mary Jean Thompson  
 Fred Adibe Sandra Brancatelli Deacon Victor Mesta  
 Jeff Alguire Christine Buccione Richard Abakah-Akumah

## Sunday Eucharist

Saturday: 5:00 pm Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am,  
 Children's Liturgy generally at 10:30am Mass (Sept. to June)

## Weekday Liturgy

Eucharist: Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri at 9:00 am  
 and 1st Saturday of month: 9:00 am

Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet: prayed before weekday Mass 8:30am  
 Eucharistic Adoration: First Friday of the Month, following 9am Mass  
 until 10:30am

**CONFESSIONS:** 8:30 am Tuesday - Friday  
 Saturdays 4:00 - 4:30 pm; and on request

## PARISH MINISTRIES AND GROUPS

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## WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

The people of St. John the Apostle Parish Community extend a warm welcome to our parish family! Kindly introduce yourself to the priest and register your family with our community. Please call the parish office if you have any questions. (Please complete the information below and place in the collection basket)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TEL: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH INTEREST: \_\_\_\_\_ WOULD YOU LIKE TO USE SUNDAY COLLECTION ENVELOPES? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Lectors	
<b>Dec. 21st/22nd - Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	
Presider: Fr. Emeka Onyeogubalu	
<b>5:00 pm</b>	#1 Mary Ellen Agnel #2 Dee Simons
Presider: Fr. Emeka Onyeogubalu	
<b>8:00am</b>	#1 Evan Paulson #2 Sabrina Pedulla
Presider: Fr. Emeka Onyeogubalu	
<b>10:30am</b>	#1 Xavier Recoskie #2 Laura Recoskie

If you are unable to serve as scheduled  
Please ensure that you have found a replacement.



Today is the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday, a day of rejoicing. The readings encourage us to find joy and hope in the coming of the Lord. The readings focus on the joy of waiting for Jesus. Zephaniah speaks of rejoicing and exulting with all our hearts. St. Paul tells the Philippians about the peace of God. He is not only coming, He is near!

We are more than halfway through Advent. We mark this day by lighting the third candle on our Advent wreath, which is traditionally colored pink. At Mass, we will see the priest wearing pink or rose-colored vestments. The color signifies that we look forward to the arrival of Christ.

*(Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18)*

**Mass times for Christmas and New Year's**



**Tues. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am** (regular weekday mass)

**Christmas Eve Masses**

**Tuesday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> - 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:00pm**

**Christmas Day**

**Wednesday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> - 10:00am**

**Feast of the Holy Family**

**Saturday, Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> - 5:00pm**

**Sunday, Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> - 8:00am, 10:30am**

**Solemnity of Mary**

**Tues. Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> – 5:00pm (no 9am Mass)**

**Wed., Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> - 10:00am**



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**A Huge "Thank You" from the CWL**

to all who donated and also purchased baked goods for our Christmas Bake Sale last weekend. Thanks also to those who donated items to sell at our Christmas Bazaar in November and those who participated in our Purdys Chocolate fundraiser.

All events were extremely successful. This has enabled the CWL to donate generously to our local Food Banks and to the Shepherds of Good Hope before Christmas. We will be donating to additional charities in the new year.

Thank you for your support of the CWL and local charities.



## SUNDAY SMILE

As a little girl climbed onto Santa's lap, Santa asked the usual, "And what would you like for Christmas?"

The child stared at him open mouthed and horrified for a minute, then gasped: "Didn't you get my E-mail?"



### MONTHLY SENIORS MASS

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE **NO SENIORS MASS IN JANUARY.**



We continue to share what best describes the CWL so you can get to know us better!

*Acceptance, Action, Advocacy, Belonging, Change, Charity, Compassion, Confidence, Connection, Courage, Diversity, Faith, Family, Friendship, Fulfillment, Future, Good Works, Growth, Healing, Help, Hope, Humanity, Hundreds of Resolutions, Identity, Inclusive, Innovation, Inspire, Integrity, Leaders, Love, Meaning, Mentorship, Outreach, Peace....*

**Power:** Power is the ability to influence the course of events. Catholic Women's League resolutions have changed lives. By joining us you will be part of the power of resolutions.

If you would like more information, or join a meeting to see firsthand what we are all about, please contact Rosemary, email: fikismr@proton.me

**New envelope boxes for 2025** are ready for pick up in the Glass house. Every year, we have to reallocate numbers to take into account people who have left the parish or switched to PAD. These numbers get reassigned to new parishioners. **Please do not assume that last year's number is still assigned to you and do not use envelopes issued to you in previous years.** This could mean someone else will be getting credit for your donation. Please help us by filling in your name and address on your envelopes for the first few weeks of 2025. *Thank you.*

## Mass Intentions

**Sat. Dec. 14th – 5:00pm**

✠Aelian and Winifred Weerasooriya  
by Terry and George Daniel

**Sun. Dec. 15th – 8:00am**

For the intentions of all our parishioners.

**Sun. Dec. 15th – 10:30am**

✠Vern Timm by the family

**Wed. Dec. 18th – 9:00am**

✠Andrew Holliday, 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary,  
by the family

**Thurs. Dec. 19th – 9:00am**

✠Doug Wolthausen by a friend

**Fri. Dec. 20th - 9:00am**

✠Andrzej Bielanski by the family

**Sat. Dec. 21st – 5:00pm**

✠Adele White by Peter White

✠Denise Marie Nanke by Raymonde Malette

**Sun. Dec. 22nd – 8:00am**

For the intentions of all our parishioners.

**Sun. Dec. 22nd – 10:30am**

✠Sheila Berrea by the family

✠Alfred Aaron and Wong Ming Kew  
by Doreen Aaron

✠Noreen Quinlan by Elaine McVeigh

✠ indicates deceased



## Bulletin deadlines for December

December 29th bulletin:

Deadline: Wednesday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> by noon

January 5th/12th bulletin:

Deadline: Monday, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> by noon

Please remember to book your Announced Mass intentions early if you wish them to be printed in the bulletin.



Christmas Flowers

We welcome donations to offset the cost of flowers to decorate the church at Christmas. Envelopes are available on the back tables and side entrance.



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