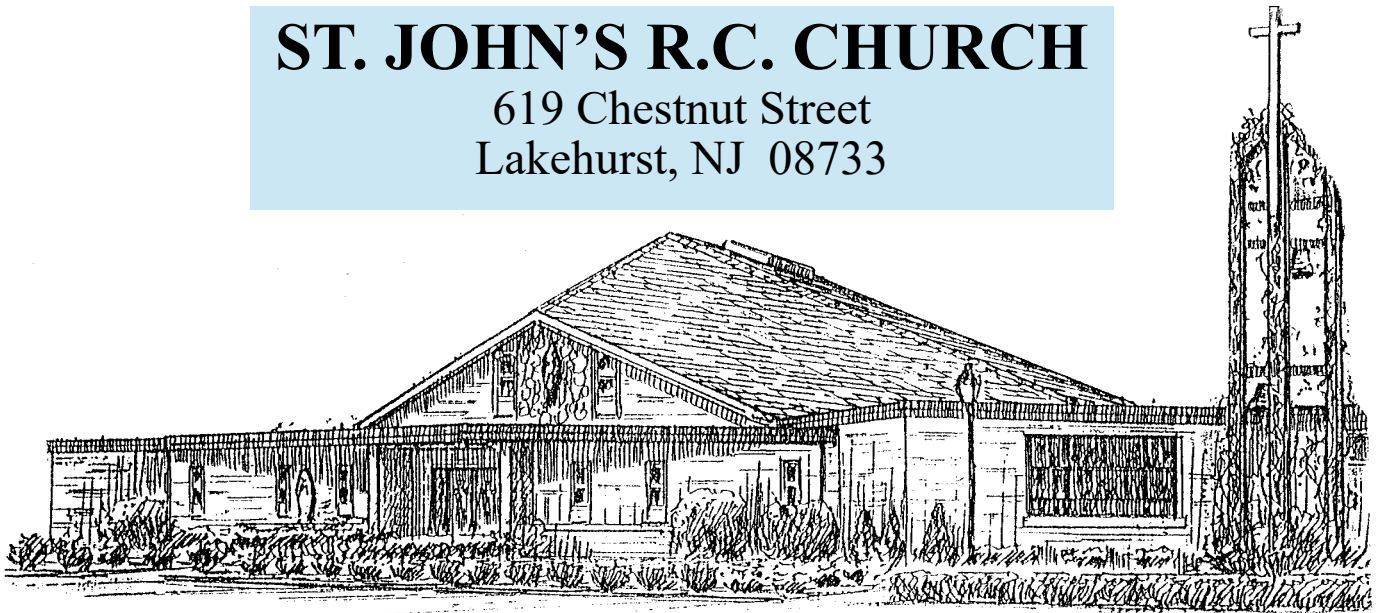


ST. JOHN'S R.C. CHURCH

619 Chestnut Street
Lakehurst, NJ 08733



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Parish Office: 732-657-6347

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Parish Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 9:00AM—3:00PM, Friday - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Parish Website: stjohnlakehurst.com

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Masses..... 4:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M.
Sunday Masses..... 9:15 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.
Monday - Friday..... 8:00 A.M.
First Friday..... 8:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.
..... Adoration will follow 11:00A.M. Mass

Miraculous Medal

Mondays..... Following the 8:00 A.M. Mass
Confessions - Saturdays - 11 A.M. to 12 Noon

BAPTISMS

Preparation for first-time parents is required.
Baptisms take place on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 12:15 P.M. Please contact the Parish Office for arrangements.

MARRIAGES

Arrangements are to be made in the Parish Office at least one year in advance.

PARISH MINISTRIES

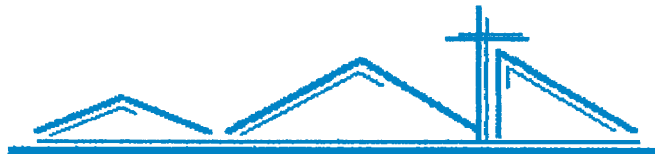
Parish Council..... Victor Bala 732-657-8899
R.C.I.A..... Joe Pittarelli 732-323-8469
Rosary Altar Society..... Angela McNeill..... 732-657-1728
Hospital Ministry..... Deacon Larry 732-657-6347
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Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers..Joe Pittarelli...732-323-8469
Legion of Mary (Inactive).....
Folk/Youth Choir. Joyce Sorenson 732-240-4750
Religious Article Store..... Victor Bala 732-657-8899

PARISH REGISTRATION - Families moving into or out of the parish are asked to call the Parish Office as soon as possible.

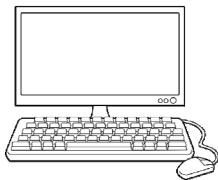
GRADE SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Grades K, 1 & 2 - Sat. mornings 9 - 10:15 A.M. Grades 3A & B, 4A & B, 5A, 6A & B, 7-A and
Grades 3C, 4C, 5B & C, 6C & D, 7B & C, 8A, B & C, CCFC 2—Wed. 7:15PM-8:30 P.M. CCFC I -Wed. 5:30P.M. - 6:45 P.M.

Sept. 17th, 2017



ST. JOHN'S PARISH CENTER



From the Desk of Fr. Jim

Many parishioners have asked me “why” questions. All of us can grow in our faith. We can study, pray, love, and be loved.

Catechetical Sunday

This Sunday, 9/17, at the 9:15 a.m. Mass, our religious education teachers will be commissioned. I thank our catechists for their service to our children in the past and look forward to working with them during this new academic year. My new office is in the parish center. I hope to be there while classes are in session and visit the children. I might even wander outside to chat with parents.

Formed.org

We have just subscribed to a wonderful on-line resource for faith formation not just for kids but for adults as well. Formed.org is like Netflix for Catholics. It has great movies, shows, books, and audiobooks. Anyone living in our parish can use our parish code, FMZNG8, to access Formed.org.

Formed.org Recommendation

If you look opposite the sanctuary, you’ll see the statue of Jesus resurrected between two stained glass windows. The Blessed Mother makes sense, but why St. Philip Neri? Our first pastor in modern times was Fr. Philip Matera. I wonder if he had something to do with the choice. In any event, I recommend a delightful movie about St. Philip Neri at <https://formed.org/watch/571e9a760acd238c0799ae43>. You can also find it by going to Formed.org. Select “Watch.” Scroll down to “Saints of History.” In the second row, scroll to the right until you find *Saint Philip Neri: I Prefer Heaven*.

Holy Communion to the Sick

I’m grateful for those Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who bring Holy Communion to the sick and/or homebound. To make your “sending forth” easier, please bring your pyx before Mass to the new table by the ambo. Place the number of unconsecrated hosts you need in your pyx. Leave

your pyx open on the tray. The tray will be placed on the altar so that the hosts will be consecrated during the Eucharistic Prayer. After Holy Communion is distributed to those present, the priest or deacon will call you forward. Take your pyx. The “sending forth” is said. Consider labeling or marking your pyx so that you know which one is yours.

Hurricane Relief

A couple more people donated for Hurricane Harvey relief. Thank you. Now we have Hurricane Irma to contend with. Below is a message from Bishop O’Connell about hurricane relief. You can find updates at <https://dioceseoftrenton.org/relief>.

God love you,

Fr. Jim

frjimoneill@gmail.com

Hurricane Relief

Help those impacted by storms

The following message was released by Bishop David M. O’Connell, C.M., on Sept. 11, 2017:

I am so very grateful to all those who shared so generously with the victims of Hurricane Harvey in the recent (9/2-3/17) parish collection throughout the Diocese of Trenton. Keep your prayers going!

For those who missed the opportunity or who wish to contribute personally toward Hurricane Irma Relief, please send your contributions directly to Catholic Charities USA. 100% of proceeds will go directly to relief efforts in the affected areas.

Donate By Mail

To mail a check, please make your check payable to Catholic Charities USA (name particular hurricane) and mail your check to:

Catholic Charities USA
P.O. Box 17066
Baltimore, MD 21297-1066

Donate Online:

<https://catholiccharitiesusa.org>

Donate by Phone:

1-800-919-9338

Gratefully yours in the Lord,

Most Reverend David M. O’Connell, C.M., J.C.D.
Bishop of Trenton



ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

We had a very successful Welcome Tea! Our thanks to Anna Reuther and everyone who helped her.

Our next meeting is October 2nd. The Rosary will be said at 10:30A.M. in the Church followed by Mass and Installation of new members at 11:00A.M.

Breakfast will follow, 12 noon, at The Clarion Conference Center, 815 Rt. 37 East, Toms River. Our Guest Speaker will be Rev. James O'Neill. Tickets for the Breakfast (\$16.00) can be purchased by calling Barbara Seele at 732-657-5512.



ALTAR FLOWERS FOR THE WEEK

- * 3rd Anniversary Remembrance of Anna Murin req. by sisters, Rose and Marge
- * Living and Deceased Members of our Rosary Altar Society

Flowers may be purchased for any occasion. Please call Marie Angelella of the Rosary Altar Society at 732-408-1233.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Please get your children registered for the upcoming year. You should have a blue form that was sent home in April.

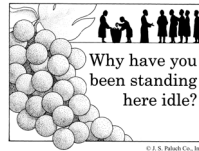
For new students, parents need to come to the Parish Center Office to register. Our classes will begin this week, Wednesday, Sept. 20th and Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Please call the office for more info, 732-657-2348.



PLEASE PRAY for all our parishioners and friends who are serving in the Military, as well as our Police, Firefighters, First Responders, and all who are put in harm's way for our protection.

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CATHOLIC CEMETRY & MAUSOLEUMS, 1 Honey Locust Drive, Lakewood

Is having a **Mass for Deceased Children** on Friday, Oct. 6th, 2017 at 7:00P.M. in Mary Queen of Peace Mausoleum Chapel. All are welcome. For additional information call Kathy Kelly 732-363-8262.



READINGS FOR SUNDAY, Sept. 24th, 2017

First Reading — Turn to the LORD, who is generous in forgiving (Isaiah 55:6-9).

Psalm — The Lord is near to all who call upon him (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Live your lives in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a).

Gospel — The last will be first, and the first will be last. (Matthew 20:1-16a).



ATTENTION LECTORS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The schedules for October, November and December are now being prepared. Please call Deacon Ed at the Parish Office, 732-657-6347, ext. 101, by Monday, Sept. 25th, for any special requests, or dates you will not be able to serve.



LAST CHANCE!!!!

We only have 10 openings left for you to join our Scholarship Raffle. If you want to purchase 12 monthly tickets (\$100.00) please fill out form at the Parish Center, attach you check made out to St. John's Church, and we will get your tickets to you. Hurry ... 1st drawing will be the end of this month.



WINGS and A PRAYER, our Religious Article Store, will be open after all Masses this weekend, Sept. 16th/17th. and again on Oct. 14th/15th and Oct. 28th/29th. Please stop by and visit our store.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

On **Saturday, October 7th, at 1:00P.M.** there will be a Blessing of all pets in the Holy Family Prayer Garden behind the Parish Center. Bring all your pets so they may be blessed in honor of St. Francis.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, Sept. 18th

8:00A.M. JOHN URBANOWICZ (4th Ann.)
req. wife, Irene
THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

TUESDAY, Sept. 19th

8:00A.M. GERALDINE GABRIEL
req. husband, Ray
FR. JEREMIAH, SR. JEROME and
SR. ELIZABETH KELLIHER, S.A.
req. Tim Brown

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 20th

8:00A.M IRENE and SAMUEL GALLO
req. family
LORRAINE OSBERG
req. Louise and Bill Osberg

THURSDAY, Sept. 21st

8:00 A.M. JAMES SCLAFANI (Birthday Rem.)
req. wife, Diana
GIROLAMO ALTOMARE
req. Eda Bussanich and family

FRIDAY, Sept. 22nd

8:00A.M. LOUIS and MARY MASSA
req. daughter, JoAnn
BERT McTAGUE
req. Donna Schiereck

SATURDAY, Sept. 23rd

4:00P.M. JAMES DALY (12th Ann.)
req. wife and family
JOSEPH VAGOVIC (Ann. Rem.)
req. wife and children

**7:00P.M. DECEASED MEMBERS of the DILLON,
BACKUS and SCHWARZ FAMILIES**

AGNES BLASKA (Birthday Rem.)
req. children

SUNDAY, Sept. 24th

9:15A.M JACK TABOLT (4th Ann.)
req. wife, Else
MARIE CUCCURULLO
req. family

11:00A.M. LOTTIE KUKLA
req. daughter, Mary Ann
DOROTHY K. DOUGHER (Birthday Rem.)
req. children



CANDLES for Sept. 17th—23rd, 2017

SANCTUARY CANDLE

In Loving Memory of Fred DeBiase
Req. wife, Marie

SACRED HEART CANDLE

For the Intentions of the Vuocolo Family
req. Marie

SHRINE CANDLE

In Loving Memory of Mary Pakan and Philip Martin
(Birthday Rem.) req. granddaughter, Joanne

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially:

Week 1: Amelia DeGeiso, Marge Grunewalder, Sandy Perez, William Kunkel, Barbara Woodruff, Julie Elliott, Dolores Scicchitano, Carmine Baldyga, Nicole & Misel Garcia, Kerryann Congdon, Caroline Viola, Eileen Donahue

Week 2: Carla Barr, Renee Werthwein, Deacon Rich Glogoza, Joe Pittarelli, Nicholas Yezzo, Barbara Edwards, John Carson, Margie Smith

Week 3: Michael Sputanik, Cheri Meyers, Harold Wood, Anna Mercado, Lynn Sermarini, Mary Gray, Angela Amelung, Nicholas Yezzo, Bernadette Hassan, Marianna Bianco, Ellen McDonald, Lucy DiGianni, Jack Crosby

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE DECEASED, especially:

Victor Poetto, Rita M. Keegan, Carmen Menta