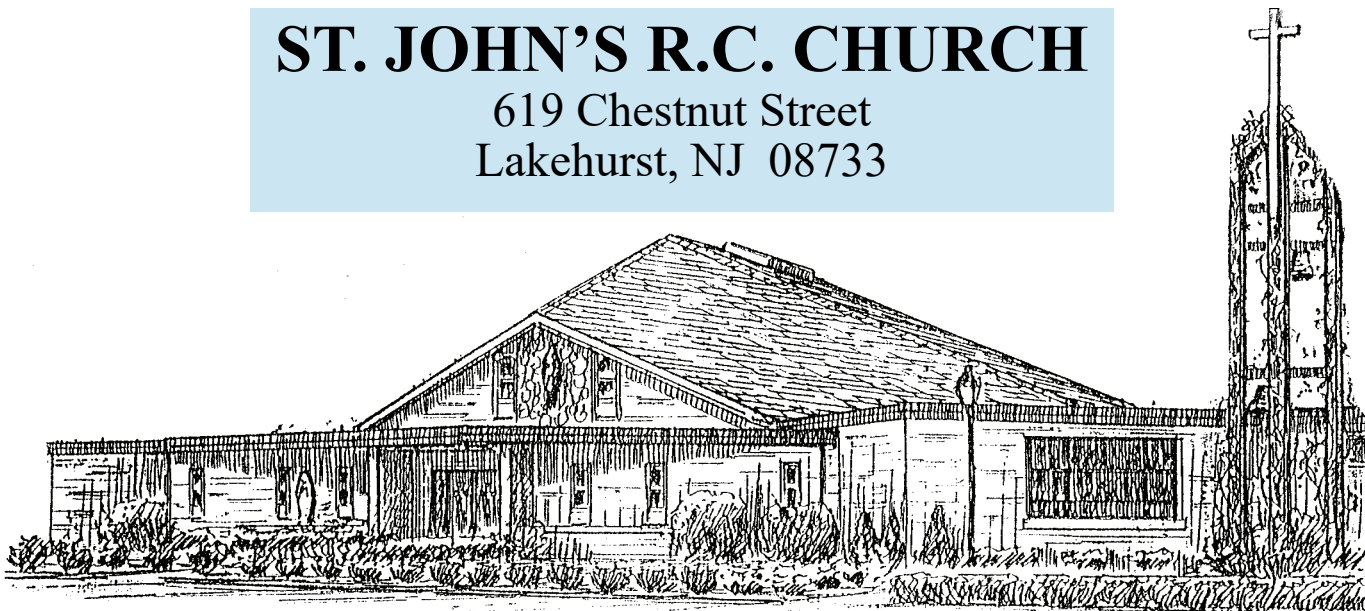


# ST. JOHN'S R.C. CHURCH

619 Chestnut Street  
Lakehurst, NJ 08733



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**Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday, 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM**

**Parish Secretary, Receptionist, & Bulletin Coordinator: Gina Innarella, churchofstjohn@comcast.net**

**Parish Website: stjohlakehurst.com**

## MASSES

Saturday Vigil..... 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM  
Sunday ..... 9:15 AM and 11:00 AM  
Monday - Saturday..... 8:00 AM

Miraculous Medal follows the 8:00 AM Mass on Mondays.  
First Friday: Adoration follows 8:00 AM Mass.  
First Saturday: 8:00 AM Mass, devotional prayers, confessions.

## CONFESSIONS

Saturdays..... 11 AM to 12 PM and 3 PM to 3:45 PM

## BAPTISMS

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

## MARRIAGES

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

## GRADE SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Saturday, 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM: K, 1, and 2  
Wednesday, 5:30 PM to 6:45 PM: 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 5A, 6A, 6B, 7A, and CCFC 1  
Wednesday, 7:15 PM to 8:30 PM: 3C, 4C, 5B, 5C, 6C, 6D, 7B, 7C, 8A, 8B, 8C, and CCFC 2

## PARISH MINISTRIES

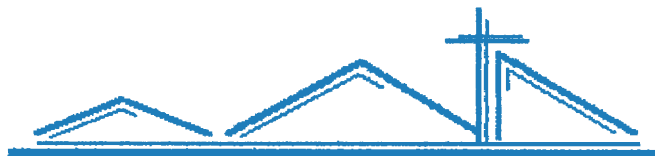
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Religious Article Store.... Victor Bala.....732-657-8899

Youth Group .....Lori Downing  
.....ldowning@easeton.org

## PARISH REGISTRATION

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

**March 18, 2018**



**ST. JOHN'S PARISH CENTER**

**Fifth  
Sunday  
Of Lent**

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK****Saturday, March 17th**

4:00 PM Agnes M. Poshefko  
A.J. & Irene McGrath  
James Mahoney

7:00 PM Werner Ferket  
Joseph Tomasiello

**Sunday, March 18th, Fifth Sunday of Lent**

9:15 AM Beth Ann Libecchi  
Jack Siracusa (1st ann. rem.)

11:00 AM Mike Gonnella (birthday rem.)  
John Zuber

**Monday, March 19th, St. Joseph**

8:00 AM Dec. mem. of the Montemurro Family  
Joseph Papp (1st Ann.)

**Tuesday, March 20th**

8:00 AM Michael John Fuccile  
Mark Shenloogian (birthday rem.)

**Wednesday, March 21st**

8:00 AM Carol Neubauer  
Robert Martin (2nd ann.)

**Thursday, March 22nd**

8:00 AM Doreen Peirson  
Jerona Noonan

**Friday, March 23rd, St. Turibius**

8:00 AM Helen McCauley  
Mario Cecchetti (birthday rem.)

**Saturday, March 24th**

8:00 AM Multiple Intention Mass

4:00 PM Sigmund Kozarzewski  
Sandy Garcia (birthday rem.)

7:00 PM Frank Comeforo (6th ann.)  
Joseph Fratello

**Sunday, March 25th, Palm Sunday**

9:15 AM Fredy Baber (birthday rem.)  
David John Galvin (birthday rem.)

11:00 AM Eleanor Tully  
Donna Whikehart

**MULTIPLE INTENTION MASS****Saturday, March 24th, 8:00 AM**

People of the Parish	Carol Neubauer
Margaret Conklin	Charles E. Conklin
Thomas Gordon	Delores Halm
John Murphy	Marie & Dan Boccia
Louis Boccia	Michael Principato
Herb Binder	Joseph Mazzarella
Patrica Vandebree	Mario Perillo

**ALTAR FLOWERS FOR THE WEEK**

Flowers may be purchased for any occasion. Please call Barbara Seele of the Rosary Altar Society at 732-657-5512.

**Please note: There will be no orders taken during the season of Lent.** We will resume April 14th/15th. Thank you for your participation during the year.

**ROSARY RECITED MONDAY– SATURDAY 7:20 AM****CANDLES for Mar. 18th—Mar. 24th 2018****SANCTUARY CANDLE**

In loving memory of  
Sheri Gonce  
(1st Anniv. Rem.)

**SACRED HEART CANDLE**

For Healing of  
P. James

**SHRINE CANDLE**

Intentions of  
C. Murphy

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially:**

**Week 1:** Marie Pannucci

**Week 2:** Sr. Mary Agnes, Terri Driscoll,  
Anthony Imbriale, Steven Lazar

**Week 3:** Richard Deegan, Elizabeth Laskow

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE DECEASED:**

Richard Jablonski, Mary Marone

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

Thank you for your financial support.

Week of Mar. 11, 2018: \$14,010.84

Week of Mar. 12, 2017: \$13,366.56

**ATTENTION LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

The schedules for April, May, and June are now being prepared. Please call Deacon Ed at the Parish Office, 732-657-6347, ext. 102, by Wednesday, March 21st, for any special requests, or dates you will not be able to serve.

**PROVIDENCE HOUSE SUPER 50/50 CASH RAFFLE**

On Saturday April 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday April 8<sup>th</sup> Providence House Domestic Violence Services (PHDVS) of Catholic Charities will be selling super 50/50 cash raffle tickets for their 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Gift Auction after each service. There will be 3 chances to win! In past years the top winner has won over \$1400! Each ticket cost \$2.00 and all proceeds will go directly to benefit PHDVS. Winners will be announced at the Gift Auction on June 8<sup>th</sup> at Georgian Court University. Winners need not to be present to win. Providence House provides free services to survivors and helps them end the cycle of violence through education, empowerment and advocacy while providing a safe haven from abuse in Ocean County. For more information or to purchase an event ticket for \$20 please call 732-350-2120 and ask for Jennifer Bauer.

**ST. JUSTIN’S CHURCH, TOMS RIVER**

***No Greater Love***, is a vibrant musical drama celebrating the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It will be performed at St. Justin the Martyr Church, 975 Fischer Blvd. Toms River, on Sunday, April 22, 2018, at 4:00pm. The Xavier Company is a unique group of Christian performing artists in residence at NYC’s Saint Francis Xavier Church. Don’t miss this captivating performance of ***No Greater Love*** that brings to life the timeless and sacred story of the Passion of Jesus Christ. There is NO admission fee, but there will be a freewill offering after the performance followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall. For further info contact the parish office at 732-270-3980.

**FOOD COLLECTION**

**3rd Sunday, March 17th/18th, 2018**

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**



Boxes will be at the doors of our Church to accept your non-perishable donations. All food will be distributed on Monday, March 19, 2018. **Thank you** in advance for all you do to help those in our parish who are less fortunate.

**WINGS and a PRAYER**

Our Religious Article Store, will be opened after all Masses, March 17th & 18th. Thank you for your continued support!!



**THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL – IN ACTION!**

*Evangelization - Pastoral Care*

Rooted in the Gospel invitation to share in the healing mission of Jesus Christ, we advance the compassionate and competent spiritual, pastoral and sacramental care of God's suffering people by resourcing the clergy, pastoral ministers, healthcare professionals and caregivers who serve them. Those who offer pastoral care communicate God's love and compassion 'person-to-person' by offering spiritual and sacramental support, including the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick offered by a priest. We connect with healthcare institutions, medical professionals, chaplains and clergy by providing extensive consultation and resources for the holistic health and well-being of Catholic patients. Your gift helps you to live and spread the Gospel.

**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.

**PLEASE BE CAREFUL WHEN COMING INTO THE CHURCH PARKING LOT.** The proper speed limit for entering a parking lot is 10 miles per hour.

## Dear Parishioners, Hoopla

I just finished listening to the audiobook *The Dolorous Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ* by Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich. With the Bible, it is a main source for *The Passion of the Christ* and will likely be a main source for the sequel, *The Resurrection*. It fills in details that may not be important, but they have helped me to understand better how Jesus interacts with people. If you want something to help you see reality, listen to or read this book.

There are also a number of other good audiobooks and e-books available from the Ocean County Library. One of their resources is Hoopla, an app for the phone. You can learn more at <http://theoceancountylibrary.org/downloads>

Among the resources at Hoopla are books by Matthew Kelly, C.S. Lewis, Scott Hahn, Raymond Arroyo (about Mother Angelica), Mother Teresa, Rod Dreher (*The Benedict Option*), Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, Carl Anderson (from the Knights of Columbus), Joseph Pearce, George Weigel, Saint Augustine, St. John of the Cross, Thomas à Kempis, St. Teresa of Avila, and Dante Alighieri.

## Greeters & Ushers

Joe Pittarelli is working on getting temporary greeters for Palm Sunday and Easter. He, Joyce, and Ed will work on the long-term after Easter. We're going to have visitors. Let's make them feel welcome. If anyone is interested in helping out, give Joe a call.

## Strategy for Palm Sunday & Easter

With visitors, parking is going to be more challenging than usual. I invite those who are able to park far away so that our visitors can park closer.

For Palm Sunday, the 4 PM Mass Saturday evening is likely to be the most crowded. The 7 PM will have the most room.

For Easter, we'll have plenty of room at the Easter Vigil at 8 PM, the most important Mass of the year. I also hear that the 8 AM Mass on Easter Sunday will have room. The 9:15 AM and 11 AM Masses will be crowded. Praise the Lord!

## Bells

When I arrived, people asked for the bells to be rung at Mass. I said yes, and we figured on beginning in January. Bells may be rung at the epiclesis, when the priest holds his hands over the bread and wine and calls upon the Holy Spirit to bless the gifts. The bells are then rung at the elevation of the host and then again at the elevation of the chalice. This was very practical when the priest spoke these words quietly in Latin. The ringing of the bells caught our attention and reminded us of what was really happening, the transubstantiation of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.



## Learn about the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Snow prompted us to postpone the fourth session of *Forgiven*. We'll do it on this coming Tuesday and the last session on 3/27. We meet after the 8 AM Mass until 10 AM in the parish hall.

- 3/20 Biblical Foundations: Sin, Mercy, and the Sacrament of Confession
- 3/27 Answering Common Questions About Confession

## Confessions During Lent

Monday, 3/19, 12 PM to 1 PM and 7 PM to 8 PM.  
Saturdays at 11 AM to 12 PM and 3 PM to 3:45 PM.  
Before Sunday Masses (look for the light).

## Stations of the Cross

On Fridays during Lent, we will have Stations after the 8 AM Mass. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church has Stations at 3:30 PM and 7 PM.

## Longest Marriage

Recently, I met Bernard and Kay Shanahan. They were married 71.25 years ago. Grace & Amos Bruzek made it to 71.55 years when they both died in February 2011. Any longer marriages out there?

### Doors & Security Project

Monsignor Dubell asked for a quotation for being able to buzz people into the parish center. The cost was too high to justify doing it at that time. We needed to figure out the broader security needs. After the Florida massacre, this project became even more important. I've talked with Mary Ann Dempkowski about the needs of our children. I've also consulted the staff, several parishioners, and the finance council. All are in favor of improving our doors and security.

We need to educate our children in a secure space. Currently that means locking the outside doors, preventing parents from waiting in the parish center lobby. I apologize for this inconvenience. I hope that we can have a better situation by September. For the remainder of the academic year, we'll have the church and parish hall available for parents.

We plan to have daily Mass in the chapel after Easter. This will save on heating and air conditioning costs. For the chapel to be accessible, we need to secure the office.

A number of parishioners have difficulty opening the doors to the church. We'll look into getting automatic doors or power assisted doors for the main entrance and canopy entrance.

In the parish center, we are looking to move and add doors so that we can keep the children and the office secure while making the lobby and chapel accessible. Tom, our maintenance manager, will be looking into fire codes and getting estimates. He recently surprised me with information from a security company about a grant. Once we know more about the costs, we'll let you know.

### Respect Life Groups in Ocean County

Twice a year, the representatives from the various pro-life groups from our Ocean County parishes gather to pray the rosary, share lunch, exchange ideas, and encourage one another. Bishop O'Connell appointed me chaplain to the respect life groups of Ocean County back around September 2016. Last Monday, St. Theresa's in Tuckerton hosted our meeting. After lunch, I gave a little fervorino regarding the 50th anniversary of *Humanae Vitae* coming up in July. We then had a

lively, enjoyable conversation about God's divine plan for human love and how we can lovingly convey this truth. To our pleasant surprise, this conversation renewed our hope and courage to return to our parishes to continue advocating, teaching, and helping to protect all human life from conception to natural death. I'm impressed with the work done at other parishes and hope to form a group here at St. John's. Before that happens, I want to start a pastoral council. I've been saying this for a few months already. You might say we're at the fetus stage. I've been consulting a number of parishioners that I plan to invite to join our new pastoral council, probably after Easter.

God love you,  
Fr. Jim O'Neill  
frjimoneill@gmail.com

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### FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

## Catholic Answers: Ready Reasons

*Is the Holy Spirit the Same as the Force?*

### Learn Your Faith in 3 Minutes or Less!

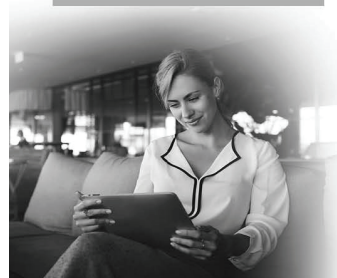
Hear expert apologists from Catholic Answers respond to popular objections with short, easy-to-understand teachings. In this Ready Reasons, Karlo Broussard considers our faith in light of themes from the Star Wars movies to show that the Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Trinity, not an impersonal force.



"Way to go Karlo...  
Loved the answer!  
Keep up the good work."

—Rick C., Guthrie, OK

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**THE SHROUD OF TURIN EXHIBIT, MARCH 15-20**

St. Stephen Ukrainian Catholic Church presents an authentic Vatican replica of the Shroud of Turin. This exhibit includes a long linen cloth that bears a faint image of a bearded, crucified man with bloodstains that match the wounds of Jesus Christ. It has been preserved and revered for centuries as the actual burial shroud that wrapped Jesus as recorded in the Bible.

St. Stephen Ukrainian Catholic Church  
1344 White Oak Bottom Rd, Toms River

*Shroud Exhibit Hours*

3/17, 10-7; 3/18, 9-1; 3/19, 11-7; 3/20, 11-5.

**TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR HEALTH**

St. Aloysius Healthcare Ministry presents "Take Control of Your Health" - a chronic disease self management program. In 6 short FREE classes you will learn how to better manage your chronic conditions such as arthritis, diabetes, heart disease, depression, etc. Learn how nutrition, exercise and various mind techniques can work to help lessen pain, increase energy and improve mood. Program dates are May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and June 7 from 1:30-3:30pm at the Parish Office. Call Valerie Ryan at 610-766-0658 to register.

**WOMEN OF ST. MONICA'S BUS TRIP**

St. Monica's is having a bus trip to The Sight and Sound Theater in Ronks, PA, for a production of JESUS. Date: Friday, July 13, 2018, bus pick-up/drop-off: St. Monica's Church 679 W. Veteran's Highway, Jackson, NJ, Time: 10 am—8pm. Cost per person is \$125.00 per adult, \$90 per child (12 yrs. and under), which includes bus, Show Ticket and Lunch. There will be a Smorgasbord lunch at Bird In Hand Restaurant in Lancaster, PA. Pay by cash or check. Make checks payable to St. Monica's Church. Full payment is due at booking; no refunds. Final day to book is March 31, 2018. NOTE: We are asking for early payment in order to secure discount prices. To book trip, please contact Alice at 732-833-0542. Please leave a message and a call back number!

**SEAS UPCOMING EVENTS**

**PALM SUNDAY PANCAKE BRUNCH**

Join us on March 25<sup>th</sup> for our annual Palm Sunday Brunch in the SEAS Parish Ctr. from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. The menu this year is: Pancakes or Chocolate Chip Pancakes, Sausages, Orange Juice, and tea or coffee. Tickets are on sale in the Parish Office. Adults, \$6.00; Children 10 and under, \$4.00. At the door on Palm Sunday, tickets will be \$7.00. Easter Candy will be for sale. Easter Candy orders will be available for pick up.

**MANCHESTER POLICE PBA 246 BENEFIT BREAKFAST**

Manchester Police PBA 246 benefit Breakfast on Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Center. Tickets: \$8.00 pre-paid; \$10.00 at the door. Menu includes: Pancakes, Sausage, Pork roll-Egg-Cheese on a hard roll, Egg and Cheese Omelette w/home fries and toast. Tickets are available at SEAS Parish Office, Project Pride Office, Parish Ctr. Kitchen or by calling Sandy at 732-904-626

**ST. JOSEPH BY THE SEA UPCOMING RETREATS**

**April 6-8, 2018- BLESSINGS OR BURDENS** - What does it mean to come face to face with the second half of life? Embracing the gift of years is about living all of life to the fullest. This retreat will wake us up to the wisdom, joy and humor found in choosing "a wise path with heart". Mass included. Arrival: 6:00-7:00 p.m./Departure: 1:00 p.m. (Presenter: Paulette Cicero, M.Th., CSD) Cost: \$215

**May 18-20, 2018-CIRCLE OF LIFE – Four Moments in Every Woman's Life** - Four moments in every woman's life; "Loss, Change, Transformation, Fulfillment" – come to us again and again. Time will be offered for inspirational reflection, prayer, and scripture. This retreat invites us to come to know and love ourselves as we seek God within the experiences of our own journey. It allows space to ponder what it means to be a truly whole and spiritual woman living in the challenging time of our world today. Mass included. Arrival: 6:00-7:00 p.m./Departure: 1:00 p.m. (Presenter: Paulette Cicero, M.Th., CSD) Cost: \$215