

SAINT JOHN BOSCO ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

PARISH CENTER OFFICE: 215 E. COUNTY LINE ROAD, HATBORO, PA 19040

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www.sjbhatboro.org

March 10, 2024

Laetare Sunday



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Holy Family University

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DAILY MASS: Monday thru Friday 8:45AM

CONFESSION: Saturday 3:00— 3:30 PM
First Fridays before 8:45am Mass

ROSARY: Monday before 8:45am Mass
Saturday before 4pm Vigil Mass

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Monday after
8:45am Mass

ARRANGING MARRIAGE

Congratulations on your engagement!

See Page 2 for information on celebrating your wedding or having your marriage blessed at Saint John Bosco.

ARRANGING BAPTISM

First (Spanish) and Last (English) Sundays each month following the 11am Mass.

See Page 2 for more information.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening Vigil Masses: 4:00 PM (English) and 7:00 PM (Spanish)
Sunday at 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mass Cards/Mail/Messages/Documents/Facility Keys are available only during open Office Hours.

Monday– Friday: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Saturday/Sunday: Closed

215-672-7280

www.sjbhatboro.org*

*the NEW Saint John Bosco Website
IS NOW LIVE!

WEDDING INFORMATION

Wedding Planning begins with engaged couple's meeting a parish priest here at least six (6) months before desired wedding date. Please do not make financial commitments before confirming church date/time. If a member of the couple was previously married, a Declaration of Nullity (Annulment) of the prior marriage may be necessary. Please contact parish priest for detailed information.

MARRIAGE CONVALIDATION: Couples in a civil or non-Catholic religious union without our Church's explicit permission are not in a valid Catholic marriage. They cannot receive other sacraments or serve as Catholic Sponsors for Baptism and Confirmation. This situation is often easily remedied by "convalidation", a simple ceremony popularly called "getting a marriage blessed".

Call Parish Office to arrange.

BAPTISM INFORMATION

Before date is confirmed, parents must have/obtain:

- **Registration in SJB Parish:** Family from another parish must obtain written permission from "home" parish for Baptism at SJB.
- **Certificate of Eligibility to Serve as Sponsor:** Each Catholic Sponsor (1 required; 2 preferred) must obtain Certificate of Eligibility from "home" parish. Parishes generally do not issue certificates to persons not already registered nor to persons who left the parish more than 6 months previously.
- **Letter from Pastor for Christian Witness:** One baptized non-Catholic may serve as a Christian Witness and must present Letter of Good Standing from current Christian pastor. A Catholic not eligible to Sponsor may not be Christian Witness.

Call Parish Office to arrange.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Have you moved, changed an email address, added a family member, no longer have a land line or changed phone numbers? Call the Parish Office to submit changes.

FOOD CUPBOARD

OPEN EVERY MONDAY & FRIDAY BETWEEN 12:00 & 2:00

OUR FOOD CUPBOARD HERE AT SAINT JOHN BOSCO

**WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR PARISHIONERS AND
NON PARISHIONERS FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT.**

Dear parishioners, warm weather is near, help us stock up to bring others some cheer. If you are able please pick up the following items: cereals and breakfast bars, juices, baking goods, cookies/snack cakes, canned meats, meals and fruits. As always, thanks for your continued support with our food cupboard and God bless.

Items can be dropped any day at the back door of the Parish Center.

For more information, please contact

Regina at 215-429-8245 and Michelle at 215-672-0514.



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DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD
ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

HEED THE CALL

www.heedthecall.org



Are you going to be traveling?

masstimes.org



On the SJB Website, you can find a template document in Microsoft Word format for creating a booklet for a Roman Catholic Funeral Mass at Saint John Bosco Church. You'll need to go in & change the details. Customizing your template is fast & easy. This is a traditional type of program distributed at the Funeral Mass. Try our program template for minimal effort & work yet producing a professional booklet. The important thing is to have one made so it can serve as a guide for everyone.

Custom Wedding Programs

Getting married at Saint John Bosco?

Will you need an easy-to-follow wedding program template? You can find these templates on the SJB Website! The wedding program templates have a basic ceremony structure in them as well as details about you, your groom & your bridal party. You'll just need to go in & change the details to reflect your special day. Use them as a guide & add your own spin to make your day truly personal. The templates for half fold are easy to use for simple wedding programs.

Bulletin Deadlines

Please submit items for Bulletin Sun. issue dates (left) by **12 noon** on submission dates (right):

- ♦ March 24.....Mon., March 11
- ♦ March 31.....Mon., March 18
- ♦ April 7.....Mon., March 25

Please send info./questions to Bulletin Editor at
bulletined@saintjohnbosco.org.

Bulletin Editor: Mrs. Holly Pyfer

A popular speaker started off a seminar by holding up a \$20 bill. A crowd of 200 had gathered to hear him speak. He asked, “Who would like this \$20 bill?”

200 hands went up.

He said, “I am going to give this \$20 to one of you but first, let me do this.” He crumpled the bill up.

He then asked, “Who still wants it?”

All 200 hands were still raised.

“Well,” he replied, “What if I do this?” Then he dropped the bill on the ground and stomped on it with his shoes.

He picked it up, and showed it to the crowd. The bill was all crumpled and dirty.

“Now who still wants it?”

All the hands still went up.

“My friends, I have just showed you a very important lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20.

Many times in our lives, life crumples us and grinds us into the dirt. We make bad decisions or deal with poor circumstances. We feel worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value. You are special – Don’t ever forget it!

MASS Intentions

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024

4:00 PM Joseph White

7:00 PM Pro Populo (For the People)

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024

8:00 AM Elizabeth M Beck

9:30 AM Patricia Mahon

11:00 AM Raymond Kent, Sr.

3/11 MON. 8:45 AM Wanda Andres

3/12 TUES. 8:45 AM Deacon Joseph Windish

3/13 WED. 8:45 AM Blanche Bollenbach

3/14 THURS. 8:45 AM Judy White

3/15 FRI. 8:45 AM The Shirley Mullen
Family

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024

4:00 PM Kathleen Rosenello (LIVING)

7:00 PM Pro Populo (For the People)

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024

8:00 AM Robert J. Beck, III

9:30 AM Mary Houle

11:00 AM Linda Kent

Eucharistic ADORATION

ADORATION CHAPEL

Mon.: after 8:45 am Mass to 7:00 pm.

Tues. to Fri.: 8:00 am to 7:00 pm.

Sat. & Sun. Closed. The chapel is closed on weekends for security reasons. Please do not try to enter the Church outside of these hours.

PRAYER INTENTION CANDLES (2) burn all week alongside Blessed Sacrament when Chapel is open. This week the candles represent these intentions:

How We List: Just send your name with intention & offering to ADORATION CANDLE c/o Parish Center. Please name one Person, Couple (engaged or married), Family, Group per request. Candles are available for living or dec'd. Offering: \$ 15.

Almighty and eternal God, those who take refuge in you will be glad and forever will shout for joy. Protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm.

May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise you for your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please keep the following military in your prayers:

Jared Hatley- USMC

Timothy Goldberg – PFC

Hector Guillermo Torres Carbo – Army – E3

Maya Medrano—Airforce—Military Police - E-3

Tyler Palmentera—Navy— E6

Noe Argenis Reyes – Marines – Air Traffic Controller – E3

Captain Vincent McPeak - USAF

Captain Emily Bohnenkamp -USAF

Austin Rehief - Army – E5

Lt. Melanie Wittick -USAF

Ensign Jessica Nangle-USN

ET-3 Sean Nangle-US Coast Guard



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED WHOSE FUNERAL MASSES WERE CELEBRATED IN OUR PARISH

Edward Beals

Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Pray FOR THE SICK

Andrew Alps
Gerald Bollenbach
Tom Canning
Amy Grace D'Angelo
Ellen Dardis
Brian Dawson
Jennifer Dennis
Marianne Fitzpatrick
Noah G.
Mary Heslin
Alice Hoey

Patrick Hoey
Terry Irvin
H. Knoeckel
Steven Knoeckel
Chris Laskey
Shannon Pross
Marilyn Rizzo
Tom Rizzo
Marie Spadafora
Matthew Wheeler
Lorraine Zearfos



Please note - our [NEW Saint John Bosco facebook](#) page is: [StJohn Bosco Parish](#)

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

brings about a change of heart through God's mercy and forgiveness. Reconciliation (also known as Confession or Penance) is a sacrament instituted by Jesus Christ in His love and mercy to offer sinners forgiveness for offenses committed against God. At the same time sinners reconcile with the Church who is also wounded by our sins.

Confessions will be heard on the First Friday of each month here at SJB before morning Mass. Pope Saint John Paul II reminds us that "Confession is an act of honesty and courage, an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God."



We welcome Catholics with **Celiac Disease** to the Table of the Lord. **Low-gluten Communion hosts** are available at all weekend liturgies to those suffering from Celiac Sprue disease. When you arrive for Mass, go to the Sacristy. Let the Sacristan know that you will need a low-gluten host. The low-gluten hosts are consecrated at the same time as the regular hosts. When you reach the Presider during the Communion Procession, whisper to him that you will need to receive a low-gluten host.



Our goal is to provide prayer support for the men and women of the Saint John Bosco community who are serving on active duty in the **United States Armed Forces**. If you have a family member or close friend serving on active duty who could use our prayer support for their health, well-being and safe return, please call the Parish Office.

THE 2025 MASS BOOK opened on Monday, February 19th, 2024 between the hours of 9:00 AM-3:00 PM. If anyone wishes to reserve Masses outside office hours please call the office and make an appointment with Fr. Kramer.

We ask when making arrangements for Mass Intentions to please have a list made of the names of the people you would like to have the Mass said for and the dates you are requesting. The stipend for an Announced Mass is \$10.00. When paying the stipend we ask that you pay by check or have the exact amount of cash.



PRAYER FOR THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

God, our Father, we thank you for all the gifts and blessings that you give out of your love for us all. You call us to open our hearts to share what we have been given. Grant that through giving to the Catholic Charities Appeal, we may bring joy, hope and strength to those most in need. Our charity towards those in need is a real way in which we show our gratitude and love for you. Through this year's Catholic Charities Appeal, may we help as many people as we can, including a young person striving to learn and grow in Faith; a deaf child receiving a quality Catholic Education; a veteran who is struggling with homelessness; a parish carrying out vital local missionary work; a retired priest who has dedicated his life to the needs of the faithful. Help us to do all we can to make sure the "poor have their fill" of your blessings. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

OUR LADY OF CHARITY, PRAY FOR US.
SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL, PRAY FOR US.
SAINT JOHN NEUMANN, PRAY FOR US.

Join us to celebrate National Walking Day on Wednesday, 4/3/24.

Wear your finest walking shoes, leave your phone behind & breathe in the fresh air as you walk around the Bosco Campus. Meet outside church at 8:00am. We will walk the grounds as we pray the Rosary & enjoy the beauty of Mother Nature that God has gifted us with. Consider recruiting a good friend or a family member to accompany you on this Rosary Walk.



Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 10, 2024, at 2:00 AM.

On Saturday night, clocks are set forward 1 hour (i.e., losing one hour) to "spring forward."

Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour later on 3/10, than the day before.



Are You Someone Or Do You Know Someone Who... Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Has a child over the age of 7 who has not been baptized? Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for children or youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact the Faith Formation Office 267-803-0774.

Recent Collections

Sunday

2/4/2024	\$ 8,894.00	
2/5/2023	\$ 8,575.00	<u>+\$ 319.00</u>

E-Giving

2/4/2024	\$ 1,570.00	
2/5/2023	\$ 2,090.00	<u>-\$ 520.00</u>

Care of Aging Priests

2/4/2024	\$ 2,081.00	
2/12/2023	\$ 2,172.00	<u>-\$ 91.00</u>

Sunday

2/11/2024	\$ 12,077.00	
2/12/2023	\$ 8,575.00	<u>+\$ 3,502.00</u>

E-Giving

2/11/2024	\$ 2,013.00	
2/12/2023	\$ 2,090.00	<u>-\$ 77.00</u>

Capital Improvements

2/11/2024	\$ 3,130.00	
2/19/2023	\$ 1,634.00	<u>+\$1,496.00</u>

Interested in online giving?

To get started with online giving, log onto our parish website: sjbhatboro.org and click on the **Parish Giving** button

Thank you for supporting Saint John Bosco Parish!



40 Days for Life

Please join us in our continued efforts to save the lives of unborn children. Year after year we have been faithfully praying at Planned Parenthood to stop Abortions. Our prayers have been answered with several states now prohibiting abortions. Unfortunately, abortions remain legal in our state of Pennsylvania. We need to continue to peacefully pray, be a presence, and speak for these babies who cannot defend themselves.

The 40 days for LIFE began on Wednesday February 14, 2024 until Sunday March 24, 2024. During that time period surrounding parishes and organizations will each commit to one day to pray outside of Planned Parenthood located at 610 Louis Drive in Warminster.

This is where YOU come in. We need at least 2 people to sign up to stand or sit (you may bring your own lawn chair) on the sidewalk by Planned Parenthood for one hour and be an advocate for LIFE by your presence and prayers.

Saint John Bosco has committed to have individuals there on Tuesday March 19, 2024, from 7AM to 7PM.

So we are humbly Imploring you to contact one of the three women below to take a one hour time slot starting at 7AM and ending at 7PM on Tuesday March 19, 2024 outside of Planned Parenthood in Warminster.

If for some reason you cannot reach one of the women listed below, please contact one of the other two women instead.

God bless you!

Peachy Viviano 267 356 8951
Gerry Young 215 672 7462
Susana Salazar 240 461 2563

Looking for a good book to read for Lent? It's Never Too Late to Start: A Lenten Book List. The season of Lent is an ideal time to grow in the spiritual life. Make the most of your Lenten experience with this book suggestion: **The Ignatian Workout for Lent: 40 Days of Prayer, Reflection, and Action** A follow-up to his wildly popular *The Ignatian Workout*, Tim Muldoon applies the principles of discernment, reflection, and action to guide readers to grow in love and transform their Lenten experience.



Please stop by the table in the main Vestibule during Lent and check out the **Classic Paper Prayer Chain Garland**. Each strip has a blank side for you to write your prayer intentions. Submit prayer requests to Jesus Christ the Risen Lord! Your request will be lifted in prayer! The prayer chain will be draped around a cross during the Easter Season. So let's join with each other and pray! PRAYER WORKS!

All are invited to attend the **Chrism Mass at 10am on Holy Thursday**. We will take the **7:26am train from Warminster**, have a quick breakfast in town before walking to the Cathedral. Everyone is responsible for their own expenses. Please let us know if you will be joining us by dropping the completed form in the Collection Basket. **YES, I will go to the Cathedral by train on 3/28**
Name: _____

Located in Southeast Asia between the Pacific & Indian Oceans, Indonesia has beautiful beaches, diverse cultures & nearly 280 million people, the 4th highest population in the world! Many of the country's more than 17,000 islands are in the Ring of Fire, a region around the rim of the Pacific Ocean where volcanic eruptions & earthquakes are common. Climate-related disasters such as cyclones also threaten the islands & are becoming more frequent & destructive. Strong rains & wind from these storms, combined with long periods without rain, called drought, make it difficult for people like Evita Tiro Wada to grow food. Evita & her family live on Flores Island, where she keeps a home garden for food & income. To help her family & community become more resilient against natural disasters & have more reliable access to food, Evita participated in a Catholic Relief Services' program, through which she joined a disaster preparedness group. The group helps their community stay safe during emergencies like cyclones & earthquakes. They created a system to warn people to evacuate & identified evacuation routes, assembly points & resources they can use during a crisis. The group also maintains a community garden. They grow vegetables like beans, eggplant & water spinach to provide healthy food for their families. They use a drip irrigation system that conserves water so the vegetables can grow even during a drought. Evita & her group members use the garden to teach people from other communities how to start their own. To protect their garden from the wind & prevent erosion from the ocean waves, Evita & her group planted trees. They also cleaned up the river & other areas in their town by picking up trash, which helped prevent flooding. Evita says, "When I first joined the village disaster preparedness group, I thought, 'What will I do or give to help the community?' After I've been involved, I see the benefits of what the community and I did." Visit csrcricebowl.org to learn more.



A new biopic dedicated to the life of **Mother Cabrini** premiered in theatres on 3/8, coinciding with International Women's Day. The film is based on the true story of Francesca Cabrini, an Italian Immigrant & centers around the beginning of her mission in New York City in the 19th century. Born Francesca Cabrini, Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini founded the Institute of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in 1880 with 7 other women. After meeting with Pope Leo XIII, the religious sisters traveled to NY to help thousands of vulnerable immigrants facing extreme poverty & disease in a city riddled with crime. The film produced by Angel Studio & directed by Alejandro Gómez Monteverde, follows Mother Cabrini as she sets off on her mission to secure housing & healthcare for society's most vulnerable. Mother Cabrini was canonized in 1946 by Pope Pius XII. She was the first American citizen to be named a Saint & was proclaimed patron saint of all immigrants.

The Season of Lent is a wonderful time to take advantage of the Sacrament of Penance (otherwise known as Confession or Reconciliation).

In addition to Confessions on Saturday from 3-3:30 & First Fridays before morning Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Tuesday 3/12 from 7 to 8pm.

Also please place on your calendars – Special Lenten Penance Service on Monday, March 25th at 7:00 PM. Father Peter DiMaria (Missionary of Mercy) will be the presider. Several priests will be available to make this special time of forgiveness a blessed time for you. **Please take advantage of this sacred encounter with Jesus who loves you & died to forgive you!**

Praying the **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

provides us with many graces & opportunities to grow in our love of God. This beautiful devotion is a source of great comfort, for it not only reminds us of all that our Lord has done for us, it also reminds us that, even in the trials of life, our Lord is with us, He loves us & joy awaits us. Lent always ends with Easter.

Join SJB for Stations of the Cross in church at 7pm on 3/12 (Confessions will be heard), 3/19 and 3/26 followed by Benediction.

You are welcome to come and join us as we take this walk – stopping at each station for prayer and meditation. This can be a moving experience for individuals or families. Please plan to prayerfully participate in this very personal walk with Jesus. Come, just as you are.



The Stations of the Cross are a Catholic staple. Most of us have spent more than a few Friday nights during Lent praying the Way of the Cross. Sometimes, though, it's good to get another perspective on a tradition. And that's where the Way of the Cross with Mary comes in.

Mary's Way of the Cross

is a series of meditations and prayers that follow Mary's thoughts and words from Jesus' Passion to His death. Essentially, Mary made the first Stations of the Cross; she was with Jesus every step of the way. Mary's suffering, internal conflict and quiet acceptance are brought to light, as well as reflection on Jesus' full humanity and divinity. We invite you to join us as we reflect on the Way of the Cross from the perspective of Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

We will meet in church at 6:30PM on Mar 14th

The Mass of the Lord's Supper ends with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament, which is then placed in reposicion (on a special altar) so that the faithful may remain in vigil. As a result, Catholic churches are unlocked on this evening, providing Catholics with an opportunity to visit several churches. The goal is to spend a few minutes in each church, praying before the Blessed Sacrament & keeping vigil on the night that Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane before his arrest. This is a great tradition for families to engage in; a wonderfully catechetical experience of encountering Mystery. **As we enter into the 3 days we know as the Triduum; beginning with Holy Thursday; we will once again take part in an ancient ritual of visiting churches. After Mass, we will pray Night Prayer at SJB. We will caravan to 2 local churches to pray in front of their Repository.** Our Holy Thursday tradition isn't all pious; part of what makes the evening enjoyable is the company. So, after our mini pilgrimage, we will return to Bosco, break bread together & catch up on each other's lives in the Faith Formation Office. **Please bring a snack to share. Coffee & water will be provided.** If you've never participated in the custom of visiting churches on Holy Thursday evening, consider starting your own tradition this year. Let us know if you will be able to join us. **YES, I will be there on Holy Thursday evening 3/28.**

Family Name: _____

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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Join us to pray the
Divine Mercy Chaplet on Divine Mercy Sunday.
The prayer will be filmed in advance and posted on the Bosco Facebook Page on Sunday, 4/7.



Why do we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet? We pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for mercy; in our own lives & in our neighbors, too. And we also pray to remind ourselves that we must rely on God; we must recognize our weakness & replace our anxieties & worries with abounding trust in God.

"Have mercy on us and on the whole world."

The Legion of Mary

WHAT IS IT? The Legion of Mary is the largest apostolic organization of lay people in the Catholic Church, with well over 3 million active members in almost every country of the world. It has been active in the United States since 1931, has been approved by the last 6 Popes, and was endorsed by the Second Vatican Council. The main purpose of the Legion of Mary is to give glory to God through the sanctification of its members.

WHAT DOES IT DO? Members become instruments of the Holy Spirit through a balanced program of prayer and service. Works include new parishioner visitation, visitation of the sick or aged, religious education, visiting the newly baptized, Pilgrim Virgin Statue visitations and meeting the other spiritual needs of the parish community. Legionaries are under the guidance of a spiritual director named by the pastor. The Legion is, in essence, an extension of the heart and hands of the pastor.

HOW DOES IT WORK? Members meet once a week for prayer, planning and discussion in a family setting. Then they do two hours of definite work each week in pairs and under the guidance of their spiritual director.

HOW DO I START? Come speak to the members of the Legion after Mass or call Ann at 215-499-7841 or email aapec2@gmail.com.

The Feast of Saint Joseph is March 19 & we are going to celebrate.

**Dads & grandfathers
are invited with their children &
grandchildren to attend a**



"Donuts with Dads"
celebration on Sunday 3/17.

We will attend the 9:30 Mass together as a group. Pews will be reserved in the front of the church. Donuts, coffee and juice will be served after Mass in the JPII Meeting Room in the Parish Center. The children will have time to create a small shrine to honor Saint Joseph. Pictures will be taken of each student with their Dad or Granddad. These are just a couple of the activities that have been planned. For planning purposes, registration is necessary. Please fill out the form below & drop in the collection basket. This will count as an activity for our Summer Students. Hope to see you there.

YES, we will attend DONUTS with DADS

Family Name _____

Email _____

How many _____

We are excited to invite you to a special event - a **CATHOLIC GAME EVENT** that promises laughter, camaraderie & a chance to deepen our faith in a fun & engaging way. One of the highlights of the gathering will be the **CATHOLIC CARD GAME**, a delightful & thought-provoking game that combines entertainment with the opportunity to learn more about our faith. Get ready for a morning filled with laughter, friendly competition & perhaps a few surprises! In addition to the game, we'll have coffee, snacks & an atmosphere that encourages open conversations & connections. It's a great opportunity to relax, unwind & build meaningful connections with fellow Parishioners in our community. **Join us on Wednesday, 3/13 at 9:30am in the Faith Formation Office!** We're on a mission to help Catholics come together, sharing the fun, adventure & beauty of the faith. Hope you can join us.

Take some time out of your busy schedule to reconnect with the Lord; enjoy the faith & friendship of others & recharge your soul with

Prayer, Wine, & Chocolate retreat!

We are blessed to welcome Amy Brooks, our retreat Master!

She is the founder of PrayerWineChocolate.com & the owner of Catholics Online, LLC. Being Catholic, promoting prayer & a pro-life culture & being a mom blessed by adoption are all passionate topics for Amy; speaking & writing became a mission after a career in teaching for 14 years.

**Our Women's Retreat will be held on
Friday, 4/12/24 in the Parish Center**

Each lady is asked to bring a blank notebook & a pen. If you have a few holy cards that you aren't sure what to do with, bring them along! After a brief explanation of praying with a journal, all will be invited to gather supplies in order to decorate the front of their journals & start an entry. Wine will be provided. Please bring an appetizer & your favorite chocolate to share! **For planning purposes registration is necessary. Doors will open at 5pm for fellowship. Retreat will begin at 6pm. Cost \$20.00 per person.**

Please complete the form & return to the PREP Office no later than 4/8.

YES, I will attend the ladies retreat on 4/12

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Francis: The People's Pope: On March 13, 2013, cardinals stunned the world when they elected Pope Francis, the first Latin American Pope. But what did they see in the 76-year-old Jesuit? Who is Jorge Mario Bergoglio? ROME REPORTS travels to Argentina to investigate & discover more about what shaped Pope Francis. From his only living sister, Maria Elena, to his successor as superior-general of the Jesuits in Argentina, we hear unedited testimonies from those who knew Bergoglio best. Hear from a priest who worked with Bergoglio in the country's slums, & the corner vendor who sold Bergoglio the daily newspaper every day for years. Meet the young man who overcame his addictions with support from the man that the world now calls the Pope. The documentary begins with the moment that the young Jorge Mario discovers his priestly vocation. After decades of service to the Church, a historic conclave would forever change his life and begin the extraordinary papacy of Francis. **You can watch this for FREE on FORMED.org**



During the **PARISH YEAR OF THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL**, each week we will reflect on a different Eucharistic Meditation. These quotes are designed to help you spend time in prayer with Jesus during Eucharistic adoration. Even if you can't be present at Adoration, unite yourself spiritually to the Eucharistic as you spend this time in silent prayer: *"The Eucharist is the supreme proof of the love of Jesus. After this there is nothing more but heaven itself."*
~ Peter Julian Eymard

Starts with a SPARK! We believe God wants to do something NEW in the Church. By the power of Jesus in the Eucharist, we believe we stand on the precipice of revival. But revival is not something that WE do. It is a sovereign act of God in response to the prevailing prayers of his people. Join us in praying for revival with the Spark Series—nine short daily reflections inviting you to open your heart to the renewal God desires. Sign up now to begin the Revival Spark Series! VISIT: <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/get-involved>

How has Christ's presence in the Eucharist affected your life?

If you would like to share a story about an experience or your relationship with the Eucharist, you can email a reflection to PREP@saintjohnbosco.org. Testimonies may be shared in the bulletin to open more hearts to the healing power of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Submissions must be signed, but if published you may request the testimony to be Anonymous.

EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE The Eucharistic miracle of Macerata follows the pattern in Bolsena and Lanciano. In 1356, a priest was celebrating Mass and had doubts as to the Real Presence. During the consecration, blood gushed forth from the consecrated host falling into the chalice, as well as onto the altar linen. After the Mass, the priest promptly reported the event to the bishop who opened a canonical investigation. Though the documents of the investigation are no longer preserved due to the Napoleonic suppressions, the linen is kept within the city's cathedral. Though no one knows the mind of God, perhaps he allows Eucharistic miracles so that, like the doubting priests and St. Thomas, we, too, may "see and believe."

Here are a few questions to think about as you reflect on the Eucharistic Miracles:

Is it hard for you to understand that Jesus is present in the Eucharist? Why do you think Jesus comes to us in this unrecognizable form? Why wouldn't He make it more obvious to us that He is present? What can you do to increase your belief in the Eucharist? How do the Eucharistic miracles encourage you? Why do you think there are not more miracles of the Eucharist? How does the Eucharist impact your life?

The Parish-focused 2nd year of the Eucharistic Revival officially began on June 11th.

During this year of the Eucharistic Revival, one of our goals at SJB is to promote & encourage increasing Eucharistic Devotion.

You are invited to join us for a Holy Hour at 10am in our Adoration Chapel on 4/3 and 6/5.

Treat yourself to some quiet time in prayer & adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. The Holy Hour provides each person an opportunity to bring before Jesus, in the Blessed Sacrament, the cares, concerns, joys, sorrows & thanksgivings that we all experience each day. Come join us as we pray together, as the Apostles did, in the presence of Jesus.

***Come as a family or as an individual!
All are most welcome.***

EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES DISPLAY
***Eucharistic Wonder and Awe for the Whole Family!
Renew and deepen your faith in Jesus' True Presence in the Eucharist!*** A traveling exhibit of many of the Eucharistic Miracles documented by Blessed Carlo Acutis will be at SJB on 3/9 & 3/10! The exhibit will be available for viewing on Saturday & Sunday after all the Masses in the Parish Center Cafeteria. The Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit is for all ages! Eucharistic Miracles help us to appreciate the central event of the Mass. View this extraordinary exhibit of photographic panels presenting Eucharistic Miracles recognized by the Church. These miracles have occurred throughout the world over the centuries & were researched & presented by Blessed Carlo Acutis in an Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles in 2005. Be inspired to draw closer to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, the source & summit of the Christian life!

We hope you can make this part of your Lenten journey.

Eucharistic Revival Reading List "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist"

By Brandt Pitre – 256 Pages

A revelatory exploration of the Jewish roots of the Last Supper that seeks to understand exactly what happened at Jesus' final Passover.

"Clear, profound and practical—you do not want to miss this book."—Dr. Scott Hahn, author of The Lamb's Supper and The Fourth Cup

Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist shines fresh light on the Last Supper by looking at it through Jewish eyes. Using his in-depth knowledge of the Bible and ancient Judaism, Dr. Brant Pitre answers questions such as: What was the Passover like at the time of Jesus?

What were the Jewish hopes for the Messiah?

What was Jesus' purpose in instituting the Eucharist during the feast of Passover? And, most important of all, what did Jesus mean when he said, "This is my body... This is my blood"?

To answer these questions, Pitre explores ancient Jewish beliefs about the Passover of the Messiah, the miraculous Manna from heaven, and the mysterious Bread of the Presence. As he shows, these three keys—the Passover, the Manna, and the Bread of the Presence—have the power to unlock the original meaning of the Eucharistic words of Jesus. Along the way, Pitre also explains how Jesus united the Last Supper to his death on Good Friday and his Resurrection on Easter Sunday.




Inspiring and informative, Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist is a groundbreaking work that is sure to illuminate one of the greatest mysteries of the Christian faith: the mystery of Jesus' presence in "the breaking of the bread."

Come & See events offer men considering a vocation the opportunity to visit the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary to see what seminary life is like and explore a possible call to the priesthood. To register for one or more of these events, contact Fr. Friel, Vocation Director (fr.dfriel@archphila.org)
Dates: 3/9-3/10. <https://heedthecall.org/comeandsee/>


What do you give to someone who has everything?
 Ordinarily, that question is about someone who seems to have every material item a person could want. But what about men who've found everything in Christ & given up so much to enter the seminary? How do we support these men once they answer that call? There are generous young men in our area who are currently discerning God's call to be His priests. Openness & willingness to answer the call takes divine grace & great sacrifice. These seminarians need encouragement & support of prayer & sacrifice to assist them as they prepare for this incredible challenge. **Please consider spiritually adopting Seminarian Christopher Dern who is preparing for the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. He is one of the new seminarians whose home parish is Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Doylestown. He is a college graduate, entering this year in the Spiritual Year for Pre-Theology.** Here are a few suggestions of things you can do for our adopted seminarian: Pray the Rosary; Offer Holy Communion or Masses for him; Make visits to the Blessed Sacrament or Adoration Chapel to pray for him; Offer to God your little (or big) sacrifices & sufferings for their sanctification; Send him a card or note of encouragement at the Seminary to: **Mr. Christopher Dern, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, 100 E. Wynnewood Road, Wynnewood, PA 19096.**
Hope you will consider being a part of this wonderful ministry.

FALL COLLECTION (Block Collection)
 Many thanks to all who participated thus far to the annual Fall Collection.
As of 1/17/24, we have collected \$41,644.35 to this important collection.
 We ask all of our Parishioners and Friends to participate in this collection because it is so vitally important for the financial well being of the Parish.
Thank you.

The Holy Name Society is sponsoring
ST. PATRICK'S NIGHT AT THE RACES
 Saturday, March 16, 2024
 from 6:00pm to 11:00pm
 Cost is \$35.00 per person.
 Entertainment is by Premium Studios who appeared at the Parish Fall Festival this past Fall.
Music starts at 6:00 p.m. with dancing before and after each race.
 Catering by Palz. The menu includes Ham and Cabbage, Stuffed Shells, BBQ Pulled Pork, Hot Roast Beef, Parsley Potatoes and Green Beans Almondine, HomeMade Desserts, Coffee and Tea. Price includes an open bar with soda, beer and set-ups (BYOB).
HORSE RACES will run from 7:00 PM to 10:30 PM.
Buy a horse for \$10 by March 10th, name it, and if your horse is a winner, you will receive an extra \$50!
 For tickets or information contact: Joe Greco (215) 672-6422 or Tony Simek (215) 796-0336.

BROTHERS OF BORROMEO VOCATION CAMP 2024
 **Prepare the Way** 
 -John 1:23-
 Young men in grades 6, 7 and 8 are invited to join the Vocation Office & Philadelphia seminarians for B.B.V.C.! Held on 3/16/2024 at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Wynnewood, B.B.V.C. is a day filled with faith, fun, fellowship and food. For more information and to register, contact the Vocation Office at 610-667-5778 or visit HeedTheCall.org/BBVC.


The next get together of the SILVER ANGELS is March 20th at noon.
We will have live entertainment at this gathering. All are asked to bring an Hors d'oeuvre to share. We encourage people to come out & get to know their fellow parishioners & enjoy a couple hours of fun, food & fellowship.
The SILVER ANGELS are planning a TRIP TO ST. MICHAEL'S MD ON 5/15.
History comes alive in the Town of St. Michaels! The cost is \$135.00. We will have lunch at the Crab Claw which is located on the waterfront on Navy Point, nestled between the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum & the Patriot Cruise boat. After lunch, we will cruise aboard The Patriot! Further updates to follow soon.

You are cordially invited to join us in celebrating a significant milestone in the life of Saint John Bosco. As we commemorate the **90th anniversary of his Canonization**, we invite you to join us for story time on the Bosco Facebook Page on April 1st! Together, we will reflect on the life, virtues & profound impact he has had on all of us. As we honor the life & witness of this remarkable saint, whose journey inspires us to deepen our commitment to Christ & His Church, let us offer thanksgiving for his example of faith. Let us unite in prayer & praise, inspired by his enduring legacy. Storytime will be filmed in advance & posted on the Bosco FB Page. 

All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are invited to participate in an Archdiocesan formation session. The Office for Divine Worship sponsors **workshops for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.** A Workshop will be held at Epiphany of Our Lord Church, Plymouth Meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 from 7PM to 9PM.
 To register for the workshop, please email: worship@archphila.org.
 In your message, please include your name, home parish and the workshop/date for which you would like to register.

Once upon a book club...In the Bosco Book Club (*A Novel Bunch*), we'll be reading & discussing newly released, highly rated books from a wide variety of genres. This month we are reading: **All That is Mine I Carry with Me** by William Landay. **We will meet on Monday 4/1 at 7:00pm in the Parish Center.** Bring a dish to share & the beverage of your choice. We'll eat & laugh & at some point discuss the book. Even if you don't finish it, come & we'll fill you in on the plot. Mostly we like sharing our favorite reads. Happy Reading!
Hope to see you at our next Get Together!

Praying the Rosary is a beautiful Devotion
Please join us on Monday, 3/11 at 6:00 pm in front of church for an Adult Night Out.
Around the fire pit,
we will pray the Rosary (a most powerful Marian Prayer) along with meditations on the Sorrowful Mysteries. It's nice to come together as a Parish Family and pray. **Be sure to bring a friend!**

CALLING ALL SAINT JOHN BOSCO PRE-SCHOOLERS

Join us in the PREP Office at

10am on Monday, 3/11/24

for a fun lesson about our Faith, including coloring, songs, stories and a Puppet Show. For planning purposes please call the Faith Formation Office 267-803-0774!

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

YES! I am interested in signing up for the March Session

Child's Name: _____

Age of Child _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Queen of Angels Update!



Congratulations to 8th grader, Colin Horan, who has moved on to the final for the Archdiocesan Religion Bee! The Finals will be held on March 13, 2024 at 10am at the St. John Neumann Shrine. Colin will be one of 12 students in the entire Archdiocese competing in the final! We are so proud of him and thank Sister Kathleen Metz, IHM for her work preparing all of our students who participated in our school bee and then her work with Colin to get him ready for success at the Regionals!

Now Enrolling!

Queen of Angels is enrolling for the 24-25 school year. Classes are filling quickly, especially in our PreK!

Interested in getting more information or submitting an application? Please go to our website to start the process. Private tours are also available.

Contact our President, Mrs. O'Doherty, at kodoherty@qoaschool.org to set up an appointment!

Save the Date!

Queen of Angels will present the LIVING STATIONS at OLHC on Monday, March 25 at 7pm and at St. David Church on Wednesday, March 27 at 10:00am.



CYO Spring Sports Registration now open!

Registration for **CYO Track and Field** is now open for the Spring 2024 season! We welcome athletes from Pre-K to 8th Grade who are members of OLHC, St David, or St John Bosco parishes. We look forward to a great season ahead!

For registration, access the below link.

<https://stdavidolhccyo.sportngin.com/register/form/828667426>

Feel free to reach out to tomtoz@gmail.com with any questions.

Registration for **Co-Ed High School Volleyball** is now open! Please use the below link to sign up! <https://stdavidolhccyo.sportngin.com/register/form/329771961>

We are still gauging interest in Baseball (5-8 grade) and Softball (4-8 grade) this year before opening registration.

If interested, please fill out this Google Form and we can start planning, https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdyrCpgApZEhh_uCkNaJYEg93W0IRQi64ztS_G3H0pmfcaIQI/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0

We are excited to open our doors for you to browse the

Bosco Communion Closet

this year. We are happy to say that because of the generosity of St. John Bosco Parishioners and Friends, donations of Communion Dresses, suits, veils, shoes and ties have filled our Communion Closet! **We will be open by appointment only.** One parent will be permitted to accompany their student during your appointment time. Please call the Faith Formation office 267-803-0774 to schedule a convenient time to visit our Communion Closet.

Welcome to our new CATHOLIC CLASSROOM COLUMN!

When entering a Catholic church, one of the most distinctive elements you will see is a sanctuary lamp. The word "sanctuary" is generally defined as a location that is "holy," "sacred," or "set apart."

In a Catholic church, this is the place where Mass is celebrated & where most of the time consecrated hosts are reserved in a tabernacle.

In order to alert the faithful that consecrated hosts are present in the tabernacle, sanctuary lamps were placed near them & remain perpetually lit. Normally these lamps are enclosed in a red glass.

Besides alerting the faithful of the presence of God in the tabernacle, the lamp also symbolically reminds the faithful of Jesus Christ as the "light of the world."

Be sure to check back next week when we continue to review the items that are used at Mass.



Children's Liturgy of the Word gathers young children, generally ages 4-8, for an age appropriate experience of sacred scripture. **CLOW will be offered during the 9:30 Mass on Sunday, 3/24.** We hear God's word in an environment that is joyful for children. Children are dismissed after the opening prayer and gather in the Adoration Chapel to hear the readings and a reflection on the Gospel. After a profession of faith and intercessions, children return to Mass during the offertory. Children receive a worship bulletin based on the Gospel readings and a small token to remind them of the lesson for the day. **It's easy to participate! Look for the CLOW Sign in the Main Lobby of our church before Mass. Sign in your child. Please make a nametag for your child as well. Parents are always welcome to join us.**

Welcome to The Catholic Parent, a video series created for Catholic parents by Catholic parents!

Do you ever feel like it's almost impossible to raise holy kids who love God (& sit still in Mass!) in our modern world? You're not alone. This mini series features real Catholic families like yours sharing their daily struggles & victories. The Catholic Parent aims to encourage you as a mom or dad as you embrace your God-given role to form your family in the richness of the Catholic faith. SJB wants to help your family grow closer to Jesus & deepen your bonds with other Catholic families. **We cordially invite all Parents to attend a showing of the first session of The Catholic Parent on Thursday, 4/4. Join us for Pizza and Wings when we meet at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center. For planning purposes, please RSVP.** Drop the completed form in the collection basket or in the Faith Formation Office. Hope you can join other Catholics trying to parent, pray & live well!

YES, we will attend The Catholic Parent!

Names: _____

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