

SAINT JOHN BOSCO ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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www.sjbhatboro.org

*April 28, 2024
Fifth Sunday
of Easter*



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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, applesauce, canned fruits, spam, bread crumbs, condiments, coffee and drinks.

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.



VOCATION OFFICE FOR THE
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):

- ♦ May 12.....Mon., April 29
- ♦ May 19.....Mon., May 6
- ♦ May 26.....Mon., May 13

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

Bulletin Editor: Mrs. Holly Pyfer

Everything I need to know about life, I learned from NOAH'S ARK

One: Don't miss the boat.

Two: Remember that we are all in the same boat.

Three: Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.

Four: Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.

Five: Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.

Six: Build your future on high ground.

Seven: For safety's sake, travel in pairs.

Eight: Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.

Nine: When you're stressed, float a while.

Ten: Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.

Eleven: No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting!

May your troubles be less,
May your blessings be more,
And may nothing but happiness
Come through your door.

MASS Intentions

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024

4:00 PM Michael Halczak

7:00 PM Pro Populo (For the People)

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

8:00 AM Thomas Regan

9:30 AM Joe Juckewicz

11:00 AM Frank Loftus

4/29 MON. 8:45 AM John Benninghoff

4/30 TUES. 8:45 AM Lucy & Joseph Piselli

5/1 WED. 8:45 AM Anna & Joe Ariana

5/2 THURS. 8:45 AM Anna & Bill Holmes

5/3 FRI. 8:45 AM Deacon Daniel J. Rouse

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024

10:00 AM First Holy Communicants (LIVING)

4:00 PM Francis J. Kurdziel

7:00 PM Pro Populo (For the People)

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024

8:00 AM Gregory Link

9:30 AM Jim Healy

11:00 AM Victor Bonilla, Jr.



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

Martin Notis

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.



Andrew Alps
Tom Canning
Michelle Casey
Amy Grace D'Angelo
Ellen Dardis
Jennifer Dennis
Noah G.
Mary Heslin
Alice Hoey
Patrick Hoey
H. Knoeckel
Steven Knoeckel

Chris Laskey
Amy Lowenthal
Peggy Masciulli
Esther Notis
Louis Quiintiere
Lori Palmentera
Alice Scannell
Lynn Smolizer
Marie Spadafora
John Sykes
Matthew Wheeler
Lorraine Zearfos

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 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.

Please Note:
THE PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED
Thursday, May 9th
FOR ASCENSION THURSDAY
Thank you!

 **May 9th is the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord**
which is a holy day of obligation.
Masses will be celebrated at the following times:
May 8th - 4:00 pm Vigil;
May 9th: 8:45am, 12:05pm and 7:00pm.
Please join us as we celebrate this feast day!

 Preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (also known as Penance) for the first time is an exciting time. It is a time to focus on God's mercy, how we forgive among our family, friends & community & how we celebrate forgiveness.
Our children will receive their First Penance on Thursday, 5/2. First Communion is such a momentous experience. There is nothing greater than to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. **Our children will receive Jesus for the very first time on Saturday, 5/4.**
We ask that you pray for our students as they make this Sacramental Journey.

Maybe there's someone in your life who has talked about wanting to get to meet new people or find a place to belong. Personal invitation is one of the most powerful ways we can express our faith, our love of God and our love of others. When you discover a new restaurant, what's the first thing you do? Tell a friend.
 Faith is just like that. It's better with friends, so don't keep the good news to yourself. Text, call and
INVITE A FRIEND TO MASS.
 We want to share our vibrant parish with everyone! Christ encourages each of us to look into the eyes of our friends, smile and invite them to come with you to Mass!
 Your simple, loving and kind invitation to our Church family could radically change someone's eternal life with Jesus! May you find Christ here...
 May you bring Christ to the world.

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.

There will be no morning Mass on Tuesday, 4/30 at Saint John Bosco.
A Communion Service will be held at 8:45 am.

In the Communion Service we will listen to the word of God & share the Eucharistic bread as food for our faith journey.
 Communion will be distributed during the service using Hosts that were previously consecrated at an earlier Mass. Let us never forget the Real Presence & how God left us with this most precious gift to draw us closer & closer to Him.



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY

If you are a student at an Archdiocesan school, you can earn a scholarship to help pay for your Catholic education.

The Holy Name Society is currently accepting essays on the topic "What the Eucharist means to me."

One student from an Archdiocesan secondary school and one from a primary school will be awarded a \$500 scholarship.

Essays will be accepted from now until May 20th
 and scholarship recipients will be recognized at the June 2nd Holy Name Mass.

For more information please contact Steve McDevitt at stevemcd97@gmail.com

Pope Francis has announced that the Church will celebrate a Jubilee Year in 2025, with the theme of "Pilgrims of Hope."

In preparation for the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis announced a Year of Prayer dedicated to rediscovering the great value & absolute need for prayer in one's personal life, in the life of the Church & in the world. Pope Francis is encouraging us to turn to the Bible & spend time reading the Gospels. Keep your Bible in a prominent place in your home. Try opening your Bible at a random page & read a passage that draws your eye. Take time to reflect on the passage, read again, & reflect once more. Write down your thoughts in a journal & reflect on the key themes & thoughts!
As part of this year of prayer, each week in this Bulletin Space we will list a Bible Quote (just the notation). You can read them at home & reflect on these quotes as a family. During this year, let us work together to deepen our commitment to prayer!
This week's BIBLE QUOTE: JOHN 15:16



✚ Create Your Catholic Legacy

What do you want your Catholic Legacy to be?

Join The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia this May for **"Create Your Catholic Legacy" Awareness Month**. By including a charitable provision in your will, trust, or estate plans, you can help strengthen the future of our faith for generations to come. Attend free informational workshops throughout the Archdiocese and learn about the transformative impact of bequests and other estate gifts.

Join us on May 14 or 21 from 8am to 9:30 for one of our Estate Planning Workshops.

Visit TheCFGP.org/legacy for more information. Contact The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia at contactus@thecfgp.org or (215) 587-5650 for personalized assistance with your charitable estate planning.

Thank you!



**THE CATHOLIC
FOUNDATION
OF GREATER
PHILADELPHIA**

MEN OF THE PARISH ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND...



Holy Name Society Breakfast

Sunday June 2, 2024 following the 8:00 am mass.

Breakfast will be at the VE Club

130 Davisville Road Warminster, PA

Come out and see what we are about.

Opportunity to meet new people and help with service to the parish community.

Activities

St. Patrick's Night Party, Fall Festival, Visitation Program, Healing Mass, Valentine's Day Mass, Corpus Christi Celebration, Communion Breakfast, Monthly meetings and parish updates, Socialization events including outings, poker nights, etc.

RSVP no later than May 18th

Please sign up and Contact Us if you have any questions.

Steve McDevitt, stevemcd97@gmail.com
or Dave Simek, dsimek531@gmail.com

Name _____

Phone #: _____

Email address _____



May is Mary's month!

And during May, throughout the Catholic world, special devotions

honor the Virgin Mary.

"May Crowning"

is a traditional Catholic ritual that occurs in the month of May and it recognizes Mary as Queen of heaven and earth. We honor Mary as the Queen of Heaven and Earth in a special way with our

**May Procession
on Sunday, 5/5 at the 9:30 am Mass.**



You're invited to Save the Date!

The highly acclaimed

SHROUD ENCOUNTER

will be at Saint John Bosco on

March 13, 2025

at 7pm

in the church.

This is the kind of event that comes along once in a decade & is a testament to our beliefs as Christians.

We welcome all

who want to explore this mystery with us.

Please mark your calendars

so you can be with us that evening.

The Veil Removed is a short film that reveals the coming together of heaven and earth at Mass, as seen by saints and mystics, revealed by scripture and in the catechism of the Catholic Church. Keep a watch out for: The pregnant woman in the pew has two Guardian Angels: Hers and her baby's angel. The Blessed Virgin Mary is kneeling on the left side of the altar at 4:42 in the film. At the same time, you can see the Holy Souls in Purgatory, at the foot of the altar. At the end of the film, Doubting Thomas makes his profession of Faith. Check out The Veil Removed website: <https://theveilremoved.com/>



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.



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 weekly on Mondays at 6:15pm 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.



Congratulations on your upcoming Wedding Anniversary.

Your married life through the years has been a witness to Marriage and celebrating your Anniversary will strengthen that witness. ***We would like to pray for those couples in our Parish Family celebrating a Wedding Anniversary.*** All couples who wish to participate can submit their names, Anniversary date and contact information. **Please email to jsikina@saintjohnbosco.org or complete the form and drop in the collection basket.**

Names will be listed in the Sunday bulletin and on the SJB Electronic Message Board by month.

May God shower His abundant blessing on all married couples as they bring the light of Christ to our church.

Names: _____

Wedding Date _____

Number of years married _____



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.

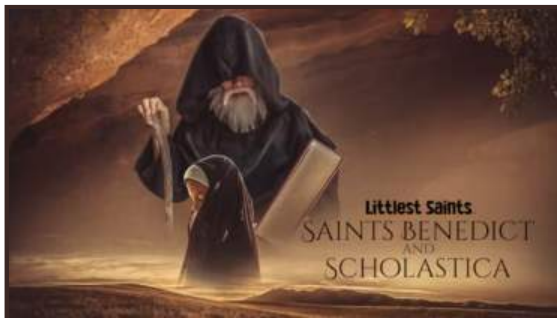
This month we're reading:

THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF SAM HELL by Robert Dugoni. We will meet on Monday 5/13 at 7pm 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!



Saints Benedict and Scholastica | Littlest Saints:

A pair of holy twins, a cave, and a group of naughty monks... this is the story of Saint Benedict and Saint Scholastica.

You can watch this for FREE on **FORMED.org**



PRAYER FOR THE REVIVAL

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, nor adore, nor hope, nor love You. (3x)
Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly. I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference by which He is offended.
And, through the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of sinners.
Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.

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.

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 consummation of the whole spiritual life."*
~ St. Thomas Aquinas

EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE In 1342 a violent thunderstorm suddenly broke out in the village of Stiphout. A lightning bolt struck the parish, setting it on fire. The flames quickly spread everywhere and reached the interior of the church. Not knowing what to do, the elderly pastor, Jan Hocaerts, immediately ran to warn the neighbors. A group of the faithful, led by Jan Baloys, decided to try to rescue the Blessed Sacrament. It was impossible to enter the church, and the only solution left was for someone to be lowered down through the window. Jan Baloys volunteered. After breaking the glass of the large window near the altar with a bar, he let himself down inside. With great amazement, he saw that the flames which had already destroyed the whole church were being kept away from the area around the tabernacle. Jan then opened the tabernacle, grabbed the ciborium containing the consecrated Hosts, and carried them to safety. Everyone immediately shouted miracle. The church was later rebuilt and the Hosts remained intact until 1557. Because of historical vicissitudes and religious wars every trace of them was subsequently lost.

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 Bishops of the US are calling for a 3year grassroots revival of devotion & belief in the **REAL PRESENCE OF JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST**. They believe that God wants to see a movement of Catholics across the US healed, converted, formed & unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist—and sent out in mission *"for the life of the world."*

Revival's in the Air...an exciting Journey ahead!

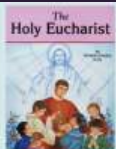


The Parish-focused 2nd year of the Eucharistic Revival officially began on June 11th. During this year of the Eucharistic Revival, one of our goals at SJB is to promote & encourage increasing Eucharistic Devotion.

You are invited to join us for a Holy Hour at 10am in our Adoration Chapel on 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 Revival **Monthly Reading List**

"The Holy Eucharist"

By Reverend Lawrence G Lovasik S.V.D
32 Pages

One of the titles in the Saint Joseph Beginner Series, The Holy Eucharist by beloved author Rev. Lawrence G. Lovasik, S.V.D. is a beautifully illustrated book that acquaints Catholic children with the sacrament of Communion.

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.



The We hope you will consider joining us by becoming a member and participating in the many activities specially developed for all of our senior citizens. The Bosco

SILVER ANGELS

WILL GET TOGETHER AT NOON ON MAY 15TH. We will be playing bingo at our next meeting.

The June meeting will be a dinner get together! (Date and Venue to be announced soon) Please start thinking of officers for next year. Enjoy fun and good company. We offer light refreshments and much, much more.

What a great way to make new friends.

Hope you can join us.

LATEST NEWS FOR ALL THOSE TRAVELING TO MD ON 5/23 WITH THE SILVER ANGELS

Our May Trip to St. Michael's, Maryland is on MAY 23RD.

Please park in the front parking lot and ARRIVE BY 7:30AM.

WE WILL LEAVE SJB AT 8AM SHARP.

Lunch will be at the Crab Shack.

The chef has created a fantastic menu!

At 12:30 we will cruise for an hour aboard The Patriot.

We will leave MD at 3PM returning to SJB.

Looking forward to our trip.



PLEASE JOIN US!

It's time to enroll for our Summer Classes!

Registration for Children's Faith Formation is now open for the week of 6/17 or the week of 6/24.

Our goal is to provide opportunities for growth in faith & knowledge! Primarily this is done through classes offered for the children of the parish who do not attend parochial school & through events & experiences that involve the entire family. In this intensive summer program, young parishioners experience the rich traditions of our Catholic Faith.

Please call the Faith Formation Office 267-803-0774 for detailed information or email us at PREP@saintjohnbosco.org.

May is the Month of Mary & we are going to celebrate! **Moms, Aunts, Sisters & Grandmothers are invited to attend a "muffins with moms" celebration on Sunday 5/19.**

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. They will have time to complete a coloring page & listen to a story! Pictures will be taken of each student with families!! These are just a few 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 MUFFINS with MOMS

Family Name _____

Email _____ How many _____

CALLING ALL SAINT JOHN BOSCO PRE-SCHOOLERS

Join us in the Faith Formation Office at 10am on Monday, 5/13/24 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 May Session

Child's Name: _____

Age of Child _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY

is sponsoring a trip to see the **Lehigh Valley IronPigs** versus **Buffalo Bisons**

in Allentown on June 8th at 6:35.

Tickets are \$12 per person (each ticket will come with a \$2 ballpark credit).

Please contact Stephen at stevemcd97@gmail.com or 267-688-0403 for tickets.

Ticket orders must be in by May 5th



Ready for some FAMILY FUN!??

Join us for **BINGO NIGHT** on ZOOM.

Celebrate the **Feast of Pope Saint John I** & join us on 5/17 at 6PM.

To register for this event, fill out the form below & drop in the collection basket or in the Faith Formation office **by 5/13.**

The event is free, but registration is required in order for you to receive your Bingo card & ZOOM invitation. TEN games will be played & amazing prizes will be awarded! Hope you can join us!

YES, we will attend BINGO NIGHT on ZOOM on 5/17!

Family Name _____ # of people _____

Email _____

Phone # _____



On 5/25/24, the Vatican will host the first **World Children's Day**, where Pope Francis will meet with children from all over the world ranging from the ages of 6 to 12 years old.



In preparation for this exciting event, each week we will post letters in this Bulletin Space that Pope Francis has received from children all over the world along with his beautiful reply!

If you could ask Pope Francis one question, what would it be?

Dear Pope Francis,
Where is your favourite place to pray and why?

From,
Josephine
(Age 8, United Kingdom)

Dear Josephine,

You know, I like to pray everywhere.

I can even pray at my desk or in my armchair in the living room.

Many times in the evening, I'm tired, so I don't go down to the chapel but stay in my room and pray.

I love to be in church in front of the Most Blessed Sacrament. I do that often. I very much like to go there and sit in silence before God. But I can also pray while walking or even when I go to the dentist. I find God everywhere.

(Taken from the book "Dear Pope Francis")

Welcome to our CATHOLIC CLASSROOM COLUMN!

This article will give the name and description of a few more of the different liturgical objects that you might see in church.

The lavabo towel is the towel which the priest dries his hands after washing them during the Mass.

The sanctuary lamp: A candle, often red, that burns near the tabernacle when the Blessed Sacrament is present there.

The Ordo: a liturgical aid published to foster the celebration of the liturgy.

The Ambry: The cabinet in which the three holy oils are kept.

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

Do you have Young children? Have you been looking for a special way to connect to Saint John Bosco Parish? **Join us for 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, 4/28.** Stick around after Mass to meet other Young Families.

Stay and Play

is a wonderful opportunity for children to **stay** after Mass and **play** with their new friends out front of church. They often want to stay and play – so now they will have that opportunity.

This get together will be much like a happy family reunion!

For planning purposes, please RSVP to PREP@saintjohnbosco.org.

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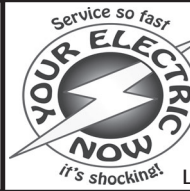
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