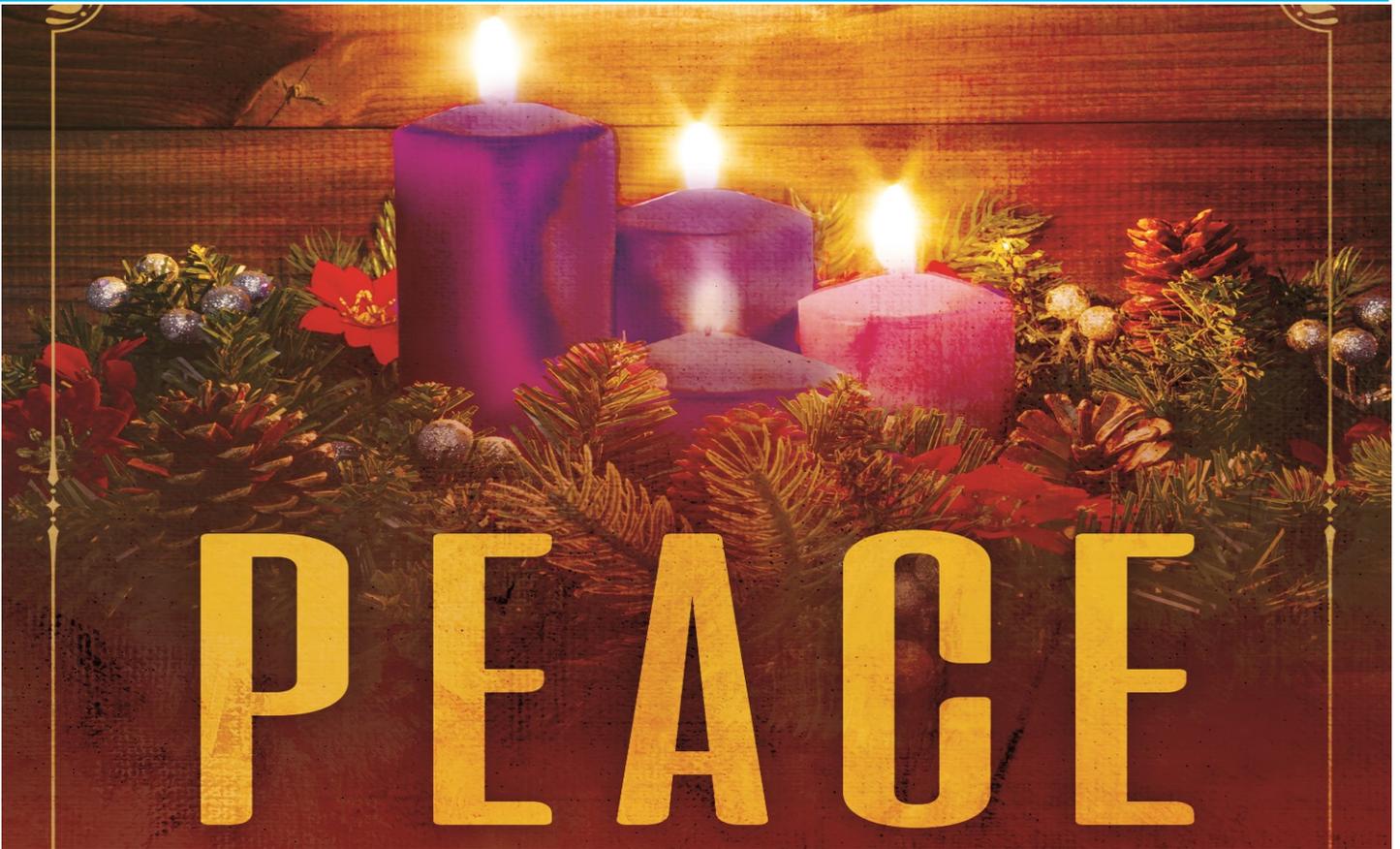


Saint John Francis Regis Parish



December 22, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Advent

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of St. John Francis Regis Parish is to foster a family of faith built on yesterday's foundation, so that today's spirituality, service, and education will continue to grow into tomorrow's Catholic community.

*"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today,
and tomorrow"*

Heb. 13:8

Weekend Masses: Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 7:00, 9:00 & 11:30am

Confessions: Saturday: 4-4:45pm & after the 5:00pm Mass

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Twitter: @sjhollywood

Our bulletin is also posted on our website: stjohnsparishhollywood.org

CLERGY

PASTOR

Rev. Raymond F. Schmidt—schmidtr@sjchollywood.org

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Deacon Ammon Ripple

IN-RESIDENCE (Retired)

Rev. Eamon Dignan

WEEKEND LITURGIES

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Saturday: 5:00pm;

Sunday: 7:00am, 9:00am & 11:30am

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Monday—Thursday: 7:00am & 8:00am

Friday: 7:00am & 8:15am Saturday: 8:00am

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Holy Day 9:00am

Saturday 4-4:45pm & after the 5:00pm Mass

ADORATION

CONFESSIONS

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for Adoration

PRAYER

Monday-Friday from 6:00-7:00am

and Saturday from 6:30-7:30am

ROSARY

Monday- Friday 7:30am;

before the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, and

before the 7:00am Mass on Sunday.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:

Individual directed guidance is offered by our

Priests and Deacon.

PARISH STAFF

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/YOUTH GROUP

Rich Olon—rolon@sjchollywood.org

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PARISH FINANCE

Nancy Bowling—bowlingn@sjchollywood.org

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Pat Hayden—haydenp@sjchollywood.org

OFFICE HOURS

TUESDAY—FRIDAY—8:00am to 4:00pm

PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL

Susan McDonough

Parish School: Grades PK-8 - Before & After Care

43900 St. John's Road, Hollywood, MD 20636

Phone: 301-373-2142 • FAX: 301-373-4500

Website: sjshollywood.org

Email: office@sjshollywood.org

Sunday classes, grades K-6 and 8-12,

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

from 10:15am to 11:15am,

Tuesday classes, grades 5-8 from 7:00-8:15pm.

The program starts in

September and ends in May.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS—The Rite of Baptism is celebrated by appointment. Parents are required to meet with the pastor and attend an obligatory preparation session preferably before the birth of your child. Call the rectory to schedule your appointment.

MARRIAGES—Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance of the ceremony.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK—Please notify the rectory when a parishioner would like to receive the sacraments and is homebound, in a nursing home, or in the hospital.

R.C.I.A.—(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): Those who are interested in becoming Catholic or completing their sacraments are invited to contact the rectory at any time.



PARISH WORSHIP



Get **plugged in** and read scriptures with the whole church! Here are some useful mobile apps.

Vatican News



Laudate



Youth DoCat



The Pope



Daily Readings

Mal 3/Lk 1

2 Sm 7/Lk 1

Is 52/Heb 1/Jn 1

Acts 6/Mt 10

1 Jn 1/Jn 20

1 Jn 1/Mt 2

Sir 3/Col 3/Mt 2

+deceased

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

7:00AM Linda Swarey+
8:00AM Regina Majano

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

7:00AM Jean Buckler+
8:00AM Francis X. Lacey Sr.+
5:00PM Regina James+
Paul & Salley Pellegrino+

7:00PM Joe Potanka+
Midnight St. John's Parish

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

7:00AM Robert Garner Family+
11:30AM Jackie Abell+

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

7:00AM Jenks Mattingly+
8:00AM Jean Buckler+

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

7:00AM Communion Service
8:15AM Annie Lathroum+

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

8:00AM Francis X. Lacey Sr+
5:00PM Thomas Hayden+ & R.M.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

7:00AM Ramona Hayden+
9:00AM St. John's Parish
11:30AM Emma Lee Massey+

To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven... "A time to be born..."

"A time to die, a time to mourn..."

"and a time to embrace, a time to love..."

"A time to heal..."

Jason & Jennifer Gattton, Judy Goddard, John Gorospe, Ben Gray, John B. Gray, Jack Greenwell, Austin Greer, Fumiko N. Gregg, Patricia Guy, Gerard M. Guyther, Jr., Logan Gwynn, Benjamin Harman, Dorothy Barber Harper, Andy Hazel, Karen Henry, Leon Hill, Abby Hoffman, Crystal Howard, Walter Johnson, Carolyn Jones, Pamela Jones, Richie Jones, John Kilroy III, John "Bubby" Knott Jr., Ann Lacey, Robin Lawrence, Richard Law, Marie Lefebvre, Michelle Mattingly, Robin McGolrick, Maria McGuigan, Debbie Meagher, Wally Meagher, Dorothy Miller, Natalie Miller, Pat Modlin, Doug Morgan, Ronnie Murphy, Jane Newberry, Debbie Norris and Ronnie Norris

"...and a time of war, and a time of peace..."

CPT Brett Gambacorta, USA; CDR Michael Gill, USA; LCpl Zachary Gilstrap, USMC; LT Jennifer Gleason, USN;

LT John Taylor Gregg, USN;

1LT Matthew Francis Ives, USMC;

CPL Ryan McLean, USMC; 1LT Andrew Mengle, USA;

Maj T. B. Missler, USMC; Richard Paul, Jr;

SPEC Ashley Pakatar, USA; Capt Alex Raggio, USAR.

Ecclesiastes 3:11



Saints Alive! Fr. Ray's favorite Saints this week...

Dec 23: St. Margaret d'Youville (1701-1771) an unhappily married frontier woman (her husband was a fur trader who illegally sold booze to the Native Americans). She seems caught on fire for the faith when her husband died. She became a religious sister of a new congregation: "*les soeurs grises*".

Dec 24: St. Sharbel Makhlof (1828-1898). From the highest snowy mountains of Lebanon near the great cedars, this poor shepherd became a mystical Maronite monk and sang Mass in the Aramaic language of Jesus. Great healings and miracles still abound to this day.

Dec 25: St. Peter Nolasco (1256+) ransomed a great number of Christian slaves from the hands of the Muslim captors. He founded the Mercedarian Order (merced is the Spanish word for ransom) for this sole purpose. St. Raymond was his associate in all decisions.

Dec 26: St. Stephen Martyr (34+) was a Hellenist Jewish deacon of the earliest church in Jerusalem (his name *stephanos* in Greek means crown) was stoned to death for his bold proclamation of the gospel. His tomb was rediscovered in 415 and the church has celebrated this feast on this day from these ancient times.

Dec 27: St. John the Evangelist (c. 100). How this one was transformed from a *boanerges* (Son of Thunder) to a '*beloved disciple*' is one of the mysteries of the faith. The focus in all Johannine literature is

agape (love).

Dec 28: Holy Innocents. *But wait!* We have remembered the children of Bethlehem on this date since the 5th century, "as rosebuds in a whirling storm." (*Prudentius*). *What about St. Gaspar del Bufalo (1786-1837)?* I love this dude – and I go to the shrine to venerate his relics whenever I go to the Trevi fountain in the daytime at *S. Maria in Trivio*. He was nicknamed a "spiritual earthquake" and "hammer of sectarians". His preaching brought about large-scale and dramatic emotional conversions in Rome. He is also called the "greatest apostle of devotion to the precious blood of Jesus and founded an order of missionary priests for this purpose.

Dec 29: St. Thomas à Becket (1118-1170). The conversion of this worldly chancellor into a holy Archbishop of Canterbury is extraordinary. He was assassinated in his own cathedral and became the shining model for all clerics who challenge worldly political power. King Henry the VIII quickly destroyed his shrine in 1538 for fear that it would inspire other upstarts/traitors!



THANKS FOR YOUR *GENEROUS* GIVING!

St. John's Charitable Society (SJCS) extends a huge thanks to St. John's parishioners who responded so generously to the special Thanksgiving Day collection. Your donations provide the blessings of hope, consolation, and strength to the vulnerable in our county as they persevere in difficult times. Specifically, your donations provide financial help to: Keep electricity and water on (or turn them back on), provide heating oil/gas and prevent eviction.

Since the start of the SJCS fiscal year in July, assistance has been provided to **93** families or individuals facing difficult times because of unemployment, sickness, disability, or unexpected set-backs.

Donations to help the struggling in our community can be made at anytime via the Poor Boxes and Faith Direct. A one-time donation to SJCS is also a meaningful way to honor someone's life or celebrate a special occasion.

SJCS welcomes new volunteers to assist with the Phone Ministry, Angel Tree, WARM, and other programs. If you are considering membership, contact us at sjcsvicepres@sjchollywood.org or (240)298-7645.

St. Mary Church, Newport - St. John Vianney Mass with Healing Prayers are held the first Thursday of each month, in honor of St. John Vianney. The Litany of St. John Vianney will be recited after Communion and Fr. Michael Briese will offer prayers of healing for the body and soul. Confessions begin at 6:00pm and will continue throughout Mass.; Mass begins at 6:30pm. Location: St. Mary Church, Newport, 11555 St. Mary's Church Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622. For additional information, please call the parish office at [301-934-8825](tel:301-934-8825).



Fiat! Daughters of St. Regis has placed two prayer boxes, one is in the vestibule as you enter into our Church. The second box is located outside the Sacristy. Please write your prayer request on the notepaper provided and drop it in the slot. The notes will be collected weekly for the Fiat! Daughters to pray over. All request will be held in strict confidence.

Fiat! Daughters of St. John Francis Regis Women's Ministry meet on 1st Tuesday of the month. Women of all ages and stages of life are welcomed to join. We serve each other through prayer, reflection, sisterhood, and service. Please contact Mariam at 760-715-9902 or email us at fiatdosjfr@gmail.com to receive email or text reminders. You may also visit our website at fiatdosjfr.weebly.com. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!

HELP LOCAL HOMELESS

You still have a chance to be part of the St. John's WARM Team. We are again participating in WARM--an interfaith program that shelters the homeless of St. Mary's County in churches during the coldest months. St. John's will be a "helping church" when St. Andrews Episcopal Church hosts WARM participants **January 5-12, 2020**. St. John's Charitable Society is organizing our parish WARM team to help at St. Andrews.

We still need monitors. You can be an evening or overnight monitor for one 4-hour shift; one woman and one man is required for each of the 21 monitoring slots plus a smoke break monitor for each of the 7 evenings. Training is provided for monitors.

For more information, contact Lois at lojer@md.metrocast.net.

St. John's 13th Mission Help Build the St. John's Mary Mileto House in Belize
September 13-19, 2020

If you have not made your donation to build the house in Belize – the "St. John's Mary Mileto House", you can still do so. Put your donation in a separate envelope and mark it Belize – St. John's Mary Mileto House – and place the envelope in the Saturday/Sunday collection. Remember, your check should be made out to: St. John's Church with the memo line stating Belize Mission. We still are in need of approximately \$3,000 to build the house in Belize with plumbing, electric, and aluminum shutters. If you have any questions, or wish to volunteer for the mission 13-19 September 2020, contact Laverne Schaefer at 240-298-2235. Won't you please help us to help the less fortunate?





COMMUNITY



Spring Catholic College Visits

High school juniors and seniors are encouraged to check out the three Newman Guide colleges (Franciscan University, Ave Maria University and Benedictine College) that we will be visiting in February 2020, and consider visiting with us. The Cardinal Newman Society's guide to choosing a faithful Catholic college, information on our upcoming visits, and online registration for these visits can be found on our parish website under Youth Ministry - <https://www.stjohnsparishhollywood.org/fallccvisits>. Please contact Rich Olon, rolon@sjchollywood.org, with any questions.



St. John's Bingo

Bingo starts at 6:00pm
(Doors will open at 5:00pm)

Chicken Tenders Dinner, Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be available.

Come, have fun, bring a friend! and hopefully win!!

Help Our Marriage!

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped many couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on January 24th - January 26th, 2020, please visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.org, call 443-400-7017, or email: 3015@retrouvaille.org

Praise and Worship gathering will be held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month at St Aloysius Parish Hall at 7:00pm. All are welcome. Come and experience peace and joy as we join together in praising the Lord and worshipping His Holy Name. For more information call 301-475-8065.

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
6-7:00am Holy Hour 7:00am Mass 7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass	6-7:00am Holy Hour 7:00am Mass 7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass 5:00pm Christmas Mass 7:00pm Christmas Mass Midnight Christmas Mass	6-6:45am Holy Hour 7:00am Christmas Mass 11:30am Christmas Mass 7-8:00pm Penance Service	6-7:00am Holy Hour 7:00am Mass 7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass	6-7:00am Holy Hour 7:00am Communion Service 9:15-10:15am Adoration	6:30-7:30am Holy Hour 7:00am Men's Group 7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass 4:00pm Confessions 4:30pm Rosary 5:00pm Mass	6:30am Rosary 7:00am Mass 9:00am Mass 10:15-11:15am Friends of King David 10:15-12:15 Bible Timeline 11:30am Mass 1:30pm RCIA 6:00pm BINGO



Upcoming Second Collections

December 25 Christmas
January 1 Solemnity of Mary
January 5 Church Revitalization
January 12 Archdiocese of Military Service

Sacrificial Giving

On occasion, especially holidays, the bulletin deadline is earlier than normal and needs to be submitted the week prior to that particular Sunday. When that happens, the Sacrificial Giving donations are not available to be placed in the bulletin.



We are very excited to welcome our Pilgrim Statue of Fatima to her new home at St. John's Church. We invite you also to say "YES" to Our Lady's invitation to visit your home in a very special way. Some of you may be familiar with similar programs. With that said we invite you to take the Statue of Our Lady home and place it in a prominent place in your home on a weekly basis. There will be a sign-up sheet with more information in the back of the church next to the St. Cecilia statue. If you have any questions, you can contact Deacon Ammon Ripple.

"Let us respond to Our Lady's call for Prayer and Reparation to restore peace in the world and holiness in family life."



Calling all young men and women joining the Military this winter or anytime this year St. John's Men's Group would like to present you with a Combat Rosary to protect you during your time in the military. Please provide your name, email, phone number, service (Army, Navy, Marine, Air Force or Coast Guard) you plan to enter and the approximate date you plan to enter Active Duty to Dan Seep at 757-291-0262 or email derseep@hotmail.com. Women, please contact Mariam at 760-715-9902 or email fiatdosjfr@gmail.com to receive a blessed rosary from FIAT! That's it, we will set up everything else.

Attention Men - Struggling with pornography? Your local Catholic brothers are here to help with a weekly Men's Recovery Group. This no-cost, laymen led group offers discrete support and accountability. Your name is not required for inquiry. Please call our automated phone line at 240-309-2556 or email saintjohnsrecovery@gmail.com for more information.



BULLETIN DEADLINE

Bulletin articles are due by Thursday at 12:00 noon (ten days before bulletin date) through email at haydenp@sjchollywood.org.

Saturday Mornings from 7 - 8:00AM

ST. JOHN FRANCIS REGIS PARISH HOLLYWOOD, MD

Want to strengthen your faith in Christ? Do you desire to be the man God intended? If so, then we have something in common. I hope to see you Saturday morning.

Daniel Seep (757) 291-0262 derseep@hotmail.com

Southern Maryland Catholic Men

43950 St. Johns Rd Hollywood, MD 20636



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Christmas Eve - 5:00pm, 7:00pm & Midnight

Christmas Day - 7:00am & 11:30am



January 1 - Solemnity of Mary



January 5 - Community Breakfast



January 19 - Helping Hands