

# Saint John Francis Regis Parish



**May 3, 2020**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

## 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

Adoration: 7 Days a Week  
Confessions: Saturday 4-5pm (or by appointment)

\*Please be courteous and limit the church to 10 people at a time as well as keeping a 6' distance from other parishioners as mandated by the state.

Church Physical Address: 43927 St. Johns Road, Hollywood, MD 20636

Mailing Address: 43950 St. John's Road, Hollywood, MD 20636

Phone 301-373-2281—Fax: 301-373-8984

Website: [stjohnsparishhollywood.org](http://stjohnsparishhollywood.org)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/sjchollywood/](https://www.facebook.com/sjchollywood/)

Twitter: [@sjchollywood](https://twitter.com/sjchollywood)

## CLERGY

## PASTOR

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

## PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

**Deacon Ammon Ripple**

*IN-RESIDENCE (Retired)*

**Rev. Eamon Dignan**

## LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

## ADORATION

7 Days a Week

## WEEKDAY EXPOSITION

Monday—Friday: 6:00 am -7:00am

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4-5pm

(or by appointment)

## PRAYER

## ROSARY

Monday- Friday 7:30am;

Saturday 4:30pm , Sunday 6:30am

## SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:

Individual directed guidance is offered by our Priests and Deacon.

**THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PERSONAL PRAYER!**

## PARISH STAFF

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/YOUTH GROUP

**Rich Olon**—rolon@sjchollywood.org

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**Jonathan Hellerman**—hellermanj@sjchollywood.org

## ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

**Diana Huber**—huberd@sjchollywood.org

## FINANCE CLERK

**Mary Pat Kirk**—Kirkm@sjchollywood.org

## RECEPTIONIST

**Mallory Turvey**- Turvey@sjchollywood.org

## OFFICE HOURS

TUESDAY- FRIDAY: 8:00am to 4:00pm

## SCHOOL

## PRINCIPAL

**Susan McDonough**

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

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

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday classes: Grades K-6 and 8-12,

from 10:15am to 11:15am,

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

The program usually starts in

September and ends in May.

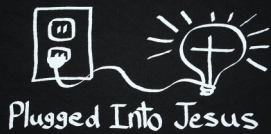
## SACRAMENTS

**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.



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

Vatican News



Youth DoCat



The Pope



Laudate



## Daily Readings

## Mass Intentions

Acts 11/Jn 10

### **MONDAY, MAY 4**

8:00am Regina Majano

12:30pm Bill Garrett +

Acts 11/Jn10

### **TUESDAY, MAY 5**

8:00am Elmer Lindblade+

12:30pm Mary Mileto +

Acts 12/Jn 12

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 6**

8:00am Grace Lindblade +

12:30pm Michael Alvey +

Acts 13/Jn 13

### **THURSDAY, MAY 7**

8:00am Linda Taylor +

12:30 Helen Garrett +

Acts 13/Jn14

### **FRIDAY, MAY 8**

8:00am Jim Figgins +

12:30 Ann Figgins +

Acts 13/Jn 14

### **SATURDAY, MAY 9**

8:00am Marlene Saldana +

12:30pm Stan Hart +

5:30pm Debbie Dugan +

Acts 6/1 Pt 2/

### **SUNDAY, MAY 10**

John 14

7:00am St John's Parish

12:00pm Rose Gatley+

\*Please use sign up genius to schedule a private mass.

(Limited to 6 people)

See St Johns Website for link to sign up

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..."**

Maria Caterina Sarlo and Jacob Robert Lillard

Sarah Papp and Jacob Chase

**"A time to heal..."**

Jason & Jennifer Gatton, Judy Goddard, John Gorospe,

Ben Gray, John B. Gray, Jack Greenwell, Austin Greer,

Fumiko N. Gregg, Patricia Guy, 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;

1stLt Eroc Jimenez, 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; SCPO Ronald J. Ryland, USN

**Ecclesiastes 3:11**



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

**May 4: St. Florian (304+).** Patron saint of Firefighters was scourged, flayed and cast into the river Emms where it flows into the Danube in Austria.

**May 6th: St Francois Laval de Quebec (1623-1708)** was a distinguished French priest who couldn't reach Vietnamese missions so he was appointed to Quebec missions instead. He fought for 49 years in brutal pioneer Quebec to assist the "first peoples", build a seminary as first bishop to the city. We prayed at his tomb in the Cathedral.

**May 7th: St Flavia Domitilla (90+)** was the proconsul's niece and was preaching Jesus Christ! The emperor needed to make an example of her and she died in exile, banished to the island of Ponza.

**May 8th: Bd Catherine of St. Augustine (1632-1688)** is an amazing Augustinian nun who poured out her life in Quebec. She exemplifies high mysticism and exceptional nursing care to the pioneers of New France. Her spiritual director was the martyred Saint Jean de Brebeuf who would appear to her and from whom she takes dictation.

**May 9th: St Pachomius (292-346)** is the founder of all coenobitic (community dwelling) monasticism in the world. What an organizer and what a love for scripture! (which he would memorize by heart in long night-time vigils) He would inspire St Benedict of Nursia— and the rest is history!

## EDUCATION

### ATTENTION

At this time the new executive order for the State of Maryland allows the parish office to remain open but must still adhere to the 10 person, social distancing limit.

At our pastor's discretion the church will remain open for private prayer and confession but must also follow the 10 person, social distancing limit.

### FORMED

Access thousands of Catholic movies, programs, audio, and books instantly through our parish subscription to FORMED.org. For a new, free, personal account, just go to the website, click "sign-up" and then choose "I belong to a parish or organization" and then enter either our zip code (20636) or "St John Francis Regis" and then enter your personal information to finish setting up your account. Once set up, you'll have access to a tremendous amount of Catholic content, available with many recent enhancements such as:

- All FORMED content can now be downloaded and played offline on smartphones and tablets!
- FORMED has added more apps including Roku and Apple TV.
- FORMED has made registration and login much simpler – no more passwords needed!
- FORMED has improved search functionality to make it easier to find the faith forming content you're

### **SJSP 2020 – registration opens Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>!**

St. John's Summer Program's 2020 online registration opened March 1<sup>st</sup>. Visit our website - **www.StJohnsSummerProgram.com** for more information and to register. 80+ camps will be offered this summer, with nearly 20 of them new for 2020, including PAW Patrol, Tee-Shirt Camp, Dinosaur Days, Lucky Dog Camp and Coaster Park Design.

### Sisters in Christ,

During this time of uncertainty, we implore you to call upon the blessed mother, who wraps you in her mantle of love and protection. May we find ways to support our fellow sisters from a distance and keep each other close in our hearts thorough prayer.



Fiat! Daughters of St. Regis are still keeping your intentions in their prayers. Please continue to leave your intentions in the boxes

## SERVICE

We'd like to thank all of you for your continued generosity toward our parish. Due cancellation of masses our collection has decreased by 40%. We ask you to remain faithful to your weekly donations and encourage you to consider using Faith Direct. <https://www.faithdirect.net/>

Our parish code is MD116.

The poor box is still open and we have a secure lock boxes for your convenience

Please contact the parish office with any questions or concerns.

### Community Service Opportunity

The St. John's Charitable Society (SJCS) is a group of parish volunteers whose goal is to assist residents of St. Mary's County who are struggling to make ends meet.

The primary work of SJCS is carried out through a phone ministry whereby our volunteers accept calls from those in need, and determine if, and how, SJCS can help. Working in teams of two, our volunteers commit to taking calls over a two week period. Phone assignments occur approximately 4-5 times per year, and are planned around each volunteer's schedule requirements.

All calls are handled on a dedicated SJCS cell phone and all client information is kept confidential. A meeting of SJCS members takes place every other Thursday evening to review and discuss client calls. Otherwise, the phone ministry is carried out within the volunteer's home environment. Training is provided for new volunteers.

In addition to the phone ministry, SJCS volunteers also engage in:

Organizing the Christmas Angel Tree Program, to help make Christmas happier for a child or elderly person in need.

Coordinating St. John's parish participation in Wrapping Arms 'Round Many (WARM). The St. John's volunteers participate as a "helping church" in the local interfaith effort to provide meals and overnight shelter for overflow homeless of St. Mary's County during the winter.

Through participation in SJCS, our volunteers: Improve lives; Provide second chances; Meet others who desire to put Christian values into action by serving the local community.

To learn more about SJCS, contact us at 240-298-7645 [sjcsvicepres@sjchollywood.org](mailto:sjcsvicepres@sjchollywood.org).

Our Prayers are with the Knights of Columbus and their families at this time.



### 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](mailto:saintjohnsrecovery@gmail.com) for more information.

### The Footsteps St. Paul - Greece & Ephesus October 2-12, 2020

Please join **Fr Ray Schmidt** and **Fr Harry Stokes** for incredible Land Tours and Cruises. Limited Seating. Enroll Now!! Total cost of trip is \$3,999 due May 15th. The cost does not include travel insurance or most tips. Single room accommodations need to add an additional \$991. To register or for more information please contact Margaret Young at [my778@aol.com](mailto:my778@aol.com)

### Brothers in Christ,

We encourage you to continue your fraternal bonds with the community you have formed through St John's. Please continue to support each other in prayer and words of encouragement.



**We are praying for our military families at home and abroad!**

### St. John's Charitable Society (SJCS)

This fiscal year, SJCS has provided assistance to 177 families or individuals facing difficult times because of unemployment, sickness, disability, or unexpected set-backs, including those associated with the COVID-19 situation. When you contribute to SJCS, you have the confidence of knowing that your donation stays in the local community helping the poor and vulnerable in St. Mary's County.

Often our callers are elderly, disabled, and single mothers with children. Donations to help the struggling in our community can be made at anytime via the Poor Box and FaithDirect. A one-time donation to SJCS is a meaningful way to honor or celebrate someone's life or a special occasion. SJCS welcomes new volunteers! If you are considering membership, contact us at

[sjcsvicepres@sjchollywood.org](mailto:sjcsvicepres@sjchollywood.org) or (240)298-7645.



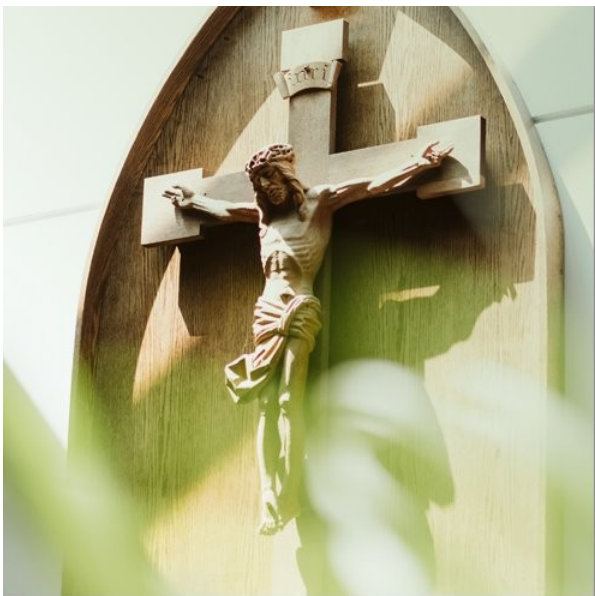
We are happy to have our pilgrim statue in her new home at St John's. We invite you also to say "YES" to Our Lady's invitation to visit your home in a very special way. Some of you may be familiar with similar programs. With that said we invite you to take the Statue of Our Lady home and place it in a prominent place in your home on a weekly basis.

There is 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."**

### PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
6-7:00 am Exposition	6-7:00 am Exposition	6-7:00am Exposition	6-7:00am Exposition	6-7:00am Exposition	6:30-7:30am Exposition	6:30am Rosary
						Private Masses
7:30am Ro- sary	7:30am Rosary	7:30am Rosary	7:30am Rosary	7:30am Rosary	7:30am Rosary	7:00am- Fr. Dignan
Private Masses	Private Masses	Private Masses	Private Masses	Private Masses	Private Masses	12:00pm- Fr. Ray
8:00am - Fr Dignan	8:00am - Fr Dignan	8:00am - Fr Dignan	8:00am - Fr Dignan	8:00am - Fr Dignan	8:00am Fr Dignan 12:30 Fr Ray	
12:30pm- Fr Ray	12:30pm- Fr Ray	12:30pm- Fr Ray	12:30pm- Fr Ray	12:30pm- Fr Ray	4:00pm Confession 4:30pm Rosary 5:30 Recorded Vigil	Open for Personal Prayer



“When you do not receive communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a *spiritual communion*, which is a most beneficial practice; by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you.”

ST. TERESA OF JESUS

### ***How to make a Spiritual Communion***

There is no formula but some recommendations are:

- Start with the sign of the Cross
- Read and reflect on the readings for Mass for the day  
See <https://readings.livingwithchrist.ca>
- Have a real desire to be united to Christ
- Acknowledge your sins and ask for forgiveness
- Receive Christ in your soul and pray an Act of Spiritual Communion
- Offer thanksgiving

### **What is Spiritual Communion?**

*Spiritual Communion* is a way to be spiritually united to Christ when we are unable to physically receive the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist.

St. Thomas Aquinas defined it as “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him.”

### **St. Alphonsus Liguori’s *Act of Spiritual Communion***

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.

*“If you practice the holy exercise of spiritual Communion several times each day, within a month you will see your heart completely changed”*

*(7 Secrets of the Eucharist, pp. 97-98)*